



COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

BETWEEN GALENA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND GALENA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT'S TEACHERS

Expires June 30, 2028

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Agreement Execution

WHEREAS, the representatives of the Board of the Galena City School District (District) and the representatives of the Galena Education Association (Union), have collectively bargained the terms and conditions of this Agreement covering the District's teachers; and

WHEREAS, the Union President (hereinafter Union President or designee) has certified in writing to the Superintendent (hereinafter Superintendent or designee) that this Agreement has been ratified by the affirmative vote of a majority of the District's teachers; and

WHEREAS, the Board has ratified this Agreement by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board at a duly convened public meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board and the Union do hereby fully execute this Agreement by affixing hereto the signatures of the Board President and of the Union President.

Heather Amgwert

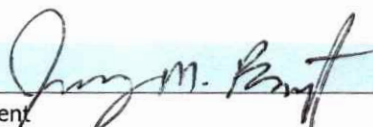
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Preamble

The Galena City School District (GCSD) and the Galena Education Association (GEA) are committed partners in advancing the district's mission and vision, ensuring that all students receive a high-quality education in an environment that fosters academic excellence, innovation, and School Choice. We believe education is a collaborative community responsibility, where students, parents, educators, and the broader community work together to promote lifelong learning and overall student success.

Our Commitment to Students, Families, and Our Community:

Honoring School Choice by providing diverse, flexible, and innovative learning environments tailored to meet the unique needs of every student.

Ensuring academic excellence through rigorous standards and expectations that prepare students for success beyond graduation.

Creating a safe and respectful learning environment where every student is valued and treated with dignity and respect.

Recognizing that learning is an individualized and lifelong process, equipping students with the skills and adaptability needed for the future.

Celebrating the rich cultures and diversity of our students, families, and community.

Empowering parents and strengthening community partnerships, ensuring that educational decisions remain student-centered.

Attracting, developing, and retaining high-quality educators and staff who are dedicated to fostering student success.

Using educational resources effectively to provide students with modern tools, technology, and opportunities for innovation.

1 0 0 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

The Board expressly retains all rights, powers, and duties to govern and manage the District except as may specifically be limited or abridged by this Agreement. For illustrative purposes and without in any way affecting the generality of the above statement, said management rights shall include but not be limited to:

- The determination of the mission, goals, objectives, programs, curriculum, budget, organization, staffing, and operation of the District including the means and methods for accomplishing same;
- The administration of the District, the operation of the schools, and the management and control of all District property;
- The establishment, combination, modification, elimination, classification, and reclassification of positions;
- The administration and supervision of all employees including but not limited to the recruitment, selection, appointment, assignment, reassignment, direction, evaluation, promotion, demotion, suspension, discipline, layoff, recall, and discharge of employees and the establishment of hours of work, duties, and working rules for employees; and
- The assignment to non-bargaining unit members or the contracting or subcontracting out of typical, customary, or generic work that has been or that could be assigned to bargaining unit members.

2 0 0 RECOGNITION

The District recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining agent for the District's teachers (regularly contracted District employees who occupy positions for which Alaska teacher's certificates of all types are required and whose primary duty assignments are to provide instructional, career and technical, counseling, or library services to students).

3 0 0 SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the full and complete agreement between the District and the Union and teachers and expressly supersedes any other agreement whether express or implied. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by written instruments duly executed by the authorized representatives of the District and of the Union. Any other attempt to modify or amend this Agreement shall be null and void.

CONFORMITY TO LAW

If any provision of this Agreement be found contrary to law by a court, agency, or tribunal having jurisdiction and enforcement powers over the District, and if said body orders the Agreement cured, such provision shall be invalid and unenforceable upon the exhaustion of any appeal, but all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain unaffected. Neither the District, the Union, nor the teacher shall be entitled to make any claim for damages as a result of any such tainted provision.

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall become effective on July 1, 2025 and shall expire on June 30, 2028. Neither the District nor the Union shall be compelled to bargain regarding terms and conditions of employment to be effective during the term of this Agreement.

DISTRIBUTION OF AGREEMENT

Upon full ratification, the District shall electronically post a copy of the Agreement on the District Website.

BARGAINING FOR A SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT

Either the Superintendent or the Union President may inaugurate bargaining for a successor agreement by giving written notice to the other party to be received between January 10 and January 20 inclusive immediately preceding the expiration date. An earlier inaugural date may be accepted if mutually agreed upon by both parties. If neither party gives written notice within the period specified, the expiration date of the Agreement shall automatically be extended one (1) year. The District will provide a current scattergram and a copy of its audit and financial information to GEA upon request of the GEA President within 10 business days from availability.

Within twenty (20) business days after the date of the notice, the party shall provide the other with a complete proposal of all items the party wishes to bargain. Bargaining shall commence within twenty (20) business days after receipt of the initiating party's proposal at a date, time, and place mutually agreed upon. At the opening session, the initiating party may be provided with a copy of the other party's complete proposal if a proposal is going to be offered.

In the event of an impasse requiring advisory arbitration, the arbitrator shall be selected in the manner provided under [Article 2111](#).

When tentative agreement is reached, the Union shall promptly submit it to the GEA certified members for ratification. Once the Union President has certified in writing that the GEA certified members have ratified the agreement, the Superintendent shall promptly submit the tentative agreement to the GCSD Board for ratification at the upcoming scheduled board meeting.

STRIKES & LOCKOUTS

The Union and each teacher agree that while this Agreement is in effect and until impasse occurs in the bargaining for a successor agreement, the advisory arbitration process is completed, and a subsequent strike vote has been certified by the Alaska Labor Relations Agency, there shall be no strike, work stoppage, walk out, slow down, sick out, picket, or other concerted job action that interferes with the normal operations of the District. Notwithstanding, work-to-rule and strictly informational picketing outside the teacher workday and off District property which does not interfere with the normal operations of the District shall not be prohibited.

While this Agreement is in effect, the District shall not lockout any teachers.

9 0 0 CERTIFICATION

901 Teacher's Certificate

The teacher shall hold a valid Teacher's Certificate as required under Alaska law and shall promptly file a copy thereof with the office of Talent and Culture. Should the teacher's certificate expire during the work year, the teacher shall be placed on leave without pay as a teacher and placed on non-certificated substitute status for up to nineteen (19) working days or until the certificate is renewed, whichever occurs earlier. If the certificate is not renewed by the end of the nineteen (19) days of leave, the teacher's individual contract shall be terminated without liability to the District. Subsequent renewal of the certificate shall not entitle the teacher to automatic reappointment as a District teacher.

902 Medical Certificates

Upon initial appointment, the teacher shall have a medical examination as required by the District, with certificates thereof being filed with the Talent and Culture Department to be received within the first 30 business days of employment. The District will reimburse up to \$200 for newly hired employees into the District for their first physical upon return of receipt by the employee. Physical examinations are required every three years after the initial examination, with the certificate thereof being filed with the Talent and Culture Department to be received no later than the anniversary date of the prior examination. Upon written notice of noncompliance, the teacher who fails to file the required certificate within ten (10) business days after the date the notice is received shall be placed on leave without pay until the certificate is received for a maximum of 10 business days until the certificate is received. If on the 11th business day, the certificate has not been obtained, the teacher will be subject to disciplinary action. The District requires medical certificates as allowable by [AS 14.30.075](#).

1 0 0 0 INDIVIDUAL TEACHER CONTRACT

The teacher shall be provided with an individual teacher contract pursuant to applicable Alaska law. Termination of the contract without the consent of the District shall be deemed to be a breach of contract if that termination occurs more than forty-five (45) days after the date the teacher submits their signed contract to the District. In such event, the District may require the teacher to pay, as liquidated damages, an amount equal to five (5) days' pay at the daily rate as provided under the breached contract, which amount may be deducted from any compensation otherwise owed to the teacher for services performed prior to the date of the breach.

1 1 0 0 INSURANCE

1101 Coverage

The District shall provide the school employees health insurance fund remuneration. This amount will be adjusted due to school district initiated increased employee numbers accordingly. In addition, all employee and board member contributions will be deposited into the health insurance fund.

The school employees will be served by an insurance committee consisting of at least two certified and two classified staff appointed by the association and four representatives selected by the District. The committee will meet quarterly to explore types of coverage, deductibles and group membership with consulting services supported by the school district. The committee then will be responsible for examining policy and coverage options, making recommendations to members, approving changes and making decisions regarding all aspects of insurance benefits. Health insurance dollar amounts will be placed in an "employee insurance trust" to be administered by the guide of the insurance committee. A monthly accounting will be transmitted to the Union President upon request.

The "District" will support the administration and expense of any committee approved "cafeteria" plan up to a limit of five dollars per participating employee month. For the teacher continuing employment from year to year, coverage shall continue during the summer vacation. When the teacher terminates employment, coverage shall cease on the last day of the month during which the termination is effective.

For payment of premiums by payroll deduction, the teacher may elect such supplemental coverages as are made available to the District's employees by the group employee insurance carrier(s).

1102 Other Terms & Conditions

The specific terms and conditions of coverage shall be governed by the insurance contracts and policies in force. Any disputes regarding claims shall be between the insured and the carrier and shall not involuntarily involve the District or create any liability for the District whatsoever.

1 2 0 0 LEAVE

1201 Personal

Teachers shall accrue compensated personal leave at the rate of one third (1/3) day for each period of fifteen (15) paid days during the work year, not to exceed four (4) days accrual per work year. There shall be no partial day accrual for a period of fewer than fifteen (15) days. Up to seven (7) days of unused personal leave shall accumulate to the following year, with any excess days being paid off at the individual employee's daily rate per full standard workday. At the time of termination, unused personal leave shall be paid off at the rate provided above.

Except for a travel delay beyond the teacher's control, other bona fide emergencies, or upon the prior approval of the Superintendent, personal leave may not be available during the first and last five (5) scheduled work days of the work year, tandem to a holiday or vacation period, or to more than two (2) teachers per site per day (to maximum of four (4) teachers per day). Notwithstanding, the Superintendent, or his/her designee, shall grant at least two (2) requests (on a first come, first serve basis) to use personal leave tandem to a given holiday for the purpose of subsistence hunting. Personal leave shall not be available if the District determines that it might result in serious understaffing or other substantial adverse effects on the welfare of the District.

Personal leave may be used in anticipation of accrual. However, if more personal leave is used than is actually accrued, the teacher's final paycheck shall be reduced accordingly. Request for personal leave shall be made to the supervisor not less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance, unless emergency circumstances, explained by the teacher, preclude a timely request. In the case of emergency, a shorter request period shall be allowed so long as the request is made at the earliest reasonable time.

1202 Sick

The teacher shall accrue compensated sick leave at the rate of one and one third (1 1/3) days for each month the majority of which is served. Sick leave shall accumulate without limit. The teacher may use accrued sick leave

without limit as to duration for the teacher's personal illness or injury, which necessitates absence from duty. The teacher may use accrued sick leave for the death, illness, or welfare of a person in the teacher's immediate family subject to limitations as to duration established by the District (The foregoing summarizes certain rights of the teacher and the District under Alaska statutes and regulations. These provisions are not bargained as they outline rights accorded under Alaska law. Instead, they are included herein for informational purposes. As such, disputes regarding these provisions shall not be subject to the grievance procedure notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement.) For the purposes of this paragraph, the immediate family shall consist of the teacher's child, parent, sibling (including the in-law derivatives of the foregoing), spouse, grandparent grandchild, legal guardian, legal ward, and person living in the household. In the event of an absence involving three (3) consecutive workdays, the District may require a written medical certificate from a licensed health care provider regarding the illness or injury. Additional certifications may be required at the District's expense.

Notice of the intended use of sick leave shall be given to the supervisor as far in advance as is reasonably possible. Sick leave may be used in anticipation of accrual, with payback as necessary.

1203 Other

The teacher shall be entitled to such other compensated or non-compensated leave as may be required under Alaska law. Additionally, at the discretion of the District, the teacher may be granted compensated or non-compensated leave not specified in this article.

The teacher may utilize Administrative Leave for coaching/advising chaperoning duties, when accompanying GCSD students on a Board approved school activity, with approval of a GCSD administrator.

1 2 0 0 LEAVE

1204

Leave Rights & Responsibilities

Compensated leave shall not be considered a break in service except as it might affect the accrual of sick leave as provided above. An uncompensated leave of not more than twenty (20) days shall not be considered a break in service except as it might affect the accrual of sick and/or personal leave as provided above. The teacher's District-provided group insurance shall be terminated effective the twenty-first (21st) day of uncompensated leave except as may be required under the Alaska Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Family Leave Act.

Procedures governing access to leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or Alaska Family Leave Act are as follows:

1. Procedures for FMLA eligibility shall be in accordance with the Acts;
2. Employees may be required to submit fitness-for-duty forms prior to return to work;
3. The District shall make available on its website a link to the Talent and Culture Department's provision of FMLA information;
4. Insurance benefits will be retained in accordance with the Acts. Members will be responsible for any employee contributions to retain benefits.
 - a. Members adopting children may use up to six consecutive calendar weeks of accrued sick leave or up to a total of eighteen weeks of unpaid medical leave or a combination of sick and unpaid medical leave equal to a maximum of eighteen weeks, when appropriate documentation is submitted. No member shall have access to the Sick Leave Bank for purposes of adoption.
 - b. Non-birth parents may use up to ten days of their accrued sick leave for leave immediately following the birth of their child.

For each period of leave, the teacher shall complete and sign a leave request/report form as required by the District. The reason(s) for the leave shall be stated with sufficient specificity for the District to verify conformity with the provisions of this article. By signing the leave request/report, the teacher certifies that the statements made thereon are true and correct.

Except under extenuating circumstances, the teacher shall provide the supervisor with satisfactory lesson plans to cover the anticipated period of the absence. Except under extenuating circumstances that are reasonably beyond the control of the teacher, the teacher who uses a leave period for a purpose other than for which the leave was granted without the express prior written permission of the District, or the teacher who otherwise uses leave in a fraudulent manner, shall be subject to such penalties as may be permitted under Alaska law.

The teacher who applies for and is granted any type of uncompensated leave under this article expressly waives any and all entitlements or rights to unemployment compensation or benefits and agrees not to file for unemployment compensation or benefits for the leave period.

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Extended Leaves of Absence

1. A certificated employee who has completed five (5) full years of certificated services as a District employee may, at the discretion of the Superintendent and Board, be granted an extended leave of absence for a period from one month to not more than a full year under the terms and conditions set forth in this policy.
2. The purposes for which extended leave may be sought and granted include (1) illness of the employee or severe illness of a spouse, parent, child or sibling of the employee which requires the employee's presence and assistance; (2) professional study; (3) for teaching assignment; (4) Peace Corps or similar program; or (5) compelling personal reasons. The application for extended leave of absence must include full justification for the request.

1 2 0 0 LEAVE

3. In all cases, a request for extended leave must be received in writing by the Superintendent not later than March 1 prior to the school year for which the extended leave has been requested. Late requests will not be considered. (EXCEPTION may be made for (a) non-elective surgery or medical treatment or compelling personal reasons where the reason for the request could not reasonably have been known by the employee prior to
 - a. Any approved extended leave will be without pay EXCEPT in limited circumstances discussed in paragraph 7 below, the District may pay a portion of the salary of an employee on approved leave for extended study, and, where the employee seeks extended leave for personal illness, the employee must exhaust all paid sick leave or other leave first
 - b. In no event will the District be responsible for paying medical or other insurance premiums for an employee on extended leave. However, an employee on approved extended leave shall be permitted to pay the premiums to continue to participation in District provided insurance plans, which would otherwise be available to the employee unless some provision of the plan prohibits such participation- It is the employee's responsibility to verify whether continued participation is permitted and to make the necessary arrangements to continue and pay for coverage during the period of the extended leave.
4. An employee on approved extended leave shall not lose tenure nor shall the period of leave constitute a break in service. However, the period of leave shall not count as a year of service for any purpose (except that where the employee is on approved paid leave for professional study, and where required TRS payments are made, the teacher shall acquire such experience credit as TRS shall permit. While on extended leave, the employee does not accrue leave or any other benefits.
5. Upon written application by the employee received by the Superintendent before March 1 and for good cause shown, the Board, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, may extend leave under this section for a further period of not more than one additional year.
6. With regards to leave for professional study only, the following provisions shall also apply:
 - a. The application for professional study must include the name and address of the educational institution through which the study will be offered including confirmation that the employee has been accepted into the program, a complete description of the course of study to be followed (including a statement by the employee as to how the District and its students will benefit from the employee's participation in the program, and description of the specific courses which will be taken.
 - b. To be approved, a program of professional study must involve enrollment for not less than twelve (12) semester hours of credit per semester. For approved leave to continue, the employee must successfully complete at least twelve credit hours per semester.
 - c. The Board, at its discretion, and subject to making an appropriation for this purpose, may pay for not more than two employees during any school year while on approved professional study. Such payment shall not exceed the compensation the employee would otherwise receive based on the approved salary schedule for the year in question. In addition to paying a portion of the employee's salary, the District may also pay the district's portion of the employee's TRS based on the amount of compensation actually paid to the employee on approved leave.
 - d. If an employee asks for a second year of approved leave for professional study, and the Board approves, the Board need not pay any portion of the employee's salary for the second year even if it did pay some amount to the teacher during the first leave period.

1 2 0 0 LEAVE

- e. A teacher who has been on approved extended professional study leave and who has been paid by the District for any portion of his normal salary while on such leave must return to the District and teach for at least one school year following the approved leave. Should the employee fail to do so, the employee shall reimburse the District for all salary and benefits paid by the District to the employee or on the employee's behalf during the period of approved extended leave plus interest and such costs and fees as the District may reasonably incur recovering such sums. If the employee on approved paid leave for professional study does not pass at least 12 credit hours per semester, the employee shall repay the District for all the advanced funds for salary or benefits for that employee for that semester.
 - 7. Extended leave under this policy is separate and apart from any State Sabbatical Leave under AS 1420.280--350.
 - 8. Not later than two (2) months prior to the end of any period of approved extended leave, the employee shall submit to the district confirmation of his intent to return to duty and the date when the employee shall return to work. Failure to do so shall allow the district to view the employee as having resigned from employment and to replace the employee or otherwise eliminate the position.
 - 9. An employee on approved extended leave is not guaranteed any particular position with the District upon return from leave. The District shall have the discretion to place any returning employee into any position at any District location for which the employee is qualified. Should a new assignment involve a change of residence, the District shall pay relocation expenses as required by Alaska law.
 - 10. A false statement to obtain extended leave of absence or in connection with approved extended leave shall be grounds for discipline up to and including termination.
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1206 Professional

Tenured teachers with the Galena City School District may apply for a maximum of five (5) professional paid leave days for attendance at a conference or workshop specific to their teaching assignment. Such leave will be requested of and may be approved by the Superintendent following collaboration with site-level administration.

SICK LEAVE BANK

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Enrollment & Termination

Upon ratification of this contract or September 1, whichever is the later any certified employee will have 30 business days to notify the district they want to join the sick leave bank.

Membership in the sick leave bank shall be open to all certificated employees of the District. The eligible employee may enroll in the sick leave bank by giving written notice to be received by the District within thirty (30) business days of initial employment for newly hired employees, or between September 1st and September 30th for returning/ongoing employees. Membership in the Bank shall continue from year to year after initial enrollment unless an employee notifies the District in writing his/her intent to withdraw from the Sick Leave Bank for the following fiscal year. The person terminating membership shall not be entitled to a refund of contributed days. An employee electing not to join the Sick Leave Bank shall not be eligible for Sick Leave Bank grants until the next annual enrollment opportunity, when the employee will again have the opportunity to become a member of the Sick Leave Bank. Members of the sick leave bank may use the bank for sick leave and family illness leave. The Member must exhaust their own sick/personal leave first. An updated report of Sick Leave Bank status and usage will be transmitted to the Union President upon request.

1302 Contributions

Upon enrollment, the member shall automatically contribute one (1) day of sick leave to the bank. The sick leave bank is not to decrease below 100 days or exceed 150 days. The Members are to contribute a day of sick leave (falls below 100 days) or stop donating (above 150 days) to ensure this balance.

1303 Withdrawals

After having used all the member's available sick and personal leave, the member may submit a request to the payroll clerk to withdraw days from the sick leave bank. The form may be obtained from the district office. See attached. After the withdrawal of each block of five (5) days, the District may require the member to reapply for additional days.

The member may withdraw during the work year up to twice the number of sick leave days the member had accumulated prior to the first day on duty of the work year or twenty-four (24) days, whichever is greater. Notwithstanding, the member may not withdraw during the work year more than forty (40) days. Members are not required to reimburse the bank for days used.

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Contribution of Sick Days Upon Retirement or Resignation

A certified employee who retires from the District may elect to donate up to 17 days of accumulated sick leave to the Sick Leave Bank. (Beyond 17 days can be used as creditable service through TRS.)

WORK YEAR & WORKDAY

1401 Work Year

The standard work year shall be one hundred eighty-six (186) days for the duration of this contract, inclusive of state-mandated school holidays. Notwithstanding, the standard work year for the teacher's first year of employment as a District teacher shall be one hundred eighty-nine (189) days per year. At least three (3) workdays per year shall be devoted to staff development activities.

Any additional days worked beyond the standard work year, and the compensation, therefore, shall be subject to the mutual written agreement of the teacher and the Superintendent. If the teacher serves less than the full standard work year, the teacher's salary and any benefits based on the standard work year shall be prorated accordingly.

If the Superintendent determines that an emergency closure of a site is necessary because of conditions posing a threat to the health or safety of staff and/or students, teachers in the closed site(s) shall not lose their regularly scheduled salary because of the closure. On days where sites are closed under this section, teachers may take personal leave, work remotely if available at supervisor discretion, or take unpaid leave and make the day up at a later date.

1402 Workday

The standard workday for certified teachers shall consist of seven and one half (7 ½) hours exclusive of a duty-free lunch period, and the standard workday for building based teachers shall consist of seven and one half (7 ½) hours exclusive of a duty-free lunch period. From time to time, the workday may be extended for reasonable periods for professional activities including but not limited to staff and committee meetings, student-teacher and parent-teacher conferences, and open house functions. Upon discretion of the District, flex time may be used to offset these circumstances.

If the teacher is regularly assigned to work less than the standard workday, the teacher's salary, leave, insurance, and other quantifiable benefits shall be prorated accordingly. The prorating of insurance benefits shall be based on the premium rates. For the purposes of this paragraph, premium rates under a self-funded insurance plan shall be the COBRA rates as established by the plan administrator.

During days that a building-based school is in session, the teacher shall normally be granted preparation time at the rate of fifty (50) minutes per standard workday in segments of not less than twenty (20) consecutive minutes. Except as may be authorized by the supervisor, the teacher shall use preparation times exclusively for preparation activities directly related to the teacher's professional duty assignment. During preparation times, the teacher shall remain in the assigned facility unless otherwise authorized by the supervisor. No more than once per month, and absent exigent circumstances, the District may assign the teacher other duties during preparation times including but not limited to conferences with supervisors, parents, or students, assemblies, rotating student monitoring duties, substitution for an employee who is unexpectedly absent, and emergency situations with compensation at a teacher's normal rate of pay for additional (equivalent) preparation time worked to make up for preparation time lost under this paragraph.

WORK YEAR & WORKDAY

1403 Job Sharing

Certified employees who have not achieved tenure will not be considered for job sharing. Job sharing may be permitted by the Superintendent or designee at their sole discretion. Proposals for job shares must:

1. Be initiated by the participating teachers;
2. Be submitted to the Superintendent in writing prior to February 15th for the following school year; except for the first year of this agreement;
3. Include signatures verifying the approval of the participating teachers and the affected principal/site administrator, and;
4. Include a statement specifying the duration of the proposed agreement. A job share request must be submitted with the following:
 - a. Description and location(s) of the position to be shared;
 - b. Definition of each partner's proportion of the FTE, salary, insurance benefits, and leaves;
 - c. Description of how the duties of the position will be shared by the partners, and;
 - d. The teacher who will retain the position at the end of the job-sharing school year, or such earlier termination if approved by the Superintendent or designee. The teacher who is not retaining the position, if tenured, shall be entitled to continued certificated employment for the school year following the job sharing. However, any re employment of either teacher is subject to the teacher(s) dismissal or non-retention per applicable statute.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY

The teacher shall have the right and the responsibility to plan, develop, and implement teaching techniques and methodologies that optimize appropriate learner outcomes subject to the utilization of sound professional judgment and in keeping with applicable course outlines, curriculum guides, and the designated instructional program that are appropriate to the subject, grade, and level taught. When controversial issues have not been specified in the curriculum guide, the teacher shall acquire the prior approval of the principal before introducing such issues. The discussion of controversial issues shall be conducted in an unprejudiced and dispassionate manner designed to foster a spirit of inquiry.

The District, in keeping with its responsibility to the public, reserves within its exclusive domain final decision-making authority in all matters of educational policy including but not limited to the selection of textbooks, library books, and other instructional resources and in the determination of the curriculum, educational programs, and what shall and shall not be taught to the District's students. The District shall involve two teachers, appointed by the association, on committees to review and make recommendations regarding staff development, curriculum and materials which shall be forwarded to the school board for their consideration

PERSONNEL FILES

1601 Access

All personnel files are confidential and shall be made available only to the employee upon request, persons authorized by the employee, the superintendent or designee, and individuals authorized by the superintendent or board in accordance with administrative procedures. Electronic copies will be provided within 30 business days of written request, or a physical copy may be requested to be mailed at the employee's expense.

1602 Derogatory Material

Employees shall be notified whenever derogatory information is to be placed in their personnel file with the exception of routine employee documentation to include, but not limited to: hiring paperwork, licensure, evaluations, commendations of service, submitted medical documentation, summations, and similar operational communication. Any material outside of these norms or intent shall be signed and dated by the author, and the employee will have the opportunity to read and sign material critical of an employee's performance and/or conduct before it is entered into his/her personnel file. An employee's signature indicates only that the material has been seen, not agreement to its content.

1 7 0 0 EVALUATION

Evaluation of certificated staff shall be consistent with the requirements of statute, section 14.20.149, Employee Evaluation. Teachers serving on the committee shall be appointed by the association.

1 8 0 0 DISCIPLINE

The teacher shall not be disciplined without just cause. For purposes of this article, discipline shall mean a written reprimand or loss of compensation including but not necessarily limited to suspension without pay or pay dock on account of unsatisfactory performance, insubordination, dishonesty, infraction of rules, or other similar reason. For the purposes of this article, discipline shall not include lay off, non-retention, or dismissal.

The teacher shall have the right to Union representation in person or virtually at any investigatory or disciplinary conference. Notwithstanding, if the District determines that arrangements for such representation create a (4) four-business day delay, the District may proceed without such Union representation. The teacher who serves as the Union representative at any investigatory or disciplinary conference shall be allowed to do so without loss of pay.

1 9 0 0 REASSIGNMENT

Vacancy notices shall be posted on the District website. The Superintendent shall give consideration to any written request from the teacher for reassignment. On September 1 of each year, all previously received written reassignment requests shall be voided, and the teacher who so desires may submit another written request. By written notice to the Superintendent, the teacher may at any time withdraw a request for reassignment.

The teacher shall be given at least two (2) weeks' notice of an involuntary reassignment. The Superintendent shall confer with the teacher regarding a reassignment decision.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY

The District affirms its intent to give the teacher reasonable access to working equipment including but not necessarily limited to designated computers and duplicators as well as reasonable access to work areas in District facilities appropriate for the teacher's duty assignment. Such access shall be subject to reasonable restrictions based on security needs and sound management practice. (Because the matters addressed under this paragraph are within the sole purview of the District, disputes regarding this paragraph shall not be subject to the grievance procedure, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement).

The teacher shall have first come, first served access to available vehicle heater outlets while performing assigned duties at the school when the outside air temperature is below zero degrees Fahrenheit. The intent of this provision is to facilitate vehicle starting at the teachers' normal quitting time. As such, the District may take reasonable measures to conserve energy that do not materially compromise this intent.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

2101 Purpose

The purpose of the grievance procedure shall be to secure a fair, equitable, and expeditious resolution to a grievance. Only an alleged violation, including misapplication or misinterpretation, of this Agreement may be adjudicated under this procedure, and an alleged violation of this Agreement may be adjudicated only under this procedure. Although the grievance procedure is the formal mechanism for the adjudication to alleged violations of the Agreement, nothing herein is intended to discourage the informal resolution of disputes at the lowest applicable administrative level.

2102 Time is of the Essence

The timelines as provided under this article shall be adhered to strictly except by the prior written agreement of the Superintendent and the Union President. In the event that a timeline is exceeded by the Union, the grievance shall be waived. In the event that a timeline is exceeded by the District, the grievance shall automatically be eligible for appeal to the next level of the grievance procedure.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

2103 Participation

The District shall take no reprisals for the teacher's legitimate participation in the grievance procedure. Documents related to the processing of a grievance shall not be placed in the teacher's personnel file.

2104 Witnesses

At all levels of the grievance procedure, the parties shall be allowed to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.

2105 Noninterference with Duty

Grievance hearings shall be held at such times as to avoid loss of work or loss of pay by the teacher.

2106 Grievance Hearing Decisions

The hearing decision at each level shall be written and signed and shall set forth the reasoning underlying the decision.

2107 Stipulated Settlements

The Superintendent and the Union President may stipulate in writing to a binding settlement of the grievance at any point in the process.

2108 Obligations of the Parties

The parties to the grievance shall be obligated to abide by all to the provisions of this article for the processing of the grievance and shall be obligated to abide by all other provisions of the Agreement during the pendency of the grievance. The District shall not be obligated to accept, hear, render a decision upon, or provide any redress whatsoever regarding the grievance not pursued in strict conformity with this article.

Except as otherwise may be provided under this article, the District and the Union shall each be responsible for their own costs relative to their performance under the grievance procedure.

2109 Grievance Filing

In the event that an alleged violation of this Agreement is not resolved informally, the Union President may file a grievance to be received by the Superintendent within twenty (20) days after the date of the alleged violation. The grievance shall be in writing, shall set forth with reasonable specificity the facts of the grievance, shall specify the provision(s) of the Agreement alleged to have been violated, shall specify the redress sought, and shall be signed by the Union President.

2110 Hearing

The Superintendent shall schedule a hearing to be held within fifteen (15) days after the date of receipt of the grievance. At least five (5) business days in advance, the Superintendent shall notify the Union President in writing as to the date, time, and place of the hearing. The Superintendent shall deliver the decision to the Union President to be received within fifteen (15) days after the date of the hearing.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

2111 Arbitration

APPEAL TO ARBITRATION

The Union President may give written, signed notice of appeal to the Superintendent to be received within fifteen (15) days after the date of receipt of the hearing decision.

SELECTION OF ARBITRATOR

Within ten (10) days after receipt of the appeal, the Superintendent and the Union President shall meet to select an arbitrator. If they do not mutually agree upon an arbitrator, within five (5) days after the date of the meeting, the Union President shall deliver a request to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to furnish a list of seven (7) available arbitrators. Within ten (10) days after receipt of the list by both parties, the Superintendent and the Union President shall meet to select the arbitrator. After the flip of a coin to determine who shall be first, the Superintendent and the Union President shall alternately strike names from the list until one remains who shall be the arbitrator. The arbitration shall be scheduled for a date, time, and place, which are mutually agreeable to the arbitrator, the Superintendent, and the Union President.

WITNESSES AND EVIDENCE

Each party shall provide the other with a list of witnesses and a copy of any documentary evidence it plans to introduce not less than five (5) days prior to the date of arbitration. This shall not be required for rebuttal witnesses and evidence.

RULES

Except as otherwise may be provided under this article, arbitration shall be conducted under the existing voluntary labor arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association.

DECISION

The arbitrator shall deliver the written decision to the Superintendent and to the Union President.

The arbitrator shall make no decision that is contrary to Alaska law or this Agreement, nor shall the arbitrator have the authority to add to, subtract from, disregard, alter, or modify any provision(s) of this Agreement, nor shall the arbitrator render a decision beyond the scope of the specific grievance. Furthermore, the arbitrator shall not have the power to change any practice, policy, or rule of the District except as it may directly pertain to the specific grievance.

In an award with a retroactive effect, the award shall not have effect before the teacher's first day of work of the work year during which the initial grievance is received. The arbitrator shall not have the power to award punitive damages.

RESTRICTION ON APPEALS

The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties and no appeal may be taken except under the express provisions of Alaska law for appeals of labor arbitration decisions.

COSTS

The charges for a list of arbitrators shall be borne equally by the District and the Union. Likewise, the charges of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the District and the Union.

2 2 0 0 COMPENSATION

2201 Salary Payment

Salary payments shall be made throughout the work year in equal semi-monthly installments. The teacher's final paycheck shall be retained until such time as the teacher has completed all assigned year-end reports and duties.

The District shall make payroll deductions as required by law or this Agreement and may make other deductions upon mutual agreement of the teacher and the District. In addition, upon proper written authorization by the teacher, the District shall make payroll deductions for supplemental Teachers' Retirement System contributions, Union dues, and tax-sheltered annuity contributions to a district approved provider. The amount of an authorized payroll deduction may be changed one (1) time during the work year, or may be revoked, by written notice to the District. Once revoked, a payroll deduction may not be reinstated during the work year.

A first-year contract signing incentive may be given to cover moving and travel expenses to relocate to Galena. The Superintendent will determine the amount and terms on an annual basis.

2202 Lane Placement

The teacher shall be placed on the appropriate lane of the salary schedule on the basis of documentation submitted to the Director of Talent and Culture as required showing the degree(s) conferred and the coursework completed prior to the first scheduled day on duty of the work year. Lane placement shall further be governed by the following definitions:

APPROVED COURSEWORK

Coursework that is related to academic content, professional development or job related responsibilities approved in writing by the Superintendent, that is from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association or approved in writing by the Superintendent, and for which a grade equal or greater than a "C" or a pass in a course offering a pass/fail grade was awarded. Hours of approved coursework shall be semester hours or the quarter hour equivalent thereof. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, coursework submitted by the teacher and accepted for lane placement purposes prior to the effective date of this Agreement shall be considered approved coursework for that teacher.

B: A baccalaureate degree.

B+18; B+36; B+54: Eighteen (18), thirty-six (36) or fifty-four (54) hours of approved coursework earned subsequent to the conferring of the baccalaureate degree.

M: A master's degree,

M+18; M+36, M+60: Eighteen (18), thirty-six (36) or sixty (60) hours of approved coursework earned subsequent to the conferring of the master's degree.

M/M: Two master's degrees

D: Doctorate

2 2 0 0 COMPENSATION

2203 Step Placement

The teacher shall be placed on the appropriate step of the salary schedule on the basis of documentation of prior years of service submitted to the Director of Talent and Culture as required. The highest induction step for the newly appointed teacher shall be Step 8 unless the Superintendent in collaboration with the Talent and Culture Department determines that up to four (4) higher induction steps should be allowed due to a shortage of sufficiently qualified applicants. Step placement shall further be governed by the following definition.

YEAR OF SERVICE

A period of not less than the equivalent of one hundred forty (140) standard workdays on duty served between July 1 and the following June 30 under contract in a position for which a standard teacher's certificate is required. Such service shall be in a public (or in an approved or accredited nonpublic) elementary or secondary school in the United States (or outside the United States supported by funds of the United States government). A District-approved leave of absence (granted after January 1, 1994) during which the teacher earns at least twenty-two (22) semester hours, or the quarter hour equivalent thereof, shall constitute a year of service. No year of service shall be counted prior to the following July 1.

Teachers who did not receive a STEP movement for the contractual year shall receive an "in lieu of step increase" of 1.5% the annual salary each year and subsequent years thereafter.

2204 Salary Schedule

GILA/SHS certified staff covered by this agreement will be applied based on the certified employee's years of consecutive service with the GCSD:

- 0-3 years: \$4000
- 4-6 years: \$4500
- 7+ years: \$5000

GILA/SHS staff will receive $\frac{1}{2}$ of their differential pay in November and the remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ in April.

CO-TEACHER PAY SCALE

The following pay scale will be used for the GILA/Residence Life Co-Teacher and GILA/SHS Special Education Co-Teacher. All staff hired in these positions will start at Step 0.

STEP	CO-TEACHER
0	\$55,960
1	\$56,305
2	\$56,810
3	\$57,235
4	\$57,660

2 2 0 0 COMPENSATION

CERTIFIED TEACHER PAY SCALE

	B	B+18	B+36	B+54/M	M+18	M+36	M+60/M+M	D
0	60,375	62,160	63,945	65,730	67,515	69,300	71,085	72,870
1	62,160	63,945	65,730	67,515	69,300	71,085	72,870	74,655
2	63,945	65,730	67,515	69,300	71,085	72,870	74,655	76,440
3	65,730	67,515	69,300	71,085	72,870	74,655	76,440	78,225
4	67,515	69,300	71,085	72,870	74,655	76,440	78,225	80,010
5	69,300	71,085	72,870	74,655	76,440	78,225	80,010	81,795
6	71,085	72,870	74,655	76,440	78,225	80,010	81,795	83,580
7	72,870	74,655	76,440	78,225	80,010	81,795	83,580	85,365
8	74,655	76,440	78,225	80,010	81,795	83,580	85,365	87,150
9	76,440	78,225	80,010	81,795	83,580	85,365	87,150	88,935
10	78,225	80,010	81,795	83,580	85,365	87,150	88,935	90,720
11	80,010	81,795	83,580	85,365	87,150	88,935	90,720	92,505
12	81,795	83,580	85,365	87,150	88,935	90,720	92,505	94,290
13		85,365	87,150	88,935	90,720	92,505	94,290	96,075
14			88,935	90,720	92,505	94,290	96,075	97,860
15				92,505	94,290	96,075	97,860	99,645
16					96,075	97,860	99,645	101,430
17						99,645	101,430	103,215
18							103,215	105,000
19								106,785

2 2 0 0 COMPENSATION

2205 Incentive Awards

The teacher may qualify for an incentive award of up to five per cent (5%) of the teacher's annual salary for extraordinary performance regarding student academic/performance gains, the development of innovative programs, or other meritorious efforts. The award shall be paid with the teacher's final paycheck of the school session. Notwithstanding, the teacher may elect an equivalent value of instructional materials and/or training in lieu of a cash award.

The district shall post an announcement by March 31st if money is available for such awards. After March 31st, proposals from teachers shall be due within twenty (20) business days.

A committee of teachers and administrators shall review applications and make recommendations to the Superintendent regarding incentive awards. The committee shall be composed of the administrator(s) and at least three (3) teachers, who are appointed by the association.

Teacher members of the committee shall be elected by the teachers from their respective schools. The Superintendent shall not serve on the committee. The recommendation of the committee shall be accepted or rejected in its entirety by the Superintendent. A committee report accepted by the Superintendent shall be presented to the Board with a recommendation for adoption.

In addition to the functions described above, the committee shall serve as an advisory committee for the continuous evaluation and revision of the incentive award program. The committee may be assisted by outside consultants. The periodic recommendations of the committee for revisions to the program shall be accepted or rejected in their entirety by the Superintendent. A committee report accepted by the Superintendent shall be presented to the Board with a recommendation for adoption.

2206 Added Duty

Compensable added duty is any voluntarily assumed work related to the co-curricular program that occurs primarily outside the standard workday. Nothing in this paragraph should be construed as preventing the teacher from performing added duty work during the workday with supervisor approval. For all added duty extracurricular travel, coaches and advisors acting as chaperones shall utilize "other leave" rather than personal or sick leave accrued by the teacher. For the purposes of this article, added duty includes but is not limited to;

Activities Director	Junior High Basketball (JHBB)
Cheer (C)	Battle of the Books (BoB)
Close Up (CU)	Junior Varsity Basketball (JVBB)
CTE Coordinator – GILA/SHS	Student Council Advisor (SCA)
Native Youth Olympics (NYO)	Junior Varsity Volleyball (JVVB)
Graduation Coordinator – IDEA (GC)	Junior Class Advisor – GILA/SHS (JCA)
Trail Maintenance (TM)	Head Cross Country Running (HXCR)
Swim Team Coach (HST)	Senior Class Advisor – GILA/SHS (SGA)
Building Testing Coordinator – IDEA (BTC)	Head Cross Country Ski (HXCS)
Coaching: Assistant Swim Team Coach (AST)	Yearbook (YB)
Acellus Coordinator – IDEA (AC)	Head Volleyball (HVB)
Assistant Cross Country (AXCR)	Science Fair (SF)
Academic Pentathlon (AcP)	Head Basketball (HBB)
HOSA – Future Health Professionals (HOSA)	Geography Bee (GB)
Assistant Wrestling (AW)	Head Wrestling (HW)
Academic Decathlon (AcD)	Drama, Debate and Forensics (DD)
Staff Mentorship – GCSD (SM)	Assistant Building Testing Coordinator – IDEA (ABTC)
Assistant Basketball (ABB)	mClass Lead
Spelling Bee (SB)	eSports

2 2 0 0 COMPENSATION

Except as otherwise provided in this section, compensation shall be agreed upon in advance and included in an added duty contract. Compensation will follow the table below, with salary ranges for duties, allowing for experience steps (raises) for 0-5 years. Persons filling the Activities Director and CTE Coordinator positions shall negotiate their salary directly with the District. Nothing in this article shall be construed as prohibiting the teacher from voluntarily assuming added duties without compensation.

CERTIFIED – ADDED DUTY

Steps	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	500	1000	1500	1800	2200	3000	3300	4500
1	550	1100	1600	1900	2350	3150	3450	4650
2	600	1200	1700	2000	2500	3300	3600	4800
3	650	1300	1800	2100	2650	3450	3750	4950
4	700	1400	1900	2200	2800	3600	3900	5100
5	750	1500	2000	2300	2950	3750	4050	5250
Positions	TM	AXCR	JHBB	JVBB	HXCR	HVB	HW	HBB
		AW	ABTC	JVBB	HXCS	GC	mClass Lead	
		ABB	NYO	AST	AcP/AcD	YB	AC	
		JCA	HOSA		eSports			
		SCA			HST			
		SGA			BTC			
		SM						

UNION PRIVILEGES

2301 Dues Deduction

The District shall deduct Union dues from the paycheck of certified union members in fourteen (14) equal installments, twice per month, and shall commence with the October payroll through April. The dues deduction authorization will remain in effect from year to year. Notwithstanding, the District shall discontinue the dues deduction beginning with the first payroll occurring not less than fifteen (15) days after the date of receipt by the Superintendent of the teacher's written revocation of the dues deduction authorization.

2302 Use of Facilities & Equipment

GEA shall have the same access to District facilities as any other nonprofit organization. GEA shall promptly reimburse the District for any costs, other than normal utility costs, associated with GEA's use of the facilities.

When not otherwise needed for District purposes, GEA may use designated office equipment. GEA shall furnish its own supplies for the equipment and shall promptly reimburse the District for any damage to, or loss of, equipment used under this section.

GEA may post non-inflammatory material on designated bulletin boards in District facilities so long as the material clearly indicates that it is from GEA.

2303 Association Leave

The collective GEA Certified Membership shall have access to 80 hours of association leave for members to attend to GEA business (This leave is separate from leave allocated for classified members for the same purpose). Those who access association leave should not suffer a loss of pay, benefits, seniority, or standing within the workplace. Association Leave will be used to conduct GEA business as directed by GEA and approved by the GEA president.

Whenever any representative of the GEA is mutually scheduled through an agreement with the GEA President and the District Superintendent or Designee to prepare or participate in negotiations or grievance proceedings, or as an employee's representative before the District, that leave will be administrative leave, not association leave. Except in cases of emergency, three days' notice shall be given to the immediate supervisor of any employee requesting GEA release time.

2304 Right to Organize

The employer agrees that it will not in any manner, directly or indirectly, attempt to interfere between any of its employees and that it will not discriminate against any employee because of his/her GEA membership or lawful GEA activities.



Sick Leave Bank Application – Part A: Applicant

Number of Days Requested Period of Absence to

Last Name First Name Work Phone

Mailing Address Home Phone

Job Title / Location

Have you exhausted all your sick leave? ☐ Yes ☐ No | District Verified ? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you exhausted all annual and personal leave? ☐ Yes ☐ No | District Verified ? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you previously applied for a withdrawal? ☐ Yes ☐ No | Date(s)

Outline your need for this request:

Applicant Signature

Date

Part B: To be completed by Physician

Beginning Date of Illness Date Patient is Able to Return to Work

Medical Diagnosis – *Diagnosis of emotional or mental illness must be completed by a psychiatrist*

Treatment Plan – *Explain in detail the regimen of treatment prescribed nature and duration of treatment, and prognosis*

Is Employee Able to Perform Work of Any Kind? ☐ Yes ☐ No *If Yes, please explain below*

Is Prescribed Treatment/Surgery Urgent-Emergent? ☐ Yes ☐ No *If No, please explain below*

Physician Title

Phone Number

Physician Signature

Date



COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

BETWEEN GALENA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND GALENA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT'S TEACHERS