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**Oxford Educational Support
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AGREEMENT

between the

OXFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

and the

OXFORD EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION, MEA/NEA

PURPOSE AND INTENT

The general purpose of this Agreement, made between the Board of Education of Oxford Community Schools (hereinafter referred to as the Board) and the Oxford Educational Support Personnel Association, MEA/NEA (hereinafter referred to as the Association), is to set forth terms and conditions of employment and to promote orderly relations for the mutual interest of the Board, employees and the Association.

The parties recognize that the interest of the community depends upon the success of the Board and the Association in establishing a proper service to the community.

To these ends, the Board and the Association encourage, to the fullest degree, friendly and cooperative relationships between the respective representatives at all levels and among all employees.

ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION

Pursuant to and in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Public Employment Relations Act and all amendments, the Board hereby recognizes the Association as the exclusive representative for the purpose of collective bargaining in respect to hours, wages, terms and

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conditions of employment for the duration of this Agreement for all the employees of the Board included in the bargaining unit.

1. Members of the bargaining unit shall include all full and part-time secretaries, paraprofessionals, and technology specialists, including those in probationary status, but shall exclude confidential employees and other clerical staff employed at the Board Office, noon aides, bus drivers and monitors, mechanics, maintenance and custodial, cafeteria and temporary employees, substitutes (except as employed pursuant to Article IX, Section C 6), supervisors, pursuant to the Act, and all other employees. It is understood that should the position of Security Personnel be reinstated (as it existed prior to elimination in 2008), the position will be included in the recognition clause.

ARTICLE II - ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

- A. AID TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS - The Board and its administrative staff will not aid or promote any labor union or other organization which purports to engage in collective bargaining on behalf of Association members, make any agreement with such union or organization, nor negotiate with any group other than the Association for the duration of this Agreement.
- B. REPRESENTATION - Members shall be entitled to representation by the Association at the district and building level as described below.
 1. Representatives shall be designated for each work site, including the central computer technician worksite. A list of building representatives and Association officers shall be submitted to the Superintendent by September 30 of each year, and within thirty (30) days after any changes have been made.
 2. An alternate shall be named in the absence of a building representative, if necessary, and the appropriate administrator(s) shall be notified.
 3. The building representative of a member involved in a grievance proceeding may, during his/her working hours, investigate and present grievances to the Board or the appropriate Board representative(s) in accordance with the terms of this Article, and upon having advised his/her immediate supervisor of same. The immediate supervisor shall grant permission and provide sufficient time to the building representative to leave his/her work for this purpose without loss of time or pay. This privilege is subject to the understanding that a building representative will devote his/her released time solely to the proper handling of grievances, and building representatives will otherwise perform their regularly assigned duties at all times. Any alleged abuse of this provision by either party will be the proper subject for a special conference pursuant to Article VI.
 4. The Association president shall also be allowed time off under these provisions to present grievances at Step 4 of the grievance procedure, or at earlier steps in the absence of the building representative and alternate.

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- C. NEGOTIATIONS - In order to afford its membership the full protection of the law, the Association hereby reserves unto itself, subject only to express provisions of this Collective Bargaining Agreement, all rights expressed in the Public Employment Relations Act and all amendments. It is mutually understood that those rights include the right to bargain with the Board with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and the rights to grieve, through the established procedure, actions regarding this Agreement.
- D. ASSOCIATION BULLETIN BOARDS - The Board shall provide bulletin boards in each building designated for Association use, and the Association will maintain them in an orderly fashion. The use of bulletin boards and other established written media of the Association shall be confined to designated places in each building.
- E. USE OF FACILITIES - The Association and its members shall have the privilege of using school building facilities for meetings outside of school hours on the same basis as any other group, consistent with established Board policy and in accordance with established application procedures.
- F. USE OF SCHOOL EQUIPMENT - The Association and its members shall have the privilege of using school district equipment upon the consent of the building principal or other designated administrator and subject to the rules, regulations and policies of the Board as they relate to the use of such equipment. The decision of the building principal or other designated administrator regarding the use of such equipment shall be final.
- G. PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS - Upon appropriate written authorization from an employee, the Board shall deduct from the salary of that employee and make appropriate remittance(s) on his/her behalf to MPSERS, a designated financial institution, annuity plans or custodial accounts, or any other plans or programs approved by the Board. Any changes in the number or amount of annuity plan or custodial account deductions shall be limited and in accordance with the applicable IRS regulations.
1. To be eligible for payroll deduction, a company or carrier offering annuity plans or custodial accounts must have a minimum of ten (10) bargaining unit participants, though Association members may participate in plans or programs otherwise eligible for payroll deduction. The maximum number of annuity companies or carriers for all units in the District shall not exceed twelve (12).
 2. Once established, companies and carriers will continue to be afforded payroll deduction as long as they continue to enroll more than three (3) active participants in the district. If the number of participants falls to three (3) or less, however, the district shall advise those participants, as well as the company or carrier involved, that authorization for payroll deduction will be withdrawn six (6) months hence, unless the eligibility standards described in Section 1 above are met prior to that time.
- H. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE – No payroll deductions shall be made that include amounts pertaining to a political action committee.

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- I. PERSONNEL FILE REVIEW - Any employee desiring to review his/her personnel file shall make prior arrangements with the Personnel Office to do so. The Superintendent or designee shall be present during the time the employee reviews his/her file. Employees requesting copies of documents from their file may be charged a reasonable fee for the copies, not to exceed the fee established by the district for copies of public documents.

ARTICLE III - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- A. The Association recognizes that the Board, on its own behalf and on behalf of the electors of the district, hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred and vested in it by the Laws and Constitutions of the State of Michigan and of the United States, including, but without limiting, the generality of the foregoing, the right:
 1. To the executive management and administrative control of the school system and its properties and facilities; and the activities of its employees during working hours.
 2. To hire all employees and, subject to the provisions of law, to determine their qualifications and the conditions for their continued employment, or their dismissal or demotion; and to promote and transfer all such employees.
 3. To determine the work schedules, hours of the working day and the duties, responsibilities, and assignments of all employees represented by the Association.
- B. The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities by the Board, the adoption of rules, policies, regulations and practices in furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith shall be limited only by the specific and express terms of this Agreement which are in conformance with the Constitution and Laws of the State of Michigan and of the United States.

ARTICLE IV – ASSOCIATION SECURITY

ASSOCIATION SECURITY - All employees who are members of the Association at the signing of this Agreement and all new employees who voluntarily become members of the Association shall remain members in good standing. Employees covered by this Agreement and all transferred, rehired or new employees covered by the Agreement shall have the option, to become members of the Association.

ARTICLE V – SUPPORT ONGOING CONTRACT COMMITTEE

A joint committee shall meet during the calendar year, as needed, to address concerns and problems related to contractual issues, or other matters of mutual concern.

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1. The OESPA members of this committee shall consist of the president and five (5) other members designated by the Executive Board (typically the negotiating committee).
2. The Administration will select three to five administrators to serve on this committee.
3. The Superintendent and the MEA representative will be ex-officio but will only have voting power if both parties are in attendance.
4. Agendas will be mutually agreed upon and distributed at least 24 hours prior to any SOCC meeting.

ARTICLE VI - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

- A. Special conferences to discuss important matters will be arranged at a time mutually agreed upon by the Association President and the Superintendent or designee.
1. The time and date of special conferences shall be arranged within ten (10) working days following the date that such a conference is requested by either party.
 2. An agenda of the matters to be taken up shall be prepared in advance and presented at the time a special conference is requested. Matters taken up in special conferences shall be confined to those on the agenda.
 3. Special conferences shall include at least two (2) representatives of the Board and at least two (2) representatives of the Association. Such conferences may, at the request of the Association, be attended by a representative of the MEA.
 4. Members representing the Association at special conferences during their normal working hours shall not lose time or pay while participating in such conferences.
- B. Special conferences may provide a forum for discussing situations which affect the conditions or circumstances under which Association members work. Such conferences, however, are not intended to bypass or circumvent the grievance procedures outlined in Article VI. A special conference may be used to attempt to resolve an issue without filing a grievance. At the end of the conference if both parties have not reached a solution, the timelines for using the grievance process shall begin.
- C. A grievance is an allegation by an individual employee, a group of employees, or the Association of misinterpretation, misapplication, or violation of any provision of this Agreement.
1. The Association may seek the advice and counsel of a representative from the MEA, and may have such a representative present at any hearing or step in the grievance procedure outlined below.
 2. The Board and the Association will, upon written request, share such information as may be required for processing grievances.

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3. Any individual employee may, at any time, present a grievance to the Board, and have the grievance adjusted without intervention of the Association if the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, and provided the Association has been given an opportunity to be present at such adjustment.
 4. An employee may withdraw a grievance without prejudice at any step in the grievance procedure by written notice of withdrawal. If said grievance is subsequently reopened, it must revert to Step 1 of the grievance procedure within twenty (20) calendar days of being withdrawn.
 5. No claim for back wages shall exceed the amount of wages the employee would otherwise have earned at his/her regular rate.
- D. A grievance shall be presented and adjusted in accordance with the following procedures only.
1. Step 1
 - a. The employee shall discuss items believed grievable with his/her building representative or other Association representative.
 - b. The building or other representative shall in turn discuss these items with the immediate supervisor or other appropriate administrator. During this discussion, the administrator shall be advised that the discussion involves a possible grievance.
 2. Step 2
 - a. If the matter is not resolved verbally through Step 1, it shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the immediate supervisor or other administrative representative within twenty (20) working days from the date the alleged grievance occurred. The written grievance shall be signed by the employee or employees involved, and the building representative or other designated Association representative.
 - b. The administrative representative shall be responsible for seeing that a written response to the grievance is tendered to the Association President within ten (10) working days of receipt of the written grievance.
 3. Step 3
 - a. Within ten (10) working days after receiving the response from the administrative representative, the Association President may appeal the decision to the Superintendent or designee. The written appeal shall be accompanied by a copy of the original grievance and a copy of the Step 2 response from the administrative representative.

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- b. The Superintendent or designee shall investigate the alleged grievance, allow all parties a reasonable opportunity to be heard, and meet with an MEA representative if requested by the Association. Within ten (10) working days of receipt of an appeal, the Superintendent or designee shall render a decision, and provide copies of same to the Association President.
- c. Where appropriate, and with mutual consent, Association grievances may be initiated at Step 3. Such grievances shall include appeals of employee discharges and suspensions as described in Article VII, but shall not include grievances involving any other forms of disciplinary action, such as warnings and oral or written reprimands, which shall be initiated at Step 1.

4. Step 4

- a. Within ten (10) working days after receiving the decision of the Superintendent or designee, the Association President may provide written notice of the Association's intent to appeal to the Board of Education. The Board shall grant a grievance hearing within thirty (30) calendar days, and shall advise the Association President of the hearing at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance.
- b. The Board shall render a decision within ten (10) working days after the appeal hearing has been concluded, and shall submit said decision to the Association President in writing.
- c. Both parties recognize the availability under the law of State Mediation Services, and concur that if mutually agreed upon, such services might provide an alternative to Step 5 of the grievance procedure when necessary or appropriate.

5. Step 5

- a. If the grievance is not yet settled to its satisfaction, the Association may, within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the written response at Step 4, request arbitration by written notice to the Superintendent or designee.
- b. Any arbitration proceeding shall be conducted according to the rules of the American Arbitration Association, and by an arbitrator selected under the rules of that Association.
- c. The arbitrator shall be requested to issue his/her decision within thirty (30) calendar days after the conclusion of testimony and argument, and that decision, if within the scope of the arbitrator's authority, shall be final and binding on the parties. The arbitrator's authority shall be subject to the limitations described below.

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- (1) The arbitrator shall have no power to add to, subtract from, disregard, alter or modify any of the terms of this Agreement, nor to render any decision inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.
 - (2) The arbitrator shall have no power to apply state or federal law, and shall not usurp the functions of the Board of Education in the proper exercise of its judgment and discretion under the law, and provisions of this Agreement.
 - (3) Where no wage loss has been caused by the action of the Board complained of, the Board shall be under no obligation to make monetary adjustments, and the arbitrator shall have no power to order one.
 - (4) The arbitration award shall not be made retroactive beyond twenty (20) working days preceding the date the grievance is filed.
- d. Expenses for the arbitrator's services and the arbitration proceedings shall be borne equally by the Board and the Association, except that each party shall be responsible for compensating its own representatives and witnesses. If either party desires a verbatim record of the proceedings it may cause such a record to be made, providing it pays for the record and makes copies available without charge to the other party, and to the arbitrator.

ARTICLE VII - DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION AND DISCHARGE

- A. On occasion, it may become necessary for supervisors to discipline members of the Association by issuing warnings or reprimands.
1. A record of verbal warning or reprimand shall be sent to the union representative and the employee and placed in the employee's personnel file. This record shall contain the following: the date of the incident prompting the verbal reprimand; the date it was issued; the name of the employee; and a brief description of the reason for the verbal warning or reprimand. The record will not be considered a written reprimand.
 2. Copies of written reprimands shall be placed in the employee's personnel file, and written notice of such reprimands shall be provided to the Association President or designee within three (3) working days of the date of the reprimand.
 3. No employee will be disciplined, nor be reduced in rank or compensation or be deprived of any professional advantage without just cause
 4. The Board agrees to promptly notify the Association President or designee in writing upon the discharge or suspension of any Association member.

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5. The discharged or suspended employee will be allowed to discuss his/her discharge or suspension with the Association President or designee, and the Board will make available an area where they may do so before the employee is required to leave school district property.
 6. Upon request, the Superintendent or designee will discuss the discharge or suspension with the employee and the Association President or designee.
 7. If the affected employee or the Association President or designee consider the discharge or suspension to be improper, a grievance shall be presented in writing through the Association at Step 3 of the grievance procedure within five (5) regularly scheduled workdays from the date the discharge or suspension was imposed.
- B. In imposing any sanction on a current charge, the Board will not take into account any prior infraction which occurred more than three (3) years prior unless it was previously documented and placed in the personnel file. Discipline will be based on reasonable expectations and timelines. This restriction will not apply to sanctions which involve moral turpitude and felony convictions or other serious violations which involve students. Nor does it pertain to performance based concerns.

ARTICLE VIII - PROBATION PERIOD AND SENIORITY PROVISIONS

- A. PROBATIONARY PERIOD - All new employees hired into the bargaining unit shall be considered probationary employees for the first sixty (60) actual workdays of their employment. Upon written request to the Support Ongoing Contract Committee, which shall include rationale, employees may be required to serve up to an additional 20 working day probationary period. All absences during the probationary period shall extend that period by the number of absences, and an employee shall not have completed the probationary period until these additional days have been worked. Employees completing the probationary period shall be entered on the seniority list of the bargaining unit and shall rank for seniority from their date of hire. Otherwise, the probationary period shall not affect wage adjustments which are due to an employee in accordance with the wage schedule.
- B. TYPES OF SENIORITY - Different types of seniority shall exist in the bargaining unit as described below.
1. Bargaining Unit Seniority - For purposes of transfer, promotion or the filling of vacancies resulting in a change in classification (e.g. change from the paraprofessional classification to the secretarial classification) only, an employee's seniority shall be on a district-wide basis in accordance with the employee's last date of hire within the bargaining unit. After an employee has thus changed classifications, he/she shall accrue classification seniority in accordance with Section 2 immediately below.

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2. Classification Seniority - Except as otherwise provided herein, seniority shall be on the basis of an employee's length of service in a classification, commencing with the employee's date of hire or, in cases involving transfer or promotion to a new classification, the employee's first day of work in that classification. It is understood and agreed that seniority accrued within a classification, except as provided above, shall be the basis for purposes which include, but are not limited to, wage placement, vacation benefits, promotions or transfers within the classification and other purposes regarding the exercise of seniority within a classification, except as provided in Article XI.C. An employee who has accrued seniority in more than one classification shall retain such seniority which may be exercised in connection with the longevity pay, and the layoff and recall provisions of this Agreement.
- C. SENIORITY LIST - Upon ratification of this Agreement the Board will compile a seniority list including all current members of the Association, showing their names, job titles, bargaining unit and classification seniority.
1. The Board will keep this seniority list up-to-date, and will provide the Association President with a current copy up to once a month upon request.
 2. If two (2) or more employees are hired on the same date, seniority will be determined by the last four digits of the employees' social security numbers (the lower the number, the higher the individual's seniority).
- D. LOSS OF SENIORITY - Association members shall lose their seniority only for the reasons outlined below.
1. They quit. Within seven (7) calendar days of resignation, a member who requests and is granted reinstatement by the district may have seniority reinstated. The final decision to allow a member to return belongs with the district. Seniority will be adjusted for those days the employee was not employed.
 2. They are discharged and the discharge is not reversed through the grievance procedure.
 3. Employees who are absent for three (3) consecutive working days without notifying their immediate supervisor shall be terminated from their employment. In such cases the Superintendent or designee shall send written notification of termination to the employee at his/her last known address. In appropriate cases, exceptions shall be made by the Superintendent or designee.
 4. Employees who do not return from sick leaves or leaves of absence within three (3) working days of the return dates established according to the leave provisions of this Agreement shall be terminated from their employment. Such cases shall be handled in the same manner as those in Section 3 above.
 5. Employees who do not return to work within three (3) working days when recalled from layoff as set forth in the recall provisions of this agreement, shall be terminated

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from their employment. Exceptions shall be made by the Superintendent or designee in appropriate cases.

- E. TRANSFERS TO POSITIONS NOT IN THE BARGAINING UNIT - If a member of the Association leaves the bargaining unit to accept another position in the district, that member shall retain seniority previously accrued in the unit. The member shall not, however, accumulate bargaining unit seniority while working in the position outside the unit.

ARTICLE IX - LAYOFF

- A. DEFINITION - Layoff shall mean a reduction in the number of employees making up the work force covered by the terms of this Agreement.
- B. NOTICE - Employees being laid off shall be given a written notice of layoff in accordance with this provision at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date the layoff is to be effective, or at least seven (7) calendar days in the event of a work stoppage by another employee group.
1. The written notice of layoff shall be provided to an employee by personal delivery, which may include placement in the employee's pay envelope, or by certified mail sent to the employee's current address of record on file with the Personnel Office.
 2. In the event that the written notice of layoff is mailed to an employee, the fourteen (14) or seven (7) calendar day notice period, whichever is applicable, shall commence on the second day following the date on which the notice is mailed.
 3. If an employee is on vacation or away from his/her residence for an extended period of time, the employee shall notify the Personnel Office in writing of an address where he/she can be notified in accordance with this provision.
- C. PROCEDURE - In the event of a layoff, affected employees shall be laid off in the order and manner described below.
1. Temporary employees, and then probationary employees within the classification(s) affected by the layoff, shall be laid off first.
 2. The necessary number of non-probationary employees in the classification (s) affected by the layoff shall be laid off next, based upon inverse seniority that the employees have accrued in their respective classification(s).
 3. A non-probationary employee being laid off may exercise his/her classification seniority to displace any employee with less classification seniority from any position within the classification which is equal to or lower than his/her position based upon comparative wage rates. In the event no position is available within the employee's classification, and he/she has accrued seniority in another classification within the bargaining unit, the employee may exercise that accrued

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seniority to displace a lower seniority employee in that classification Any lower seniority employee thus displaced may in turn exercise classification seniority to displace any other employee with less seniority in the classification as first described above.

4. Employees who are laid off under the terms of this Agreement, excluding temporary and probationary employees, shall accrue seniority while they are laid off for a period not to exceed their accumulated seniority or a period of one (1) year, whichever period is less. Such seniority accrued by employees during a layoff, however, shall not apply to their wage placement, or their accrual of vacation or sick leave days
5. During the period that laid-off employees are eligible for recall under the terms of this Agreement, they shall receive written notice of vacant bargaining unit positions by first-class mail sent to their last known address. In order to fill positions expeditiously, the laid off employee may be personally contacted by phone to determine his/her interest in the position. However, the employee will validate this verbal statement by signing a written verification of his/her decision. This statement will be mailed to the employee by the Human Resources Department.
6. An employee who is laid off under this provision and who works as a substitute in a bargaining unit position during the period of layoff shall not accrue any bargaining unit rights under the terms of this Agreement, except as otherwise provided therein. Laid-off employees who substitute in the classification from which they were laid off, during the period that such employees are eligible for recall under the terms of this Agreement, shall be paid the rate of pay they were earning at the time they were laid off. This rate of pay shall not be less than the base rate of the classification, nor shall it be subject to incremental or wage schedule increases. Laid-off employees who substitute in a classification other than the classification from which they were laid off shall be paid the regular substitute rate for that classification.
7. When a lay-off is necessary, the Board may approve a voluntary lay-off. The employee will be eligible for recall based on recall language.

ARTICLE X - RECALL

- A. DEFINITION - Recall shall mean the return to work of previously laid-off employees making up the work force covered by the terms of this Agreement.
- B. NOTICE - In the event of a recall, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a written notice of recall to all affected employees by personal delivery, or by certified mail sent to the employee's last known address. Each laid off employee is responsible for keeping the Superintendent or his/her designee advised of his/her current address.
- C. PROCEDURE - In the event of a recall, affected employees shall be recalled in the order and manner described below.

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1. First, employees who have exercised seniority within their classification by accepting another position equal to or lower than the position from which they were laid off shall, on the basis of seniority accrued within the classification, have the option of returning to the position they held at the time of layoff, if the position is reinstated.
2. Second, employees shall be recalled to the classification from which they were laid off in reverse order of the layoff, with the highest seniority employee being recalled first. This provision applies to employees who were laid off from the classification, as well as to employees who were also laid off from the classification, but who exercised their accrued seniority in another classification in which they had previously worked. Employees being recalled in accordance with this provision shall be eligible for any position within the classification which is lower than or equal to the position from which they were laid off based upon comparative wage rates, provided that they are qualified for the position when it is different from the position they held at the time of layoff.
3. The recall of employees from layoff shall be subject to the applicable provisions of Article XIII, Section A.4, dealing with return from leaves of absence.
 - a. An employee shall have a right to recall for a period of time equal to his/her accumulated seniority at the time of layoff up to a maximum period of two (2) years.
 - b. In the event an employee fails to report his/her intent to return to work, or fails to submit a written refusal of recall pursuant to Section 6 below, within seven (7) calendar days following the date of delivery of a written notice of recall, the employee shall be considered to have quit. Further, such an employee shall also be considered to have quit, in the event he/she fails to report to work within three (3) working days after the date he/she is scheduled to return to work.
4. In certain circumstances, employees may refuse recall by providing written notification of such refusal to the Board within the time limits set forth in Section 5 above.
 - a. In the event a secretary is laid off from a full time position and is recalled to a part-time position, or in the event the secretary is laid off from a part-time position and is recalled to a position of lesser time than that part-time position, the affected secretary may refuse the recall, and still retain his/her recall rights as provided in this Agreement if another laid-off secretary returns to the position. If it is necessary for the district to hire a secretary to fill the vacancy, the laid-off secretary will either need to return to the position or resign.
 - b. A paraprofessional may refuse recall to a position of lesser time than the position from which he/she was laid off, provided that the time difference

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between the two positions is an average of more than one (1) hour per day. A paraprofessional refusing recall in accordance with this provision shall retain his/her recall rights as provided in this Agreement if another laid-off paraprofessional returns to the position. If it is necessary for the district to hire a paraprofessional to fill the vacancy, the laid-off paraprofessional will either need to return to the position or resign.

- c. In the event a technology specialist is laid off from a full time position and is recalled to a part-time position, or in the event the technology specialist is laid off from a part-time position and is recalled to a position of lesser time than that part-time position, the affected technology specialist may refuse the recall, and still retain his/her recall rights as provided in this Agreement if another laid-off technology specialist returns to the position. If it is necessary for the district to hire a technology specialist to fill the vacancy, the laid-off technology specialist will either need to return to the position or resign.
- d. If an employee refuses recall to a part-time or lesser time position, he/she shall not be eligible to displace the employee granted the part-time or lesser time position, even if such position becomes full time or the hours are increased for such position unless the position becomes vacant and is available for employees on the recall list.

ARTICLE XI - TRANSFER, PROMOTION AND DISPLACEMENT

- A. POSTING - New positions and vacancies which occur in existing positions will be posted for a period of four (4) full business days on the Association bulletin board in each building, and interested employees shall apply within the posting period. Members who wish to receive postings during the summer must submit a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Human Resources prior to the last day of school.
 1. In the event a half-time secretarial or technology specialist position is increased to a full time position, the expanded position shall be treated as a vacancy and shall be posted and filled as provided herein. If, as a result, the secretary or computer technician who held the original half-time position is displaced by another secretary or technology specialist, then the latter's previous position (along with any other positions which may subsequently result) shall also be treated as regular vacancies, and shall also be posted and filled as provided herein.
 2. In the event a paraprofessional's hours are increased by more than one (1) hour per day, the expanded position shall be treated as a vacancy and shall be posted and filled as provided herein. If, as a result, the paraprofessional who held the original position is displaced by another paraprofessional, the displaced paraprofessional shall be assigned to the position vacated by the paraprofessional who is placed in the posted position.

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3. A paraprofessional with greater seniority who is working fewer hours than the hours associated with the posted position and who meets the qualifications of the job category shall be eligible to displace the affected paraprofessional and be placed in the posted position. If more than one such qualified paraprofessional applies for the posted position, seniority shall be the determining factor.
 4. Upon mutual agreement between Administration and the Association, a maximum of two hours per day may be added to an employee's schedule for up to 30 calendar days for temporary assignments.
 5. Staffing of paraprofessionals is based on building needs and budget considerations. If a reduction in total paraprofessional hours results in the reduction of individual paraprofessionals' hours by more than one (1) hour per day, the individual reductions will follow transfer procedures. Such reductions will be made in reverse seniority order.
- B. PROMOTIONS - Promotions within the bargaining unit shall be made first within the classification, then within the bargaining unit, and shall be made on the basis of skill requirements, evaluation, experience and seniority. In the event the qualifications of the applicants are equal, then seniority shall be the determining factor. If the qualified applicant with the most seniority is denied the promotion, the Board shall provide such employee written reasons for the denial.
1. An employee who receives a promotion within his/her classification shall receive credit for wage placement purposes for the seniority he/she has accrued within the classification, and shall be placed on the appropriate step accordingly.
 2. An employee who receives a promotion to another classification shall be paid at his/her existing rate of pay or the base rate of pay of the classification to which he/she is promoted, whichever is greater. Any such employee who continues to receive his/her existing rate will do so until it is exceeded by the appropriate rate as the individual proceeds through the pay schedule.
- C. TRANSFERS - A lateral transfer of an employee within the classification in which the vacancy or newly created position exists will be considered on the basis of skill requirements, experience level, evaluation and seniority. In the event candidates are equal, seniority shall be the deciding factor. If the qualified applicant with the most seniority is denied a transfer, the Board shall provide such employee written reasons for the denial. This decision may be appealed to the Superintendent or designee for a final decision.

In certain circumstances, administration reserves the right to assign employees to a building/assignment within their classification, based on the best interests of the students, building or program. The right to assign is reserved for situations where it is determined that an employee will be more effective in a change of location or assignment and after communication has occurred to address the situation prior to reassignment. This will not be done without just cause. When/if this type of change is deemed necessary, the HR Administrator will consult with the OESPA Union President and the employee to discuss and

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provide rationale for this action. The employee cannot be moved into a position for fewer hours than they are currently working.

Paraprofessional Transfers

1. Vacancies which occur during the school year will be posted and existing staff will have the opportunity to bid for the position(s). Candidates will be required to submit a letter of interest. Assignments will be determined on the basis of best meeting the needs of the building/student and the factors of skills, experience, evaluation and seniority. If the most senior applicant is not selected, the applicant shall be provided a written explanation of the reasons he/she was not placed in the position. This decision may be appealed to the Superintendent or designee for a final decision.
2. For each upcoming school year, required paraprofessional hours and positions within each building and within each classification will be determined by administration. Hours will be determined based on the needs of the students/building. A meeting will occur with union representatives prior to placements to review each building and its needs. At that time, it will be determined whether there will be additional positions, displaced employees or laid-off employees.
 - a. Existing staff within the building will be placed in paraprofessional positions based on skills, experience, evaluation and seniority.
 - b. If additional positions are available within a building, those positions will be posted and paraprofessionals will be given the opportunity to bid on the positions based on the process listed in #1 above.
 - c. At the end of the year, if there are fewer positions available within a building than there are paraprofessionals, the least senior paraprofessionals will be displaced (unless a more senior paraprofessional chooses to move. This employee will have the opportunity to apply for positions which become available in other buildings. The employee will be eligible for positions based on qualifications and seniority. If no positions are available, they may displace a paraprofessional with lesser seniority.
3. If a displacement occurs during the school year, the displaced paraprofessional shall have opportunity to bid on any open positions. If no positions are available, he/she may displace the least senior paraprofessional prior to the beginning of the next school year, if this paraprofessional does not desire to remain in the existing position, he/she shall have an opportunity to either bid on open positions for the upcoming school year or displace a paraprofessional with lesser seniority.
4. In the case of lay-offs, the least senior paraprofessionals will be identified and notified of the lay-off in accordance with Article IX.

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- D. TRIAL PERIOD - An employee who is selected for transfer or promotion as described above, shall be granted a twenty (20) working day trial period, not including summer work. The trial period shall be used to determine the employee's desire to remain on the job, and his/her ability to perform the job. Upon written request to the Ongoing Contract Committee, which shall include rationale, employees may be required to serve up to an additional twenty (20) working day trial period.
1. During the trial period, employees will receive the wage rate of the job they are performing.
 2. During the trial period, the employee shall have the opportunity to return to his/her former position and/or classification. In such cases, the employee's salary will revert to that of the former position and/or classification and his/her seniority shall not be affected.
 3. An employee who, in the opinion of the immediate supervisor, does not satisfactorily complete his/her trial period in the position and/or classification to which he/she has been transferred or promoted, shall be returned to his/her former position. In such cases, the employee's salary will revert to that of the former position and/or classification, and his/her seniority shall not be affected. Also the Board will provide the employee and the Association written notice and reasons for the supervisor's decision in such cases. The matter may then become a proper subject for the grievance procedure, which may be initiated at Step 3.
 4. Any employee who is promoted during his/her trial period shall be considered to have satisfactorily completed his/her trial period in that classification.
- E. DISPLACEMENTS - Under certain specified circumstances only, members of the bargaining unit may displace other members as described below.
1. In the event of a school building closing or a program modification which eliminates the position(s) of bargaining unit employees, such employees may, on the basis of seniority, be provided hours within the same classification and in a job category for which they meet the qualifications. If the building closing or program modification results in a reduction of personnel within one (1) or more classifications affected by the closing, the layoff provisions of Article IX shall apply to such classification(s), rather than the provisions of this section. This provision may not be used by an employee in a way that results in a promotion for that employee.
 2. When non-probationary employees are affected by layoffs, displacements based on seniority may occur as described in Article IX, Section C 3.
 3. If the hours in a paraprofessional's assignment are increased by more than an hour, other paraprofessionals who possess the required qualifications and greater seniority will have displacement rights as described in Section A.2 above.

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- F. RIGHT OF REFUSAL – When a position becomes eliminated and then reinstated within six (6) calendar months, the employee who held the position at the time of elimination has the right to return to that position prior to posting.

ARTICLE XII - LEAVE DAYS

- A. SICK LEAVE - An annual allowance of sick leave days will be credited to each regular employee at the beginning of his/her work year. In the event an employee terminates before the end of his/her work year, the cost of any used but unearned sick leave days will be deducted from the employee's final pay.

1. Allowance

- a. Secretaries will be allocated 10 sick days per work year for secretaries whose work assignment is scheduled as ten days before the start of school and five days after school ends; 11 sick days per work year for secretaries whose work assignment is scheduled as ten days before the start of school and ten days after school ends; and 12 sick days per work year for year round secretaries and secretaries whose work assignment is scheduled for fifteen or twenty days before the start of school and ten days after school ends (pro-rated for part time).

(1) Secretaries hired prior to 12-11-01 with ten (10) or more consecutive years of service with Oxford shall, upon retirement with MPSERS, be paid for 70% of accumulated sick leave days. The employee must have been currently employed with Oxford at time of retirement. Deferred retirement will not qualify for this payout.

(2) Secretaries hired after 12-11-01 with ten (10) or more consecutive years of service with Oxford shall, upon retirement with MPSERS, be paid for 60% of accumulated sick leave days. The employee must have been currently employed with Oxford at time of retirement. Deferred retirement will not qualify for this payout.

Any payment made under this provision shall not exceed the BA/BS base of the OEA salary schedule. Currently \$36,835.

- b. Paraprofessionals will be allocated ten (10) sick leave days per work year.

(1) Paraprofessionals hired prior to 12-11-01 with ten (10) or more consecutive years of service with Oxford shall, upon retirement with MPSERS, be paid for 70% of accumulated sick leave days.

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The employee must have been currently employed with Oxford at time of retirement. Deferred retirement will not qualify for this payout.

(2) Paraprofessionals hired after 12-11-01 with ten (10) or more consecutive years of service with Oxford shall, upon retirement with MPSERS, be paid for 60% of accumulated sick leave days. The employee must have been currently employed with Oxford at time of retirement. Deferred retirement will not qualify for this payout. **Any payment made under this provision shall not exceed the BA/BS base of the OEA salary schedule. Currently \$36,835.**

c. Technology specialists will be allocated ten (10) sick leave days per work year.

(1) Technology Specialists hired prior to 12-11-01 with ten (10) or more consecutive years of service with Oxford shall, upon retirement with MPSERS, be paid for 70% of accumulated sick leave days. The employee must have been currently employed with Oxford at time of retirement. Deferred retirement will not qualify for this payout.

(2) Technology Specialists hired after 12-11-01 with ten (10) or more consecutive years of service with Oxford shall, upon retirement with MPSERS, be paid for 60% of accumulated sick leave days. The employee must have been currently employed with Oxford at time of retirement. Deferred retirement will not qualify for this payout. **Any payment made under this provision shall not exceed the BA/BS base of the OEA salary schedule. Currently \$36,835.**

d. The Board reserves the right to grant additional sick leave days with loss of pay to employees with over ten (10) years of service to the school district, and to pass final judgment in each individual case.

2. Use - In addition to permitting regular employees to be absent without loss of pay during personal illnesses, sick leave days may be used for other reasons as outlined below.

a. Subject to the approval of the Superintendent or designee, sick days may be used in case of serious illness or quarantine of the immediate family. Immediate family shall be defined to include spouse, parent, step-parent, child or step-child.

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- b. Upon approval of a childbirth leave, accumulated sick leave days may be used during the period of disability as specified by the physician.
 - c. With the approval of an employee's immediate supervisor, sick leave days may be used for necessary travel time in connection with approved funeral or bereavement leave.
 - d. An employee may use sick leave days to conduct personal business within the limitations detailed in Section D below.
 - e. If an employee cannot report for work due to inclement weather or other natural causes, and the employee notifies his/her immediate supervisor by telephone, he/she may use one (1) sick leave day for each such day that such employee does not report for work.
3. Employees whose starting time occurs between 6:00 and 10:00 a.m. and who are using a sick leave day shall notify their immediate supervisor or designee as soon as possible.
 4. No individual newly employed by the schools will be granted any benefits under this sick leave policy until that employee has completed work for one (1) pay period.
 5. An employee who has been absent three (3) consecutive workdays may be requested to present a doctor's statement upon return to work. In cases of prolonged illness (i.e. over ten consecutive workdays), periodic reports from a doctor may be requested by the Board. In addition, a pattern of absences may also require a doctor's statement.
- B. FUNERAL OR BEREAVEMENT LEAVE - Funeral or bereavement leave may be used at the request of an employee for death in the immediate family, which is defined to include his/her spouse, children, parents, or siblings, corresponding relatives-in-law, grandchildren or grandparents and "step" relatives corresponding to any of these, or any relative living in the employee's home.
1. The first two (2) days of funeral or bereavement leave will not be deducted from sick leave. Upon approval of the Superintendent or designee, one (1) additional day not deducted from the employee's sick leave allowance may be used for necessary travel or business in connection with a death or funeral.
 2. Funeral leave for close friends of an employee may be granted at the discretion of the immediate supervisor.

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- C. BUSINESS LEAVE - Two (2) leave days, not to be deducted from sick leave, will be approved under this section to cover necessary business and legal activities that cannot otherwise be scheduled.
1. Activities covered under this section will include, but not be limited to: meetings with the Internal Revenue Service or other government bodies if required to attend, court or legal proceedings, meetings for mortgage application or mortgage closing, or meetings in connection with adoptions or estate settlement. Administration may request additional information regarding request in order to designate as Business Leave.
 2. Except in emergencies, the employee shall request the use of a business leave day at least two (2) working days in advance of the proposed absence.
- D. PERSONAL LEAVE - An employee may use three (3) days of his/her sick leave allowance to conduct personal business that cannot be arranged for times before or after the employee's work day. Personal leave days used on a scheduled work day may not be used for vacation, extension of a vacation, or other activities that do not fall within the reasonable guidelines of this section. Circumstances allowable under personal leave include, but are not limited to: emergencies, school activities and significant events (i.e., weddings, college orientation, award ceremonies). Personal leave days must receive prior approval by administration. Requests for use of up to six (6) consecutive personal leave days (using sick leave) shall be granted during unpaid breaks and when school is not in session for Paraprofessionals and Technology Specialists. Secretaries may use personal leave days for this purpose only after annual vacation days have been exhausted. Except in emergencies, the employee shall request to use a personal business day at least two (2) working days in advance of the proposed absence. The use of personal-business days under this provision may be deferred at times of unusually high absenteeism among employees, and in such cases requests for use of such days shall be granted to the extent possible, and according to the order in which they were received. Personal leave days must receive prior approval by administration.
- E. JURY DUTY - Any employee missing work as a result of being called for jury duty shall be paid his/her full salary minus any compensation for the duty, excluding mileage. An affected employee shall authorize appropriate payroll deductions at the time leave is requested to serve.
- F. ASSOCIATION BUSINESS - A member of the Association authorized by the Association President to attend a function of the MEA-NEA, such as conferences

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or conventions, shall be allowed time off to attend such functions without loss of pay subject to the following limitations.

1. The total number of days which may be used under terms of this provision shall not exceed eight (8) workdays per year for the entire bargaining unit membership, with possible extension to twelve (12) during bargaining years with approval of Deputy Superintendent for Human Resources. Additional days may be granted by the Superintendent or designee upon request by the Association.
2. Prior to the use of a conference day under this provision, the Association shall provide advance notice of at least one (1) week.
3. Not more than two (2) employees (excluding the President) shall be absent at any one time under this provision, unless authorization is given by the Superintendent or designee.
4. Payment for union release time will be subject to state law (i.e., union reimbursement for retirement costs).

ARTICLE XIII - LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- A. UNPAID LEAVE - Leaves of absence without pay or benefits will be granted for a good cause to those employees who have been continuously employed by the Board for one (1) year or more, subject to the following provisions:
1. Application - Employees desiring a leave of absence shall submit a written request at least thirty (30) days in advance of the proposed leave, except in emergencies. The request shall include the reason(s) for the leave of absence and, subject to this provision, the length of the leave of absence. The Superintendent or designee shall respond to an employee's application within thirty (30) days from the date it is submitted, except in emergencies.
 2. Length of Leave - Leaves of absence shall be for reasonable lengths of time not to exceed a period of one (1) year. A leave of absence may be extended for a period of one (1) additional year upon the written application of the employee desiring the extension. He/she shall submit the request for such an extension to the Superintendent or designee not less than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the original leave of absence. Decisions to grant such extension shall be at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee and shall not be grievable.

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3. Seniority - Seniority shall not accrue during a leave of absence which exceeds ninety (90) calendar days, but previously accumulated seniority, sick leave days and position on the salary schedule shall not be lost.
 4. Return from Leave - Employees desiring to return to employment from a leave of absence shall submit a written notice of intent to return to the Superintendent or designee not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of their leave. Such employees will be eligible for a position within their same classification and job category, provided that a position is available. In the event no position is available upon the expiration of the employee's leave, the employee shall remain eligible for an available position within his/her classification and job category for an additional period of one (1) year. If a position within the employee's classification and job category becomes available during the eligibility period, the employee may return to the position, provided that the employee has greater seniority for the position than any laid off employee who would otherwise be eligible for the position pursuant to Article X. Employees on a medical leave of absence shall be eligible to return from such a leave of absence according to the applicable provisions of Section B.3 of this article.
 5. Posting of Vacancies - The positions of employees on unpaid leaves of absence which exceed ninety (90) calendar days shall be treated as vacancies in accordance with Article XI of this Agreement, unless such positions have been eliminated by the Board. During the period preceding the filling of such vacancies, such positions may be filled with substitute or temporary employees.
- B. MEDICAL LEAVE - Any employee who has been absent due to illness, injury and/or disability for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days shall be eligible for a medical leave of absence, regardless of how long that employee has previously been employed by the district.
1. Application - Within thirty (30) days after the employee has been absent due to illness, injury, and/or disability, he/she shall submit a written application for a medical leave of absence, together with a physician's statement indicating the nature of his/her illness, injury or disability. In the absence of such letter, the district shall determine the status of the employee based on certain factors. If the employee is unable to submit a request due to a medical condition, the leave will commence automatically. If the employee does not submit a letter for other reasons, they may be considered as having voluntarily resigned. In any case, the medical leave will commence upon the first day of extended absence.

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- a. For employees not receiving worker's compensation benefits, the period preceding eligibility shall not exceed the maximum number of sick leave days provided for in Article XII, Section A.1 a for secretaries, Section A.1 b for paraprofessionals and Section A.1 c for technology specialists.
 - b. For employees who are receiving worker's compensation benefits, this period shall not exceed three hundred sixty-five (365) calendar days.
2. Length of Leave and Seniority - The length of leave and seniority provisions for unpaid leaves of absence shall apply to medical leaves of absence unless otherwise provided in this section.
3. Return from Leave - Any employee returning from a medical leave of absence shall furnish a written notice of his/her intent to return to work, and a physician's statement certifying that he/she may return and perform his/her job duties. An employee on a medical leave of absence may be eligible to return to employment prior to the expiration of his/her medical leave of absence in accordance with Section A.4 of this section, whichever is applicable, provided that the employee furnishes the written notice of intent to return and the required physician's statement.
 - a. An employee who has been employed with the District less than five (5) years shall be eligible to return to employment from a medical leave of absence in accordance with Section A 4 of this Article.
 - b. An employee who has been employed by the District for more than five (5) years shall return from a medical leave of absence to his/her own position, provided that such employee returns to employment within one (1) year from the date his/her leave of absence began. During this one (1) year period, the affected employee's position shall not be subject to posting or to any of the provisions of Article X regarding recall or Article XI regarding transfers and promotions, and said position may be filled by the Board in any manner and with any person that it deems appropriate. If the employee fails to return within the one (1) year period, the Board will post the position and the individual shall no longer be considered an employee of the district.
5. 4. Posting of Vacancies - The posting of vacancy provisions for unpaid leaves of absence shall apply to medical leaves of absence, except as otherwise provided in Section B 3 above.

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- C. CHILDBIRTH AND CHILD CARE LEAVES - Except as otherwise provided in this section, childbirth and child care leaves shall be granted on the same basis as outlined for unpaid leaves of absence in Section A above.
1. A childbirth leave shall be granted upon written request, and will be on an unpaid basis except as the employee may choose to use accumulated sick leave as provided for in Article XII. The employee shall be expected to return to work at the conclusion of the childbirth disability, upon certification by the attending physician that she may return and perform her job duties.
 2. Child care leaves without pay may be granted upon written request, but the initial length of such leaves shall be limited to one (1) year.
- D. MILITARY LEAVE - In the event the provisions of Universal Military Training Act are reinstated by Congress, Articles XX, XXI and XXII of the 1973-74 contract will be reactivated as part of the existing Agreement.
- E. FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE – All requirements of the Family and Medical Leave Act will be observed, but it is understood by both parties that the leave provisions of that Act are corresponding with, rather than in addition to, the leave provisions of this Agreement. The leave provisions of this Agreement will thus be extended only in those instances, if any, when they are exceeded by the requirements of FMLA.

ARTICLE XIV - WORK YEAR, DAYS AND HOURS

- A. WORK YEAR - On or before June 30 of each year, except in emergencies, the Superintendent or designee will provide each member a copy of a chart indicating the length of his/her regular work year and the starting and ending date for the upcoming work year. A copy of the chart will also be provided to the Association President. After the June 30 deadline, a secretary's work year may be changed by mutual agreement, with the further understanding that the work year of all unit employees may be subject to adjustment due to the make-up of canceled student instruction days. In the absence of a calendar for the upcoming school year, a start date will be provided prior to August 1. The district agrees to consult with OESPA during the development of the school year calendar.
1. Secretaries - The regular work year for secretaries will range from 200 days to 220 days exclusive of holidays, and each secretary will be assigned to one of the following work schedules. Distinction between Administrative Secretary and Office Secretary is used to determine length of work year.

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- a. Elementary Schools: Administrative Secretary – 10 days before the start of school and 5 days after school ends. This position will be scheduled for a minimum of 200 days per year. The distribution of days worked before/after the start of the school year may be altered by mutual consent of the employee and administrator.
- b. Middle School: Administrative Secretary – 15 days before the start of school and 10 days after school ends. This position will be scheduled for a minimum of 210 days per year. Office Secretary and Counseling Secretary – 10 days before the start of school and 10 days after school ends. This position will be scheduled for a minimum of 205 days per year. The distribution of days worked before/after the start of the school year may be altered by mutual consent of the employee and administrator.
- c. High School: Administrative Secretary, Principal - The minimum work year will be 15 days before the start of school and 10 days after school ends. This position will be scheduled for a minimum of 210 days per year. An additional “up to six (6) weeks” of work may be offered to high school secretaries on a voluntary basis. If there are no volunteers, the remainder of the bargaining unit secretaries will be offered the work on a bargaining unit seniority basis. Administrative Secretary, Counseling - 20 days before the start of school and 10 days after school ends. This position will be scheduled for a minimum of 215 days per year. Office Secretary - 10 days before the start of school and 10 days after school ends. This position will be scheduled for a minimum of 205 days per year. The distribution of days worked before/after the start of the school year may be altered by mutual consent of the employee and administrator.
- d. Athletics: Administrative Secretary – 20 days before the start of school and 5 days after school ends. This position will be scheduled for a minimum of 210 days per year. The distribution of days worked before/after the start of the school year may be altered by mutual consent of the employee and administrator.
- e. Food Service: Administrative Secretary – 10 days before the start of school and 10 days after school ends. This position will be scheduled for a minimum of 205 days per year. The distribution of days worked before/after the start of the school year may be altered by mutual consent of the employee and administrator.

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- f. Transportation/Maintenance: Administrative Secretary – 15 days before the start of school and 10 days after school ends. This position will be scheduled for a minimum of 210 days per year. The distribution of days worked before/after the start of the school year may be altered by mutual consent of the employee and administrator.
 - g. Special Education: Office Secretary – 10 days before the start of school and 10 days after school ends. This position will be scheduled for a minimum of 205 days per year. The distribution of days worked before/after the start of the school year may be altered by mutual consent of the employee and administrator.
 - h. Oxford Virtual Academy – Year round
2. Paraprofessionals – The regular work year for paraprofessionals will consist of the number of days of student instruction occurring during the regular school year, plus three (3) additional work days. The three (3) additional days will be scheduled by the building administrator. Paraprofessionals will be notified of the work schedule for the school year no later than August 1. If adjustments need to be made to the schedule after August 1, it will be determined by mutual agreement between the administrator and paraprofessional(s) in the building. Up to two (2) professional development days may be scheduled for paraprofessionals as determined by administration. On days where a building is scheduled for less than a full day, paraprofessionals will have the option to work their full hours.
 3. Technology Specialists – The regular work year for a technology specialist consists of the teacher calendar plus nine (9) additional days to be developed by the Director of Cybersecurity and Operational Technology and technology specialist representative(s) and sent in written form to members by August 1.
 4. Start of Work Year - In the event an employee is required to begin a new work year prior to the scheduled starting date, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the employee fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the revised starting date, except in emergencies. An employee who thus begins his/her year early shall, upon approval of the Superintendent or designee, be provided with the options of taking an appropriate number of unpaid days off during the work year, or working and being paid for a longer year incorporating the extra days. If the change in schedule creates a hardship for the employee, he/she shall notify the employer and mutually agreed upon alternatives will be explored.

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5. Extended Work Year - In the event an employee is required to work beyond the end of the scheduled work year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the employee thirty (30) calendar days prior to the end of the employee's regular work year, except in emergencies. An employee whose work year is thus extended for reasons other than the make-up of canceled student instruction days shall, upon approval of the Superintendent or designee, be provided with the option of taking an appropriate number of unpaid days off during the subsequent work year.
- B. WORK DAYS AND HOURS - Nothing contained herein shall prevent the rescheduling of workdays if deemed necessary by the Superintendent or designee after consultation with the Association President. The rescheduling of workdays shall also be subject, however, to the provisions in Section C below regarding emergency closing of schools, whenever applicable. For purposes of this provision, an emergency shall be defined as an unforeseen occurrence or condition, including but not limited to unexpected death or unresolved school calendar dates.
1. Secretaries - The regular work day for secretaries shall be eight (8) hours, with a half-hour, duty-free, paid lunch. The regular work day for the central office secretary shall be eight hours and 30 minutes (8.5) with a half-hour, duty-free, paid lunch.
 2. Paraprofessionals - The work day for paraprofessionals shall consist of a minimum of four (4) hours per day on a five (5) day per week schedule, unless an alternate schedule is mutually agreed upon between the Association and the Superintendent or designee. The work schedule will consist of a minimum average of twenty (20) hours per week. Employees who work over four (4) hours per day are entitled to a thirty (30) minute duty-free paid lunch.
 3. Technology Specialists – The regular work day for technology specialists shall be eight (8) hours, with a half-hour, duty free, paid lunch.
 4. Relief Break - Employees working six (6) hours or more in a day shall be entitled to a ten (10) minute relief break in the mid-morning and in the mid-afternoon, as scheduled by the immediate supervisor. Employees working less than six (6) hours in a day shall be entitled to a ten (10) minute relief break during their work day, as scheduled by the immediate supervisor. It is the intent of this provision to afford a period away from regular work responsibilities.
- C. SCHOOL CLOSING - When schools are closed due to inclement weather, emergency situation or other natural causes, employees are expected to report

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for work unless they are authorized not to do so in accordance with Section 1 below. If an employee cannot report for work due to inclement weather or other natural causes, he/she shall notify his/her immediate supervisor by telephone and shall be eligible to use accumulated sick leave days as provided in Article XII, Section A 2 e.

1. Secretaries - If a secretary is authorized by his/her immediate supervisor not to report for work, or is permitted to leave work early due to inclement weather or other emergency causes, that secretary shall be paid for the day or part of the day school is closed, subject to the other provisions of this section, up to six (6) days of cancelled school.
 - a. If a day or part of a day when school was closed due to inclement weather or other emergency causes is rescheduled as a make-up day for students within the school year, the secretary is expected to work. If this day is part of the secretary's normal work year, the secretary shall receive normal pay. If the secretary was not scheduled to work, he/she may, at his/her option, choose to work the rescheduled time without pay, or elect to be paid for the rescheduled time and use an equivalent amount of accumulated sick leave time. A secretary who is absent on such make-up day(s) shall be indebted to the District for the pay he/she received on the day or part of the day being made up.
 - b. If such a day or part of a day is rescheduled and causes an increase in the number of days in a secretary's work year, the secretary is expected to work. He/she may, at his/her option, choose to work the rescheduled time without pay, or elect to be paid for the rescheduled time and use an equivalent amount of accumulated sick leave time. A secretary who is absent on such make-up day(s) shall be indebted to the District for the pay he/she received on the day or part of the day being made up.
2. Paraprofessionals and Technology Specialists - In the event that paraprofessionals and/or computer technicians are authorized by their immediate supervisor not to report for work or are authorized to leave work early due to inclement weather or other emergency causes, and no make-up time is scheduled for students, the paraprofessionals and/or technology specialists shall receive their normal pay for up to six (6) days of cancelled school. In the event that the time lost is to be rescheduled as a make-up day for students on a day when paraprofessionals and/or computer technicians are not scheduled for work, they shall also receive their normal pay for the time school is closed, but then shall be expected to work on the scheduled make-up day. A paraprofessional and/or technology specialist

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who is absent on such make-up day(s) shall be indebted to the District for the pay he/she received on the day or part of the day being made up.

3. Early Dismissal - When students and teachers are dismissed early due to inclement weather which affects driving conditions, secretaries, paraprofessionals, and technology specialists may leave work when the building has been cleared of students, except in emergencies, and subject to the other provisions of this section.
4. Statutory Change - If, due to a statutory change, the school district can count days school is closed for students due to inclement weather or other emergency causes as days of pupil instruction for state aid purposes, and/or if the school district is not required to make up days of student instruction without loss of state funding, secretaries, paraprofessionals, and computer technicians shall not be required to make up such days, and shall not lose pay or paid leave.

ARTICLE XV - HOLIDAYS AND VACATION DAYS

- A. HOLIDAYS - Employees covered by the terms of this Agreement shall be paid for holidays at their current rate of pay, based upon the number of hours they normally work.
 1. All such employees shall be paid for eleven (11) holidays during the course of the year: Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day following, Christmas Day and the day preceding and following, New Year's Day and the day preceding, Good Friday, the Monday of Spring break and Memorial Day. If Good Friday is a scheduled work day, all employees will be paid for one day of spring break.
 2. In the event any of the holidays set forth in Section 1 above fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the affected holiday(s) shall be rescheduled for the preceding Friday or the following Monday, as the case may be, provided school is not in session on the rescheduled day or days. If school is in session on such day or days, the holiday(s) shall be rescheduled to another day which does not conflict with school, by mutual agreement between the Superintendent or designee and representatives of the Association.
 3. Secretaries shall be paid for a twelfth and final holiday on the Fourth of July if they have been scheduled to work on the last scheduled work day immediately preceding the July 4th holiday or have been otherwise scheduled to work a full twelve (12) month work year.

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B. VACATION DAYS - Secretaries shall earn paid vacation days, and paraprofessionals, security personnel, and technology specialists shall receive unpaid vacation days as described below.

1. At the time of their initial employment, secretaries shall be credited with a proportional share of ten (10) paid vacation days based upon the portion of the work year remaining. At the beginning of each of the next four work years, they shall be credited with ten (10) paid vacation days. At the beginning of each subsequent year, they shall be credited with one (1) additional day per year, up to a maximum of twenty (20) days.
2. Year-round secretaries shall be credited with a proportional share of fifteen (15) paid vacation days based upon the portion of the work year remaining. After four (4) years of employment, one (1) additional day per year shall be added up to a total of twenty-five (25) days.
 - a. Secretaries hired between July 1 and December 31 will have their vacation years of service computed from July 1 of that work year, and secretaries hired between January 1 and June 30 will have their vacation years of service computed from July 1 of the following work year. (e.g. A secretary hired in October, 1994 will complete his/her first year on June 30, 1995. A secretary hired in April, 1995 will complete his/her first year on June 30, 1996.)
 - b. If a secretary is laid off or retires, he/she will be credited with all vacation days accrued in his/her current work year. Otherwise, a secretary working less than a regular work year before terminating will earn only a proportional share of the vacation days to which he/she would normally be entitled. Any vacation days used but unearned by such an employee shall be deducted from his/her last pay
2. The use of paid vacation days by secretaries will be governed by the following guidelines.
 - a. Secretaries shall use their vacation days when school is not in session unless an exception is approved by the immediate supervisor.
 - b. The use of vacation days may not be waived by secretaries in favor of extra pay unless an exception is approved by their immediate supervisor. Secretaries who do not have an adequate number of

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vacation days to cover the break periods may use sick days as allowed under Article XII.D – Personal Leave. Secretaries will, however, be paid for any unused vacation days by the end of each work year.

- c. If a secretary becomes ill and is under the care of a physician during his/her vacation, the vacation will be rescheduled and the sick leave provisions of Article XII will apply.
 - d. In the event a holiday provided for secretaries in Section A above occurs during his/her scheduled vacation, he/she shall receive holiday pay and shall not be required to use a vacation day.
 - e. While on vacation, secretaries will be paid their regular rate of pay for their normal work day, and will receive credit for any benefits provided for in this Agreement.
3. Upon request, paraprofessionals and technology specialists will be permitted to take up to five (5) unpaid vacation days per school year. Paraprofessionals and technology specialists desiring to take unpaid vacation days in accordance with this provision shall submit a written request to their immediate supervisor at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of the vacation. Within five (5) working days after receiving the request for unpaid vacation days, except in emergencies, the immediate supervisor shall provide written approval or disapproval (for cause) of the use of unpaid vacation days. If denied, a written explanation will be provided upon request. Not more than three (3) employees in the paraprofessional or technology specialist classification may take unpaid vacation days at the same time, and to the greatest extent possible, the taking of such vacation days shall not interfere with the efficient operation of the employee's departments.

ARTICLE XVI - UNIT CLARIFICATION

- A. UNIT OR BARGAINING UNIT - The unit or bargaining unit shall be defined to include the entire group of employees covered by the terms of this Collective Bargaining Agreement, and is inclusive of all classifications, job categories and positions referred to in the Agreement.
- B. CLASSIFICATION - The term classification refers to the grouping of employees in categories according to general work function. Three (3) classifications are included under the terms of this Agreement as defined below.

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1. Secretary
2. Paraprofessional
3. Technology Specialist

C. JOB CATEGORIES - This term refers to more specific grouping of positions included within a classification. The following job categories are included within each designated classification. Classification is used only to determine the length of the work year (see Article XIV, Work Year).

1. Secretary Classification

- a. Administrative Secretary - All secretaries who are primarily responsible to a certified administrator for a significant portion of their work.

Secretary to Elementary Principal
Secretary to Middle School Principal
Secretary to High School Principal
Secretary, High School Counseling
Secretary, Transportation/Maintenance Office
Secretary, Athletic Director
Secretary, Food Service
Secretary, Oxford Virtual Academy

- b. Office Secretary - All other secretaries who have more general office or department responsibilities.

Secretary, Elementary Offices
Secretary, Middle School Office
Secretary, High School Office
Secretary, Special Education Office
Secretary, Middle School Counseling Office
Secretary, Central Office

2. Paraprofessional Classification

- a. Instructional/Special Education Paraprofessionals - The responsibilities of paraprofessionals may involve activities which directly assist teachers in the delivery of instruction as determined by the building principal and/or activities which support special education programs and special education students as mutually determined by the building principal and the special education

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department. For special education, the paraprofessional will follow the instruction given by the caseload teacher, which will be directly related to the supplemental aids and services as developed by the IEP team. Qualifications for paraprofessionals may include the ability to monitor and assist students in identified subject areas, providing medical support for students, monitoring students (special education & general education), and other duties as assigned. Medical support for students may be required as part of the paraprofessional duties. While it is not the intent that paraprofessionals will provide lunchroom and playground supervision for the general population while serving in the paraprofessional role, it is expected that these employees will act reasonably and responsibly and assist students who need immediate assistance.

- b. Media Center Paraprofessionals - The primary responsibilities of these paraprofessionals involve the maintenance and operation of media centers, collections and programs as determined by the building principal.
- c. Office Paraprofessional – The primary responsibilities of these paraprofessionals will be to answer phones, assist with basic filing, assist in medical administration, to help implement office security protocols, and manage the main office while the secretary is at lunch. The existence of the office paraprofessional is intended to eliminate the need to have media center paraprofessionals provide office support.

3. Technology Specialist Classification

The primary responsibilities of these technicians involve installing, monitoring and maintaining hardware and software systems, and providing technical assistance and training for technology users as determined by the director of cybersecurity and operational technology. In order to qualify for Technology Specialist positions, individuals must meet requirements as specified in the job description.

D. PARAPROFESSIONAL PROVISIONS – Certain special provisions in regard to paraprofessionals will be in place as described below.

- 1. Each of the two (2) paraprofessional job categories described in Section C.2. above differ in their primary responsibilities, and for purposes of assignment, paraprofessionals will be identified in one (1) of the job categories.

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2. The assignment of paraprofessionals to recess and other special duties requires that the following provisions be made.
 - a. Each work site will provide a suitable place for changing apparel when such duty is assigned, including an appropriate place to hang clothing.
 - b. The decision to use paraprofessionals for playground supervision will be made by the building principal, but a reasonable attempt will be made to limit such assignments during extremely cold or otherwise inclement weather. Alleged abuse of this provision by an employee and/or the Association will be a proper subject for a special conference pursuant to Article VI.
 - c. Paraprofessionals shall not be required to provide classroom supervision in the absence of a teacher for more than fifteen (15) minutes at any one time, except in emergencies. Alleged abuse of this provision by an employee and/or the Association will be a proper subject for a special conference pursuant to Article VI.
 - d. Office Paraprofessionals will be assigned to an elementary building under the following conditions:
 1. In DK-2 buildings when student count is 300+
 2. In Dk-5 and 3-5 buildings when student count is 350+
- E. JOB DESCRIPTIONS - The Association recognizes that the Board retains sole discretion to officially adopt job descriptions, and the Board agrees that once adopted, such job descriptions will not be unilaterally altered without prior discussion with the Association. Job descriptions for new bargaining unit positions shall be discussed between the parties prior to such positions being posted.
- F. EVALUATION –A mutually developed evaluation tool will be used to evaluate secretaries, paraprofessionals, and technology specialists prior to the completion of the probationary period for new employees (60 work days), and on an annual basis thereafter. Annual evaluations will be completed between March 1 and June 1 of the school year. Employees who receive performance appraisals that indicate areas of concern may be evaluated on a quarterly basis during the school year. Review sessions will be used by administration and the employee to formulate and discuss plans for improvement. The evaluation instruments and procedures for all bargaining unit positions which are related to the job

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descriptions will be made available to all bargaining unit employees and placed on the district website.

- G. NEW POSITIONS - If a new position is created in the unit which does not clearly fit in an existing classification, the Board will notify the Association prior to establishing a classification and wage rate structure. In the event the Association does not agree that the description and wage rate are proper, they shall be subject to the special conference provisions of Article VI.

ARTICLE XVII - EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

- A. The basic compensation schedule for all bargaining unit members is incorporated in Appendix A of this Agreement.
- B. All employees covered by the terms of this Agreement shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times their regular hourly rate for all hours worked beyond forty (40) hours in any week, subject to the provisions of Section C immediately below.
- C. All employees covered by the terms of this Agreement shall be compensated at the rate of two (2) times their regular hourly rate for all hours worked on Sundays, and at one and one-half (1 1/2) times their regular hourly rate for all hours worked on designated holidays, the latter in addition to holiday pay elsewhere provided for in this Agreement.
- D. Employees requested to work in a classification or job category for more than 50 minutes per day which is compensated at a higher rate shall be paid at the higher rate for the time worked in that capacity (Example – A paraprofessional on step 4 filling in for a secretary will be paid at step 4 of the secretary salary schedule including any accumulated longevity).. In the case of substitution for a teacher, the rate shall be the employee's hourly rate or the daily sub rate, whichever is greater.
- E. All employees covered by the terms of this Agreement shall be paid their regular hourly rate for all meetings they are required to attend by their immediate supervisor. This provision shall not apply to meetings at which employee attendance is voluntary, nor to hearings pursuant to the grievance procedure.
- F. Paraprofessionals working in a summer program operated by the District will normally be paid at the same hourly rate as during the preceding school year. If such a program is related to and is continuous with the upcoming school year,

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however, the paraprofessionals will be paid at the same hourly rate they would be earning during that subsequent school year.

- G. A paraprofessional regularly required to work outside or to wipe tables in the lunchroom, will be entitled to a clothing allowance of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to be paid once per year at the end of the first semester. In addition, the district will reimburse paraprofessionals for the reasonable repair or replacement cost of clothing that is damaged in the course of their work.
- H. Employees required to drive personal automobiles in the course of their work shall be reimbursed at the current IRS rate.
- I. Employees who are in a branch of the Armed Forces Reserve or the National Guard will be paid the difference between their reserve pay and their regular pay from the District when they are on full time active duty in the Reserve or National Guard, provided proof of service and pay is submitted. A maximum of two (2) weeks per year is the normal limit on this provision, except in an emergency.
- J. The Board agrees that any employee injured on the job and eligible for worker's compensation insurance under the law as a result, will receive, in addition to the worker's compensation income, an amount to be paid by the Board sufficient to make up the difference between worker's compensation and the employee's regular net weekly income. This supplemental payment shall not exceed a period of ninety (90) calendar days, and that ninety (90) day period will not be chargeable to sick leave.
- K. Each secretary may take one remuneration day during the school year. This day is to be taken on a day when school is not in session. The day should be arranged with approval of the immediate supervisor. This day shall not accrue from year to year, nor shall it be paid to the employee if not used.

ARTICLE XVIII - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- A. HEALTH INSURANCE – For full time secretarial employees, the Board will provide health care to eligible employees in compliance with PA 152. The state cap will be frozen at January 2014 levels (no increase of hard cap on 01-01-15), as follows: Single-person coverage - \$5,857.58; Two-person coverage - \$12,250.00; Family coverage - \$15,975.23.

For the life of this agreement, health care increases for the HMO health plan (from the 2016-17 level) will be shared equally by the district and employees. The cost will be shared only to the extent allowed under the stipulations of PA 152 (hard cap law). For the PPO plans offered, the district will pay at the same

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level it paid for those plans in the 2016-17 school year. For the remaining years of the agreement, the district payment will be equal to the amount paid for the HMO plan. Should health insurance increases for the HMO exceed 10% for years two and three of the agreement, the parties agree to review plans and explore options to lower the rate(s) and/or review alternate health care plans if either party requests the review. This clause will be used for all employee groups.

1. Other bargaining unit members will be entitled to health insurance coverage according to the guidelines below and in compliance with the publicly funded health insurance contribution act (PA 152).
 - a. For the 2022-23 school year any employee who works thirty (30) hours per week or more, and who has not less than four (4) years of seniority with the school district within the bargaining unit shall, upon written application, be covered by the group health insurance plan in accordance with the publicly funded health insurance contribution act (PA 152), subject to the insurance enrollment periods, the terms of the policy, and other provisions herein.
 - b. For the 2023-24 school year any employee who works thirty (30) hours per week or more, and who has not less than three (3) years of seniority with the school district within the bargaining unit shall, upon written application, be covered by the group health insurance plan in accordance with the publicly funded health insurance contribution act (PA 152), subject to the insurance enrollment periods, the terms of the policy, and other provisions herein.
 - c. For the 2024-25 school year any employee who works thirty (30) hours per week or more, and who has not less than two (2) years of seniority with the school district within the bargaining unit shall, upon written application, be covered by the group health insurance plan in accordance with the publicly funded health insurance contribution act (PA 152), subject to the insurance enrollment periods, the terms of the policy, and other provisions herein.
 - d. Any other employees who works thirty (30) hours per week or more shall, upon written application, be covered by the group health insurance plan for single-subscriber benefits only with the Board paying the District established minimum of the premium subject to the insurance enrollment periods, the terms of the policy and other provisions herein.. The employee may elect 2-person or full family coverage and pay 50% of the total plan cost. The Board will adjust the pro-rated amount paid by employees to comply with federal and/or state law.

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- e. Any employee who works under thirty (30) hours per week may, upon written application, be covered by the group health insurance plan, with the employee fully paying all costs involved, subject to the insurance enrollment periods, the terms of the policy, and other provisions herein.
2. Employees who are eligible for health insurance under this provision shall be responsible for notifying the Board of their election to receive such insurance in accordance with the provision by completing the appropriate application for such coverage.
 - a. Spouses shall not be entitled to health insurance coverage under the terms of this provision in the event that they are covered by other health insurance plans.
 - b. Upon the request of the Superintendent or designee, an employee shall furnish a letter or provide information from his/her spouse's employer or any other appropriate person, firm, entity, or corporation stating that the employee's spouse is not covered by a medical insurance plan. Employees under this provision shall disclose employment by spouses or provide other information for purposes of verifying medical coverage. This provision is not retroactive, and is subject to any applicable requirements of the health insurance carrier.
 3. Eligible employees who elect not to receive health insurance coverage shall receive a cash payment based upon their years of service within the bargaining units as follows: Years 1-6 - \$700; Years 7+ - \$1400. This amount will be divided and paid twice per year (on or about December 1 and June 1). All cash payments in lieu of health insurance may be applied to tax sheltered annuity or custodial account programs from companies approved by the Board.
- B. DENTAL INSURANCE - The Board will provide all employees who work thirty (30) hours per week or more with a dental insurance plan paid for by the Board.
 - C. VISION INSURANCE - The Board will provide all employees who work thirty (30) hours per week or more with a vision insurance plan paid for by the Board.
 - D. LIFE INSURANCE - The Board will provide group term life insurance, including an accidental death and dismemberment clause, to regular employees who work four (4) hours or more per day in the amount of \$20,000 for secretaries, paraprofessionals and technology specialists.

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- E. DISABILITY INSURANCE - The Board agrees to provide all employees who work four (4) hours or more per day with a long term disability policy. After ninety (90) days of disability, these group income protection insurance plans pay sixty-six and two-thirds percent ($66 \frac{2}{3}\%$) of an employee's pay, not to exceed a combined maximum of one thousand nine hundred forty-four dollars (\$1,944.00) per month from all sources. Monthly payments continue to age sixty-five (65) subject to all the terms of the insurance policy.
- F. EXTENDED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE - At the option of the employee, group health care insurance coverage at group rates may be extended up to thirty-six (36) months beyond the date the Board ceases to be liable for the premium payments, subject to the approval of the insurance carriers, and consistent with the provisions of federal COBRA regulations. To be eligible for this extended coverage, the employee shall make payments to the Board and/or insurance carrier in an amount and manner consistent with the provisions of the COBRA law. Failure to receive timely payment may result in the employee being dropped from continuing group coverage unless prior arrangements have been made with the appropriate Board personnel or with the insurance carrier. A similar availability of health insurance coverage at group rates shall be available to qualifying dependents of employees as provided for in COBRA guidelines.
- G. FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS - The Board will make available to eligible employees the opportunity to establish flexible spending accounts under the provisions of Section 125 and Section 129 of the IRS Code. It is understood that the Board will not contribute funds to said accounts on behalf of employees electing to participate.

ARTICLE XIX - EMPLOYEE TRAINING

- A. The parties acknowledge that major changes in technology may impact on bargaining unit members and positions. When the implementation of major technological changes are contemplated by the Board, therefore, every attempt will be made to ensure that a smooth and positive transition is made to minimize impact on bargaining unit employees. Examples of steps to be taken may include, but are not limited to: advance consultation with affected employees and/or the Association, and enhanced training opportunities.
- B. The parties acknowledge that the school district will continue to experience an increased need for specialized health and other support services in the near future. Whenever new students who enroll in the district are determined through the IEPT process to be medically fragile and in need of specialized health services, and it is not necessary or feasible to employ a qualified new staff member, a plan will be developed to identify and appropriately train a paraprofessional to meet these needs. Specialized health services are understood to include, but not be

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limited to: suctioning, catheterization, diapering or attending to other personal hygiene or medical needs of a student. All training that is necessary for the performance of the above described services will be the responsibility of the district, which will provide the time and funding required in a timely manner.

- C. Upon prior authorization by the Superintendent or designee, employees may be permitted to attend conferences and/or workshops related to their job duties and responsibilities at the expense of the school district.

ARTICLE XX - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. NO STRIKE CLAUSE - The Association and the Board subscribe to the principle that differences shall be resolved by peaceful and appropriate means without interruption of the school program. The Association, therefore, agrees that its officers, representatives and members shall not, for the duration of this Agreement, authorize any strike, slow down or stoppage of work in accordance with applicable state laws.
- B. SAVINGS CLAUSE - If any provision of this Agreement or any application of the agreement to any employee covered under the Agreement shall be found to be contrary to law, then such provision or application shall be deemed invalid, except to the extent still permitted by law. All other provisions or applications of the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect. A special conference to discuss the invalid provision or application shall be held within ten (10) days with Association representatives and any affected employee(s).
- C. SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS - All proposed supplements to this Agreement shall be subject to good faith negotiations between the Board and the Association. They shall be approved or rejected within a period of ten (10) calendar days following the conclusion of negotiations. It is expressly understood that no areas of this contract may be reopened for negotiation without the mutual agreement of the parties.
- D. EMERGENCY SUBSTITUTE PROCEDURES – When deemed necessary, emergency substitute procedures will be employed when a Special Education Paraprofessional is absent for a period of one (1) day to one (1) week, and no substitute paraprofessional can otherwise be secured.
 - 1. An emergency plan will be developed in each building based upon the following format.
 - a. First, a volunteer will be sought from among the paraprofessionals in the building who are not already in a one-on-one assignment.

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- b. If no paraprofessional from within this group volunteers to accept the assignment, the least senior member of the group will be assigned. It should be noted that Paraprofessionals funded under At-Risk or Title funds will be limited in job responsibilities based on grant funding regulations.
 - c. If the paraprofessional so assigned is physically unable to accept the assignment, he/she must provide medical verification of this fact in order to be excused from the assignment. (The necessity for medical verification will be waived in case of broken limbs or other obvious physical limitations.)
 - d. In the event that medical verification is secured or waived, the next least senior paraprofessional within the group will be assigned.
 - e. If steps a through d above have been followed and no substitute paraprofessional has been identified, then the building administrator will make the decision as to which paraprofessional must assume the emergency assignment.
2. Specifics of the emergency plan in each building – including compilation of a list of volunteers within that building – will be put in place within the first two (2) weeks of each school year. These specifics will be jointly developed by the building administrator, the building secretary and the building paraprofessionals.
- E. TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES – From time to time, the Board may employ temporary employees to supplement the regular workforce. In no case will the period of employment for these temporary employees exceed sixty (60) working days, and in no case will such an employee replace a regular employee. After 30 working days, a review of this position will be made with the president of the Association. At that time, a determination will be made if the position will be posted or eliminated or if data is insufficient to determine the student/district need. If data is insufficient, the district and union will mutually agree upon the length of the timeline extension. A meeting will be held after fifty (50) days and a determination made after fifty-five (55) days if it is to be posted. Every effort will be made to fill this position before the 60 day period expires.
- F. APPENDICES - The following two (2) appendices are incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement.
1. A - Rates of Pay
 2. B – Skill Requirements & General Job Descriptions

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- G. MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS - Unless modified by this agreement, conditions of employment shall be maintained at no less than the highest minimum standards in effect at the time this agreement is signed.
- H. EMERGENCY MANAGER PROVISION – This agreement is subject to the provisions of the Public Employment Relations Act, MCL 423.201 et seq., including Section 15(7) thereof, MCL 423.215(7), and therefore may be rejected, modified, or terminated by an emergency manager appointed under the Local Government and School District Fiscal Accountability Act, 2011 PA 4, MCL 141.1501 to 141.1531.
- I. Each employee shall have direct deposit of all payroll disbursements into a bank or credit union of their choice.
- J. The District and OESPA will undergo a position analysis to be completed no later than Dec 31, 2023. This analysis will be conducted by a mutually agreed upon independent consultant and funded by the district at a cost not to exceed \$30,000. OESPA and the district will collaborate and agree upon the mechanism by which the analysis will be conducted and utilize the results to inform negotiations for a successor contract.

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RATIFICATION AND TERMINATION

This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2022, and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2025. It shall be automatically renewed from year to year thereafter unless either party shall notify the other in writing ninety (90) days prior to the anniversary date that it desires to modify this Agreement. In the event that such notice is given, negotiations shall begin not later than sixty (60) days prior to the anniversary date. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect during the period of negotiations and until notice of termination of this Agreement is provided to the other party in the manner set forth in the following paragraphs.

In the event that either party desires to terminate this Agreement, written notice must be given to the other party not less than ten (10) days prior to the desired termination date, which shall not be before the anniversary date set forth in the preceding paragraph.

The Association agrees to submit this Collective Bargaining Agreement to the membership and recommend that it be ratified and adopted in its entirety, and final action of such ratification shall be taken.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized representatives the day and year first below written.

OESPA ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF EDUCATION/ADMINISTRATION

Melissa Musgrove, President Date

Tom Donnelly, President Date

Shawn Shivnen, MEA-NEA Date

David Pass, Asst. Supt. Date

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Retirement – The Board will pay retirement costs on all wages into the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System as required by law. The bargaining unit employee must notify the district of his/her intent to retire through MPSERS no later than April 1st. Bargaining unit employees who notify the district by this deadline will receive an additional \$.50 per hour retroactive to the start of their work year. This amount will be paid in a lump sum at the time of retirement. To be eligible for this provision, the employee must have been employed with the district for at least ten (10) years.

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OESPA - APPENDIX A - RATES OF PAY			
SECRETARIES AND TECH SPECIALISTS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Step 1	\$18.08	\$18.44	\$18.81
Step 2	\$18.80	\$19.17	\$19.56
Step 3	\$19.55	\$19.94	\$20.34
Step 4	\$20.33	\$20.74	\$21.15
Step 5	\$21.15	\$21.57	\$22.00
Step 6	\$21.99	\$22.43	\$22.88
Step 7	\$22.87	\$23.33	\$23.79
PARAPROFESSIONALS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Step 1	\$15.89	\$16.21	\$16.53
Step 2	\$16.53	\$16.86	\$17.19
Step 3	\$17.19	\$17.53	\$17.88
Step 4	\$17.88	\$18.23	\$18.60
Step 5	\$18.59	\$18.96	\$19.34
Step 6	\$19.33	\$19.72	\$20.12
Step 7	\$20.11	\$20.51	\$20.92
<p>Hourly wage advancement will occur on July 1st of each year. Those employed prior to 2/1 will advance a step and those hired on 2/1 or after will remain on the same step in the subsequent school year.</p>			
LONGEVITY			
<p>Longevity - Longevity shall be paid to Secretaries, Paraprofessionals and Technology Specialists who have completed the indicated years of service. Once the employee reaches the next level of service, the additional amount will be added to their previous salary (i.e., Secretary at step 7 with 20 years of service in 2022-23 will be paid \$21.11/hour).</p>			
After completion of five (5) years of service:			Add'tl .25/hour
After completion of ten (10) years of service:			Add'tl .25/hour
After completion of fifteen (15) years of service:			Add'tl .25/hour
After completion of twenty (20) years of service:			Add'tl .25/hour
After completion of twenty-five (25) years of service:			Add'tl .50/hour

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Salary Transfer Schedule for 2022-2023					
2021-2022		2021-2022		2022-2023	
Tech Specialist		Secretary		Secretary/Tech	
Step 1	\$17.35	Step 1	\$17.38	Step 1	\$18.08
Step 2	\$17.76	Step 2	\$18.33	Step 2	\$18.80
Step 3	\$18.19	Step 3	\$19.20	Step 3	\$19.55
Step 4	\$18.65	Step 4	\$20.72	Step 4	\$20.33
				Step 5	\$21.15
				Step 6	\$21.99
				Step 7	\$22.87

2021-2022		2022-2023	
Paraprofessional		Paraprofessional	
Step 1	\$15.28	Step 1	\$15.89
Step 2	\$16.04	Step 2	\$16.53
Step 3	\$16.38	Step 3	\$17.19
Step 4	\$16.76	Step 4	\$17.88
		Step 5	\$18.59
		Step 6	\$19.33
		Step 7	\$20.11