

# Collective Bargaining Agreement

between

Kildeer Countryside CCSD 96 Board of  
Education

and

Kildeer Countryside CCSD 96 Education  
Support Professionals Association



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**ARTICLE I**  
**RECOGNITION**

**1.1 Bargaining Unit**

The Board of Education of School District 96, Lake County, Illinois, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," recognizes the Kildeer CCCSD Education Support Professionals Association, formed in May 2001, hereinafter referred to as the "Association," affiliated with the Illinois Education Association and the National Education Association, as sole negotiating agent for all full-time and part-time regularly employed non-licensed employees, hereinafter referred to as "Employee" or "Employees."

The term "Employees" expressly does not include District Office support staff, including technology department employees, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Communications Coordinator, District Office Administrative Assistants, Accounts Payable Specialist, Payroll Specialist, Parent Liaison, Benefits Specialist, Receptionist,-Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Sub-caller, all licensed employees, and all managers, supervisors and confidential employees as defined by the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act, as amended. The Board agrees not to negotiate with any other Employees' organization, individual Employee or group of Employees, provided this shall in no way preclude the Board from bargaining with the Kildeer Education Association or any other IELRB certified labor organization.

**1.2 Notifications**

Unless otherwise indicated herein, all notifications to the Association shall be directed to the President of the Association or designee and all notifications to the Board shall be directed to the Superintendent or designee.

**ARTICLE II**  
**ASSOCIATION RIGHTS**

**2.1 Board Information**

Notification of Board Meetings - A copy of Board meeting materials which are made available to the press shall also be made available to the Association President or designee prior to the onset of every regular meeting of the Board, along with a copy of the agenda for such meeting, if any. The Board should also make available to the Association a copy of the minutes of all Board meetings promptly following their approval and reproduction.

Association Copies of Board Reports - The administration will make available to the Association, upon reasonable notice and request, the Annual ISBE Financial Report 5035 and Budget Report 5036.

The Association may request items to be placed on the agenda of all board meetings in accordance with Board policy.

**2.2 Use of School Facilities**

The Association shall have the following rights:

The use of appropriate meeting space in school buildings where such is available and does not interfere with the educational programs. This is limited to the Association and not its' affiliate(s).

The use of mailboxes, inter-school mail, and a bulletin board in the staff lounge of each school building for the purpose of internal Association related communication.

The use of District computers and duplicating equipment, provided the Association agrees to promptly reimburse the Board for all consumable materials. This does not include access to any financial or personnel records. All use of computers will be consistent with the Acceptable Use policy.

**2.3 Dues Deduction**

Any employee who is a member of the Association may sign and deliver to the business office an assignment authorizing the deduction of membership dues. Such authorization shall include a waiver of all rights and claims for membership dues deducted and transmitted to the Association and shall further relieve the Board and all its' officers of any liability in this matter. Such authorization shall continue in effect from year to year unless rescinded in writing by the employee prior to September 29 of any given school year. The authorization shall become effective by the first pay period of the following month and shall be equally deducted over the remaining pay periods and remitted to the Association within ten (10) working days following each pay period. The Association Treasurer will provide information to the business office regarding pro-ration of dues for new members.

**2.4 Names and Addresses of New Employees**

Following Board approval of newly hired and separated employees, the names, addresses, positions, and job locations of such employees shall be made available to the Association Treasurer.

## **2.5 Personnel Records**

Only one (1) official personnel file shall be kept for each employee in the District and such file shall be kept in the central administrative office. Each employee shall have the right, upon reasonable advanced request, to review the contents of his/her official personnel file. An employee shall have the right to representation at such review.

Whenever any item that could reasonably lead to disciplinary or discharge action against an employee is placed in his/her personnel file, the employee shall promptly be given a copy of said item.

The employee shall have the right to attach dissenting material to any item in the file. An employee may obtain a copy of the information or part of the information contained in his/her personnel record.

Except as required by law, the Board shall not divulge a disciplinary report letter of reprimand or other disciplinary action to a third party, to a party who is not a part of the Board's organization, or to a party who is not a part of the Association, without written notification to the employee. For the purpose of this section, the Board's attorneys are considered part of the Board's organization.

## ARTICLE III

### ASSIGNMENTS, SENIORITY, VACANCIES, AND TRANSFERS

#### **3.1 Seniority**

##### a) Definition

Seniority shall be defined as the length of continuous service within the District within a classification as defined in Article 3.4. Accumulation of seniority shall begin from the employee's first working day as a regular employee. In the event that more than one individual employee has the same starting date of work, position on the seniority list shall be determined by drawing lots. Part time employees do not have seniority but shall accrue seniority from their date of hire in the event they become a full time employee. Any recalled employee shall retain his/her previously accumulated seniority.

##### b) Seniority

Prior to the 2003/2004 school year, seniority shall be determined from the first day of initial continuous service in the District regardless of category or classification.

##### c) Maintaining and Posting of Seniority Lists

The Board shall prepare, maintain and post the seniority list by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. A copy of the seniority list and subsequent revisions shall be made available to the Association. Any employee disagreeing with his/her seniority placement shall respond, in writing, to the Superintendent or designee and the Association President within 30 workdays after the date of the posting.

#### **3.2 Loss of Seniority**

An employee will lose seniority in the following instances:

Resignation  
Dismissal  
Retirement

Expiration of the one-year recall period after a reduction-in-force under the School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-23.5)

Employment in a position excluded from the bargaining unit

Voluntary transfer to a different classification as defined in Article 3.4 and 3.7 A.

#### **3.3 Probationary Period**

New employees and those hired after a break in continuous service with the Board will be regarded as probationary employees for 60 work days of employment and will receive no continuous service credit during such period. Probationary employees may be laid off or discharged as exclusively determined by the Board, without cause and without recourse to the grievance procedure. Probationary employees continued in the service of the Board subsequent to the probationary period will receive full and continuous service credit from the date of original hiring with the Board.

The probationary period for ten month employee's only occurs when school is in session. Any time worked in the prior school year will carry over and count towards the 60 work days probationary period.

At the end of the bargaining unit members 60 work day probationary period, the District will determine whether or not to continue the employees service to the District.

### **3.4 Classifications and Related Positions Within the Bargaining Unit**

For the purposes of seniority, all employees shall be placed in one of the following classifications based on their current assignments:

#### Classifications

Administrative Assistant  
Secretary  
Custodian  
Instructional Aide  
Bilingual Aide  
Registered Nurse  
Sign Language Interpreter  
Special Education Aide  
Intensive Special Education Aide  
1:1 LPN  
1:1 RN

### **3.5 Reduction in Force**

When the Board decides it is necessary to reduce the number of positions in the District or to reduce an employee's hours that results in changing an employee from full time to part time, it shall seek to discuss reduction in staff with the Association prior to taking formal action thereon. The Board will provide notice to the employee of a reduction in force of at least thirty (30) calendar days. The employee shall receive a statement of honorable dismissal.

In the event of a Reduction in Force (RIF), the employee or employees in the job classification (defined in Article 3.4) affected that have the least seniority shall be laid off first.

#### Recall

If the Board has any vacancies for the following school term or within one (1) calendar year from the beginning of the following school term, the positions hereby becoming available within a specific classification of positions shall be tendered to the employees so removed or dismissed from that classification (defined in Article 3.4) in the reverse order in which they were laid-off. The employees so recalled must have the qualifications, skill and ability to satisfactorily perform the available work. Failure to return to work when recalled in such manner shall result in loss of recall rights.

If the Board is unable to fill the vacancy from the employees RIF'd from the classification in which the vacancy occurs, the Board will tender the position to employees RIF'd in other classifications (defined in Article 3.4) whose RIF occurred within the past calendar year in the reverse order in which they were laid-off, provided such employee is qualified to fill the vacancy.

For purposes of determining qualifications under this Section, experience in the vacant position or in other positions within that classification (defined in Article 3.4) shall be an indicator of qualification for the vacant position.

### **3.6 Vacancies**

#### a) Definition of Vacancy

A vacancy shall be defined as a newly created position or an unfilled position within the

bargaining unit that the administration deems necessary to fill which is not filled by reassignment of current staff.

b) Posting and Filling of Vacancy

Whenever there is a new or vacant job covered by the bargaining unit, such job shall be posted on the online application system for a period of at least five (5) working days. An employee desiring to apply for such a job shall make his/her application via the online application or by email to the Superintendent or designee by the application deadline if one is indicated.

**3.7 Definition of Transfer**

Transfers shall be defined as either a voluntary or involuntary move from one position to another within the bargaining unit, when such transfer involves changes in job classification, or work hours unless such transfer is for temporary purposes.

a) Voluntary Transfers

Interested employees may apply in writing via email to the Superintendent or designee for consideration for a transfer to another position.

b) Involuntary Transfer

When it is necessary to involuntarily transfer employees to a different job classification, all qualified staff shall be considered. Involuntary transfers shall not be made for arbitrary or capricious reasons. Should an employee request a conference with his/her supervisor to discuss the transfer, the conference shall be granted. Involuntary transfers to another classification (Article 3.4) shall retain their accrued seniority. If the employee is dissatisfied with an involuntary transfer, the employee may resign.

## ARTICLE IV

### WORKING CONDITIONS

#### **4.1 Length of Work Year**

- a) The Board shall annually budget for an additional ten (10) days of building level administrative assistant support for each building during the life of this contract. These days shall be used subject to the review and approval of the employee's immediate supervisor.
- b) The Board shall annually budget for an additional ten (10) days of building level nursing services for each building during the life of this contract. These days shall be used subject to the review and approval of the employee's immediate supervisor.

#### **4.2 Definition of Full and Part Time Employees**

- a) During a typical week, eleven (11) and twelve (12) month employees work forty (40) hours.
- b) During a typical week, ten (10) month employees work a minimum of thirty (30) hours. Ten (10) month Nurses will be compensated for an additional fifteen (15) minutes of work before and after school.
- c) Working typical hours less than those listed above constitutes part time employment.

#### **4.3 Breaks**

- a) All full time eleven (11) and twelve (12) month employees are entitled to two (2) fifteen (15) minute paid breaks per day.
- b) All full time ten (10) month employees are entitled to one (1) fifteen (15) minute paid break per day.
- c) Break time for part time employees will be prorated.
- d) Employees will not be compensated for lunch/dinner time unless the employee works through lunch/dinner at the express direction of their immediate supervisor.
- e) Breaks cannot be combined to extend a lunch break unless the employee's schedule, as determined by their supervisor, arranges it as such.
- f) Lunch/ dinner periods cannot be taken at the beginning or end of the work day.

#### **4.4 Work Year**

The regular work year begins July 1st and ends June 30<sup>th</sup>. All hourly rate increases will come into effect beginning July 1st.

Custodians are twelve (12) month employees. The regular work year for Custodians begins July 1<sup>st</sup> and ends June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Administrative Assistants are 11-month employees. The regular work year for Principals' Administrative Assistants begins August 1<sup>st</sup> and ends June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Registered Nurses, Secretaries, Instructional Aides, Bilingual Aides, Sign Language Interpreters, LPN (1:1), RN (1:1), Special Education Aides, and Intensive Special Education Aides are 10-month employees. Their work year begins with the first Institute day in August and ends with the last day of student attendance. These 10-month employees are not required to work on days when students are not present, except for required professional development days or at the request of the building principal.

Ten (10) month employees are required to attend and participate in professional development/training during the up to three (3) institute/workshop days prior to the start of the school year and at other times during the school year as determined with KESPA leadership on an annual basis. Those in attendance will be compensated for their attendance at their regular rate of pay. By the start of each school year, the required professional development training dates will be shared with the membership. KESPA representatives are invited to participate on the Professional Learning Advisory Team (PLAT) to assist in the determination of training for support staff. This participation falls outside of the school day and is unpaid.

## ARTICLE V

### RETIREMENT

#### **5.1 Retirement Eligibility**

In order to be eligible for the benefits under this Article, the employee must, at the time of his/her retirement, meet both of the following criteria:

- a) The employee must meet all eligibility requirements on his/her retirement date to receive a retirement pension under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund System (IMRF); and
- b) The employee must have served at least fifteen (15) full years as an educational support professional in this District.

#### **5.2 Retirement Notice**

To be eligible for the retirement benefits under this Article, the employee must submit his/her irrevocable written Notice of Resignation and Retirement to the Superintendent or designee. This notice must be submitted to the Superintendent before February 15 in the year prior to accessing either the one, two, or three year retirement option. The notice shall be on a form provided by the District and shall state that the employee understands and accepts the terms of this retirement program. The Superintendent or designee shall confirm in writing the receipt of the application within ten (10) school days of the receipt of the application.

#### **5.3 Retirement Conditions**

- a) Benefit increases under this section will be in lieu of any regular salary increases (including any increases in the Board-paid employee IMRF contributions). The employee will receive an annual increase of six percent (6%) or the maximum amount allowed by IMRF without incurring district penalties related to IMRF limits for increases, whichever is less, of the prior year's compensation for the maximum of the employee's last three years as identified in their notification. The employee, as an alternative, may elect to receive this increase for two or one year(s) with notice given in the year prior to accessing this option.
- b) At no point during the retirement program will the combined salary and Board-paid employee IMRF contribution exceed a six percent (6%) increase or the maximum IMRF increase, whichever is less, during each of the last three (3) years of IMRF creditable earnings. In the event the increase exceeds six percent (6%) or the maximum IMRF limit, whichever is less, the employee's retirement benefit shall be reduced so the total compensation will not exceed the six percent (6%) cap or the maximum IMRF limit, whichever is less. This cap applies to all creditable earnings.
- c) This benefit may not be used or accessed by any employee in conjunction with any other retirement plans or programs other than those in effect under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) system as of May 1, 2005. The employee must be eligible to retire without any penalty, payment, or lump sum contribution by the Board to any pension system such as the IMRF. If the Board is obligated to pay any such penalty, payment or lump sum contribution, the employee may retire if otherwise eligible under the IMRF system, but the employee will not be eligible to receive benefits under this Article.

#### **5.4 Retirement Benefits**

Commencing with the employee's first day of work in the school year after the school year in which the employee gives timely notice of intent to retire, the Board will pay the employee during that school year of employment an increase in compensation noted in Section 5.3 of this Agreement. (For purposes of these calculations, the straight dollar amounts paid toward the cost of health insurance premiums under Section 7.10 of this Agreement are not included. In addition, for purposes of these calculations, the head custodian's stipend will be included. No other stipends will be included in these calculations.)

#### **5.5 Term of the Retirement Benefit**

Any eligible employee who has given notification may access the retirement benefits outlined in this article for two years beyond the term of this contract. Any eligible employee may only access retirement benefits from the contract in effect at the time of their submission of their intent to retire.

#### **5.6 Post-Retirement Insurance Benefits**

In accordance with Illinois law, eligible employees who retire under IMRF may elect to continue participating, at their own expense, in the District's group health and life insurance plans at the group rate. When Medicare eligibility applies, the District's plan shall serve as the secondary insurer. Employees who are eligible for insurance coverage through a state-sponsored retirement insurance program shall not be eligible for continued coverage under the District's plan.

#### **5.7 Retirement Penalty Opener**

Should legislation be passed that affects IMRF retirement benefits that would result in the District paying any penalty, taxes, or additional costs due to the retirement language in this agreement, the KESPA agrees to open up this section of the contract.

## ARTICLE VI

### SEPARATION

#### **6.1 Termination of Employment by the Employee**

Employees are required to provide a minimum of two (2) weeks (ten [10] working days) written notice of the desire to terminate their position.

#### **6.2 Termination of Employment by the Board**

Prior to the adoption of a resolution of dismissal for cause other than reduction-in force, the appropriate administrator will offer the affected employee the opportunity of a conference, when reasonable, to discuss such dismissal. An Association representative may accompany the employee at such a conference.

**ARTICLE VII**

**COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS**

**7.1 Compensation**

The salary schedules for each year of the contract are attached as Appendices incorporated into this agreement.

Hourly increases for remaining years for all employee classifications:

Year	On-Schedule Increase	Off-Schedule Increase
2026-2027	5% total	4% total
2027-2028	5% total	4% total
2028-2029	4.5% total	3.5% total
2029-2030	4.5% total	3.5% total
2030-2031	4% total	3% total
2031-2032	4% total	3% total

In addition to the hourly rate, the Board will pay 4.5% of the employee contribution towards IMRF for all employees.

At time of hire, employees may be given up to five (5) years of credit on the salary schedule for documented, comparable previous experience as determined by administration.

**7.2 Compensation for Temporary Assignments**

When an employee is temporarily transferred/filling in to a classification with a higher rate of pay other than his/her regular classification, the employee's regular compensation shall remain unchanged. However, if the temporary assignment continues longer than ten (10) consecutive work days and carries a higher rate of compensation, then the higher rate shall be paid for the subsequent period of temporary assignment and also be retroactive for those ten (10) days worked. This also applies to the head custodian stipend.

Exception: Instructional Aides and Special Education Aides who substitute for Intensive Aides for a full workday shall receive a flat rate increase of three dollars (\$3.00) per hour for each full day worked in that role. The ten (10) consecutive workday requirement shall not apply to this temporary assignment.

Employees who substitute for certified teachers will receive a flat rate increase of ten dollars (\$10) per hour.

**7.3 Pro Rata Benefits**

Individuals employed less than full-time shall receive all economic benefits on a pro rata basis.

**7.4 Pay Periods and Paychecks**

Employees hired starting with the 2026-2027 school year shall be paid in twenty-four (24) installments. Those hired prior to the 2026-2027 school year may remain on twenty (20) pay installments or may elect to move to twenty-four (24) installments. Once an employee moves to twenty-four (24) installments, they may not return to twenty (20) installments.

All employees shall participate in direct deposit of payroll.

Reasonable effort will be made to accurately reflect the number of sick days, vacation days, and personal days remaining in the fiscal year.

A notification will be issued for each employee indicating the employee's hourly salary, the number of hours the employee works per typical day, and the number of days the employee works per year. For head custodians, the letter will also include the head custodian's hourly stipend. Reasonable effort will be made by the District to provide all employees with this information no later than the second paycheck in October.

An employee who feels that there is an error in the amount of the paycheck may ask the District Payroll Specialist for verification. If there has been an underpayment to the employee, the total amount of the underpayment will be paid to the employee in the next paycheck.

### **7.5 Vacations**

Only twelve (12) month employees earn vacation days.

All vacation time is to be pre-approved by the appropriate administrator. Vacation days shall be earned on a daily basis as outlined in the chart below. Vacation may only be taken in half (.50) or full day increments. Vacation time must be used in the fiscal year that it is earned.

In the event of separation of employment, an adjustment will be made in the employee's last payroll check(s) if paid for more vacation days than earned. The employee will agree to provide written authorization at the time of the adjustment to facilitate the adjustment.

At the separation of employment for any reason, the employee or employee's beneficiary shall receive, at the employee's daily rate of straight time hourly pay, compensation for all unused paid vacation days.

<u>Length of Service</u>	<u>Vacation Earned Yearly</u>	<u>Vacation Earned Daily</u>
1 year	10 days	.0385
2 years	10 days	.0385
3 years	10 days	.0385
4 years	10 days	.0385
5 years	10 days	.0385
6 years	11 days	.0423
7 years	12 days	.0462
8 years	13 days	.0500
9 years	14 days	.0538
10 years	15 days	.0577
11 years	16 days	.0615
12 years	17 days	.0654
13 years	18 days	.0692
14 years	19 days	.0731
15+ years	20 days	.0769

## **7.6 Custodian Uniforms**

Uniforms provided to custodial staff are the property of the District. The District will provide uniforms for custodians as follows:

### New Hires

New hires will receive during their first Fiscal year of employment:

### Initially:

- a) Five (5) tee shirts (short sleeves only)

### After a ninety-day employment period, as ordering allows:

- a) Five (5) shirts (long and/or short sleeves, depending upon the employee's choice)
- b) Five (5) pairs of pants

On a yearly basis, replacement uniforms will be provided as needed up to: two (2) shirts (long and/or short sleeves, depending upon the custodian's choice), two (2) tee shirts and two (2) pairs of pants. Damaged and/or worn uniforms, which are to be replaced, shall be turned in to the Director of Facilities prior to replacement.

Custodians and not the District will be responsible for laundering and repairing uniforms.

The custodian, not the District, is responsible for the cost to replace uniforms that cannot be returned as a result of an employee's error in sizing of the uniform.

Custodians who have been furnished with uniforms are required to wear them while on duty. Uniforms are to be kept neat and clean, and worn appropriately.

The custodians shall wear uniform shirts and pants on school attendance days. The tee shirts along with the uniform pants may be worn on May 1<sup>st</sup> thru October 31<sup>st</sup> and non-school attendance days. School/District shirts may be worn in place of the uniform shirts on school "Spirit Days," non-school attendance days and casual Fridays.

Upon separation of employment, the individual custodian shall turn in the uniforms to the Head Custodian of the building or a supervisor at the time he presents his/her keys, ID/access card and other District property. The uniform must be returned in a laundered condition.

## **7.7 Emergency Closure Days**

Emergency Closure is defined as if the Superintendent deems it necessary to close the schools.

When an emergency closure day is called and school is closed, all support staff with the exception of Head Custodians will not report to work. Head Custodians will report to their building when conditions are safe to do so. In the event that the Head Custodian is unable to report, the Director of Facilities and Transportation will determine the replacement to report for work. In the event that additional support is needed, the Director of Facilities and Transportation may ask other custodians to report for work. Those Custodians that report for work will be compensated in accordance with 7.8 Emergency Call-Back Work process.

11 and 12 month support staff shall not be penalized for unforeseen emergency closure(s). This shall result in no reduction in total number of days worked per clause 7.4 paragraph 4.

If it goes past the five (5 )Emergency days at the end of the school year, 10 month support staff shall not be penalized for unforeseen emergency closure(s). This shall result in no reduction in total number of days worked per clause 7.4 paragraph 4.

In the event the District utilizes e-learning days) to make-up emergency closure days, administration may ask the ten (10) month support staff to add day(s) at the end of the school year or complete online training.

#### **7.8 Emergency Call-Back Work**

All emergency call-back work, including normal and customary travel time to and from home and the workplace, will be compensated at one and one half (1 1/2) times the employee's normal rate of pay, regardless of hours worked per week.

When traveling from and/or to a location other than home, the compensated travel time shall not exceed one and one half hours. There is no minimum number of hours compensated during an emergency call back.

#### **7.9 Health Services**

All employees shall be required to have a physical and a TB skin test or chest x-ray, if required by school code, prior to the first day of work Physical exams, TB skin tests, and chest x-rays obtained ninety (90) or more days prior to employment are not valid for employment. The cost of the physical and TB skin test or chest x-ray is the responsibility of the employee. The Board will cover the cost of Hepatitis B immunization if it is warranted by the position. If an employee feels at risk for Hepatitis B exposure, the employee should contact his/her supervisor.

#### **7.10 Health Insurance**

The Board will pay the equivalent of the single premium for PPO 750 for all employees towards health insurance coverage. Employees may choose any health insurance plan available. Should the employee select coverage resulting in a higher premium cost, they will pay the cost differential. Should an employee select family coverage, the Board will pay the equivalent of the single coverage of the selected plan.

Married couples who are both employed in the District as KESPA members may have their single insurance premium dollars applied towards district family insurance.

#### **Conditional Opt-Out Cash in Lieu of Health Insurance**

If an employee opts to waive health insurance coverage from the Board for a full employment year and meets the IRS criteria for a conditional opt-out cash in lieu, they will be eligible for a \$2500 conditional opt-out cash in lieu payment. Proof of health insurance coverage that meets applicable standards is required. This payment qualifies as creditable earnings.

#### **7.11 Benefits During Unpaid Leaves**

If an employee on leave exhausts all available paid leave, they must pay the District for their share of their insurance premium costs to maintain coverage. Payment must be made on a monthly basis. Payment plans can be arranged with the Business Office at the request of the

employee. Failure to submit payment as agreed will result in the termination of insurance benefits after 30 days of lapsed payments.

**7.12 Disability**

**a) Long Term Disability Insurance**

The Board will provide all eligible staff with a long-term disability plan. Staff who work 30 hours or more a week are eligible to participate. The plan supplements IMRF coverage such that each employee will receive 60% of their monthly earnings to a maximum benefit of \$5000 per month. Benefits are subject to plan requirements and limitations.

**b) Short-Term Disability Insurance**

The Board will provide all eligible staff with a Short Term Disability plan. Staff who work .75 FTE or more are eligible to participate.

Plan Description:

Monthly Benefit: 60% of weekly earnings to a maximum benefit of \$1,500 per month.

Elimination Period: Injury- 30 days, Sickness- 30 days

Benefit Duration: 9 weeks

The specific coverage, features, benefits, and exclusions of the Short Term Disability Plan are defined in the policy and may be subject to change based upon the provider.

**7.13 Modules /Stipends /Extra Assignments**

Members will have the ability to apply for unfilled modules and stipends should they exist after all licensed staff have had the opportunity to accept any open extra duty positions. Modules and stipends must be applied for annually. Modules/stipends will be filled by the most qualified individual. Experience in a module or stipend does not automatically make a person the most qualified for the position. Members will receive the stipend/module rate as indicated on the ESP stipend/module chart for all modules/stipends/extra duty assignments.

**ESP Stipend/Module Chart**

Activity	Payment for Length of Contract
Basketball, Volleyball	\$4403
Cross Country, Track	\$3403
Poms	\$3803
Scholastic Bowl	\$3202
Soccer	\$4203
Wrestling	\$4963
Standard Activity Module	\$1463
Science Olympiad Head Coach	\$3572
Science Olympiad Assistant Coach	\$2382
ESP Building Mentor	\$500

If a member serves as a scoreboard operator, they will be paid as follows:

- a) one person will be paid \$25 per basketball or volleyball game

- b) one person will be paid \$50 per wrestling or scholastic bowl meet
- c) one person will be paid \$150 for an all-day wrestling tournament

Stipends and modules will be paid in lump sum payments during the second payroll in October and the first payroll in March. All stipends or modules will be paid in two equal installments.

#### **7.14 Custodian Certification Bonus Program**

The purpose of the custodian certification bonus program is to provide custodians with the opportunity to receive additional compensation for the successful completion of formalized training related to their position. The following rules have been established in cooperation with the ESPA to guide the implementation of the bonus program.

- a) All courses that will be part of a certificate or Associate degree must be pre approved by Director of Facilities and Transportation through Frontline Professional Growth and submitted for pre-approval in a timely fashion as to allow the District to pay tuition without late fee penalties.
- b) A custodian must be in good standing regarding job performance to be pre approved for any course for a period of one year.
- c) The District will not mandate what courses must be taken. However, only courses offered through an accredited college are eligible for the program.
- d) The District will pay tuition directly to the college on behalf of the custodian. The District will not pay registration fees, books or any other applicable fees or costs of enrollment.
- e) A custodian is eligible to take up to 3 courses per calendar year.
- f) Courses completed prior to the implementation of this program are not eligible for reimbursement or bonuses.
- g) If courses interfere with the custodian's regular work-day, they must apply for a waiver to flex their hours to allow enrollment and completion of a course. In order to ensure work completion and maintenance of the buildings, administration may place a limitation on the number of custodians who will be granted a waiver to flex their hours each semester.
- h) Once a course is completed, the custodian must submit an official transcript after each course proving course completion and a grade of "C" or better to qualify for any bonus.
- i) The custodian must be a current employee on the date of the bonus disbursement to qualify for the bonus (i.e. must be employed on January 25th to get bonus earned thus far).
- j) If the custodian does not pass the course the first time, another request for approval must be submitted for the second attempt. The second time it is taken, the course cost is split 50%/50% with the custodian. The custodian will pay the tuition and the District will reimburse the custodian for their 50% split. A course may be attempted no more than 2 times to be eligible for the bonus.
- k) If the custodian does not pass a course the first time, and decides to take a new different course, the course cost for the second course is split 50%-50% with the custodian. The custodian will pay the tuition and the District will reimburse the custodian for their 50% split. If

the new second course is passed with a grade of "C" or better, the District will reimburse the 50% paid by the custodian.

- l) If the custodian drops out of a pre-approved course for which tuition has already been paid, the custodian is responsible to repay the tuition costs to the District. If the course is dropped due to a serious medical condition including FMLA to care for a family member that is documented, the custodian does not have to repay the tuition cost to the District.
- m) Once a course towards a certification is successfully completed in compliance with the rules noted above, the custodian will be eligible for a one-time bonus of \$125 per course.
- n) Once a certificate is completed, the custodian will be eligible for a certification bonus of \$1000 per year each fiscal year of employment. If the custodian earns a second certification, they are eligible for a certification bonus for each certification held.
- o) Once an Associates degree is earned, the custodian is eligible for an annual Associates degree bonus of \$2500 per year each fiscal year of employment and no longer will receive any certification bonuses earned.
- p) All bonus amounts are not part of the custodian's salary. Salary increases are only based upon the custodian's hourly rate, increases do not apply to bonuses earned.
- q) If any bonus received through the custodian certification bonus program causes the District to incur a financial penalty or any additional contribution pursuant to provisions of the Pension Code, the custodian will receive only the maximum increase allowed under this provision.
- r) Course completion bonuses will be paid on January 25th and June 25th paychecks. Certification and Associates degree bonuses will be paid on the June 25th paycheck.

### **7.15 Tuition Reimbursement**

Full-time employees will be reimbursed for tuition and/or fees for courses that have been pre-approved that will lead to attaining a license to be an Illinois pre-K to 8th grade teacher or related service provider (Speech-Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, School Psychologist, School Social Worker, Certified School Nurse, or Counselor). To be eligible for reimbursement, all coursework must:

1. Be pre-approved by the Superintendent or designee prior to the course start date;
2. Be taken at an accredited college or university;
3. Be credit-bearing and appear on an official college or university transcript; and
4. Lead to attaining a license to be an Illinois pre-K to 8th grade teacher or related service provider.

Reimbursement for coursework shall not be more than \$300 per credit hour (or actual cost, if lower), with a cap of \$3,600 per year. The employee shall provide the District with any documentation necessary to verify the cost of tuition and proof of successful completion of the program. Reimbursement payments are contingent on (i) receiving a grade of at least "B" or a "P" for courses offered pass/fail and (ii) continuing employment with the District for a period of three (3) calendar years after the course completion date. The Board shall annually provide

tuition reimbursement for pre-approved coursework in October of each school year. In order to receive reimbursement, the employee must be currently employed with the District at the time of reimbursement. The District agrees to offer the total sum of \$35,000 each fiscal year for reimbursement to this bargaining unit for courses which have been pre-approved. This amount shall not accumulate from year to year. In the event that the total dollar amount requested exceeds the \$35,000 annual allotment, employee reimbursement will be subject to proration.

If the employee voluntarily separates their employment within three (3) years of completing one or more reimbursement courses, the employee shall repay the District a percentage amount of the reimbursed course(s) according to the following schedule:

- 0-12 months 100%
- 13-18 months 75%
- 19-24 months 50%
- 25-36 months 25%

Repayment will be withheld from the final paycheck(s). In the event that the final paycheck(s) does not cover the amount of the reimbursement owed or if the final paycheck was already disbursed, the employee shall pay the District the remaining amount owed upon demand. If an employee applies for a position within the District two (2) years after completing a reimbursement course and they are not selected for the position, the employee may seek employment elsewhere and the District will not seek repayment of the tuition reimbursement from the employee.

## ARTICLE VIII

### LEAVES

#### **8.1 Sick Leave**

Each employee shall accrue the following sick leave days on a pro rata basis throughout each contract year, however, the full allotment shall be available on the first day of each contract year.

Paid sick leave of fourteen (14) days per year is granted to twelve (12) month employees.

Paid sick leave of thirteen (13) days per year is granted to eleven (11) month employees.

Paid sick leave of twelve (12) days per year is granted to ten (10) month employees.

If any such employee does not use the full amount of annual leave thus allowed, the unused amount shall be allowed to accumulate to two hundred forty (240) days at full pay, including the leave of the current year.

Sick leave may be taken for personal illness or illness of immediate family or household. In the event of death of a member of the immediate family or household, up to five (5) sick leave days may be used as bereavement days after an individual employee's allocation of bereavement days have been exhausted. Additional sick leave days may be designated as bereavement days upon approval of the individual employee's immediate supervisor.

All part-time employees, employees hired after the beginning of the employee's typical work year, and employees working less than thirty (30) hours per week shall be allowed a pro rata share of sick days based on the sick leave allowance provided for their respective employee category (i.e., 10, 11, or 12-month employees).

At the start of each school year, employees shall provide written authorization permitting the District to deduct wages from the employee's final paycheck(s) in the event the employee separates from employment and has used more sick leave days than the employee would have accrued as of the date of separation. In the event of separation of employment, the employee will agree to provide written authorization for an adjustment to be made in the employee's final payroll check(s) consistent with this authorization and applicable law.

#### **Good Attendance Bonus**

Any employee who uses four (4) or less sick/personal leave days per year shall receive a stipend bonus of five hundred dollars (\$500). The Good Attendance Bonus will be paid on the last payroll in July.

#### **8.2 Sick Leave- Additional**

If an employee has exhausted all accumulated sick leaves, and upon written application by the employee through the Superintendent, the Board of Education may, at its' sole discretion and without precedential effect, grant the employee additional sick leave days. Such grant shall be considered by the Board only when the employee is afflicted with a severe illness. Such grant shall not be capriciously or arbitrarily denied.

#### **8.3 Return from Leave**

Per district procedure prior to returning to work following an employee medical leave, an

employee must submit a note from their treating medical professional indicating that they are safely able to return to work and are able to perform the essential functions of their position.

#### **8.4 Personal Leave**

All full-time employees and those employees working a minimum of thirty (30) hours per week shall be allowed three (3) personal days with pay per work year, approved by the principal or District administration.

All part-time employees, employees hired after the beginning of the employee's typical work year, and employees working less than thirty (30) hours per week shall be allowed a pro rata share of personal days, approved by the principal or District administration.

Unused personal days will be allowed to accumulate as sick days at the end of the fiscal year.

#### **8.5 Bereavement Leave**

All employees shall be allowed three (3) days of bereavement leave with pay per fiscal year in the event of the death of a member of the immediate family or household, aunts, uncles, or close personal friends.

All part-time employees, employees working less than thirty (30) hours per week, and those employees hired after the beginning of the employee's typical work year will receive a pro rata share of bereavement days with pay.

A day of bereavement leave pay shall be in the same amount as a typical day's pay. Unused bereavement days do not accumulate.

In the event of death of a member of the immediate family or household, up to five (5) sick leave days may be used as bereavement days after an individual employee's allocation of bereavement days has been exhausted. Additional sick leave days may be designated as bereavement days upon approval of the individual employee's immediate supervisor.

#### **8.6 School Closing/Leave Days**

When the Superintendent or designee officially closes the schools, no leave days previously arranged by a ten (10) month employee shall be deducted for any day that schools are closed.

#### **8.7 Holidays**

To receive pay for a holiday, an employee must work the day before and the day after the holiday listed below, provided the day before or the day after the holiday is a working day. This requirement can also be met using any approved leave in accordance with this Agreement.

All employees will receive a typical day's pay for all regularly established school holidays as listed below.

If an employee is required to work on one of the holidays noted below, they will be compensated with their holiday pay at their regular rate and their time worked at the rate of one-and-one-half (1-1/2) times of their regular hourly wage.

Each employee shall be granted the following holidays off with pay per fiscal year:

Labor Day	Veteran's Day	Good Friday*
Rosh Hashanah*	Thanksgiving	Memorial Day
Yom Kippur*	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	President's Day
Columbus Day	Casimir Pulaski's Birthday	

\*If these holidays do not fall on a workday, holiday pay will not apply.

The Friday following Thanksgiving will be a day off without pay. If Veteran's Day is waived, it will be exchanged for the Friday following Thanksgiving, making it a day off with pay. Otherwise, the Friday following Thanksgiving will be a day off without pay.

If any other holiday is waived, it may be exchanged for another day off during the year.

If the school calendar has the District closed on other days than listed above, these additional days off will be without pay.

In the event a legal school holiday shall fall on Saturday or Sunday, the employee is still entitled to compensation for the holiday.

Eleven (11) and twelve (12) month employees also shall receive the following additional holiday off with pay per fiscal year:

Juneteenth

Only twelve (12) month employees shall receive the following additional holidays off with pay per fiscal year:

Christmas Day	New Year's Day	Fourth of July
Christmas Eve	New Year's Eve	

If Juneteenth, the Fourth of July, Christmas Day, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, and/or New Year's Day fall on a weekend, the eleven (11) or twelve (12) month employee will be notified when the school calendar is approved by the Board of Education as to which day he or she will receive off.

**8.8 Jury Duty**

The Board shall pay the regular salary to the employee called to serve on jury duty. The employee shall remit, via personal check, to the District any sums paid to the employee for their jury duty service, exclusive of reimbursement for mileage and/or meals.

**8.9 Leave of Absence**

The Board may grant a leave of absence without pay for a purpose deemed appropriate and beneficial to the School District. Such leave may be conditioned in such manner as the Board may elect. The granting and withholding of such leave of absence shall be within the sole

discretion of the Board and shall be non precedential with respect to any other request for such leave by such employee or by any other employee. If the leave is denied, the employee shall be given written reason(s) for denial.

#### **8.10 Association Days**

The Association shall be entitled to twelve (12) days of Association leave per fiscal year for the purpose of sending representatives to IEA/NEA sponsored conferences, conventions or workshops and for Association officers to conduct Association business. Employees authorized by the Association to take such leave shall be released from duties without loss of pay subject to the following:

- a) The Association shall give the Superintendent or designee written notice of the name(s) of the employee(s) authorized to take such leave and the date of such meeting, if applicable, at least five (5) employment days in advance of the day such employee(s) shall be absent.
- b) No individual employee shall use more than four (4) days in a single school year, with the exception of the Association President(s) who may use up to four (4) days for convention attendance and up to four (4) days for other purposes provided herein. No more than two (2) employees shall be released from each building at a time and Association activities will not compromise coverage in the building and/or District. The Association may request release of additional employees with consultation with the building principal or immediate supervisor.
- c) The Association shall reimburse the District in an amount equal to the actual substitute rate for each leave day (or half-day) on which a substitute is actually employed. Such reimbursement shall be within ten (10) employment days following the day of leave.
- d) Minimal use of Association leave may be in half-day units.

## ARTICLE IX

### Grievance Procedure

#### **9.1 Grievance- Definitions**

a) Grievance

Any claim by the Association, an employee or group of employees that there has been a violation, misrepresentation, or misapplication of the terms of this Agreement.

b) Days

As used herein, the term "days" shall mean days on which the District business office is open, except during the spring and winter recesses.

#### **9.2 Grievance- Procedures**

The parties hereto acknowledge that it is usually most desirable for an employee and an employee's immediately involved supervisor to resolve problems through free and informal communications. When requested by the employee, an Association representative may accompany the employee to assist in the informal resolution of the grievance. If, however, the informal process fails to satisfy the employee or the Association, a grievance may be processed as follows:

a) Step One

The employee or the Association may present the grievance in writing to the immediately involved supervisor, who will arrange for a meeting to take place within ten (10) days after receipt of the grievance. Such grievance shall be submitted within fifteen (15) days of the occurrence of the grievance or within fifteen (15) days of when such occurrence might reasonably have been ascertained. The grievant may be accompanied to such meeting by a representative, and, if the Association is not the grievant or the grievant's representative, the grievant shall also be advised at such meeting that he is entitled to have a representative thereat. Within ten (10) days of the meeting, the grievant and the Association shall be provided with the supervisor's written response, including the reason(s) for the decision.

b) Step Two

If the grievance is not resolved at Step One, then the Association may refer the grievance to the Superintendent or designee within ten (10) days after receipt of the Step One answer or within ten (10) days after the Step One meeting, whichever is the later. The Superintendent or designee shall arrange with the Association representative for a meeting to take place within ten (10) days of receipt of the appeal.

Within ten (10) days of the meeting, the Association shall be provided with a written response of the Superintendent or designee, including the reason(s) for the decision.

c) Step Three

If the Association is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Step Two or the time limits expire without the issuance of the Superintendent's written reply, the Association may submit the grievance to binding arbitration pursuant to the procedures of the American Arbitration Association, which shall act as the administrator thereof. If a demand for arbitration is

not filed within thirty (30) days of the date for the Step Two answer, then the grievance shall be deemed withdrawn:

- 1) Neither the Board nor the Association shall be permitted to assert any grounds, evidence or issue before the arbitrator that was not previously disclosed to the other party.
- 2) The arbitrator is empowered to recommend remedies consistent with this Agreement and pursuant to his/her lawful authority.
- 3) The cost of arbitration shall be borne equally by the parties, except for those legal and other fees incurred separately by the Board and the Association in presenting their side of the grievance and its disposition.

### **9.3 Grievance- Bypass Steps**

If the Association and the Superintendent agree, Step One of the grievance procedure may be bypassed and the grievance brought directly to Step Two.

### **9.4 Grievance - Direct Submission to Arbitration**

If the Superintendent and the Association agree, a grievance may be submitted directly to arbitration with or without utilization of the American Arbitration Association.

### **9.5 Grievance - Step Clarification**

Grievances involving an administrator above the building level may be initially filed at Step Two.

### **9.6 Grievance - Representation**

An employee may elect to be represented at any step of the grievance procedure. If the Association is neither the grievant nor the grievant's representative, the Association shall have the right to be represented at all formal steps of the grievance procedure.

### **9.7 Grievance - No Reprisal**

No reprisals shall be taken by the Board or administration against any employee because of the employee's participation in a grievance.

### **9.8 Grievance- Representation Substitution**

If a grievance meeting shall be conducted at a time when the employee or his/her representative, or the Association representative, is otherwise assigned, such employee and/or representative shall be permitted to attend such meeting without loss of pay or benefit.

### **9.9 Grievance- Records**

All records relating to a grievance shall be filed separately from the personnel file of the employee.

### **9.10 Grievance-Withdrawal**

A grievance may be withdrawn at any level without establishing precedent, provided that, if withdrawn, the grievance shall be treated as though never having been filed

### **9.11 Grievance- Time Limit Extension**

Time limits may be extended upon written mutual consent.

**9.12 Grievance- Sharing of Information**

The parties agree to cooperate in the processing of grievances by providing relevant non-confidential data, provided neither party shall be compelled to compile or assemble data or to engage in extended research.

## ARTICLE X

### **NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURE**

#### **10.1 Impasse**

If an impasse is declared or occurs, as provided by law, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) shall be requested by the parties to appoint a mediator from its staff, provided that if the FMCS is unable for any reason to provide a mediator within a reasonable period after so requested, the parties shall seek a mediator through the offices of the American Arbitration Association, unless required by law to pursue some alternate procedure.

#### **10.2 Negotiations**

Negotiations will begin at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of this contract. The impasse procedures of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act will prevail and the parties agree to jointly request the services of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service when the mediation process is invoked.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**EFFECT OF AGREEMENT**

**11.1 Agreement - Modification**

The terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement represent the full and complete understanding between the parties. The terms and conditions may be modified only through the written mutual consent of the parties.

**11.2 Savings Clause**

Should any Article, Section, or Clause of this Agreement be declared illegal by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that Article, Section, or Clause shall be deleted from this Agreement to the extent that it violates the law. The remaining Articles, Sections, and Clauses shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that such Articles, Sections, and Clauses are consistent with the opinion of the court.

**11.3 Management and Direction**

The Association acknowledges that the Board has the responsibility and authority to manage and direct, on behalf of the public, all of the operations and activities of the School District to the full extent provided by law, limited only by the lawful provisions of the Agreement.

**11.4 Agreement Modification**

The parties each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waive any right which might otherwise exist under law to negotiate over any matter during the term of this Agreement, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to any matter (except as otherwise specifically provided herein) even though such subject or matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement. Notwithstanding the above, the parties agree to use reasonable efforts to resolve such matters on a collaborative basis.

**11.5 Term of Agreement**

This Agreement shall be effective at 12:00 a.m. on July 1, 2026 and shall continue in effect until 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2032.

**11.6 Copies of Agreement**

Within thirty (30) calendar days after ratification by both parties, the Board shall make available an electronic version of the Agreement. The electronic version of the Agreement will be placed on the district website in a public portal. A printed copy will be signed by both parties, archived and provided to the Board and ESPA Co Presidents.

**ARTICLE XI**

**NO STRIKE**

**12.1 No Strike**

The Association agrees that neither it nor its members will authorize or take part in any strike during the life of this Agreement.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Between

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kildeer Countryside Community Consolidated School District 96

and

KILDEER CCCSD EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION

for the years:

2026-2027

2027-2028

2028-2029

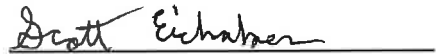
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Agreed to and signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026,

FOR THE ASSOCIATION:

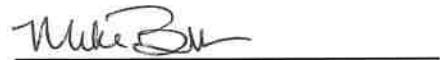


Scott Eichaker- Co-President



Lorna Jaegers- Co-President

FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:



Mike Burns-President

**ESPA HOURLY RATE SALARY SCHEDULE 2026-27**

	<b>Admin Assistant</b>	<b>Bilingual Aide</b>	<b>Instructional Aide</b>	<b>Intensive SpEd Aide</b>	<b>SpEd Aide</b>	<b>Custodian</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>RN</b>	<b>Sign Lang Interpreter</b>	<b>1:1 LPN/1:1 RN</b>
<b>1</b>	\$24.46	\$24.86	\$23.59	\$26.08	\$23.59	\$24.86	\$18.63	\$41.30	\$33.53	\$42.21
<b>2</b>	\$24.68	\$25.10	\$23.81	\$26.33	\$23.81	\$25.10	\$18.81	\$41.63	\$33.85	\$42.62
<b>3</b>	\$24.90	\$25.34	\$24.05	\$26.59	\$24.05	\$25.34	\$18.99	\$41.96	\$34.18	\$43.04
<b>4</b>	\$25.13	\$25.58	\$24.29	\$26.85	\$24.29	\$25.58	\$19.17	\$42.31	\$34.51	\$43.45
<b>5</b>	\$25.35	\$25.82	\$24.52	\$27.10	\$24.52	\$25.82	\$19.36	\$42.65	\$34.85	\$43.89
<b>6</b>	\$25.59	\$26.06	\$24.77	\$27.36	\$24.77	\$26.06	\$19.55	\$42.99	\$35.19	\$44.30
<b>7</b>	\$25.81	\$26.31	\$25.00	\$27.64	\$25.00	\$26.31	\$19.74	\$43.33	\$35.52	\$44.75
<b>8</b>	\$26.03	\$26.58	\$25.23	\$27.89	\$25.23	\$26.58	\$19.92	\$43.69	\$35.86	\$45.16
<b>9</b>	\$26.28	\$26.84	\$25.49	\$28.17	\$25.49	\$26.84	\$20.14	\$44.07	\$36.24	\$45.63
<b>10</b>	\$26.53	\$27.10	\$25.76	\$28.46	\$25.76	\$27.10	\$20.33	\$44.42	\$36.59	\$46.07
<b>11</b>	\$26.76	\$27.36	\$26.00	\$28.74	\$26.00	\$27.36	\$20.53	\$44.80	\$36.95	\$46.56
<b>12</b>	\$27.02	\$27.65	\$26.27	\$29.02	\$26.27	\$27.65	\$20.72	\$45.20	\$37.33	\$47.01
<b>13</b>	\$27.26	\$27.92	\$26.52	\$29.31	\$26.52	\$27.92	\$20.95	\$45.57	\$37.72	\$47.48
<b>14</b>	\$27.52	\$28.20	\$26.80	\$29.60	\$26.80	\$28.20	\$21.17	\$45.94	\$38.07	\$47.94
<b>15</b>	\$27.77	\$28.48	\$27.06	\$29.90	\$27.06	\$28.48	\$21.36	\$46.32	\$38.45	\$48.44
<b>16</b>	\$28.03	\$28.76	\$27.33	\$30.21	\$27.33	\$28.76	\$21.58	\$46.74	\$38.86	\$48.90
<b>17</b>	\$28.28	\$29.04	\$27.59	\$30.51	\$27.59	\$29.04	\$21.80	\$47.12	\$39.24	\$49.40
<b>18</b>	\$28.55	\$29.34	\$27.88	\$30.83	\$27.88	\$29.34	\$22.02	\$47.53	\$39.63	\$49.89
<b>19</b>	\$28.82	\$29.64	\$28.16	\$31.12	\$28.16	\$29.64	\$22.22	\$47.93	\$40.04	\$50.41
<b>20</b>	\$29.09	\$29.93	\$28.44	\$31.43	\$28.44	\$29.93	\$22.45	\$48.34	\$40.44	\$50.88

**Notes:**

This salary schedule includes increases as follows:

Nurses = \$7/hr increase

Admin Assistants = \$2/hr increase

All Other:

On Schedule = 4.0% plus a 1.0% step increase totaling 5.0%

Off Schedule = 4.0%

### ESPA HOURLY RATE SALARY SCHEDULE 2027-28

	<b>Admin Assistant</b>	<b>Bilingual Aide</b>	<b>Instructional Aide</b>	<b>Intensive SpEd Aide</b>	<b>SpEd Aide</b>	<b>Custodian</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>RN</b>	<b>Sign Lang Interpreter</b>	<b>1:1 LPN/1:1 RN</b>
<b>1</b>	\$25.44	\$25.85	\$24.53	\$27.12	\$24.53	\$25.85	\$19.38	\$42.95	\$34.87	\$43.90
<b>2</b>	\$25.68	\$26.10	\$24.77	\$27.38	\$24.77	\$26.10	\$19.56	\$43.37	\$35.21	\$44.32
<b>3</b>	\$25.91	\$26.36	\$25.00	\$27.65	\$25.00	\$26.36	\$19.75	\$43.71	\$35.54	\$44.75
<b>4</b>	\$26.15	\$26.61	\$25.25	\$27.92	\$25.25	\$26.61	\$19.94	\$44.06	\$35.89	\$45.19
<b>5</b>	\$26.39	\$26.86	\$25.50	\$28.19	\$25.50	\$26.86	\$20.13	\$44.43	\$36.24	\$45.62
<b>6</b>	\$26.62	\$27.11	\$25.75	\$28.46	\$25.75	\$27.11	\$20.33	\$44.78	\$36.59	\$46.08
<b>7</b>	\$26.87	\$27.36	\$26.01	\$28.73	\$26.01	\$27.36	\$20.53	\$45.14	\$36.95	\$46.52
<b>8</b>	\$27.10	\$27.63	\$26.25	\$29.02	\$26.25	\$27.63	\$20.73	\$45.50	\$37.30	\$46.99
<b>9</b>	\$27.33	\$27.91	\$26.49	\$29.28	\$26.49	\$27.91	\$20.92	\$45.87	\$37.65	\$47.42
<b>10</b>	\$27.59	\$28.18	\$26.76	\$29.58	\$26.76	\$28.18	\$21.15	\$46.27	\$38.05	\$47.91
<b>11</b>	\$27.86	\$28.46	\$27.05	\$29.88	\$27.05	\$28.46	\$21.35	\$46.64	\$38.42	\$48.37
<b>12</b>	\$28.10	\$28.73	\$27.30	\$30.18	\$27.30	\$28.73	\$21.56	\$47.04	\$38.80	\$48.89
<b>13</b>	\$28.37	\$29.03	\$27.58	\$30.47	\$27.58	\$29.03	\$21.76	\$47.46	\$39.20	\$49.36
<b>14</b>	\$28.62	\$29.32	\$27.85	\$30.78	\$27.85	\$29.32	\$22.00	\$47.85	\$39.61	\$49.85
<b>15</b>	\$28.90	\$29.61	\$28.14	\$31.08	\$28.14	\$29.61	\$22.23	\$48.24	\$39.97	\$50.34
<b>16</b>	\$29.16	\$29.90	\$28.41	\$31.40	\$28.41	\$29.90	\$22.43	\$48.64	\$40.37	\$50.86
<b>17</b>	\$29.43	\$30.20	\$28.70	\$31.72	\$28.70	\$30.20	\$22.66	\$49.08	\$40.80	\$51.35
<b>18</b>	\$29.69	\$30.49	\$28.97	\$32.04	\$28.97	\$30.49	\$22.89	\$49.48	\$41.20	\$51.87
<b>19</b>	\$29.98	\$30.81	\$29.27	\$32.37	\$29.27	\$30.81	\$23.12	\$49.91	\$41.61	\$52.38
<b>20</b>	\$30.26	\$31.12	\$29.57	\$32.68	\$29.57	\$31.12	\$23.33	\$50.33	\$42.04	\$52.93

**Notes:**

This salary schedule includes increases as follows:

On Schedule = 4.0% plus a 1.0% step increase totaling 5.0%

Off Schedule = 4.0%

**ESPA HOURLY RATE SALARY SCHEDULE 2028-29**

	<b>Admin Assistant</b>	<b>Bilingual Aide</b>	<b>Instructional Aide</b>	<b>Intensive SpEd Aide</b>	<b>SpEd Aide</b>	<b>Custodian</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>RN</b>	<b>Sign Lang Interpreter</b>	<b>1:1 LPN/1:1 RN</b>
<b>1</b>	\$26.33	\$26.75	\$25.39	\$28.07	\$25.39	\$26.75	\$20.06	\$44.45	\$36.09	\$45.44
<b>2</b>	\$26.58	\$27.01	\$25.63	\$28.34	\$25.63	\$27.01	\$20.25	\$44.88	\$36.44	\$45.88
<b>3</b>	\$26.84	\$27.27	\$25.88	\$28.61	\$25.88	\$27.27	\$20.44	\$45.32	\$36.79	\$46.31
<b>4</b>	\$27.08	\$27.55	\$26.13	\$28.89	\$26.13	\$27.55	\$20.64	\$45.68	\$37.14	\$46.76
<b>5</b>	\$27.33	\$27.81	\$26.39	\$29.18	\$26.39	\$27.81	\$20.84	\$46.04	\$37.51	\$47.22
<b>6</b>	\$27.58	\$28.07	\$26.65	\$29.46	\$26.65	\$28.07	\$21.04	\$46.43	\$37.87	\$47.67
<b>7</b>	\$27.82	\$28.33	\$26.91	\$29.74	\$26.91	\$28.33	\$21.24	\$46.80	\$38.24	\$48.15
<b>8</b>	\$28.08	\$28.59	\$27.18	\$30.02	\$27.18	\$28.59	\$21.45	\$47.17	\$38.61	\$48.61
<b>9</b>	\$28.32	\$28.87	\$27.43	\$30.33	\$27.43	\$28.87	\$21.66	\$47.55	\$38.98	\$49.10
<b>10</b>	\$28.56	\$29.17	\$27.68	\$30.60	\$27.68	\$29.17	\$21.86	\$47.93	\$39.34	\$49.55
<b>11</b>	\$28.83	\$29.45	\$27.96	\$30.91	\$27.96	\$29.45	\$22.10	\$48.35	\$39.76	\$50.07
<b>12</b>	\$29.11	\$29.74	\$28.27	\$31.22	\$28.27	\$29.74	\$22.31	\$48.74	\$40.15	\$50.55
<b>13</b>	\$29.36	\$30.02	\$28.53	\$31.54	\$28.53	\$30.02	\$22.53	\$49.16	\$40.55	\$51.09
<b>14</b>	\$29.65	\$30.34	\$28.82	\$31.84	\$28.82	\$30.34	\$22.74	\$49.60	\$40.96	\$51.58
<b>15</b>	\$29.91	\$30.64	\$29.10	\$32.17	\$29.10	\$30.64	\$22.99	\$50.00	\$41.39	\$52.09
<b>16</b>	\$30.20	\$30.94	\$29.41	\$32.48	\$29.41	\$30.94	\$23.23	\$50.41	\$41.77	\$52.61
<b>17</b>	\$30.47	\$31.25	\$29.69	\$32.81	\$29.69	\$31.25	\$23.44	\$50.83	\$42.19	\$53.15
<b>18</b>	\$30.75	\$31.56	\$29.99	\$33.15	\$29.99	\$31.56	\$23.68	\$51.29	\$42.64	\$53.66
<b>19</b>	\$31.03	\$31.86	\$30.27	\$33.48	\$30.27	\$31.86	\$23.92	\$51.71	\$43.05	\$54.20
<b>20</b>	\$31.33	\$32.20	\$30.59	\$33.83	\$30.59	\$32.20	\$24.16	\$52.16	\$43.48	\$54.74

**Notes:**

This salary schedule includes increases as follows:

On Schedule = 3.5% plus a 1.0% step increase totaling 4.5%

Off Schedule = 3.5%

**ESPA HOURLY RATE SALARY SCHEDULE 2029-30**

	<b>Admin Assistant</b>	<b>Bilingual Aide</b>	<b>Instructional Aide</b>	<b>Intensive SpEd Aide</b>	<b>SpEd Aide</b>	<b>Custodian</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>RN</b>	<b>Sign Lang Interpreter</b>	<b>1:1 LPN/1:1 RN</b>
<b>1</b>	\$27.25	\$27.69	\$26.28	\$29.05	\$26.28	\$27.69	\$20.76	\$46.01	\$37.35	\$47.03
<b>2</b>	\$27.51	\$27.95	\$26.53	\$29.33	\$26.53	\$27.95	\$20.96	\$46.45	\$37.71	\$47.48
<b>3</b>	\$27.78	\$28.23	\$26.78	\$29.62	\$26.78	\$28.23	\$21.16	\$46.90	\$38.08	\$47.94
<b>4</b>	\$28.05	\$28.50	\$27.04	\$29.90	\$27.04	\$28.50	\$21.36	\$47.36	\$38.45	\$48.39
<b>5</b>	\$28.30	\$28.79	\$27.31	\$30.19	\$27.31	\$28.79	\$21.57	\$47.74	\$38.81	\$48.86
<b>6</b>	\$28.56	\$29.06	\$27.58	\$30.49	\$27.58	\$29.06	\$21.78	\$48.11	\$39.20	\$49.34
<b>7</b>	\$28.82	\$29.33	\$27.85	\$30.79	\$27.85	\$29.33	\$21.99	\$48.52	\$39.57	\$49.82
<b>8</b>	\$29.07	\$29.60	\$28.12	\$31.08	\$28.12	\$29.60	\$22.20	\$48.91	\$39.96	\$50.32
<b>9</b>	\$29.34	\$29.88	\$28.40	\$31.37	\$28.40	\$29.88	\$22.42	\$49.29	\$40.35	\$50.80
<b>10</b>	\$29.59	\$30.17	\$28.66	\$31.69	\$28.66	\$30.17	\$22.63	\$49.69	\$40.73	\$51.31
<b>11</b>	\$29.85	\$30.48	\$28.93	\$31.98	\$28.93	\$30.48	\$22.84	\$50.09	\$41.11	\$51.78
<b>12</b>	\$30.13	\$30.78	\$29.22	\$32.30	\$29.22	\$30.78	\$23.09	\$50.53	\$41.55	\$52.32
<b>13</b>	\$30.42	\$31.08	\$29.54	\$32.62	\$29.54	\$31.08	\$23.31	\$50.93	\$41.96	\$52.82
<b>14</b>	\$30.68	\$31.37	\$29.81	\$32.96	\$29.81	\$31.37	\$23.54	\$51.37	\$42.37	\$53.39
<b>15</b>	\$30.98	\$31.71	\$30.12	\$33.27	\$30.12	\$31.71	\$23.76	\$51.83	\$42.80	\$53.90
<b>16</b>	\$31.26	\$32.02	\$30.41	\$33.62	\$30.41	\$32.02	\$24.02	\$52.25	\$43.25	\$54.43
<b>17</b>	\$31.56	\$32.33	\$30.73	\$33.94	\$30.73	\$32.33	\$24.28	\$52.68	\$43.65	\$54.98
<b>18</b>	\$31.84	\$32.66	\$31.03	\$34.29	\$31.03	\$32.66	\$24.49	\$53.12	\$44.09	\$55.54
<b>19</b>	\$32.13	\$32.98	\$31.34	\$34.64	\$31.34	\$32.98	\$24.75	\$53.60	\$44.56	\$56.07
<b>20</b>	\$32.43	\$33.29	\$31.63	\$34.99	\$31.63	\$33.29	\$25.00	\$54.04	\$44.99	\$56.64

**Notes:**

This salary schedule includes increases as follows:

On Schedule = 3.5% plus a 1.0% step increase totaling 4.5%

Off Schedule = 3.5%

**ESPA HOURLY RATE SALARY SCHEDULE 2030-31**

	<b>Admin Assistant</b>	<b>Bilingual Aide</b>	<b>Instructional Aide</b>	<b>Intensive SpEd Aide</b>	<b>SpEd Aide</b>	<b>Custodian</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>RN</b>	<b>Sign Lang Interpreter</b>	<b>1:1 LPN/1:1 RN</b>
<b>1</b>	\$28.07	\$28.52	\$27.07	\$29.92	\$27.07	\$28.52	\$21.38	\$47.39	\$38.47	\$48.44
<b>2</b>	\$28.34	\$28.80	\$27.33	\$30.21	\$27.33	\$28.80	\$21.59	\$47.85	\$38.84	\$48.91
<b>3</b>	\$28.61	\$29.07	\$27.59	\$30.50	\$27.59	\$29.07	\$21.80	\$48.31	\$39.22	\$49.38
<b>4</b>	\$28.89	\$29.36	\$27.85	\$30.80	\$27.85	\$29.36	\$22.01	\$48.78	\$39.60	\$49.86
<b>5</b>	\$29.17	\$29.64	\$28.12	\$31.10	\$28.12	\$29.64	\$22.21	\$49.25	\$39.99	\$50.33
<b>6</b>	\$29.43	\$29.94	\$28.40	\$31.40	\$28.40	\$29.94	\$22.43	\$49.65	\$40.36	\$50.81
<b>7</b>	\$29.70	\$30.22	\$28.68	\$31.71	\$28.68	\$30.22	\$22.65	\$50.03	\$40.77	\$51.31
<b>8</b>	\$29.97	\$30.50	\$28.96	\$32.02	\$28.96	\$30.50	\$22.87	\$50.46	\$41.15	\$51.81
<b>9</b>	\$30.23	\$30.78	\$29.24	\$32.32	\$29.24	\$30.78	\$23.09	\$50.87	\$41.56	\$52.33
<b>10</b>	\$30.51	\$31.08	\$29.54	\$32.62	\$29.54	\$31.08	\$23.32	\$51.26	\$41.96	\$52.83
<b>11</b>	\$30.77	\$31.38	\$29.81	\$32.96	\$29.81	\$31.38	\$23.54	\$51.68	\$42.36	\$53.36
<b>12</b>	\$31.04	\$31.70	\$30.09	\$33.26	\$30.09	\$31.70	\$23.75	\$52.09	\$42.75	\$53.85
<b>13</b>	\$31.34	\$32.01	\$30.39	\$33.59	\$30.39	\$32.01	\$24.01	\$52.55	\$43.21	\$54.41
<b>14</b>	\$31.64	\$32.32	\$30.72	\$33.92	\$30.72	\$32.32	\$24.24	\$52.97	\$43.64	\$54.93
<b>15</b>	\$31.91	\$32.62	\$31.00	\$34.28	\$31.00	\$32.62	\$24.48	\$53.42	\$44.06	\$55.53
<b>16</b>	\$32.22	\$32.98	\$31.32	\$34.60	\$31.32	\$32.98	\$24.71	\$53.90	\$44.51	\$56.06
<b>17</b>	\$32.51	\$33.30	\$31.63	\$34.96	\$31.63	\$33.30	\$24.98	\$54.34	\$44.98	\$56.61
<b>18</b>	\$32.82	\$33.62	\$31.96	\$35.30	\$31.96	\$33.62	\$25.25	\$54.79	\$45.40	\$57.18
<b>19</b>	\$33.11	\$33.97	\$32.27	\$35.66	\$32.27	\$33.97	\$25.47	\$55.24	\$45.85	\$57.76
<b>20</b>	\$33.42	\$34.30	\$32.59	\$36.03	\$32.59	\$34.30	\$25.74	\$55.74	\$46.34	\$58.31

**Notes:**

This salary schedule includes increases as follows:

On Schedule = 3.0% plus a 1.0% step increase totaling 4.0%

Off Schedule = 3.0%

**ESPA HOURLY RATE SALARY SCHEDULE 2031-32**

	<b>Admin Assistant</b>	<b>Bilingual Aide</b>	<b>Instructional Aide</b>	<b>Intensive SpEd Aide</b>	<b>SpEd Aide</b>	<b>Custodian</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>RN</b>	<b>Sign Lang Interpreter</b>	<b>1:1 LPN/1:1 RN</b>
<b>1</b>	\$28.91	\$29.38	\$27.88	\$30.82	\$27.88	\$29.38	\$22.02	\$48.81	\$39.62	\$49.89
<b>2</b>	\$29.19	\$29.66	\$28.15	\$31.12	\$28.15	\$29.66	\$22.24	\$49.29	\$40.01	\$50.38
<b>3</b>	\$29.47	\$29.95	\$28.42	\$31.42	\$28.42	\$29.95	\$22.45	\$49.76	\$40.39	\$50.87
<b>4</b>	\$29.75	\$30.23	\$28.69	\$31.72	\$28.69	\$30.23	\$22.67	\$50.24	\$40.79	\$51.36
<b>5</b>	\$30.05	\$30.53	\$28.96	\$32.03	\$28.96	\$30.53	\$22.89	\$50.73	\$41.18	\$51.85
<b>6</b>	\$30.34	\$30.83	\$29.24	\$32.34	\$29.24	\$30.83	\$23.10	\$51.22	\$41.59	\$52.34
<b>7</b>	\$30.61	\$31.14	\$29.54	\$32.66	\$29.54	\$31.14	\$23.33	\$51.64	\$41.97	\$52.84
<b>8</b>	\$30.89	\$31.43	\$29.83	\$32.98	\$29.83	\$31.43	\$23.56	\$52.03	\$42.40	\$53.36
<b>9</b>	\$31.17	\$31.72	\$30.12	\$33.30	\$30.12	\$31.72	\$23.78	\$52.48	\$42.80	\$53.88
<b>10</b>	\$31.44	\$32.01	\$30.41	\$33.61	\$30.41	\$32.01	\$24.01	\$52.90	\$43.22	\$54.42
<b>11</b>	\$31.73	\$32.32	\$30.72	\$33.92	\$30.72	\$32.32	\$24.25	\$53.31	\$43.64	\$54.94
<b>12</b>	\$32.00	\$32.64	\$31.00	\$34.28	\$31.00	\$32.64	\$24.48	\$53.75	\$44.05	\$55.49
<b>13</b>	\$32.28	\$32.97	\$31.29	\$34.59	\$31.29	\$32.97	\$24.70	\$54.17	\$44.46	\$56.00
<b>14</b>	\$32.59	\$33.29	\$31.61	\$34.93	\$31.61	\$33.29	\$24.97	\$54.65	\$44.94	\$56.59
<b>15</b>	\$32.91	\$33.61	\$31.95	\$35.28	\$31.95	\$33.61	\$25.21	\$55.09	\$45.39	\$57.13
<b>16</b>	\$33.19	\$33.92	\$32.24	\$35.65	\$32.24	\$33.92	\$25.46	\$55.56	\$45.82	\$57.75
<b>17</b>	\$33.51	\$34.30	\$32.57	\$35.98	\$32.57	\$34.30	\$25.70	\$56.06	\$46.29	\$58.30
<b>18</b>	\$33.81	\$34.63	\$32.90	\$36.36	\$32.90	\$34.63	\$25.98	\$56.51	\$46.78	\$58.87
<b>19</b>	\$34.13	\$34.96	\$33.24	\$36.71	\$33.24	\$34.96	\$26.26	\$56.98	\$47.22	\$59.47
<b>20</b>	\$34.43	\$35.33	\$33.56	\$37.09	\$33.56	\$35.33	\$26.49	\$57.45	\$47.68	\$60.07

**Notes:**

This salary schedule includes increases as follows:

On Schedule = 3.0% plus a 1.0% step increase totaling 4.0%

Off Schedule = 3.0%

**APPENDIX B  
HEAD CUSTODIAN STIPEND CHART**

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>FY 26-27</b>	<b>FY 27-28</b>	<b>FY 28-29</b>	<b>FY 29-30</b>	<b>FY 30-31</b>	<b>FY 31-32</b>
Elementary School	\$4.00	\$4.16	\$4.31	\$4.46	\$4.59	\$4.73
Middle School	\$5.00	\$5.20	\$5.38	\$5.57	\$5.74	\$5.91
District	\$6.00	\$6.24	\$6.46	\$6.69	\$6.89	\$7.10

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Joint Labor and Management Committee

The Kildeer Countryside CCSD Board of Education and the Kildeer Countryside CCSD Education Support Professional Association acknowledge a common interest to carry out the mission of District 96 and to provide the highest quality educational experience for students. In order to facilitate the accomplishment of this common goal it is agreed that issues will be discussed in collaborative meetings between representatives of both parties. The resolution of these issues shall not be deemed to be contractual in nature. It is the hope of both parties that a common understanding of our mutual interests will lead to resolution in a manner that is beneficial to all concerned.

Both parties commit to meet on a regular basis over the course of this contract to discuss and attempt to resolve in mutually beneficial ways issues of common concern.

A joint labor and management committee shall meet a minimum of four (4) times annually, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon. In the event of a prolonged school closure or extended disruption to normal school operations, the Joint Labor and Management Committee may be used as a forum for the District to share information and receive Association input regarding the impact on employee work schedules, assignments, and return-to-work expectations. Discussions shall be advisory in nature and shall not delay or limit the District's authority to make operational decisions.

The Board and the Association agree that this Letter of Agreement shall not be deemed a part of their Collective Bargaining Agreement, shall not be subject to the grievance procedure contained in that Collective Bargaining Agreement, and is not precedential in nature.

By: Scott Eichaker  
Scott Eichaker, Co-President KESPA

Date: 3/10/26

By: Lorna Jaegers  
Lorna Jaegers- Co-President KESPA

Date: 3/10/26

By: Mike Burns  
Mike Burns-President  
District 96 Board of Education

Date: 3/10/26

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Market Adjustment

During the spring of the third year of this agreement (May 2029), the District will conduct a market survey of surrounding districts (Districts 102, 103, 73, 109, 21) to compare the starting wages for each classification of employees in the KESPA. If the average wage for a classification in the comparable districts exceeds the current starting wage of that classification in this agreement, the starting wage for the impacted classification in this agreement will be adjusted for the 29-30 school year to the calculated average rate. Corresponding adjustments will be made to the wages of existing staff in that classification to maintain the integrity of the salary schedule.

No reductions in wages will occur through this process.

The District will meet with representatives from the KESPA Board prior to implementation to review the market survey and resulting calculations.

By: Scott Eichaker  
Scott Eichaker, Co-President KESPA

Date: 3/10/26

By: Lorna Jaegers  
Lorna Jaegers- Co-President KESPA

Date: 3/10/26

By: Mike Burns  
Mike Burns-President  
District 96 Board of Education

Date: 3/10/26