

Memorandum Of Understanding
Between
Longview Education Association and Longview School District
Regarding the
Committee to Study Elementary Spring Conferences

Traditionally, the Longview School District has held elementary conferences in early spring to address students who were not meeting grade level standards and may need additional support. During the last three years, conferences were held during two half days (afternoons) for a total of 6 hours.

The Longview Education Association (“LEA”) and the Longview School District (“District”) conducted bargaining sessions as the 2022-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement was expiring as of September 1, 2025. LEA supported using a portion of student release time to prepare for conferences and to limit the number of families teachers were required to conference with. The District supported using the entire student release time to meet with families of students with additional needs. LEA and the District could not find common alignment on this issue and the District suggested cancelling spring conferences in favor of students having an additional six hours of classroom instructional time.

LEA and the District agreed to maintain current contract language for the 2026-27 school year and simultaneously create a committee to study the efficacy of elementary student conferences in early spring and whether there might be different models that meet the learning needs of students, the needs of families to understand their students’ academic and social/emotional growth as well as the needs of elementary teachers.

The committee will be comprised of:

- 1) Jerry Forsman
- 2) Dr. Karen Joy
- 3) Principal Kristie Wall
- 4) Principal Bridget Piper
- 5) Principal Willy Lee

6) Elementary Teacher(s):

- Leah Richards
- Jonathan Pierce
- Avery Kibota
- Samantha Wilkinson
- Leslie Degner
- TBD

7) Parent Representative - Christy Eib

- TBD
- TBD

5) Kari Montgomery

The committee will have meetings that will begin early October 2026 for the 2026-27 school year. The committee recommendations will be used by both LEA and the District to guide planning for future spring conference language that can be captured by a memorandum of understanding for the 2027-2028 school year.

This Spring Conference Committee will be in effect for the 2026-27 school year beginning September 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027.

For the District



Executive Director of Employee Services



Date

For the Association



LEA President



Date