

SEIU Local 284
Monticello Education Support Specialist #882 Employees
Opening Proposal October 21, 2025

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The following are the Union's initial proposals to the School District in negotiations for a successor collective bargaining agreement.

In the following proposals, (1) language that is **underlined and bold** is new language that is being proposed to be added to the agreement; (2) language with a ~~striketthrough~~ is current contract language that would be removed from the agreement; and (3) all other languages are current contract language that would continue into the next contract.

The Union reserves the right to add to, subtract from, delete, amend, or otherwise modify its bargaining proposals as the union deems fit and necessary during these negotiations. All financial proposals are retroactive to July 1, 2025.

1. Changed all dates to reflect a new 2-year contract.

2. ARTICLE VI Rates of Pay

Subd. 1. The wages and salaries reflected in Appendix A, attached hereto, shall be a part of the Agreement for the period commencing July 1, 2023~~5~~, and continuing through June 30, 2025~~7~~.

Section 3: Retroactive Pay:

Any changes to rates of pay or benefits shall be retroactive as negotiated in the new agreement for all active employees and employees who retired in good standing who completed work during the contract period. ~~For the 2023-25 master agreement, no retroactive pay will be issued for the dates July 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023.~~

3. ARTICLE VII SENORITY RIGHTS

- a. If an employee's position is eliminated or reduced one-half (1/2) hour or more per day, the employee may bump the least senior employee with the closest number of hours, with a maximum increase of no more than one (1) hour per day. Part-time employees may not bump into full-time positions regardless of seniority. **Positions will not be reduced below 6.75 per day.**

4. ARTICLE VIII Leaves of Absence

Section 1. Sick Leave:

Subd. 1. All Education Support Specialists shall earn sick leave at the rate of ~~nine (9) days~~ ten (10) days annually at the start of each school year, but only a maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) sick leave days will carry over as of June 30th of each year. Beginning July 1, 2024~~5~~, all Education Support Specialists shall earn sick leave at the rate of ~~ten (10)~~ fifteen (15) days annually at the start of each school year, but only a maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) sick leave days will carry over as of June 30th of each year.

Section 2. Personal Leave:

Subd. 1. An employee may be granted two (2) days of leave per year for personal business, at the discretion of the building Principal, providing no other time is available. An additional personal day shall be granted to all employees at the beginning of the school year of their ~~2010th~~ year of service and at their 20th year of service to the School District as an Education Support Specialist. (Example: Employees with 10 years of service would receive 3 personal days and 20 years of service would receive 4 personal days per year.) ~~(Example: If hired between July 1, 1997 and June 30, 1998, you will be eligible at the start of the 2016-2017 school year.)~~ For those Education Support Specialists with a date in seniority list Column A, Article VII, Section 1 shall apply. The building Principal may exercise discretion to prevent an overburdensome number of Education Support Specialists from being gone at one time.

Subd. 2 Education Support Specialists that work ~~twelve (12) or more days~~ in the summer will earn additional personal time. Additional personal time will be awarded equal to one day using the average daily hours worked in the summer. Summer personal leave time will carry into the following school year.

Subd. 5. Any employee with unused personal leave days at the end of the school year, will have those days, up to a maximum of ~~three (3) two (2)~~, carried over and added on to the following year. A maximum of ~~five (5) four (4)~~ days may be stored for those Education Support Specialists not having reached their 20th year of service, and a maximum of ~~six (6) five (5)~~ days for those Education Support Specialists having reached their 20th year of service. ~~Six (6) Four (4) or five (5) days may be used consecutively.~~

5. ARTICLE IX HOURS OF SERVICE

Section 6. Holidays:

There shall be ~~eight (8)~~ nine (9) paid holidays for all employees covered under this Agreement.

Subd. 1. The following days will be observed as holidays: Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, and Labor Day.

Section 8. Daily Rate of Pay:

For the purposes of calculating the daily rate of pay, in the 2020-2021 school year and going forward, the District will use the number of student contact days, two (2) staff development days, two (2) additional four-hour Education Support Specialist workshop days, plus holidays for all Education Support Specialists working the full contract year.

One Education Support Specialist workshop day shall be prior to the start of the school year and one will be in February of the year, the two additional four-hour Education Support Specialist workshop days will be scheduled during the school year as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

Education Support Specialists hired after the start of the contract year shall have their rate prorated based on the number of days they work during that contract year.

6. ARTICLE X VACANCIES

Section 1. Job Posting:

New positions or vacancies will be posted in each building for a period of five (5) working days on the district's webpage and delivered to all District employees via email. The internal posting shall include location (which school) and type of classroom setting. During the summer months, employees shall have seven (7) working days from the date of the posting, excluding weekends and holidays, to submit their application for a position. If a position held by an employee changes by one-half (½) hour or more, or goes from part-time to full-time, the position will be posted. No full-time position will be reduced below 6.75 hours.

Section 2. Internal positions: staff will not be restricted in amount of moves they make during the school year.

7. ARTICLE XI GROUP INSURANCE * Same as certified staff contract*

8. ARTICLE XV DEFERRED MATCHING CONTRIBUTION PLAN

Section 2. Education Support Specialist Match:

The School District will make the foregoing matching contribution to only those Education Support Specialists choosing to participate in an approved Education Support Specialist's match account offered by the School District. The School District's matching contribution will be dollar-for-dollar as required under Minn. Stat. Section 356.24, up to ~~23~~% of gross salary. Education Support Specialists may contribute any dollar amount up to or in excess of the maximum yearly School District match, but the annual limit on the amount individual Education Support Specialists may contribute to the employee's match account shall be governed by the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. If a Education Support Specialist chooses not to match the School District annual contribution, the unmatched portion is forfeited for that year. If the employee

contributes less than the maximum yearly allowed contribution, The School District portion will be equally reduced. The reduced amount is forfeited for that year.

**APPENDIX A
SALARY SCHEDULE**

	2023-24	2024-25
Step One	\$16.37	\$17.68
Step Two	\$20.04	\$20.84
Step Three	\$25.38	\$26.40

**APPENDIX A 6% each year
SALARY SCHEDULE**

	2025-26	2026-27
Step One	\$18.74	\$19.86
Step Two	\$22.09	\$23.42
Step Three	\$27.98	\$29.66

Longevity Pay shall be granted at the beginning of the school year of the 5th, 10th, 15th, or 20th year of service as an Education Support Specialist in the School District. ~~beginning July 1, 2024;~~
~~Longevity Pay shall be granted at the beginning of the school year of the 5th year of service as an Education Support Specialist, as well;~~ Education Support Specialists who qualify will earn the following longevity hourly stipends:

~~2024-25-2025-2027~~	
At 5 years of employment:	\$0.450.65 per hour
At 10 years of employment:	\$0.55 0.75 per hour
At 15 years of employment:	\$0.65 0.85 per hour
At 20 years of employment	\$0.75 0.95 per hour

APPENDIX B

Childcare Education Support Specialist Pay Scale

	2023-24	2024-25
Step 1	\$15.28	\$15.59
Step 2	\$16.37	\$16.70
Step 3	\$17.46	\$17.81
Step 4	\$18.55	\$18.92
Step 5	\$19.38	\$19.77
Step 6	\$20.19	\$20.59

6% each year

	2025-26	2026-27
Step 1	\$16.53	\$17.52
Step 2	\$17.70	\$18.76
Step 3	\$18.88	\$20.01
Step 4	\$20.06	\$21.26
Step 5	\$20.96	\$22.22
Step 6	\$21.83	\$23.14

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RATES

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15.15%

Date 10/21/2025

WAGES 2024-25

ESS	Hr Rate
1	\$17.68
Prorate	\$19.25
2	\$20.84
3	\$26.40

ChildCare	Hr Rate
MA-1	\$15.59
MA-2	\$16.70
MA-3	\$17.81
MA-4	\$18.92
MA-5	\$19.77
MA-6	\$20.59

Longevity Pay

At 5 yrs	\$0.45
At 10 yrs	\$0.55
At 15 yrs	\$0.65
At 20 yrs	\$0.75
None	\$0.00

WAGES 2025-26

ESS	Hr Rate	\$ Change	% Change
1	\$18.74	\$1.06	6.00%
Prorate	\$20.41	\$1.16	6.00%
2	\$22.09	\$1.25	6.00%
3	\$27.98	\$1.58	6.00%

ChildCare	Hr Rate	\$ Change	% Change
MA-1	\$16.53	\$0.94	6.00%
MA-2	\$17.70	\$1.00	6.00%
MA-3	\$18.88	\$1.07	6.00%
MA-4	\$20.06	\$1.14	6.00%
MA-5	\$20.96	\$1.19	6.00%
MA-6	\$21.83	\$1.24	6.00%

Longevity Pay

	\$ Change	% Change
At 5 yrs	\$0.65	44.44%
At 10 yrs	\$0.75	36.36%
At 15 yrs	\$0.85	30.77%
At 20 yrs	\$0.95	26.67%
None	\$0.00	

WAGES 2026-27

ESS	Hr Rate	\$ Change	% Change
1	\$19.86	\$1.12	6.00%
Prorate	\$21.63	\$1.22	6.00%
2	\$23.42	\$1.33	6.00%
3	\$29.66	\$1.68	6.00%

ChildCare	Hr Rate	\$ Change	% Change
MA-1	\$17.52	\$0.99	6.00%
MA-2	\$18.76	\$1.06	6.00%
MA-3	\$20.01	\$1.13	6.00%
MA-4	\$21.26	\$1.20	6.00%
MA-5	\$22.22	\$1.26	6.00%
MA-6	\$23.14	\$1.31	6.00%

Longevity Pay

	\$ Change	% Change
At 5 yrs	\$0.65	0.00%
At 10 yrs	\$0.75	0.00%
At 15 yrs	\$0.85	0.00%
At 20 yrs	\$0.95	0.00%
None	\$0.00	

BENEFITS 2024-25

BENEFITS 2025-26

BENEFITS 2026-27

Health Ins - per yr			
Indv	\$11,700.00		
Dep	\$25,656.00		
None	\$0.00		
H.S.A Indv Cost	\$10,201.96		
H.S.A Dep Cost	\$25,394.00		
Dep Costs (2Emp)			

Health Ins - per yr			
Indv	\$11,700.00	\$ Change	% Change
Dep	\$25,656.00	\$0.00	0.00%
None	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
		\$975/mo	
		\$2,138/mo	
		% Inc	% Cover
Indv Cost	\$11,074.72	9.50%	105.65%
Dep Cost	\$27,616.43	9.50%	92.90%
Dep Costs (2Emp)	\$0.00		

Health Ins - per yr			
Indv	\$12,300.00	\$ Change	% Change
Dep	\$25,896.00	\$240.00	0.94%
None	\$0.00		
		\$1,025/mo	
		\$2,188/mo	
		% Inc	% Cover
Indv Cost	\$11,879.50	8.00%	103.54%
Dep Cost	\$29,665.71	8.00%	87.29%
Dep Costs (2Emp)	\$0.00		

Dental Ins - per yr			
Indv	\$546.00		
Dep	\$1,080.00		
None	\$0.00		

Dental Ins - per yr			
Indv	\$562.38	\$ Change	% Change
Dep	\$1,080.00	\$0.00	0.00%
None	\$0.00		

Dental Ins - per yr			
Indv	\$579.25	\$ Change	% Change
Dep	\$1,080.00	\$0.00	0.00%
None	\$0.00		

Indv Cost	\$546.00	100.00%
Dep Cost	\$1,470.00	73.47%

Indv Cost	\$562.38	% Inc	% Cover
Dep Cost	\$1,514.10	3.00%	100.00%
		3.00%	71.33%

Indv Cost	\$579.25	% Inc	% Cover
Dep Cost	\$1,559.52	3.00%	69.25%

Life - per yr \$50,000			
30 hrs	\$54.00		
None	\$0.00		

Life - per yr \$50,000			
30 hrs	\$54.00	\$ Change	% Change
None	\$0.00		

Life - per yr \$50,000			
30 hrs	\$54.00	\$ Change	% Change
None	\$0.00		

LTD - per yr			
30 hrs	\$140.00		
None	\$0.00		

LTD - per yr			
30 hrs	\$140.00	\$ Change	% Change
None	\$0.00		

LTD - per yr			
30 hrs	\$140.00	\$ Change	% Change
None	\$0.00		

PERA	7.50%
PFML	0.00%

PERA	7.50%
PFML	0.22%

PERA	7.50%
PFML	0.44%

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2025-27

Proposal:	Union#1	(District estimate)
Date/Time:	10/21/2025	

Proposal Summary:

Matrix Summary					
	Base Year	Year 1	Year 1 - % Change from Base	Year 2	Year 2 - % Change from Year 1
Salary	3,591,134.34	4,009,196.39	11.64%	4,377,111.56	9.18%
Health Ins	1,258,404.00	1,258,404.00	0.00%	1,286,364.00	2.22%
Dental Ins	56,862.00	57,304.26	0.78%	57,759.79	0.79%
HRA	30,000.00	35,000.00	16.67%	35,000.00	0.00%
Life Ins	4,428.00	4,428.00	0.00%	4,428.00	0.00%
LTD	11,480.00	11,480.00	0.00%	11,480.00	0.00%
403b Match	39,454.03	64,954.90	64.63%	79,029.61	21.67%
Worker's Compensation	11,778.92	15,234.95	29.34%	16,633.02	9.18%
Paid Family Medical Leave	-	8,820.23	#DIV/0!	19,259.29	118.35%
PERA	269,335.08	300,689.73	11.64%	328,283.37	9.18%
FICA	274,721.78	306,703.52	11.64%	334,849.03	9.18%
Total Benefits	1,956,463.80	2,063,019.59	5.45%	2,173,086.12	5.34%
Additional Item: 5 sick days, sub \$16		63,883.92	#DIV/0!	63,883.92	0.00%
Additional Item: 1 personal day, sub \$16		12,776.78	#DIV/0!	12,776.78	0.00%
Additional Item			#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
Total Salary & Benefit	5,547,598.13	6,148,876.69	10.84%	6,626,858.38	7.77%
Fund 01	3,194,174.51	3,488,050.97	293,876.46	3,780,123.49	292,072.52
Fund 04	882,192.52	981,916.39	99,723.86	1,080,569.16	98,652.77
Fund 12	1,471,231.11	1,602,248.63	131,017.52	1,689,505.02	87,256.39
	5,547,598.13	6,072,215.98		6,550,197.67	

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Year 1 & Year 2	12,775,735.07
Double Base Yr	11,095,196.27
Difference	1,680,538.80
Double Base Yr	11,095,196.27
MSBA Percentage	15.15%