



**Master Agreement
Between**

**Minnesota School Employees Association Student
Support Staff
and
Independent School District 112**

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ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

This Agreement is entered into between the Independent School District 112, Chaska, Minnesota (hereinafter referred to as the School District or District), and the Minnesota School Employees Association, (hereinafter referred to as the "Union"), pursuant to and in compliance with the Minnesota Public Employment Labor Relations Act of 1971, as amended, (hereinafter referred to as P.E.L.R.A.), to provide the terms and conditions of employment during the duration of the Agreement.

ARTICLE II - RECOGNITION OF EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE

Section 1. Recognition:

In accordance with P.E.L.R.A., the School District recognizes the Minnesota School Employees Association as the exclusive representative for all employees of Independent School District No. 112, Chaska, Minnesota, whose employment service exceeds the lesser of twelve and a half (12.5) hours per week or thirty-five (35) percent of the normal work week and more than sixty-seven (67) days per year, who are included in APPENDIX A of this Master Agreement, which exclusive representative shall have those rights and duties as prescribed by P.E.L.R.A. and as described in the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 2. Appropriate Unit:

The exclusive representative shall represent all such employees of the District contained in the appropriate unit as defined in ARTICLE III, Section 2 of this Agreement and the P.E.L.R.A., and in certification by the Commissioner of Mediation services, Case No. 81-PR-946-A. Refer to Appendix A for a listing of current positions

ARTICLE III - DEFINITIONS

Section 1. "Terms and Conditions of Employment":

Terms and conditions of employment means the hours of employment, the compensation therefore, including fringe benefits, except retirement contributions or benefits, and the District's personnel policies affecting the working conditions of the employees.

Section 2. Description of Appropriate Unit:

For purposes of this Agreement, the appropriate unit shall mean all employees of Independent School District No. 112, Chaska, Minnesota, as described in Section 1 of Article II above.

Section 3. Definition:

Any reference in this Agreement to the School Board, Board, School District, or District shall mean the School Board or its officials designated to act on its behalf.

Section 4. P.E.L.R.A.:

P.E.L.R.A. shall mean the Public Employment Labor Relations Act of 1971, as amended.

Section 5. Other Terms:

Other terms not specifically defined here shall have the meaning given them under the P.E.L.R.A. (Public Employees Labor Relations Act).

Section 6. Calculation of Days:

All calculations of personal days, sick days, vacation or holidays are relative to the assigned daily hours of the employee. For example, an employee who is assigned 6.5 hours each day would earn personal days, each worth 6.5 hours.

Section 7. Anniversary Date:

As of July 1, 2002, employees hired on or before July 1, 2002 and thereafter will be credited with a full year of experience if their date of employment falls between the preceding July 1 and December 31. Employees hired between January 1 and June 30 will use July 1 of the following year. For example, an employee hired between July 1, 2002 and December 31, 2002 would use July 1, 2002 as the beginning of his/her first year with the District. An employee hired between January 1, 2003 and June 30, 2003 would use July 1, 2003 as the beginning of his/her first year with the District.

Section 8. Temporary Leave of Absence (LOA) Paraprofessional:

The term temporary LOA paraprofessional is defined as a paraprofessional who is hired for a position vacated by a specific student support union paraprofessional who is on a short term or long term leave of absence. A temporary LOA paraprofessional position will last one (1) year or less.

ARTICLE IV - SCHOOL DISTRICT RIGHTS

Section 1. Inherent Managerial Rights:

The exclusive representative recognizes that the District is not required to meet and negotiate on matters of inherent managerial policy, which include, but are not limited to, such areas of discretion or policy as the functions and programs of the District, its overall budget, utilization of technology, the organizational structure and the selection, direction, number of personnel, all management rights and management functions not expressly delegated in this Agreement are reserved to the School Board.

Section 2. School Board Responsibilities:

The exclusive representative recognizes the right and obligation of the School Board to efficiently manage and conduct the operation of the School District within its legal limitations and with its primary obligation to provide educational opportunities for the students of the School District.

Section 3. Effect of Laws, Rules and Regulations, Directives and Orders:

The exclusive representative recognizes that all employees covered by this Agreement shall perform the duties prescribed by the School District and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota, and by School Board rules, regulations, directives and orders, issued by properly designated officials of the School District. The exclusive representative also recognizes the right, obligation and duty of the School Board and its duly designated official to promulgate rules, regulations, directives and orders from time to time as deemed necessary by the School Board insofar as such rules, regulations, directives and orders are not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement.

Section 4. Reservation of Managerial Rights:

The foregoing enumeration of Board rights and duties shall not be deemed to exclude other inherent management rights and management functions not expressly reserved herein, and all management rights and functions are reserved to the District.

ARTICLE V - EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

Section 1. Right to Views:

Pursuant to M.S. Sec. 179A.06, Subd. 1, nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to limit, impair or affect the right of any employee or his/her representative to the expression or communication of a view, grievance, complaint or opinion on any matter related to the conditions or compensation of public employment or their betterment, so long as the same is not designed to and does not interfere with the full, faithful, and proper performance of the duties of employment or circumvent the rights of the exclusive representative.

Section 2. Request for Dues Check off:

Pursuant to P.E.L.R.A. the exclusive representative shall be allowed dues checkoff. Upon receipt by the School District of a properly executed authorization card of the employee involved, the School District will deduct in equal installments from the employee's paycheck the dues that the employee has agreed to pay to the exclusive representative during the period provided in said authorization beginning with the first paycheck after receipt of the executed authorization card.

Section 3. Remission of Withheld Funds:

The aggregate of funds deducted and withheld from all employees in the bargaining unit shall be remitted by the School District together with an itemized statement to the Minnesota School Employees Union no later than ten (10) days following the end of each payroll period.

Section 4. MSEA List:

The School District shall report to the Exclusive Representative and Union Steward(s) the information on all employees including additions, deletions, and status changes within the bargaining unit. The report will usually be provided to the Union on a monthly basis following the regularly scheduled School Board meeting. The report will be transmitted to the Union usually no later than one week following the approval of personnel items at the regularly scheduled School Board meeting.

Every 120 calendar days, the District will provide the exclusive representative in an excel file format or similar format agreed to by the exclusive representative the information above for all bargaining unit employees.

Section 5. Access to Information:

Upon reasonable written notice, the District shall provide access to District financial information, budgets and such other information necessary to the effective performance of the duties of the exclusive representative.

Section 6. Personnel Files:

Employees, upon request to the supervisor having custody of the personnel files, shall have the right to review the contents of his/her own personnel file. Employees shall have the right to reproduce any of the contents of the file. The employee may submit any information in response to material in the file and such information shall become part of the file.

ARTICLE VI - DUTY YEAR AND DUTY WEEK

Section 1. Work Year:

Duty days for employees shall be set by the District school calendar (example: student contact days, workshop day, etc). See printed school calendar provided by the School Board.

Section 2. Hours of the Day:

Hours of the day and days of the week that employees are to work shall be scheduled by the supervisor, subject to approval of the Director of Human Resources/designee. Employees will work at least the number of days and hours designated in the assigned schedule at the beginning of the school year (or at the date of hire) unless notice of a permanent schedule is provided. The District will, where appropriate, provide thirty (30) calendar days' notice if there is to be a permanent change in the work schedule.

Section 3. Breaks:

A one-half (1/2) hour duty free unpaid lunch break and two (2) fifteen minute (15) duty free paid breaks shall be provided for employees who work at least six (6) consecutive hours per day in a regularly scheduled position. One

(1) fifteen (15) minute duty free paid break shall be provided for employees who work at least four (4) consecutive hours per day in a regularly scheduled position.

Section 4. Emergency/Weather Closing:

Employees shall receive their full pay for any emergency school closings due to inclement weather, power outages, etc. If the student school day is subsequently rescheduled and made up, employees will perform their regular assignment without additional compensation. Employees will adjust their hours to the announced starting time on delayed school opening days. If circumstances necessitate the supervisor to require the employee to work when school is closed the employee will be granted an equivalent amount of paid time off at a time mutually agreed upon between the supervisor and employee.

Section 5. Overtime:

Overtime for work beyond eight (8) hours a day shall be assigned by the immediate supervisor and be compensated at time and one-half (1/2). Excepted from the above will be extra hours because of school emergency when staff members are also called back unless they exceed forty (40) hours a week.

Section 6. Compensatory Time:

Compensatory time may not be used in the first four (4) or last four (4) student contact days of the year. Other than this restriction, upon mutual agreement between the employee and the immediate supervisor, an employee may be granted compensatory time off for overtime worked pursuant to Section 5. Employees may accumulate up to but not more than sixteen (16) hours of compensatory time during a fiscal year (July 1-June 30). For employees who regularly work less than eight (8) hours per day and who are asked to work additional hours, these hours will be paid at the employee's rate of pay or used for compensatory time. For employees who regularly work eight (8) hours per day and who are asked to work additional hours, these hours will be paid at the overtime rate of pay or used for compensatory time. Compensatory time is to be used or paid off during the fiscal year (July 1-June 30) in which it was attained.

Section 7. Call Back Pay:

There shall be one and one-half hours (1½) minimum pay compensated if an employee is called back to work under conditions other than described in Section 5 at time and one-half (1/2).

ARTICLE VII - RATES OF PAY

Section 1. Successor Agreement:

In the event a successor Agreement is not entered into prior to the expiration of this Agreement, an employee shall be compensated according to the employee's then rate of pay until a successor Agreement is signed and ratified.

Section 2. Placement:

Subd. 1. Tier:

Positions covered by this Agreement are placed in Tiers as defined in APPENDIX A of this Agreement.

Subd. 2. New Positions:

New positions may be placed by the administration in the Tier deemed appropriate, subject to negotiations with the exclusive representative upon expiration of the existing Agreement. The exclusive representative will be informed of these new positions and their Tiers as they occur.

Subd. 3. Tier Placement:

New employees will be placed on the base rate and will need to complete the appropriate years of service in the District to obtain longevity.

Section 3. Basic Rates of Pay and Longevity:

The following schedule shall be in effect from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027:

	Longevity	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5	Tier 6	Tier 7
Year 1-4	-	\$19.33	\$20.99	\$22.66	\$24.32	\$25.99	\$28.20
Year 5-8	\$0.90	\$20.23	\$21.89	\$23.56	\$25.22	\$26.89	\$29.10
Year 9-12	\$1.20	\$20.53	\$22.19	\$23.86	\$25.52	\$27.19	\$29.40
Year 13-16	\$1.50	\$20.83	\$22.49	\$24.16	\$25.82	\$27.49	\$29.70
Year 17-18	\$1.80	\$21.13	\$22.79	\$24.46	\$26.12	\$27.79	\$30.00
Year 19-20	\$2.40	\$21.73	\$23.39	\$25.06	\$26.72	\$28.39	\$30.60
Year 21-22	\$2.65	\$21.98	\$23.64	\$25.31	\$26.97	\$28.64	\$30.85
Year 23-26	\$2.80	\$22.13	\$23.79	\$25.46	\$27.12	\$28.79	\$31.00
Year 27+	\$3.10	\$22.43	\$24.09	\$25.76	\$27.42	\$29.09	\$31.30

The following schedule shall be in effect from July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028:

	Longevity	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5	Tier 6	Tier 7
Year 1-4	-	\$19.82	\$21.53	\$23.24	\$24.95	\$26.65	\$28.92
Year 5-8	\$0.90	\$20.72	\$22.43	\$24.14	\$25.85	\$27.55	\$29.82
Year 9-12	\$1.20	\$21.02	\$22.73	\$24.44	\$26.15	\$27.85	\$30.12
Year 13-16	\$1.50	\$21.32	\$23.03	\$24.74	\$26.45	\$28.15	\$30.42
Year 17-18	\$1.80	\$21.62	\$23.33	\$25.04	\$26.75	\$28.45	\$30.72
Year 19-20	\$2.40	\$22.22	\$23.93	\$25.64	\$27.35	\$29.05	\$31.32
Year 21-22	\$2.65	\$22.47	\$24.18	\$25.89	\$27.60	\$29.30	\$31.57
Year 23-26	\$2.80	\$22.62	\$24.33	\$26.04	\$27.75	\$29.45	\$31.72
Year 27+	\$3.10	\$22.92	\$24.63	\$26.34	\$28.05	\$29.75	\$32.02

Section 4. Longevity:

Longevity becomes effective July 1 according to an employee's anniversary date. Employees hired between January 1 and June 30 will use July 1 of the following year. For example, an employee hired between July 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026 would use July 1, 2026 as the beginning of their first year with the District. An employee hired between January 1, 2027 and June 30, 2027 would use July 1, 2027 as the beginning of their first year with the District.

Section 5. Rate of Pay for District Student Support Union Employees Substituting for Others in this Bargaining Unit:

Subd. 1. Rate of Pay:

1. If an employee is asked to substitute for another employee in a higher Tier, for a full shift, that employee will be paid at that higher rate of pay.
2. If an employee is asked to substitute for another employee in a lower Tier, that employee will continue to receive his/her current rate of pay.

Subd. 2. Summer Substitute Rate:

When a substitute is needed during the summer hours, the hours shall be paid at the current substitute rate of pay.

Section 6. Rate of Pay for Club Care Split Shift Differential Pay:

For the 2026-2028 contract years, Club Care employees scheduled to work a split shift will receive the following shift differential pay per day:

Club Care Para-professionals	2026-2027	2027-2028
	\$29.00	\$29.74
Club Care Assistants	2026-2027	2027-2028
	\$31.49	\$32.29

ARTICLE VIII - HOLIDAYS/PERSONAL DAYS/VACATION

Section 1. Conditions and Definitions Relating to Holiday Pay Accrual:

Subd. 1. Threshold for Holiday Pay:

Employees who work at least five hundred twenty (520) hours per year in a regularly assigned position shall earn holiday pay.

Subd. 2. Eligibility:

In order to be eligible for holiday pay, an employee must have worked his/her regular workday before and after the holiday unless they are on an approved paid leave, under these provisions.

Subd. 3. Holidays When School In Session:

The District reserves the right, if school is in session, to cancel any of the scheduled holidays and establish another holiday in lieu thereof.

Subd. 4. Holiday on Non-Working Day:

Should a holiday fall on a "non-working" day, such as a Sat. or Sunday, the District will designate the holiday prior to or following the weekend in which the holiday falls.

Subd. 5. Holidays Computed as Time Worked:

Holidays shall be considered as time worked when computing overtime. When school is closed on any of the enumerated holidays, employees shall have the day off with pay.

Subd. 6. Holidays Computed for Variable Hour Employees:

For employees who have variable hours each week, their total hours worked per week will be divided by the number of days worked per week for an average for determining holiday pay.

Section 2. Schedule of Holidays:

Eligible employees shall earn holiday pay according to the following rate and schedule.

Eligibility for holidays listed below is first determined by counting the number of student contact days (normally 173), workshop day (normally 1), and extended days such as set up/training (Technology Associates = 3). Then the number of days is multiplied by the number of hours worked per day, this total number of hours determines the eligibility for holidays.

Holiday	Hours/Year (520-1465)	Hours/Year (1466-1790)	Hours/Year (1791-2020)
July 4			X
Labor Day		X	X
Thanksgiving Day	X	X	X
Day After Thanksgiving	X	X	X
Christmas Eve Day	X	X	X
Christmas Day	X	X	X
New Years Eve Day		X	X
New Years Day	X	X	X
MLK Day* or Presidents Day		X	X
Late Spring Break*			X
Memorial Day	X	X	X
Juneteenth**	X**	X**	X**
Total	6	9	11

*If a school holiday (defined as a day with no students and with no teachers)

Should a holiday be scheduled as a make-up student day for due to an Emergency/Weather closing (Article VI, Section 4) employees will perform their regular assignment without additional compensation and/or earning an additional floating holiday.

** Employees who work 246 days or more will earn Juneteenth.

Section 3. Personal Day:

Personal days shall be available to bargaining unit employees (as defined by ARTICLE II, Section 1) who are employed by the District as of December 31. Employees eligible for vacation are not eligible for personal days. Personal days are earned as follows:

Years of Service	Personal Days
Beginning Year 1-6	2 Personal Days
Beginning Year 7-11	3 Personal Days
Beginning Year 12-15	4 Personal Days
Beginning Year 16+	5 Personal Days

Subd. 1. Carry Over:

Eligible employees may carry over unused personal days into the subsequent year. The maximum number of personal days that an employee may accrue is six (6).

Subd. 2. Notice:

Three (3) day's written notice to the building principal is required prior to the use of a personal day.

Subd. 3. Restricted Days:

A personal day(s) may not be used in the first four (4) or last four (4) student contact days of the school year unless prior written approval is received from the Executive Director of Human Resources/designee.

Subd. 4. Maximum Number of Absences:

Any building or program with 1-9 para professional staff may have one (1) staff member use a personal day on a single day. Any building with 10 or more para professional staff may have two (2) staff members use a personal day on a single day. Positions not requiring substitutes will not be counted toward the maximum number of para professional staff that may be absent on a single day.

Subd. 5. Awarded:

Personal days will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Subd. 6. Increments:

Personal days may be requested in one (1) hour increments.

Section 4. Vacation Eligibility and Accrual:

Subd. 1. Eligibility:

Employees who work twelve (12) months per year in a regularly scheduled position shall be eligible for vacation accrual. Employees are encouraged to use vacation in the year it is earned. An eligible employee may take vacation on a year round basis subject to approval by the employee's supervisor(s). Employees eligible for vacation are not eligible for personal day.

Subd. 2. Conditions and Definitions Relating to Vacation Accrual:

1. The vacation year shall be considered from July 1 through June 30 of each fiscal year.
2. An employee in his/her first year of employment will be credited with vacation on a pro-rated basis for the days/hours worked in the year.
3. Vacation days that an employee accrues may be taken either during the year earned or up to June 30 of the next fiscal year. An employee may carry no more than one (1) year's vacation accrual into a new fiscal year.
4. An employee with less than one (1) year of service who resigns from his/her position prior to an earned vacation period is not entitled to vacation time. An employee who has worked for more than a year and resigns is entitled to vacation on a pro-rata basis according to the portion of time worked in the year under consideration.
5. In the year of an employee's resignation or retirement from the District, they may use days earned on a pro-rata basis. If an employee should use more vacation than they have earned on a pro-rata basis, and the employee leaves the District for any reason, an adjustment will be made to his/her final pay check.

Section 5. Earned Vacation:

Eligible employees shall earn vacation according to the following rate and schedule: Number of vacation days earned will be converted to hours (8 hours for an 8 hour employee and pro-rated hours for employees working less than 8 hours)

Years of Service	Hours/Year (520-1465)	Hours/Year (1466-1773)	Hours/Year (1774-2020)
Beginning Year 1-4	4 days	8 days	10 days
Beginning Year 5-10	6 days	12 days	15 days
Beginning Year 11-15	8 days	16 days	20 days
Beginning Year 16+	10 days	20 days	25 days

ARTICLE IX - GROUP INSURANCE**Section 1. Selection of Carrier:**

The selection of the insurance carrier and policy shall be made by the District.

Section 2. Eligible Employees:

Employees regularly employed for thirty (30) hours or more per week in a regularly scheduled bargaining unit position shall receive group insurance benefits provided in this Article.

Section 3. District Contribution to Insurance:

For 2026-2027, the amount of \$742.08 per month (\$8,905 annually) will be available for eligible paras to distribute as they designate among-benefits (health insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance, life insurance, supplemental life insurance, accidental death or dismemberment insurance, basic long term disability insurance, increased long term disability insurance, flex, Health Savings Account/HSA) or cash.

For 2027-2028, the amount of \$808 per month (\$9,696 annually) will be available for eligible paras to distribute as they designate among-benefits (health insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance, life insurance, supplemental life insurance, accidental death or dismemberment insurance, basic long term disability insurance, increased long term disability insurance, flex, Health Savings Account/HSA) or cash.

The balance of any premium costs, including the cost for those employees electing family coverage, shall be borne by the employee and paid by payroll deduction.

An employee electing coverage less expensive than the District's per annum contribution will receive the difference as salary. This difference shall be known as the insurance pay back.

Section 4. Dental Insurance:

The District shall contribute the sum of \$15 per toward the premium for dental insurance for each eligible employee who is enrolled in the District's said group insurance plan for the duration of this Agreement. The balance of any premium costs shall be borne by the employee and paid by payroll deductions.

Section 5. Vision Insurance:

All benefit eligible employees have access to Vision Insurance.

Section 6. Long-Term Disability Insurance:

The School District shall pay the full premium for coverage in the long-term disability insurance plan for eligible employees. The District shall pay the premium for an LTD policy that will be at 66.66% of base salary and a 60 calendar day waiting period.

Section 7. Life Insurance:

Life insurance in the amount of \$50,000 will be provided by the District for each eligible employee as identified by this Agreement. The principal sum benefit for any employees age seventy-five (75) and over shall be the amount specified by the policy and may be lower than the amount specified in this section. The administration of this plan will be consistent with the policies and procedures established by the insurance carrier.

Section 8. Flex Benefit Plan:

All employees will have access to a flex benefit plan addressing insurance, medical, and child care benefits.

Section 9. Health Savings Account (HSA):

If eligible, employees enrolled in the High Deductible Health Plan will have access to a HSA. See Benefit Summary for details.

Section 10. Claims Against the School District:

Any description of insurance benefits in this article are intended to be informational only and eligibility of any employee for benefits shall be governed by the terms of the insurance policy purchased by the District pursuant to this article. The District's only obligation is to purchase an insurance policy and pay such amounts as agreed to herein and no claim shall be made against the District as a result of a denial of insurance benefits by an insurance carrier.

Section 11. Duration of Insurance Contribution:

An employee is eligible for the District contribution as provided in this article as long as the employee is employed by the School District. Upon termination of employment, all District participation and contribution shall cease, effective on the last working day.

ARTICLE X - LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Section 1. Sick Leave:

Subd. 1. Sick Leave Credit:

All employees in this bargaining unit shall earn one (1) day per month for sick leave purposes. However, if an employee leaves the District without having earned on a pro rata basis, the number of sick leave days the employee has used, the District shall reduce the employee's final paycheck for any unearned sick leave days.

Subd. 2. Unused Sick Leave:

Unused sick leave days, or pro rata days may accrue to a maximum credit of one hundred and five (105) days of sick leave per employee. The yearly sick leave credit shall be in addition to the total accumulation of the available days as defined by this Subdivision.

Subd. 3. Sick Leave Use:

Sick leave shall be allowed by the District when an employee's absence is found to have been due to illness which prevented his/her performance of duties on that day or days. Sick leave may also be used for medical and dental appointments, however medical and dental appointments should be scheduled outside of the work day whenever possible.

Subd. 4. Approval:

Sick leave pay shall be approved only upon submission of such request through the District's leave system. Sick leave may be requested in one (1) hour increments.

Subd. 5. Furnish Evidence of Illness:

The District may require an employee to furnish a medical certificate from the attending physician as evidence of illness, indicating such absence was due to illness, disability or childbirth in order to qualify for sick leave pay.

Subd. 6. Medical Certificate:

In an absence for personal illness of three (3) or more consecutive working days, the District may require certification by the attending physician along with notice of the employee's being in good health and able to resume his/her duties upon return. In the event that a medical certificate will be required, the employee will be so advised.

Subd. 7. Serious Illness:

An employee may use personal sick leave up to the amount accumulated for serious illness of the employee, or the employee's spouse or child. An employee may also use sick leave not to exceed five (5) days per year for serious illness involving the employee's parent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandparent, grandchild, spouse's parent, or person residing in the employee's household. In extenuating circumstances, an employee may make an additional request for use of sick leave and/or an extension to the five (5) day limit to the Superintendent/designee. An employee may also use sick leave in accordance with Minn. Stat. 181.9413 (2021) as amended (see District 112 website, Human Resources for a complete description on use of sick leave).

Subd. 8. Exhausted Sick Leave.

When sick leave has been exhausted, the Superintendent shall be authorized by order of the School Board to grant an extended leave of absence without pay to satisfy the requirements of Public Employees Retirement Association for disability and death benefits.

Subd. 9. Sick Leave Sell Back.

Eligible employees (employees regularly employed for thirty (30) hours or more per week in a regularly scheduled bargaining unit position) will have the ability to sell sick leave days at their current daily rate of pay (at the time of open enrollment only), and apply those dollars toward the cost of other benefits (i.e. health insurance, dental insurance, supplemental life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, long term disability insurance, flex) or cash.

Eligible employees will have the ability to sell sick leave days at their current daily rate of pay as follows:

Employees with 20 days accumulated sick leave can sell up to 2 future days
Employees with 30 days accumulated sick leave can sell up to 4 future days
Employees with 40 days accumulated sick leave can sell up to 6 future days
Employees with 60 days accumulated sick leave can sell up to 8 future days

Section 2. Bereavement Leave:

Subd. 1. Use:

All full-time employees may be granted with administrative approval up to five (5) bereavement days non-accumulative, for absence due to a death. Use of these days does not result in a deduction from sick leave.

Subd. 2. Increments:

Bereavement Leave may be requested in one (1) hour increments.

Subd. 3. Additional Time:

Should additional time away from work be needed as the result of a death, sick leave and/or vacation leave may be used by the employee to meet the need. Should additional time away from work be needed as the result of a death the employee should notify (in writing) the Director of Human Resources.

Section 3. Child Care/Adoption Leave:

Subd. 1. Use:

A child care/adoption leave may be granted by the District, subject to the provisions of this section, to one (1) employee-parent of a child, provided such employee-parent is caring for the child on a full-time basis.

Subd. 2. Request:

An employee making an application for child care/adoption leave shall inform the Superintendent/designee in writing of the intention to take the leave at least three (3) calendar months before commencement of the intended leave.

Subd. 3. Use of Sick, Vacation or Personal Days:

If the reason for the child care leave is occasioned by pregnancy, an employee may utilize sick leave pursuant to the sick leave provisions of the Agreement during a period of physical disability (i.e. an employee giving birth shall be able to use accumulated sick leave for the employee's duty days during the six to eight continuous calendar weeks (doctor's normal prescribed time period of disability due to childbirth) following the delivery of the child. An employee adopting a child may use up to six (6) continuous calendar weeks/thirty (30) continuous days of vacation or personal days and/or accumulated sick leave following the adoption of a child. Non-duty days, such as breaks, holidays, summer and weekends are included in the determination of the six to eight continuous calendar weeks. Accumulated sick leave may not be used on non-duty days). A pregnant employee will also provide at the time of the leave application, a statement from her physician indicating the expected date of delivery. Up to ten (10) consecutive vacation or personal days and/or accumulated sick leave days may be granted to an employee whose spouse gives birth immediately following the birth of the child and to the adoptive parent following the adoption of a child. Non-duty days such as breaks, holidays and summer will be considered in the determination of the number of vacation or personal days or accumulated sick leave days granted for reasons of childbirth and adoption. However, an employee shall not be eligible for sick leave during a period of time covered by a child care leave.

Subd. 4. Adjustment of Leave Dates:

The District may adjust the proposed beginning or ending date of a child care/adoption leave so that the dates of the leave are coincident with some natural break in the school year. The availability of a substitute employee may also be considered by the District in the granting of a child care/adoption leave or the duration thereof.

Subd. 5. Duration:

In making a determination concerning the commencement and duration of a child care/adoption leave, the District shall not, in any event, be required to:

- (1) Grant any leave more than twelve (12) months in duration.
- (2) Permit the employee to return to employment prior to the date designated in the request for child care/adoption leave.

Subd. 6. Reinstatement:

An employee returning from child care/adoption leave shall be reemployed in a position for which qualified unless previously discharged or laid off.

Subd. 7. Failure to Return:

Failure of the employee to return pursuant to the date determined under this section shall constitute grounds for termination unless the District and the employee mutually agree to an extension in the leave.

Subd. 8. Salary and Fringe Benefits:

Leave under this section may be without pay or fringe benefits.

Subd. 9. Participation in Group Insurance Programs:

An employee on Child Care Leave is eligible to continue to participate in group insurance programs (health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, supplemental life insurance) as permitted under the insurance policy provisions provided the employee pay the entire premium for such group insurance programs commencing with the beginning of the leave (see District Website, Human Resources for specific coverage available). It is the responsibility of the employee to pay the monthly premium amounts in advance and on such dates as determined by the District/Third Party Administrator. The right to continue participation in such group insurance programs will discontinue upon termination of employment, failure of the employee to pay the premiums to the District/Third party administrator, or the expiration of insurance availability under the insurance policy provisions. Since long-term disability insurance coverage replaces salary, and there is no salary for an Unpaid/Child Care Leave, long term disability insurance coverage is not available.

Section 4. General Leave:

A request for a "leave of absence" without pay or benefits may be presented in writing to the Superintendent/designee. The administration of the District reserves the right to grant or deny such a request, at its discretion.

Subd. 1. Leave Stipulations:

In making a determination concerning the commencement and duration of a General leave, the School District shall not, in any event, be required to:

- (1) Grant any leave more than twelve (12) months in duration,
- (2) Permit the employee to return to employment prior to the date designated in the request for the leave.

Subd. 2. Return from Leave:

An employee returning from a general leave shall be reemployed in a position for which qualified unless previously discharged or laid off.

Subd.3 Participation in Group Insurance:

An employee on general leave is eligible to continue to participate in group insurance programs (health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, supplemental life insurance) as permitted under the insurance

policy provisions provided the teacher pay the entire premium for such group insurance programs commencing with the beginning of the leave (see District Website, Human Resources for specific coverage available). It is the responsibility of the employee to pay the monthly premium amounts in advance and on such dates as determined by the District/Third Party Administrator. The right to continue participation in such group insurance programs will discontinue upon termination of employment, failure of the teacher to pay the premiums to the District/Third party administrator, or the expiration of insurance availability under the insurance policy provisions. Since long-term disability insurance coverage replaces salary, and there is no salary for an Unpaid/General Leave, long term disability insurance coverage is not available.

Section 5. Leave Extensions for Child Care and General Leaves:

An employee on a child care leave (of less than one year) shall notify the Executive Director of Human Resources, in writing, of their intention to request a leave extension at least 30 calendar days prior to the scheduled return date. An employee on a general leave (of less than one year) shall notify the Director of Human Resources, in writing, of their intention to request a leave extension at least 45 calendar days prior to the scheduled return date. Employees will be notified of the status of their extension request no later than 20 calendar days prior to the specified return date. Should the leave extension be denied, the employee is expected to return on the date arranged at the time of the leave approval. In extenuating circumstances, the employee may request an exception to the above timeline. The granting of such an exception shall be at the discretion of the district.

Section 6. Family and Medical Leave (FMLA):

FMLA leave shall be granted pursuant to applicable law.

Section 7. Military Family Leave:

Military family Leave shall be granted pursuant to applicable law.

Section 8. Workers' Compensation:

Subd. 1. Compensation:

When an employee is absent from work as a result of a compensable injury under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act incurred while in the employ of the School District, the School District will pay the difference between the compensation received pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act by the employee and the employee's regular rate of pay to the extent of the employee's earned accrual of sick leave, personal days and/or vacation pay.

Subd. 2. Deduction:

A deduction shall be made from the employee's accumulated personal-days, vacation or sick leave accrual time according to the portion of days of personal days, sick leave or vacation time which is used to supplement workers' compensation.

Subd. 3. Disability:

Such payment shall be paid by the School District to the employee only during the period of disability.

Subd. 4. Additional Compensation:

In no event shall the additional compensation paid to the employee by virtue of sick leave, personal leave or vacation pay result in the payment of a total daily, weekly or monthly compensation that exceeds the compensation of the employee.

Subd. 5. Sick, Personal, Vacation Leave Payments

An employee who is absent from work as a result of an injury compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act who elects to receive sick leave, personal leave or vacation pay pursuant to this section

shall submit his/her worker's compensation check, endorsed to the School District, prior to receiving payment from the School District for his/her absence, pursuant to Subds. 1-4 above.

Subd. 6. Sick, Personal, Vacation Leave Accrual

An employee of the District shall not be entitled to sick leave, personal day or vacation pay benefits under this section if they are injured while in the employment of another employer nor shall there be any accrual of such during the period of convalescence from the injury.

Section 9. Jury Duty:

An employee who serves on jury duty shall be granted the day or days necessary as stipulated by the court to fulfill this responsibility without any salary deduction or loss of basic leave allowance. The compensation received for jury duty service shall be remitted to the School District, less the mileage per diem and other expenses as regulated by State guidelines. To qualify for this payment, the employee must return to his/her regular duties on being dismissed from jury duty.

Section 10. Military Leave:

Military leave shall be granted pursuant to applicable law.

Section 11. Religious Leave:

Employees shall be granted one (1) day of religious leave per year with no loss of pay upon verification to the Director of Human Resources that the purpose of the religious leave is a traditionally required religious observance of their particular faith and/or creed. Additional leave with pay may be granted by the Executive Director of Human Resources.

ARTICLE XI: VACANCIES AND JOB POSTINGS

Section 1. Postings and Vacancies:

A position vacancy is defined as one anticipated to last more than six (6) months. A temporary or substitute vacancy is defined as one anticipated to last less than six (6) months. A Temporary LOA Paraprofessional is defined as a paraprofessional who is hired for a position vacated by a specific paraprofessional who is on a short term or long term leave of absence. A Temporary LOA Paraprofessional position will last one (1) year or less. Postings will clearly state the type of position being posted.

Subd. 1. Posting:

All position vacancies will be posted for a two (2) week period and electronically delivered to the union steward(s). The posting time may be shortened as unexpected vacancies occur especially prior to the start of the school year.

Subd. 2. Definitions and Conditions:

If a temporary vacancy, temporary LOA paraprofessional position, or a long-term substitute position becomes a position vacancy, it will be posted and filled in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 2. Application for and Filling of Vacancies:

All employees under this Agreement, including temporary LOA, temporary or long-term substitute paraprofessionals, may submit application for any vacancy which is posted pursuant to this article. Positions shall be awarded to internal or external candidates on the basis of qualifications including, but not limited to seniority. Final decisions for employment will be made by the District.

Section 3. Notice of Filling of Vacancies:

Notice of the candidate selected to fill the vacancy shall be given within fifteen (15) working days after the date of hiring to all in-house candidates for the position and to the Union Steward.

Section 4. Administrative Transfer:

Seniority and posting shall not apply in an administrative transfer involving permanent employees. Transfers of this nature will be discussed with the exclusive representative prior to final disposition.

Section 5. Summer School Positions:

Summer school positions will be posted in the normal manner of position openings during the school year and seniority will apply as described in Section 4 above. Wages will be paid at the immediately preceding school year rate (Community Education positions excluded). Sick leave does not accumulate during summer but employees with accumulated sick leave are eligible to use it up to a maximum of three (3) days for each summer. Hours of summer service do not count towards benefit eligibility.

ARTICLE XII: SENIORITY

Section 1. Recognition:

The parties recognize the principle of seniority in the application of this Agreement concerning reduction of force. In regard to vacancies and promotions, the provisions of ARTICLE XI shall apply.

Section 2. Date:

Employees shall acquire seniority upon completion of the probationary period as defined in this Agreement ARTICLE XV. The seniority date shall relate back to the date of the first day of work to a regularly assigned position as defined in ARTICLE XI. Seniority is based on continuous employment in a bargaining unit position. (A summer furlough in a regularly assigned permanent position is not considered a break in service). Temporary employees and long-term substitutes do not earn seniority.

Section 3. Temporary LOA Paraprofessional, Temporary or Long-Term Substitute Positions:

Employees serving in a temporary LOA paraprofessional or temporary or long-term substitute position shall serve a one hundred and twenty (120) day probationary period if a regular position is assumed even if their original temporary term of employment exceeds one hundred and twenty (120) days. If the position for which an employee was hired changes in status from temporary to regular, and the employee retains the position, the employee's date of hire for seniority purposes shall be the employee's original date of hire for the initial temporary position after completion of the one hundred and twenty (120) day probationary period.

Section 4. Layoff/Recall:

Subd. 1. Notice:

In the event the District shall determine a discontinuance of a position is necessary, the incumbent in that position shall be provided no less than thirty (30) calendar days' written notice.

Subd. 2. Displacement:

An employee who has sufficient seniority to avoid layoff may displace the least senior employee in a position of like status, i.e., like pay, benefits, responsibilities, qualifications, classification. The employee may choose to take voluntary layoff rather than follow this practice.

Subd. 3. Retain Seniority:

An employee on layoff shall retain his/her seniority and right to recall to a position for which they are qualified in seniority order for a period of one (1) year after the date of layoff. Employees on recall will be

notified of open positions during this one (1) year period. Employees on recall must leave a current mailing address and phone number with the Human Resources Office to assure such notification.

Subd. 4. Contact Information

If an employee on layoff is not available at the address or phone number provided, they must contact the Human Resources Office at least once every three (3) days during the layoff period. Failure to comply will count as a refusal.

Subd. 5. Right to Refuse:

During this one (1) year period, the District has the right to recall an employee to an open position of like status as defined in Subd. 2 of this Section for which they are qualified. The employee has the right to refuse one (1) recall. Such a refusal shall not impact the one (1) year recall period. A second such refusal shall terminate the employee's recall rights. If a position has been verbally offered, the employee has forty-eight (48) hours to notify the Human Resources Office.

Subd. 6. Guaranteed Interview:

During this one (1) year period, the three (3) most senior employees on layoff who meet the criteria below will be guaranteed an opportunity to interview for a posted position (of unlike status) within this bargaining group if:

- (1) Employee has applied for/completed application for the position via the District's application system prior to the position's closing date.
- (2) Employee has notified (in writing) the appropriate hourly Human Resources Specialist that they have applied for/completed application for the position prior to the position's closing date.
- (3) Position for which the employee is applying is equal to or lower than the Tier/Pay Rate of the employee's position.

The District may also choose to provide an interview to additional less senior employees on layoff who apply for open positions. Positions shall be awarded to internal or external candidates on the basis of qualifications including, but not limited to seniority. Final decisions for employment will be made by the District.

Section 5. Seniority List:

The District will develop the seniority list using the first day of service and the tiebreaker will be the last four (4) digits of the social security number. The District shall publish a seniority list by December 1 or as soon thereafter as possible.

Subd. 1. Disagreement with List:

Any person whose name appears on such a list and who may disagree with the findings of the District and the order of seniority in said list shall have twenty (20) days from the date of posting to supply written documentation, proof and request for seniority change to the Director of Human Resources.

Subd. 2. Tiebreaker:

In the event two (2) or more employees share the same seniority date, the tie shall be broken by the last four (4) digits of the social security number. The employee with the highest number (last four (4) digits of the social security number) shall be deemed senior. Once the tie is broken, the relative seniority ranking shall remain constant for the duration of the affected employees term of employment.

Subd. 3. Deadline:

Within twenty (20) days thereafter, the District shall evaluate any and all such written communications regarding the order of seniority contained in said list and may make appropriate changes. A final seniority list shall be prepared by the District.

Section 6. Voluntary Termination:

In the event that an employee voluntarily terminates employment from a bargaining unit position and is subsequently reemployed by the District under the bargaining unit with a time period of no greater than twelve (12) months after the date of termination, the employee may, at the discretion of the Executive Director of Human Resources:

Subd. 1. Loss of Seniority:

Be reinstated without loss of seniority or benefits and the years of service credit earned and accumulated as of the date of termination.

Subd. 2. Probationary Period Upon Return:

Be reinstated without having to serve a new probationary period notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary.

Subd. 3. No Right to Displace:

Be reinstated to a similar vacant position but not to displace any other bargaining unit member.

ARTICLE XIII: RETIREMENT

Section 1. Insurance Coverage After Retirement:

Retiring employees who are enrolled in the District's insurance plans may continue to participate in group insurance programs (health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, supplemental life insurance) as permitted under the insurance policy provisions provided the employee pay the entire premium for such group insurance programs commencing with the beginning of the retirement (see District Website, Human Resources for specific coverage available). It is the responsibility of the employee to pay the monthly premium amounts in advance and on such dates as determined by the District/Third Party Administrator. The right to continue participation in such group insurance programs will discontinue upon the failure of the employee to pay the premiums to the District/Third party administrator, or the expiration of insurance availability under the insurance policy provisions. Since long-term disability insurance coverage replaces salary, and there is no salary for a retiree, long term disability insurance coverage is not available.

Section 2. Post Retirement Health Care Savings Plan:

The School District shall provide an opportunity for the employees covered by this agreement to participate in a post retirement health care savings plan as authorized under MS 352.98.

ARTICLE XIV: DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Section 1. Participation:

A deferred compensation program is available to all employees of this unit through the District 112 School Board approved investment providers. All eligible employees may participate whether or not they have been in the district long enough to qualify for the matching program.

Section 2. Deferred Compensation Matching Program:

All full-time employees (as defined by ARTICLE IX, Section 2) beginning their second (2nd) year of employment in District 112 will be eligible to participate in the deferred compensation matching program.

Subd. 1. Notify Payroll:

An eligible employee must notify the payroll office, in writing, of his/her intention to participate in the District's matching program and the amount of the employee's contribution. This notice shall continue

from year to year at the specified amount unless the employee notifies the payroll office in writing of any change. Eligible employees may elect to participate in the District's matching program at the time of open enrollment (for the following contract year) or at any time during the eligible contract year.

Subd. 2. Payment of FICA and PERA:

The District will pay its matching share of FICA and PERA taxes as provided for in the Minnesota Deferred Compensation legislation.

Subd. 3. Matching Amounts:

District 112 will match eligible employee contribution in the following amounts:

Years of Service	Maximum Matching Contribution for 2026-2027	Maximum Matching Contribution for 2027-2028
Beginning Year 1	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
Beginning Year 2-6	\$615	\$715
Beginning Year 7-10	\$715	\$715
Beginning Year 11+	\$1,160	\$1,160

Subd. 4. Participation on Unpaid Leave:

Employees on unpaid leave may not participate in the Deferred Compensation Matching Program.

Subd. 5. Limitations of Law:

The provisions of this article are subject to all limitations relating to such plans as provided by law.

ARTICLE XV: PROBATIONARY PERIOD/DISCIPLINE/DISCHARGE/RESIGNATION

Section 1. Probationary Period:

Subd. 1. Length:

An employee in a regularly scheduled position under the provisions of this Agreement shall serve a probationary period not to exceed one hundred and twenty (120) working days of continuous service in the District.

Subd. 2. Performance and Discipline:

During this probationary period, the District shall have the unqualified right to suspend without pay, discharge or otherwise discipline such employee. During this probationary period, the employee shall have no recourse to the grievance procedure, insofar as suspension, discharge or other discipline is concerned.

Subd. 3. Grievance:

A probationary employee shall have the right to bring a grievance on any other provision of the Agreement alleged to have been violated.

Subd. 4. Temporary LOA Paraprofessional, Temporary or Long-Term Substitute Positions:

Employees serving in a temporary LOA paraprofessional or temporary or long-term substitute position shall be considered probationary employees for the duration of their temporary assignment. Employees serving in a temporary LOA paraprofessional, temporary or long-term substitute position shall serve a one

hundred and twenty (120) day probationary period if a regular position is assumed even if their temporary term of employment exceeds one hundred and twenty (120) days. If the position for which an employee was hired changes in status from temporary to regular, and the employee retains the position, the employee's date of hire for seniority purposes shall be the employee's original date of hire for the initial temporary position after completing this one hundred and twenty (120) day probationary period.

Subd. 5. Probationary Period: Change of Tier:

In addition to the initial probationary period, an employee transferred or promoted to a different Tier shall serve a new probationary period of sixty (60) working days in any such new Tier. During this sixty (60) day probationary period, if the School District determines that the employee's performance in the new Tier is unsatisfactory, the School District shall have the right to reassign the employee to his/her former Tier.

Subd. 6. Completion of Probationary Period:

An employee who has completed the probationary period may be suspended without pay, discharged or disciplined only for cause. An employee who has completed the probationary period and is suspended without pay, discharged or otherwise disciplined shall have access to the grievance procedure.

Section 2. Resignation:

When an employee wishes to terminate his/her employment, they shall give two (2) weeks written notice. The written notice shall state the reason for the resignation and also state the last day of employment. If a two (2) week notice is not received, the District has the right to charge a fee of \$30 to cover the costs of finding a suitable replacement.

Section 3. Employee Discipline:

Subd. 1. Cause for Discipline:

A non-probationary employee may be discharged, disciplined, and/or suspended without pay. The causes that may result in discipline include but are not limited to:

- (1) Unsatisfactory job performance
- (2) Stealing
- (3) Intoxication or using mood altering chemicals on the job
- (4) Insubordination
- (5) Failure to report to work without proper notification
- (6) Misuse of benefits defined in this agreement
- (7) Misuse of the leave provisions of this Agreement
- (8) Violation of any District policy.

A meeting described in Subd. 2. below would usually precede such suspensions or termination. However, the employer reserves the right to suspend or discharge immediately under extreme and unusual circumstances.

Subd. 2. Employee Representation at Formal Meeting:

- (1) A meeting between a non-probationary employee and his/her supervisor during which a written letter or notice of deficiency is presented to the employee will entitle the employee to be informed of his/her right to have MSEA representation present.
- (2) If the employee requests the presence of a union representative, the District will honor the request.
- (3) No more than two (2) union representatives may be present.

- (4) Any employee receiving written notification of unsatisfactory job performance may be suspended or discharged if the deficiencies in performance are not rectified within a reasonable length of time.

Subd. 3. Suspension and Discharge:

- (1) An employee may be suspended without pay or discharged for good and sufficient reason. Any such suspension or discharge is subject to the grievance procedure.
- (2) The suspension or discharge shall take effect upon receipt by the employee of the written notice from the Superintendent/designee. The suspension or discharge shall continue to be in effect for the time period provided in the written notice or as otherwise decided by the School District.
- (3) Suspension or discharge shall take effect upon written notification from the Superintendent/designee to the employee. This written notice shall contain the grounds for suspension or discharge.
- (4) At the time that the written statement of suspension or discharge is issued to the employee, they will be notified that they may make a written request for a hearing before the School Board to review the suspension or discharge. This written statement requesting a hearing must be made to the School Board within ten (10) days after the receipt of the notification of suspension or discharge. If no hearing is requested within the ten (10) day period, it shall be deemed acquiescence by the employee to the suspension or discharge.
- (5) After a hearing before the School Board, the School Board shall have five (5) days to either reverse and set aside the suspension or discharge or uphold the suspension or discharge.
- (6) If the suspension or discharge is reversed, the employee shall be reinstated and compensated for salary lost during the period of suspension or discharge.
- (7) If the suspension or discharge is upheld, the employee shall have the right to invoke the grievance procedures set forth in the Agreement at the arbitration level. In order to move to arbitration, the employee must provide written notification of the intention to do so to the School Board or Superintendent within five (5) days after receipt of the School Board's decision following the hearing.

ARTICLE XVI: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. Grievance Definition:

The word "grievance" shall mean a written allegation by an employee resulting in a dispute or disagreement between the employee and the School District as to the interpretation or application of terms and conditions of employment insofar as such matters are contained in this Agreement.

Section 2. Representation:

The employee, administrator, or School Board may be represented during any step of the procedure by any person or agent designated by such party to act on their behalf.

Section 3. Definitions and Interpretations:

Subd. 1. Extension:

Time limits specified in this Agreement may be extended by mutual written agreement.

Subd. 2. Days:

Reference to the word "days" regarding time periods in this procedure shall refer to working days. The term "working day" is defined as all weekdays not designated as holidays by state law.

Subd. 3. Computation of Time:

In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by procedures in this article, the date of the act, event, or default for which designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be counted, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday.

Subd. 4. Filing and Postmark:

The filing or service of any notice or document required by this Agreement shall be timely if it is personally served or electronically delivered within the time period.

Section 4. Time Limitations and Waiver:

Grievances shall not be valid for consideration unless the grievance is submitted in writing to the School District's designee, setting forth the facts and the specific provision(s) of the Agreement allegedly violated and the particular relief sought within twenty (20) days after the date that the event giving rise to the grievance occurred. Failure to file any grievance from one level to another within the time periods provided below shall constitute a waiver of the grievance. An effort shall first be made to adjust an alleged grievance informally between the employee and the School District's designee.

Section 5. Resolution of Grievance:

The School Board and the employee shall attempt to resolve all grievances which may arise during the course of employment of any employee within the School District in the following manner:

Subd. 1. Level I:

If the grievance is not resolved through informal discussions, the School District's designee shall give a written decision on the grievance to the parties involved within ten (10) days after receipt of the written grievance.

Subd. 2. Level II:

In the event the grievance is not resolved in Level I, the decision rendered may be appealed to the Superintendent, provided such appeal is made in writing five (5) days after receipt of the decision in Level I. If a grievance is properly appealed to the Superintendent, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall set a time to meet regarding the grievance within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the appeal. Within ten (10) days after the meeting, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall issue a decision in writing to the parties involved.

Section 6. School Board Review:

The School Board reserves the right to review any decision issued under Level I or Level II of this procedure at the request of the grievant or at its own instance provided the School Board or its representative notify the parties of its intention to review within ten (10) days after a decision in Level I or Level II has been rendered. In the event the School Board reviews a grievance under this section, the School Board reserves the right to affirm, reverse or modify such decision. A committee or representative(s) of the School Board may be designated by the School Board to hear the appeal at this Level, and report its findings and recommendations to the School Board. The School Board shall then render its decision.

Section 7. Denial of Grievance:

Failure by the School Board or its representative to issue a decision within the time periods provided in this article shall constitute a denial of the grievance and the employee may appeal it to the next level.

Section 8. Arbitration Procedures:

In the event that the employee and the School Board are unable to resolve any grievance, the grievance may be submitted to arbitration as defined below:

Subd. 1. Request:

A request to submit a grievance to arbitration must be in writing signed by the aggrieved party, and such request must be filed in the Office of the Superintendent within ten (10) days following the decision in Level II or within ten (10) days after the decision of the School Board if the School Board reviews a decision pursuant to Section 6 above.

Subd. 2. Prior Procedure Required:

No grievance shall be considered by the arbitrator which has not been first duly processed in accordance with the grievance procedure and appeal provisions.

Subd. 3. Selection of Arbitrator:

Upon the prior submission of a grievance under the terms of this procedure, the parties shall, within ten (10) days after the request to arbitrate, attempt to agree upon the selection of an arbitrator. If no agreement on an arbitrator is reached, either party may request the Commissioner of the Bureau of Mediation Services (BMS) to submit a panel of seven (7) arbitrators to the parties, pursuant to P.E.L.R.A., providing such request is made within twenty (20) days after request for arbitration. The request shall ask that the panel be submitted within thirty (30) days after the receipt of said request. Within ten (10) days after receipt of the panel, the parties shall alternately strike names, and the remaining name shall be the arbitrator to hear the grievance. The order of striking shall be determined by lot. Failure to agree upon an arbitrator or the failure to request an arbitrator from the BMS Commissioner within the time periods provided in this article shall constitute a waiver of the grievance.

Subd. 4. Submission of Grievance Information:

Upon appointment of the arbitrator, the Union shall within five (5) days after notice of appointment forward to the District submission of the grievance which shall include the following:

- (1) the issues involved;
- (2) statement of the facts;
- (3) position of the grievant;
- (4) the written documents relating to Section 5 above.

Subd. 5. District Clarification:

If upon review of the material submitted under the position of the Union is unclear to the District, the District may request clarification of the Union's position. The District may make a similar submission of information relating to the grievance either before or at the time of hearing.

Subd. 6. Hearing:

The grievance shall be heard by a single arbitrator and both parties may be represented by such person or persons as they may choose and designate, and the parties shall have the right to a hearing at which time both parties will have the opportunity to submit evidence, offer testimony, and make oral or written arguments relating to the issues before the arbitrator. The proceeding before the arbitrator shall be a hearing de novo.

Subd. 7. Decision:

Decisions by the arbitrator in cases properly brought before them shall be final and binding upon the parties, subject, however, to the limitations of arbitration decisions as provided by the P.E.L.R.A. of 1971, as amended.

Subd. 8. Expenses:

Each party shall bear its own expenses in connection with arbitration including expenses relating to the party's representatives, witnesses, and any other expenses which the party incurs in connection with presenting its case in arbitration. A transcript or recording of the hearing shall be made at the request of either party. The parties shall share equally the fees and expenses of the arbitrator and the cost of the transcript or recordings if the parties mutually agree are necessary for the conduct of the arbitration. However, the party ordering a copy of the transcript shall pay for such copy.

Subd. 9. Jurisdiction:

The arbitrator shall have jurisdiction over disputes or disagreements relating to grievances properly before the arbitrator pursuant to the terms of this procedure. The jurisdiction of the arbitrator shall not extend to proposed changes in terms and conditions of employment as defined herein and contained in this written Agreement; nor shall an arbitrator have jurisdiction over any grievance which has not been submitted to arbitration in compliance with the terms of the grievance and arbitration procedure as outlined in this article; nor shall the jurisdiction of the arbitrator extend to matters of inherent managerial policy, which shall include but are not limited to such areas of discretion or policy as the functions and programs of the District, its overall budget, utilization of technology, the organizational structure, and selection and direction and number of personnel. In considering any issue in dispute, the arbitrator's order shall give due consideration to the statutory rights and obligations of the School Board to efficiently manage and conduct its operation within the legal limitations surrounding the financing of such operations.

ARTICLE XVII: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Pay Dates:

Pay dates shall be on the fifteenth (15th) and last day of each month. The timing of the payment of wages is governed by M.S.181.101.

Section 2. Payroll Options 20/24:

The annual salary for all employees in this bargaining unit will be paid in twenty-four (24) equal payments (September-August), unless the employee has provided the appropriate documentation to the Human Resources Department that they have elected the 20 pay option (September-June). The payroll option chosen by the employee remains in place until the employee provides the appropriate documentation that they wish to change their payroll option. An employee who wishes to change their payroll option must submit the appropriate documentation to the Human Resources Department by June 30 to be in effect for the following September. New employees hired on or after July 1, will receive a payroll election form through the orientation process.

Section 3. Direct Deposit:

All employees shall be paid through direct deposit.

Section 4. Per Diem and Mileage Reimbursement:

The per diem allowance for all employees will meet IRS guidelines as specified by School Board policy. All claims will be verified and processed through the Finance Department. Reimbursement shall be consistent with School Board policy.

Section 5. Professional Development Fund:

A professional development fund of \$25,000 per fiscal year (July 1-June 30) shall be provided for the Student Support Services Personnel. Professional development funds may be used for the following upon mutual agreement of Professional Support Services Personnel/Designee and the District/Designee.

- a. Compensation for training provided by the District or outside resources
- b. Conventions, seminars and workshops related to the employee's position (Federal per diem guidelines shall apply).
- c. Tuition for training or college courses related to the employees position and/or advancement.
- d. Compensation for serving on the District Benefits and/or Safety Committee.
- e. Other professional development opportunities deemed appropriate and approved by the Professional Support Services Personnel/Designee and the District/Designee

Section 7. Property Damage:

In the case of a student damaging an employee's personal property (glasses, hearing aide, or other personal item necessary for completing their job duties), while the employee is performing job duties, or if an employee's personal property is damaged on school property, due to no fault of their own, the employee should report the damage to a building administrator immediately. On a case-by-case basis, the district may reimburse the employee up to \$500 for such damage.

ARTICLE XVIII: DURATION

Section 1. Term and Reopening Negotiations:

This Agreement will remain in full force and effect for a period commencing on July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028 and thereafter until modifications are made pursuant to 28 P.E.L.R.A. If either party desires to modify or amend this Agreement, at its expiration, it should give written notice of such intent pursuant to P.E.L.R.A. Unless otherwise mutually agreed, the parties shall not commence negotiations more than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the Agreement.

Section 2. Effect:

This Agreement constitutes the full and complete Agreement between the District and the exclusive representative representing the Student Support Union. The provisions of this Agreement relating to terms and conditions of employment supersede any and all prior Agreements, resolutions, practices, School District policies, rules and regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment inconsistent with these provisions.

Section 3. Finality:

Any matters relating to the current Agreement term whether or not referred to in this Agreement, shall not be open for negotiations during the term of this Agreement.

Section 4. Severability:

The provisions of this Agreement shall be severable, and if any such provision or the application of any such provision under any circumstances is held invalid, it shall not affect any other provisions of this Agreement or the application of any provision.

APPENDIX A: POSITIONS BY TIER

Tier 1	
Tier 2	Building Monitor
	Care Program Paraprofessional I
	Lunch/Recess Supervisor
Tier 3	Care Program Paraprofessional II
	Early Childhood Assistant
	Greeter/Receptionist
	Instructional Paraprofessional
Tier 4	Care Program Assistant
	Bilingual Greeter/Receptionist
	SPED Bus Paraprofessional
Tier 5	Basic Skills Paraprofessional
	Bilingual Instructional Paraprofessional
	Responsibility Center Paraprofessional
	SPED Resource Paraprofessional
	Student Skills and Support Paraprofessional
	Student Supervisor
Tier 6	Bilingual Student Supervisor
	Health Associate
	SPED Centerbase Paraprofessional
	SPED Centerbase Support Para
	SPED Job Coach
	Technology Associate
Tier 7	Certified Occupational Therapist
	Nurse Aide - LPN

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as follows:

For: Minnesota School Employees
Association (Student
Support Union)


Hannah Frazer
MSEA Representative

For: Independent School District 112

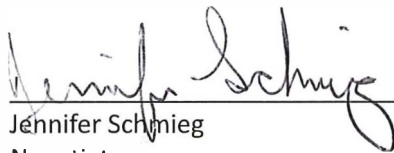

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