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# **ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION AND NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURE**

#### A. Philosophy

- 1. The West Holmes Board of Education believes that the objectives of the educational program are realized to the highest degree when mutual understanding, cooperation and effective communication exist between the Board and its classified staff.
- 2. The President of the Association shall have the right to bring matters of importance to the attention of the Superintendent and the Board of Education.

#### B. Recognition

- 1. This Agreement is by and between the Board of Education of the West Holmes Local School District, Holmes County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," and the West Holmes Classified Employees Association, and hereinafter referred to as the "Association."
- 2. The Board agrees to recognize the Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for all regular full-time and regular part-time classified staff except casual substitutes, administrative and supervisory personnel, and confidential employees.

#### C. Negotiations Procedure

- 1. The Board recognizes the West Holmes Classified Employees Association as the exclusive and sole negotiating representative of all members of the bargaining unit for the purpose of arriving at an agreement on proposals concerning salary, fringe benefits, and terms and conditions of employment.
  - a. On or before April 15 of each school year, a directory of membership of the West Holmes Classified Employees Association shall be submitted to the Superintendent.
  - b. The Executive Committee of the West Holmes Classified Employees Association shall appoint, no later than April 15, of the year in which this Agreement expires, a representative committee of the classified personnel. These members shall hereinafter be referred to as the Association Negotiating Team.
- 2. Prior to May 15 of the school year in which the Agreement expires, on a date mutually agreed upon by both parties, the Board and Association teams shall meet for the purpose of establishing an agenda of items to be negotiated. Agenda and ground rules are to be established by the negotiating teams.
- 3. When the negotiating teams reach tentative agreement upon the contract, the agreement shall be submitted to the Association membership for approval. Upon approval by the Association membership, the tentative agreement shall be submitted to the Board of Education.
- D. Dispute Settlement Procedure
  - 1. If, after forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the expiration of the Agreement, agreement has not been reached on all items under negotiations, either party may call for the services of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) to assist in negotiations. If a party calls for FMCS involvement, the other party shall join in a joint request.
  - 2. This dispute resolution procedure is mutually agreed to by the parties under O.R.C. §4117.14(C)(I)(f) and is intended to supersede the procedures contained in 0.R.C. §4117.14.
  - 3. The mediation period shall be forty-five (45) calendar days from the date the initial mediation session is held. The mediation period may be extended beyond the forty-five (45) days by mutual agreement of the parties.
  - 4. Both parties agree that this procedure is the final step in negotiations.

# **ARTICLE II - LEAVES**

#### A. Sick Leave

Sick leave days are earned at the rate of one and one quarter (1 1/4) days per month, fifteen (15) days per year up to two hundred sixty (260) days maximum. Each employee may be granted sick leave with pay for five (5) days in any contract year prior to the accumulation of those five (5) days. Said five (5) days are chargeable to subsequently accumulated sick leave days. Accrued sick leave days may be used when absent from duty on account of:

<u>No. of Paid Days</u> (Doesn't affect availability of FMLA)	ILLNESS/INJURY*	DEATH	BIRTH/ADOPTION	FMLA COVERED		
EMPLOYEE	*			Х		
SPOUSE	*	10	1	Х		
CHILD	*	10	+	Х		
STEP-CHILD	*	10		Х		
GRANDCHILD	3	10	2**			
MOTHER	*	10		Х		
FATHER	*	10		Х		
MOTHER-IN-LAW	9^	3	-			
FATHER-IN-LAW	9^	3				
BROTHER	9^	10				
SISTER	9^	10		1		
GRANDPARENTS	9^	3				
SON-IN-LAW	3	3				
DAUGHTER-IN-LAW	3	3				
DEATH OF FRIEND	[	1				
Quarantine of an employee's	household fal	ls under illne	ess.			
Long-term care falls under lim	nits above and	l/or FMLA.				
*FMLA REQUIRED WHEN 11 (	CONSECUTIVE	DAYS OR PE	RIODIC DAYS RI	ELATED TO SA	ME ILLNESS	
*FMLA Guidelines followed ar	nd leave is pa	id from sick l	balance or avail	able sick leave	e transfer.	
*When FMLA runs out, remain	ning sick days	may be peri	mitted by the di	strict.		
^ Maximum Days for consecu	tive or same i	llness.				
+Maternity Leave - Nine (9)	calendar wee	ks begin witł	n the birth day o	of the child.		
+Paternity Leave - Four (4) c	alendar week	s starting fro	m birth day of t	the child.		
**Grandparents two days to b	e used within	n 8 weeks of	the birth.			
FMLA COVERED REASONS PE	R FEDERAL LA	W (SEE APP	ENDIX XYZ):			
Birth of a child (required to be	e taken as a c	ontinuous bl	ock of leave)			
Placement of child for adoption	on or foster ca	are				
Serious Health Condition that			to perform the f	unctions of hi	is/her job.	
Care for employee's spouse, s		-	-			
	Qualifying exigency arising from the fact that employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent is a military member on covered active duty.					

- 4. The Board may require a member of the bargaining unit to furnish a written, signed statement to justify the use of sick leave. If medical attention is required, the employee shall list the name and address of the attending physician and the date(s) when he/she was consulted. Nothing in this section shall be construed to waive the physician-patient privilege provided by Section 2317.02 of the Revised Code. Falsification of a statement is grounds for suspension or termination of employment pursuant to 3319.081 and 3319.16 of the Revised Code.
- 5. Any such employee who shall have been absent less than fifteen (15) days in any calendar year for the reasons specified above shall have the privilege of accumulating the unused portion of such leave up to the maximum specified in Item "1." above. An intervening leave of absence without pay shall not effect a cancellation of such accumulated leave.
- 6. a. Any employee entering the West Holmes Local School District who has earned more than the maximum accumulated sick leave in a previous school district will be granted the number of accumulated days certified by the preceding school district. In the event it is necessary for any such employee to use accumulated sick leave which would make his/her total accumulated days to fall below the maximum accumulation, he/she will accumulate no more than the number of days established by the Board.
  - b. An employee can use comp time unless it causes an undue hardship. An employee shall request comp time use five (5) days in advance. Warranting "hardship" will be defined by the Superintendent.
- 7. For each absence a written report, on the form provided, must be filed with the Superintendent's office within three (3) days after said employee returns to duty.
- 8. Maximum Accumulation/Perfect Attendance Compensation
  - a. If an employee has accrued the maximum sick leave accumulation as of July 31, said employee will receive additional compensation to be paid by the following December.
  - b. The additional compensation shall be determined by the employee's attendance during the period August 1 – July 31. If an employee who has accrued the maximum sick leave accumulation has perfect attendance, he/she shall receive compensation in accordance with the following schedule in addition to the perfect attendance payment provided in Article II (h) of the agreement with said payment subject to normal deductions and contributions:

Number of Days Absent	<u>Compensation</u>
Zero (0)	\$200.00
One (1)	\$100.00
Two (2)	\$75.00

- c. Perfect attendance for purposes of this section shall be defined as the non-utilization of any of the leaves, except jury duty, vacation, and personal leave, provided within this agreement.
- 9. Sick Leave Accumulation

An employee may be granted up to 30 days additional sick leave in the final year of employment prior to retirement upon verification of being at the maximum accrued sick leave at the beginning of the contract year, for use in the final year of employment for approved FMLA. These days are not transferrable under the sick leave transfer program. Eligibility is based on retirement at the end of the contract year.

10. Sick Leave Transfer

The district will honor a sick leave transfer for hardship circumstances. Employees must be on approved FMLA and the transfer is subject to approval by the Superintendent. Healthy child maternity leaves are excluded and cannot receive sick leave transfers. Employee must exhaust all of their sick leave, personal leave, vacation, and borrow the five days allowed prior to accepting any transfers. An employee may not transfer more than five (5) days per school year. The transfer will be one way only. Only the days needed (to avoid deduct) will be transferred to an employee excluding the five (5) days borrowed from district. Days will only be transferred as needed. An employee will be permitted the combination of using earned sick days and transferred sick days up to 12 weeks per contract year in compliance with FMLA. Superintendent has the option to approve more transfer days for special circumstances. The Superintendent and the WHEA President will meet to discuss each sick leave transfer request prior to approval or denial.

#### 11. Medical Power of Attorney

An employee is permitted to use sick days when they are the primary care giver and medical power of attorney for an ill family member. The district may request verification of the medical power of attorney. This relationship does not fall under current FMLA guidelines.

#### B. Personal Leave

Any classified school employee may be granted up to three (3) days paid personal leave during the course of a single school year. The employee makes the request to the building principal/supervisor five (5) days prior to the leave. The personal leave request form is maintained at the building and the personal leave absence will be reported to central office on the leave form. It is the employee's responsibility to make sure they are taking days as permitted and available, otherwise they will be counted as a dock day. Approval will not be granted for school days immediately preceding and following a non-student school day (Monday-Friday). Make up days are considered non-student days for personal leave requests.

- Category I will not be granted the first week or the last two weeks of school without the approval of the Superintendent.
- Category II will not be granted the first week or the last two weeks of school except for reasons that cannot be transacted other than at that time.

All employees will receive, each year, 2 unrestricted personal days and one restricted personal day with the same guidelines as follows:

1. Two (2) Days (Category I) Personal leave day will be granted upon advance request by the employee without restrictions except as prescribed above.

Employees may not use personal leave to extend holidays or seek other employment.

- 2. One (1) Day (Category II) Personal Leave shall be interpreted as a condition or situation which is not covered by sick leave and which cannot be taken care of other than during regular working hours. Such personal leave may be granted for the following reasons:
  - a. Sickness or accident in the family or home not covered by sick leave.
  - b. The observance of religious holidays where total abstinence from work is required by the members' faith.
  - c. Attendance at graduation ceremonies of an immediate family member.
  - d. Funeral not covered by sick leave.
  - e. Personal legal business that cannot be conducted any other time.
  - f. College visits for dependents.
  - g. Other comparable reasons approved by the Superintendent.
- 3. All personal days are subject to the following provisions:
  - a. In order to insure continuity of the educational program, principals or supervisors may deny requests for personal leave if the number of personnel from that school or job classification exceeds ten percent (10%) of the staff for that school or job classification for any particular day.

- b. Personal Leave is not accumulated from year to year and is exclusive of Sick Leave.
- c. Personal days from Category I and II must be designated but not necessarily in chronological order.
- d. Each personal day request requires prior approval by principal or supervisor.
- e. Violation and/or misuse of the intent and purpose for Personal Leave shall result in the employee's loss of personal leave privileges for a period of the next three (3) years and/or constitute grounds for dismissal.
- f. All personal and vacation days must be used before requesting days of no pay leave.
- g. Emergency situations may require that personal days be rescheduled. At least three (3) days' notice will be given. The last submitted personal day request for that day will be the one to reschedule. (Applies only to Category I)
- h. An employee hired for a school year will be granted three (3) personal days after initial start date. Employees must work one hundred twenty (120) days to be entitled to three (3) personal days, otherwise the employee will receive one (1) unrestricted personal day for the first year of employment.
- i. Personal days may not be used in conjunction with a grayed out day (the days not permitted for personal use by agreement) even if separated by a dock day.

#### 4. Unused Personal Days

Unused personal days within the contract/school year will be converted into sick days.

#### C. Military Leave

Any regular employee who may be conscripted into the defense forces of the U.S. for service or training shall be granted a military leave. He/She shall be reinstated into his/her position in the school system with full credit, including the annual increments under the salary schedules upon written request supported by competent proof that the employee is fully qualified to perform the duties of the position. The application for reinstatement shall be made within a reasonable time and not later than ninety (90) days from the date of said release at discharge from the military service.

#### D. Jury Duty Leave

An employee will be excused for jury duty. For each day's absence from employment for jury duty, the employee will be paid the difference between his/her regular daily rate and the jury rate pay. Compensation for jury duty must be presented to the Treasurer of the Board who will determine the compensation due from the Board. These days will not be charged to the employee in any form.

#### E. Leave of Absence

The Board may grant a leave of absence for a period up to one (I) year where illness or disability is the reason for the request. Upon return of the employee from leave, the Board may terminate the employment of the replacement employee.

#### F. Parental Leave

- 1. A parental leave of absence without pay may be granted to an employee as follows:
  - a. An employee who is pregnant may be entitled, upon request, to a leave of absence without pay for any portion of a year terminating at the end of a school year plus another full school year (may not disrupt any portion of a third school year), if requested. The beginning and ending dates of the total time of absence from work will be requested by the employee and determined by the Board, and she must request these dates as far in advance as possible. All or any portion of the leave taken by an employee because of a medical certification connected with or resulting from her pregnancy that the employee is unable to perform her regularly assigned duties plus an additional thirty (30) days may, at the employee's option, be charged to her available

accumulated sick leave. It is the employee's responsibility to notify the Superintendent by March 1st that they plan to return the next school year in order to secure a position in the school district for the following school year.

- b. A male employee will be entitled to request a leave of absence without pay between the time of the birth of a child to his wife and one (I) year thereafter.
- c. All of the applicable conditions, stipulations, and terms of parental leave shall also apply to any employee who adopts a child up to a maximum of six (6) weeks unless a doctor certifies a need for additional time.
- G. No Pay Leave (Deduct Days)
  - 1. Each employee may request no pay leave, with a maximum of five (5) days per year, which shall be without pay. The Superintendent may approve up to five additional days for special circumstances. Employees shall submit notification through the Superintendent and principal/supervisor at least seven (7) days in advance of leave commencement.
  - 2. The Superintendent may deny the request if seven (7) days' notice is not given.
  - 3. The Superintendent may deny the request if the deduct day(s) create a hardship to the district.
  - 4. All personal and vacation days must be used before requesting days of no pay leave.
  - 5. More dock days are permitted when taken as a result of an approved FMLA.
- H. <u>Non-Use of Leaves</u>
  - 1. Any full-time employee who has maintained perfect attendance during the school year shall receive at the conclusion of the school year a lump sum, one-time payment in the amount of one (I) day's pay, subject to normal deductions and contributions.
  - 2. Perfect attendance shall be defined as the fulfillment of the days prescribed in the position calendars with the non-utilization of any of the leaves, except jury duty, provided within this Agreement.
- I. Association Leave

A maximum of two (2) days of Association leave will be granted to the bargaining unit each school year without loss in salary. The purpose of the leave is for representation of classified employees when accompanying a member to meet with Board or Administration. The Association will submit a leave request for the person(s) attending and the desired dates to the Superintendent.

J. Compulsory Court Leave

An employee may be granted professional leave for compulsory court appearances for incidences relating to, or resulting from information and knowledge of a particular child or event derived as a direct result of their employment. Employment shall be paid at regular pay rate.

K. Assault Leave

Any employee of the Board physically assaulted while in the course of such duties and physically disabled from such an assault shall remain on the payroll as a regular employee and shall receive all benefits as if on sick leave as hereinafter for a period not to exceed ten (10) days. The Superintendent may extend such time as needed.

1. Such leave shall not be charged to sick leave or any other leave and shall be subject to the provision of ORC 3319.141

2. A request for assault leave, describing the incident that resulted in the request, shall be filed by the employee with the Superintendent as soon as possible following the incident.

3. As per ORC 3319.141 a signed physician's statement stating the nature of the disability and its probable duration may be required.

4. In the event of a potential long term absence the Superintendent may require updates of the physician's statement at thirty (30) calendar day intervals. In the case of extended absence, the Superintendent may require an examination by a physician of its choice at the Board's expense.

5. Falsification of either the signed statement or the physician's statement shall be grounds for suspension or termination of employment.

#### L. Family and Medical Leave

The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) provides for up to 12 weeks leave for birth/adoption of a child, a serious health condition experienced by you or a member of your immediate family, or for qualifying emergencies of a spouse, qualifying domestic partner, child or parent being on active duty or having been notified of an impending call or order to active duty in the Armed Forces during a war or national emergency. FMLA provides for 26 weeks leave to care for a spouse, qualifying domestic partner, child, and parent or nearest blood relative who has suffered a serious injury or illness while on active duty in the Armed Forces. When an employee has missed eleven (11) consecutive days or periodic days all related to the same illness, the absence is calculated as part of the allowance of the Family and Medical Leave Act and will be retroactively counted to the first day of absence. Appendix J is provided as current FMLA allowances. Any changes in federal legislation to the Appendix J will supercede the language contained herein.

#### M. Professional Leave

The Superintendent has the authority to approve or disapprove release time for professional leave. Professional days may be granted for the following reasons but not limited to: staff development programs/opportunities in district and out; classroom visitations; supplemental contract in-services; leave of absence for advanced educational training; and chaperoning class trips. Definition of "chaperoning" is defined as approved supervision of students at the start of the trip to the end of the scheduled trip.

- N. <u>Vacation Days</u> (only applies to 11 and 12 month employees)
  - 1. Employees earn:

One (1) year = Two (2) weeks vacation days Ten (10) years = Three (3) weeks vacation days Twenty (20) years = Four (4) weeks vacation days

- 2. All personal and vacation days must be used before requesting days of no pay leave.
- 3. Vacation days are subject to the following provisions:
  - a. Request musts be submitted two (2) weeks in advance of the days requested or they may be denied.
  - b. In order to insure continuity of the educational program, Superintendent/principals or supervisors may deny requests for vacation if the number of personnel from that school or job classification exceeds ten (10) percent of the staff for that school or job classification for any particular day.
  - c. Vacation days are equivalent to the number of hours worked per day in an 11 or 12 month contract.
  - d. Employees working less than 220 contract days are not eligible for vacation.
  - e. Employees moving from a part-time position to full-time must work full-time for one year before earning vacation days.

f. Vacation days are posted at the beginning of the contract year to be earned and used throughout the same contract year. If employment is terminated before the end of the contract year, voluntarily or involuntarily, unearned days used will be deducted from the final contract pay.

# **ARTICLE III - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

#### A. <u>Definitions</u>

- 1. <u>Grievance</u> A claim based on an alleged violation, misapplication, or misinterpretation of a provision of this Agreement.
- 2. <u>Grievant</u> An individual employee having a grievance.
- 3. <u>Days</u> "Days" shall refer to calendar days exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays as defined by State or Federal statutes.

#### B. General Practices

No one shall be required to have representation at any level of this procedure. A grievant may be represented at any level of the formal grievance procedure by a representative of his/her own choosing. The Association President or his/her designee, and grievant will be released with pay from duties to attend any hearing. These absences will not be charged to the attending members leave in any form.

#### C. Grievance Procedure

- 1. <u>Step One (Informal Procedure)</u> Within twenty (20) days of the time a grievant knew or should have known of the alleged grievance, the grievant may request a meeting with his/her immediate supervisor in an attempt to resolve the problem.
- Step Two (Formal Procedure) The grievance must be filed within ten (10) days following the date that the grievant knew upon the base of the grievance. If the grievance cannot be resolved at the informal level, the grievant shall file the grievance form and the relief sought in writing to his/her immediate supervisor. A copy will be given to the Association President. (Appendix E Grievance Form)
- 3. <u>Step Three</u> Within thirty (30) days after receiving the decision of the immediate supervisor and assuming no satisfaction with the decision, a written notice to continue the process must be submitted to the Superintendent. If requested, the Superintendent shall meet with the grievant within thirty (30) days after the grievance has been received by the Superintendent. A written decision shall be rendered by the Superintendent within thirty (30) days after the conference and given to the grievant. A copy of the grievance will be given to the Association President
- 4. <u>Step Four</u> If the grievant is dissatisfied with the decision rendered by the Superintendent, the grievant may request a review by the Board. This written request should be directed to the Treasurer of the Board, with a copy to the Superintendent. The Board shall meet with the grievant within twenty (20) days of receipt of the notification. A written decision shall be rendered by the Board within fifteen (15) days after the meeting. A copy will be given to the Association President.

# **ARTICLE IV - SALARY AND OVERTIME**

#### A. Salary

1. There is a limit of five (5) dock days (no pay leave) per year. The Superintendent may approve an additional five (5) days for special circumstances. All personal and vacation days must be used before requesting days of no pay leave.

#### 2. <u>Regular Salaries</u>

Increase the base salary by 2% for school year 2019-2020.

Increase the base salary by 2% for school year 2020-2021.

Increase the base salary by 2% for school year 2021-2022.

 Paid holidays for twelve (12) month employees: Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Friday following Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, July 4

<u>Paid holidays for eleven (11) month employees:</u> Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, July 4

- 4. Addition of two-year Associate's Degree as shown on the salary schedule for teacher aides. The two and four year degrees must be in education or a degree that has direct impact on the education of children.
- 5. Second and third shift custodians will be paid at the 3<sup>rd</sup> shift custodial rate.
- 6. All compensatory time that is pre-authorized and approved by the Superintendent will be counted at time and a half when hours worked exceed 40 hours per week.
- 7. Bus Driver Layover Rate:
  - a. Bus Driver layover rate will be at the higher of the state and federal minimum wage, adjusted annually on August 1st for the year. The layover rate will not be subject to overtime.
  - b. Drivers paid regular rate for two (2) hours minimum while en-route to destination and return to school base or actual driving time. The layover rate per hour will be computed to the nearest half hour.
- 8. Direct Deposit: All employees must go on direct deposit effective by start of school year 2010-2011.
- 9. Effective for the 2016-2017 school year, the district will transition to 24 pays per contract year in order to eliminate future Black Friday issues. The pay dates would be the 5<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of each month with teacher aides, cooks, bus drivers, and any other 9 or 10 month employee's first pay always being on September 5<sup>th</sup> each year. All 11 and 12 month employees will receive the first pay of their new contract each year on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

If the 5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> falls on Saturday, payday will be the Friday before. If the 5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> falls on Sunday, payday will be the next Monday. Any holidays will require the pay date to be the last business day before the holiday.

10. New hires working less than 120 days in the contract year hired, will stay at the same step on

the salary schedule the following year.

11. Employees will obtain all tax forms from the Employee Access Center in lieu of printed copies.

#### B. <u>Overtime</u>

Excluding paid holidays, employees must actually work in excess of forty (40) hours within a seven (7) day work week to be eligible for the overtime compensation rate. Any work over forty (40) hours within a seven (7) day work week shall be paid at time and one-half provided the work performed is within their regular job classification.

If compensatory time is offered in lieu of cash payments for overtime, the time is counted as time and a half and must be approved by the Supervisor and Superintendent in advance. Use of such time may not unduly disrupt the operations of the district.

- 1. No comp time or overtime may be submitted until 40 hours are worked during a work week. Work week is Monday through Sunday.
- 2. After 40 hours, the employee will receive one and one-half (1 1/2) time: up until 40 hours, pay will be based on straight time.
- 3. When school is cancelled due to inclement weather, all hours worked will be straight time unless over forty (40) hours worked.
- 4. A time sheet will be kept by the **<u>supervisor</u>** for all comp time/overtime. It shall be signed by both **employee** and **supervisor**. This includes when writing the comp time and removing the comp time.
- 5. An employee can use comp time **unless** it causes an undue hardship. An employee shall request comp time five (5) days in advance. Warranting "hardship" will be defined by the Superintendent.
- 6. An employee must ask for prior approval from supervisor/administrator to receive comp/overtime. Supervisor/Administrator will forward to the Superintendent for prior approval. Without proper approval for comp/overtime request may be denied.
- 7. One and one-half  $(1 \frac{1}{2})$  hour's time will be paid for those who must go for drug testing.

# **ARTICLE V - FRINGE BENEFITS**

#### A. Insurances

- 1. Hospitalization and Major Medical Insurance
  - a. The Board will provide hospitalization and major medical coverage (hereinafter referred to as the "plan" as described an Appendix C) for all full-time West Holmes Board of Education employees. Full-time employees are those employees who average a minimum of 25 hours per week. The Board will pay the full cost of individual coverage and ninety percent (90%) of the cost of the family plan for those full-time employees who elect family coverage. For employees hired after June 1, 1989, the Board will pay ninety percent (90%) of single coverage.
  - b. The limits on insurance for all employees have been updated to reflect a maximum renewal to the self-insurance plan of ten percent (10%).

Should the renewal exceed the maximum ten percent (10%) set forth above for any Plan Year, the Board, with input from the Association, reserves the authority to redesign the health insurance plan and benefit package to stay within the maximum ten percent (10%) annual

renewal cost. The final decision with respect to any redesign of the insurance benefits to meet the ten percent (10%) renewal maximum rests with the Board of Education and is not subject to the grievance procedure.

c. Spouses not covered as of July 1, 2013 are not eligible for coverage on the West Holmes Plan if coverage is available/offered from their own employer/business/retirement or are selfemployed with annual gross earnings of \$70,000 per year or higher. All partnerships and S-Corporations are considered to be self-employment for purposes of this rule. If your spouse's birthday is before your birthday in the calendar year, the spouse must elect primary coverage for child(ren) where available through his or her employer. Self-employed spouses not eligible on the West Holmes Plan will not be required to purchase coverage for children as the children will be permitted on the West Holmes Plan as primary insurer. This will not affect court orders for coverage of dependent children.

Secondary coverage is not available through the West Holmes Employees benefit Plan for spouses. Secondary coverage is available for children.

Self-Employed spouses annual gross earnings will be verified by the Schedule C (Line 1), Schedule F (Line 9), 1065, 1120S, or any other requested federal tax schedule to verify gross annual earnings. The 1120S Line 1a will by multiplied by the percentage of ownership of the spouse verified on appropriate tax forms.

Annual certification by the employee of the spouse's income level for self-employment will be required. Falsification of the certification can result in termination of employment from West Holmes Local Schools and the employee will be personally liable for all claims/premiums paid during the period of ineligibility for spouses.

Notwithstanding the foregoing limitation on enrollment of spouses who have self-employment gross earnings of \$70,000 or more, If 2/3 of a spouse's adjusted gross income for federal income tax purposes is attributed to farming, then coverage is available through the district. Employees who receive a 1099 from their primary employer and who are not owners in any form of the business are eligible for district insurance.

Married employees of West Holmes School District will be on single plans when the family plan is no longer needed for insuring dependents. Spouses (both of whom work for West Holmes Local Schools) covered under two single plans can be converted to a family plan upon the retirement of one of the spouses.

- d. The district will make changes consistent with the effective dates of the federal health care reform and applicable Ohio law.
- e. For those who are given the option of taking Medicare as primary, they are helping the district's health plan by electing Medicare and having the district's health plan as secondary provider.
- 2. Dental Insurance
  - a. The Board will provide Dental Insurance for employees who elect to participate in such a plan.
  - b. The Board will pay ninety percent (90%) of the full cost of the family rate for those fulltime employees who select the family plan. Full-time employees are those who average at least five (5) hours per school day.
- 3. Life Insurance

All employees will receive \$50,000.00 in life insurance effective January 1, 2014.

4. Other Fringe Benefits

The Board of Education will pay fingerprinting for all contracted employees at a location chosen by the district or will be done in the district once we receive an Agency ID. The Board

of Education will provide reimbursement up to \$100 every 5 years for certification required by ODE.

- B. Severance Pay
  - 1. Upon verification of actual retirement and receipt of benefits from the SERS and the West Holmes Local School District, payment will be authorized to the retiring employee based upon one-fourth (¼) of accumulated sick leave at the employee's daily rate of pay to a maximum of sixty-five (65) days. Conversion of sick leave to severance pay cancels all accumulated sick leave.
  - 2. Any employee retiring with the maximum accrual of two hundred sixty (260) sick days, will receive a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) severance amount to be included in the payment of the one-fourth (1/4) sick leave severance.
  - 3. Retirement shall also be defined to mean death, in which case payment shall be made to the beneficiary on the Board life insurance policy.
  - 4. Sick Leave Accumulation

An employee may be granted up to 30 days additional sick leave in the final year of employment prior to retirement upon verification of being at the maximum accrued sick leave at the beginning of the contract year, for use in the final year of employment for approved FMLA. These days are not transferrable under the sick leave transfer program. Eligibility is based on retirement at the end of the contract year.

- C. <u>Retirement Incentive Pay</u>
  - 1. For classified employees who retire effective at the end of the school year in which they first become eligible to retire under this contract with thirty (30) years of service with SERS, employee shall receive five thousand (\$5,000) in addition to the severance pay benefit.
  - The following requirements must be met in order to receive the \$5,000 retirement payment:

     a. Submit retirement/resignation letter to the Superintendent by March 1<sup>st</sup> of school/contract year.
    - b. Verification from SERS showing you are in your 30<sup>th</sup> year of service.
    - c. SERS verification sheet submitted to the treasurer by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

d. Employee must have five (5) consecutive years of employment in the West Holmes District or a minimum of ten (10) years combined service with West Holmes District.

3. Severance is only available to active West Holmes employees.

# **ARTICLE VI - DUES DEDUCTION**

It shall be the duty of the Association to present to the Treasurer prior to October 1 of each school year, signed dues deduction authorization cards or forms from Association members who desire payroll deduction. The Treasurer will accordingly deduct from each paycheck as authorized, beginning three (3) weeks from the day the information is presented to the Treasurer, and ending with the last paycheck in May, unless such authorization is withdrawn.

# **ARTICLE VII - SERS PAYROLL REDUCTION**

- A. The Board agrees to implement this plan through payroll reduction. It will allow the employee portion of the SERS payment to be made in such a way that his/her salary will be reduced by a proportionate amount and, thereby, reduce his/her income tax.
- B. If the IRS determines the SERS salary reduction pick-up addressed in paragraph A. above to be no longer tax deferred, then the SERS payment procedure in effect prior to the implementation of this section shall be in effect.

# **ARTICLE VIII - VACANCIES & TRANSFERS**

#### **Vacancies**

All vacancies shall be sent to all West Holmes and will be posted on the bulletin board in the office of each school and on the West Holmes Web Site (www.westholmes.k12.oh.us) for at least ten (10) calendar days prior to filling the position. The Superintendent must receive application for said vacancies within ten (10) calendar days after the openings are posted. Postings will be posted except during the months school is not in session and then positions will be posted for at least five (5) calendar days. ESC positions are not subject to this agreement.

When new jobs come up, present employees who submit a letter of interest will be given an interview.

Applicants for a vacancy will be given due consideration. However, the determination of when and where a vacancy exists, and the selection of persons to fill any vacancies shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Superintendent. A "vacancy" will not be deemed to arise until after the Superintendent has had the opportunity to assign or reassign personnel to meet current needs. The Board shall not be obligated to fill all vacancies. If a position is abolished, the Association president will be notified.

#### Transfers

- A. From time to time, it may be in the best interest of the educational program to transfer classified employees from one building to another, or from one position to another. Such transfers may be desired by either the employee or the administration. Employees desiring a transfer from their present job assignment should state their wishes on the intent forms sent out by the Superintendent's office in January. In addition to intent forms they may request their wishes in writing to the Superintendent prior to March 31.
  - 1. Voluntary Transfers

Voluntary transfer requests shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent.

2. Involuntary Transfers

If the Superintendent directs an involuntary transfer, notification shall be given to the employee five (5) days prior to the change of assignment. The Superintendent has the right to assign, reassign, and transfer personnel for the betterment of the school district. The decision of the Superintendent is final and non-grievable.

B. Classified employees desiring a transfer from their present assignment should state their wishes on the forms sent out by the Superintendent's office in January. In addition to the intent forms, they may request their wishes in writing to the Superintendent prior to March 31. Employees must submit their request after each posting as well.

# ARTICLE IX - SCHOOL CALENDAR

A. The responsibility for the construction of the school calendar rests with the Board; however, input from the Association will be accepted.

# **ARTICLE X - LAYOFF PROCEDURE**

- A. If it becomes necessary to reduce the number of employees in a job classification due to abolishment of positions, lack of funds, lack of work, by reasons of decreased enrollment of pupils, return to duty of regular employees after leave of absence, by reason of suspension of schools or territorial changes affecting the District, or other reasons as determined by the Administration and/or Board, the following procedure may govern such layoff.
- B. Whenever it becomes necessary to lay off employees by reasons as stated above, affected employees shall be laid off according to seniority within the classification, with the least senior employee laid off first. Seniority shall be defined as the length of service with the Board in a

particular job classification computed from the original date of hire or appointment to their present classification. In the cases of identical seniority, the employee who was first hired by the Board shall be deemed to possess more seniority. Employees who have previously worked in a different classification(s) within the District shall have the right to bump the least senior employee in the prior classification(s). Any employee displaced from the maintenance classification may displace the least senior employee in the custodial classification. Any employee displaced from the bus mechanic classification may displace the least senior employee in the bus driver classification. All classified (SERS) employees are included in the seniority list based on their previous experience in classifications.

- C. The classifications in the District are as follows:
  - 1. Custodian
  - 2. Maintenance
  - 3. Bus Driver
  - 4. Bus Mechanic
  - 5. Secretary
  - 6. Aide (Media)
  - 7. Aide (Study Hall, Teacher)
  - 8. Aide (with 2, 4 year certificate)
  - 9. Cook
- D. The Board shall determine in which classifications the layoff should occur and the number of employees to be laid off. In the classifications of layoff, employees who possess limited contracts shall be laid off before any employee in the classification employed under a continuing contract is laid off.
- E. Prior to the effective date of layoffs, the Board shall prepare and post for inspection in a conspicuous place a list containing the names, seniority dates and classification, and indicate which employees are to be laid off. Each employee to be laid off shall be given advance written notice of the layoff.
- F. For the classifications in which the layoffs occur, the Board shall prepare a reinstatement list and shall place employees on the reinstatement list in reverse order of layoff. Reinstatement shall be made from this list before any new employees are hired in the classification.
- G. Employees whose names appear on the reinstatement list shall have a right to be recalled to vacancies which occur in the classification of layoff on the basis of classification seniority before other persons on the list may be considered. If a vacancy occurs for which there are no names on the layoff list in the classification of layoff, persons on the reinstatement list shall have a right to be recalled to these other positions on a District-wide seniority basis if they are determined to be qualified for the vacant position by the Administration. The positions shall be offered in writing and must be accepted or rejected by the employee in writing within five (5) days of the offer. Any employee on the reinstatement list who declines reinstatement shall be removed from the reinstatement name list.
- H. The employee's name shall remain on the reinstatement name list for a period of eighteen months (18) from the effective date of layoff. If reinstated from layoff during this period, such employee shall retain all previously accumulated seniority and a notice of reinstatement shall be made by certified mail.

# **ARTICLE XI - PERSONNEL FILES**

- A. An employee shall have a right to inspect his/her personnel file in the West Holmes Local School District Board of Education office at any reasonable time during regular office hours, when the employee is not specifically assigned to their duties. Upon request, the employee shall be given copies of all materials in accordance with the provisions of Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.
- B. The Employee shall be given the opportunity to read any material which may be construed to be derogatory to the employee's conduct, service, character or personality before it is dated and placed in his/her personnel file. The employee shall acknowledge that he/she has read the material by affixing his/her signature to the copy to be filed and a copy shall be given to the employee. It shall further be the employee's right to reply to such derogatory material and attach the reply to the filed copy.

# **ARTICLE XII - ATTENDANCE OF CHILDREN OF EMPLOYEES**

Children of employees may attend West Holmes Local Schools tuition free. The staff members will follow the open enrollment procedure.

# **ARTICLE XIII - DISTRIBUTION OF AGREEMENT**

After approval of the agreement, copies will be made by the Board for all classified staff. Any additional copies are available upon request.

# ARTICLE XIV - USE OF FORCE AND RESTRAINT

Classified Employees may within the scope of their employment use and apply such amount of force and restraint as is reasonable and necessary for the purpose of self-defense or for the protection of persons or property in accordance with law. Classified Employees may not, however, use corporal punishment on pupils. Incidents shall be reported immediately to the immediate supervisor and followed up with a written report.

# **ARTICLE XV - PERSONAL TOOLS**

Insurance is provided for personal tools and district will cover cost if under the deductible (\$2500). An inventory sheet must be provided to central office with signature of employee and supervisor of personal tools and estimated cost each year by the first day of school.

# **ARTICLE XVI - EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE**

A. Employees may be disciplined for just cause. The severity of discipline assigned is depending upon the number of incidents, and/or the employee's past and present performance, and/or the seriousness of the offense. Any of the following disciplines may be administered: suspension with pay; suspension without pay; oral reprimand; termination for just cause; or written reprimand.

The Superintendent or administrator may give the employee an oral reprimand or a written reprimand. Documentation of an oral reprimand will state only the date and subject of concern and will be signed by the administrator and employee. Signatures will indicate acknowledgement of oral reprimand. Only the Superintendent has the authority to suspend an employee with or without pay or recommend termination to the Board of Education. The employee will have the opportunity to meet with the administrator issuing the discipline prior to the discipline being imposed. If any disciplinary action will be placed in the employee's personnel file, the employee will have the right to attach a rebuttal. Oral and written reprimands by the administrator will be submitted to the

Superintendent for his/her initials before placing in the personnel file. The Superintendent may determine that the oral documentation or written letter of reprimand does not warrant placing in the file.

- B. Nothing herein shall preclude the Superintendent from suspending an employee with pay or without pay. Any suspension without pay in excess of five (5) days must be authorized by the Board of Education.
- C. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting or prohibiting the Administration's authority to report suspected criminal activity or suspected abuse as defined by Ohio Revised Code 2151.421, and to deal with such suspected activity once proven, according to state and/or federal law.
- D. The administration shall immediately notify an employee whenever there is a reasonable belief that the District may be required by law to report any action, investigation or final deposition related to the discipline of an employee to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).
- E. The procedure set forth in Ohio Revised Code 3319.081 shall govern any discipline resulting in a recommended termination of employment.

# **ARTICLE XVII - CONTRACT PROGRESSION**

Beginning on August 1, 2010 and after, a partial year contract will be given to an employee who does not work a minimum of 120 days during their initial contracted year of hire. They will receive a one-year contract for the following year.

# **ARTICLE XVIII - NON-RENEWAL**

Classified personnel who have three (3) or fewer years (excluding partial year contracts) of service with the Board or who are on an unpaid leave, do not have the procedural due process rights and evaluation requirements addressed in the Ohio Revised Code. Classified personnel whose contracts have been non-renewed shall be entitled to receive written notice of said non-renewal on or before April 30. Effective August 1, 2010.

\*Appendix F - Custodian Work Assignment is provided as a reference guide. It is not part of the negotiated agreement.

# **ARTICLE XIX – DURATION AND INTENT OF AGREEMENT**

In accordance with the Negotiated Agreement between the West Holmes Local School District Board of Education and the West Holmes Classified Employees Association. This agreement shall be in effect from August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2022.

## **ARTICLE XX - SIGNATURES**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands this 20<sup>m</sup> day of <u>May</u>, **2019**, at Millersburg, Ohio.

For the Board:

President, West Holmes Local School District Board of Education

Superintendent

Treasurer

Board Negotiating Team Member

Board Negotiating Team Member

For the Association:

President, West Holmes Classified **Employees Association** 

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# Memorandum of Understanding

June 17, 2019

The West Holmes Classified Employees Association and the Board of Education mutually agree to the addition of language to the union agreement as follows:

Effective immediately, in absence of qualified candidates, the Superintendent is permitted to hire retirees to fill vacant classified positions. The retirees would start at Step 0 on the salary schedule.

Lisa Hipp, WHCEA President

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Eric Strouse, Board President

Jamie Zeigler, Treasurer

# WEST HOLMES LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES HOURLY WAGE RATE SCHEDULE 2019-2020

<u>Years</u> Experience	School Secretary	<u>Media Aide</u>	Teacher Aide	<u>Aide With 2 Year</u> <u>Degree</u>
0	\$14.48	\$13.04	\$12.97	\$14.15
1	\$15.30	\$13.18	\$13.12	\$14.80
2	\$15.54	\$13.32	\$13.25	\$14.96
3	\$16.30	\$13.45	\$13.38	\$15.28
4	\$16.51	\$13.58	\$13.51	\$15.56
5	\$16.81	\$13.71	\$13.64	\$15.79
6	\$17.03	\$13.84	\$13.76	\$16.01
10	\$17.26	\$16.18	\$16.12	\$17.46
15	\$17.37	\$16.29	\$16.22	\$17.57
20	\$17.77	\$16.52	\$16.44	\$17.82
25	\$17.99	\$16.73	\$16.66	\$18.04

<u>Years</u> Experience	<u>Aide With 4 Year</u> <u>Degree</u>	Head Cook	<u>Cook's Helper</u>	Bus Driver
0	\$15.35	\$12.90	\$12.33	\$17.20
1	\$16.47	\$13.12	\$12.48	\$17.32
2	\$16.67	\$13.38	\$12.58	\$17.46
3	\$17.19	\$13.65	\$12.73	\$18.09
4	\$17.61	\$13.89	\$12.89	\$18.22
5	\$17.95	\$14.14	\$13.00	\$18.35
6	\$18.25	\$14.41	\$13.12	\$18.48
10	\$18.57	\$15.97	\$14.96	\$19.67
15	\$18.68	\$16.07	\$15.07	\$19.78
20	\$19.13	\$16.28	\$15.40	\$20.44
25	\$19.34	\$16.50	\$15.62	\$20.66

<u>Years</u> Experience	Bus Mechanic	Maintenance	<u>First Shift</u> <u>Custodian</u>	<u>2nd / 3rd Shift</u> <u>Custodian</u>
0	\$20.44	\$20.44	\$14.72	\$14.55
1	\$20.60	\$20.60	\$14.96	\$14.74
2	\$20.73	\$20.73	\$15.21	\$14.90
3	\$20.89	\$20.89	\$15.49	\$15.06
4	\$21.01	\$21.01	\$15.72	\$15.25
5	\$21.14	\$21.14	\$15.97	\$15.43
6	\$21.35	\$21.35	\$16.23	\$15.58
10	\$21.56	\$21.56	\$18.63	\$18.42
15	\$21.67	\$21.67	\$18.74	\$18.52
20	\$23.09	\$23.09	\$19.00	\$18.77
25	\$23.31	\$23.31	\$19.22	\$18.99

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# WEST HOLMES LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES HOURLY WAGE RATE SCHEDULE 2020-2021

<u>Years</u> Experience	School Secretary	<u>Media Aide</u>	<u>Teacher Aide</u>	<u>Aide With 2 Year</u> <u>Degree</u>
0	\$14.76	\$13.30	\$13.23	\$14.44
1	\$15.61	\$13.45	\$13.38	\$15.09
2	\$15.85	\$13.58	\$13.51	\$15.26
3	\$16.63	\$13.72	\$13.65	\$15.59
4	\$16.84	\$13.85	\$13.78	\$15.88
5	\$17.15	\$13.98	\$13.91	\$16.10
6	\$17.37	\$14.12	\$14.03	\$16.33
10	\$17.60	\$16.51	\$16.44	\$17.81
15	\$17.71	\$16.62	\$16.55	\$17.92
20	\$18.13	\$16.85	\$16.77	\$18.18
25	\$18.35	\$17.07	\$16.99	\$18.40

<u>Years</u> Experience	Aide With 4 Year Degree	<u>Head Cook</u>	<u>Cook's Helper</u>	Bus Driver
0	\$15.65	\$13.16	\$12.58	\$17.55
1	\$16.80	\$13.38	\$12.73	\$17.67
2	\$17.01	\$13.65	\$12.83	\$17.81
3	\$17.53	\$13.92	\$12.98	\$18.45
4	\$17.96	\$14.17	\$13.15	\$18.58
5	\$18.31	\$14.42	\$13.26	\$18.71
6	\$18.61	\$14.69	\$13.38	\$18.85
10	\$18.94	\$16.29	\$15.26	\$20.06
15	\$19.05	\$16.40	\$15.37	\$20.17
20	\$19.51	\$16.61	\$15.71	\$20.85
25	\$19.73	\$16.83	\$15.93	\$21.07

<u>Years</u> Experience	Bus Mechanic	<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>First Shift</u> <u>Custodian</u>	<u>2nd / 3rd Shift</u> <u>Custodian</u>
0	\$20.85	\$20.85	\$15.01	\$14.84
1 1	\$21.01	\$21.01	\$15.26	\$15.03
2	\$21.14	\$21.14	\$15.51	\$15.20
3	\$21.30	\$21.30	\$15.80	\$15.36
4	\$21.43	\$21.43	\$16.03	\$15.56
5	\$21.56	\$21.56	\$16.29	\$15.74
6	\$21.77	\$21.77	\$16.55	\$15.89
10	\$21.99	\$21.99	\$19.00	\$18.78
15	\$22.11	\$22.11	\$19.11	\$18.89
20	\$23.55	\$23.55	\$19.38	\$19.14
25	\$23.77	\$23.77	\$19.60	\$19.37

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0	\$15.06	\$13.57	\$13.49	\$14.73
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2	\$16.17	\$13.85	\$13.78	\$15.56
3	\$16.96	\$14.00	\$13.92	\$15.90
4	\$17.17	\$14.13	\$14.06	\$16.19
5	\$17.49	\$14.26	\$14.19	\$16.43
6	\$17.71	\$14.40	\$14.31	\$16.66
10	\$17.95	\$16.84	\$16.77	\$18.16
15	\$18.07	\$16.95	\$16.88	\$18.28
20	\$18.49	\$17.18	\$17.11	\$18.54
25	\$18.72	\$17.41	\$17.33	\$18.77

<u>Years</u> Experience	Aide With 4 Year Degree	<u>Head Cook</u>	<u>Cook's Helper</u>	Bus Driver
0	\$15.97	\$13.43	\$12.83	\$17.90
1	\$17.14	\$13.65	\$12.98	\$18.02
2	\$17.35	\$13.92	\$13.08	\$18.16
3	\$17.89	\$14.20	\$13.24	\$18.82
4	\$18.32	\$14.45	\$13.41	\$18.95
5	\$18.68	\$14.71	\$13.52	\$19.09
6	\$18.99	\$14.99	\$13.65	\$19.22
10	\$19.32	\$16.61	\$15.56	\$20.46
15	\$19.43	\$16.72	\$15.67	\$20.57
20	\$19.90	\$16.94	\$16.03	\$21.27
25	\$20.12	\$17.16	\$16.25	\$21.49

<u>Years</u> Experience	<u>Bus Mechanic</u>	Maintenance	<u>First Shift</u> <u>Custodian</u>	<u>2nd / 3rd Shift</u> <u>Custodian</u>
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1	\$21.43	\$21.43	\$15.56	\$15.33
2	\$21.57	\$21.57	\$15.82	\$15.50
3	\$21.73	\$21.73	\$16.12	\$15.67
4	\$21.86	\$21.86	\$16.35	\$15.87
5	\$21.99	\$21.99	\$16.61	\$16.05
6	\$22.21	\$22.21	\$16.89	\$16.21
10	\$22.43	\$22.43	\$19.38	\$19.16
15	\$22.55	\$22.55	\$19.49	\$19.27
20	\$24.02	\$24.02	\$19.77	\$19.53
25	\$24.25	\$24.25	\$19.99	\$19.75

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#### **APPENDIX H**

Medical	-
Deductible (Individual/ Family) Network Non-Network	\$100/ \$200 \$200/ \$400
Co-Insurance % Network Non-Network	90/10 80/20
<b>Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b> Network Non-Network	\$550/ \$1,100 \$1,200/ \$2,400
<b>Dr. Office Coverage</b> Network Non-Network	\$15 co-pay, then 100% Ded. + co-ins.
Hospital Coverage Inpatient Outpatient	Ded. + co-ins. Ded. + co-ins.
Lab/ X-ray/ Diagnostic Testing ER Coverage	Ded. + co-ins. Ded. + co-ins.
Preventive Care Routine Physical Exams Routine OB/GYN Exams Routine Mammography (Certain age/frequency limitations apply) Routine Prostate Exam Well Baby Care (Birth to age 1) Well Child Care (Age 1 to age 9)	<ul> <li>100% up to \$300/yr max, no deductible</li> <li>100% up to \$300/yr max, no deductible</li> <li>100% to \$85/yr</li> <li>100% up to \$300/yr max, no deductible</li> <li>100% up to \$300 max, no deductible</li> <li>100% up to \$300/yr max, no deductible</li> </ul>
Prescription Drugs (Retail Pharmacy) 1 month supply Generic Brand Name Formulary Brand Name Non-Formulary	\$8 \$15 \$25
Mail Order Rx Program Generic Brand Name Formulary Brand Name Non-Formulary	\$8 per 60 days \$15 per 60 days \$25 per 60 days
Life Time Maximum Network Non-Network	unlimited lifetime / \$2 Million per year unlimited lifetime / \$2 Million per year
Dental	
Deductible (Individual/ Family)	\$25/ \$75
Preventive/Diagnostic Services Basic Restorative Major Restorative Orthodontic Services (children up to age 19 only) Calendar Year Maximum per Person (other than ortho)	100% no deductible every 6 months 80% 80% 60% to \$1,000 lifetime max, no deductible \$1,000

This is a summary of benefits only, designed to be a brief outline of coverage. Please refer to your official certificate for complete details. In case of any discrepancies, your certificate will prevail.

## Appendix E

# **GRIEVANCE FORM**

Name of Grievant				
School				
Persons involved in the grievance situation				
Section of Grievance Definition that cove	rs situation:			
Section of Negotiated Agreement covering the situation:				
State specific facts in the case (for exam occurred):	ple: what occurred, where and when it			
Redress or solution being sought:				
Date	Signature of Grievant			

# **Standard School Year Shift Schedules**

- High School/Middle School
  - $1^{st}$  shift: 6 am 2 pm
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> shift: 2 pm 10 pm or 3 pm 11 pm
  - $3^{rd}$  shift: 10 pm 6 am
- Elementary Buildings
  - 1<sup>st</sup> shift: 7 am 3 pm
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> shift: 3 pm 11 pm
  - $2^{nd}$  shift LV/NV: 3 pm 9 pm
- On Fridays, Christmas Break, and Spring Break 3<sup>rd</sup> shift is permitted to work from 6 pm 2 am
- > Shift/Hour changes are not customarily granted prior to holidays.
- > Non-Student days will follow standard schedule.

# Summer Break Schedule:

- ➤ High School/Middle School have custodial coverage during 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> shifts.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> shift will stay 1<sup>st</sup> shift
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> shift will stay 2<sup>nd</sup> shift
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> shift becomes 1<sup>st</sup> shift
  - Superintendent has the right to change employees to other shifts as necessary.

# **Calamity Day Procedures**

- ▶ When Calamity days are not used up (days 1-5)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> shift will stay 1<sup>st</sup> shift and report for hours needed *for snow removal only*.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> shift takes calamity day (in case of HS ballgame on snow day you must report, if no ballgame, take calamity day).
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> shift takes calamity day
  - If required by maintenance supervisor to work a calamity day, the calamity day must be taken before May 1<sup>st</sup> and will not carry over.

- Superintendent has the right to change employees to other shifts as necessary.
- ➤ When Calamity days are used up (days 6 +)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> shift will stay 1<sup>st</sup> shift always reports
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> shift will stay 2<sup>nd</sup> shift
  - HS/MS 3<sup>rd</sup> shift works 6 pm 2 am (unless building use dictates, then 3<sup>rd</sup> shift must work standard 3<sup>rd</sup> shift hours *if unsure, ask your principal*).

# The Holmes County Sheriff's Office Declaration of Restricted Road Use

- Section 311.07 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the Sheriff to restrict or close normal vehicular travel, excluding emergency and public safety vehicles, on the County and Township road of Holmes County, Ohio, during times of extreme weather or other emergency situation, so as not to interfere with those work vehicles and crews authorized to combat the emergency and promote public safety.
- For a better understanding of the meaning of restricted normal vehicular travel and emergency road closings, the following guidelines are set by the Sheriff of Holmes County:
  - LEVEL 1:
    - Roadways are hazardous with blowing and/or drifting snow, freezing rain and/or sleet. Roads may be icy. Drive very cautiously.
  - LEVEL 2:
    - Roadways are hazardous with blowing and/or drifting snow, freezing rain, sleet and/or ice build-up, possibly covered with snow. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roadways. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work.
  - LEVEL 3:
    - All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be out during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling unnecessarily on the roadways may subject themselves to arrest.
  - There will be no enforcement with Level 1 or 2, unless that particular situation creates a condition that is unsafe to that vehicle or public travel upon that roadway.
  - There will be enforcement action taken for unnecessary vehicular travel for those found driving under a Level 3 warning, if that driving creates a safety concern or causes a risk of physical harm to authorized users of the roadway, or impedes the

movement of those public safety vehicles needing to be on the roadway to combat the emergency weather conditions or to promote public safety. Persons wishing to practice their religion on their day of worship are not discouraged from doing so, but should take into consideration these warnings are for their safety and that of any emergency vehicle or road crew that may have to respond if a problem arises due to their driving.

# The following guidelines are protocol for West Holmes custodial employees

- Level 1: follow Calamity day procedures
- Level 2: up to individual to report if not reporting must take vacation day, calamity day (if available), personal day or dock day (no pay).
- Level 3: up to individual to report if not reporting must take vacation day, calamity day (if available), personal day or dock day (no pay).

# When Subs are Called

- Stand work days
- Building use on Non-Standard work days
- Weekend events

# When Subs are Not Called

- Summer, Christmas, and Spring Break.
- Non-Student work days (exceptions may be made if Superintendent deems necessary)
- > If there is another scheduled workday prior to students returning.
  - Example: Friday custodian reports off (2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> shift) and Monday is a custodian workday and a non-student day, a sub will not be needed on Friday or Monday. (All working custodians on Monday can clean areas not done due to Friday absence.



# Fact Sheet #28F: Qualifying Reasons for Leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act

The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) entitles eligible employees of covered employers to take unpaid, job-protected leave for specified family and medical reasons, with continuation of group health insurance coverage under the same terms and conditions as if the employee had not taken leave. *See also* Fact Sheet 28A: Employee Protections under the FMLA, and Fact Sheet 28M: The Military Family Leave Provisions under the FMLA.

Eligible employees are entitled to take up to 12 workweeks of FMLA leave in a 12-month period for any of the reasons listed below. *See* Fact Sheet 28: The Family and Medical Leave Act - Overview.

## • The birth of a child and to bond with the newborn child within one year of birth.

An employee's entitlement to FMLA leave for birth and bonding expires 12 months after the date of birth. Both mothers and fathers have the same right to take FMLA leave for the birth of a child. Birth and bonding leave must be taken as a continuous block of leave unless the employer agrees to allow intermittent leave (*e.g.*, allowing a parent to return to work on a part-time schedule for 10 weeks).

• The placement with the employee of a child for adoption or foster care and to bond with the newly placed child within one year of placement.

FMLA leave may be taken before the actual placement or adoption of a child if an absence from work is required for the placement for adoption or foster care to proceed. For example, the employee may be entitled to FMLA leave to attend counseling sessions, appear in court, consult with his or her attorney or the birth parent's representative, submit to a physical examination, or travel to another country to complete an adoption before the actual date of placement. FMLA leave to bond with a child after placement must be taken as a continuous block of leave unless the employer agrees to allow intermittent leave. An employee's entitlement to FMLA leave for the placement of a child for adoption or foster care expires 12 months after the placement.

# • A serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the functions of his or her job.

An employee is "unable to perform the functions of the position" where the health care provider finds that the employee

- is unable to work at all, or
- is unable to perform any one of the essential functions of the employee's position.

An employee who must be absent from work to receive medical treatment for a serious health condition is considered to be unable to perform the essential functions of the position during the absence for treatment.

#### • To care for the employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent who has a serious health condition.

An employee must be needed to provide care for his or her spouse, son, daughter, or parent because of the family member's serious health condition in order for the employee to take FMLA leave. An employee may be needed to provide care to the family member, for example

- when the family member is unable to care for his or her own medical, safety or other needs, because of the serious health condition or needs help in being transported to the doctor; or
- to provide psychological comfort and reassurance to the family member with a serious health condition.

**Spouse**: Spouse means a husband or wife as defined or recognized in the state where the individual was married and includes individuals in a same-sex marriage or common law marriage. Spouse also includes a husband or wife in a marriage that was validly entered into outside of the United States if the marriage could have been entered into in at least one state.

**<u>Parent</u>**: Parent means a biological, adoptive, step or foster father or mother, or any other individual who stood in loco parentis to the employee when the employee was a child. This term does not include parents "in law."

**Son or Daughter**: Son or daughter means a biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child of a person standing in loco parentis, who is either under age 18, or age 18 or older and "incapable of self-care because of a mental or physical disability" at the time that FMLA leave is to commence.

**In Loco Parentis**: The FMLA regulations define in loco parentis as including those with day-to-day responsibilities to care for or financially support a child. Employees who have no biological or legal relationship with a child may, nonetheless, stand in loco parentis to the child and be entitled to FMLA leave. Similarly, an employee may take leave to care for someone who, although having no legal or biological relationship to the employee when the employee was a child, stood in loco parentis to the employee when the employee was a child, stood in loco parentis to the employee when the employee was a child, even if they have no legal or biological relationship.

*See also* Administrator's Interpretation No. 21010-3; Fact Sheet #28B: FMLA leave for birth, bonding, or to care for a child with a serious health condition on the basis of an "in loco parentis" relationship; and Fact Sheet 28C: FMLA leave to care for a parent with a serious health condition on the basis of an in loco parentis relationship.

# • Any qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent is a military member on covered active duty.

Qualifying exigencies are situations arising from the military deployment of an employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent to a foreign country. Qualifying exigencies for which an employee may take FMLA leave include making alternative child care arrangements for a child of the military member when the deployment of the military member necessitates a change in the existing child care

arrangement; attending certain military ceremonies and briefings; taking leave to spend time with a military member on Rest and Recuperation leave during deployment; or making financial or legal arrangements to address a covered military member's absence; or certain activities related\_to care of the parent of the military member\_while the military member is on covered active duty. *See Fact Sheet 28M(c): Qualifying Exigency leave under the FMLA.* An employee may take qualifying exigency leave for the deployment of a son or daughter of any age.

An eligible employee may also take up to 26 workweeks of FMLA leave in a single 12-month period:

• To care for a covered servicemember with a serious injury or illness if the employee is the spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin of the servicemember (military caregiver leave).

Eligible family members of both current servicemembers and certain veterans are entitled to military caregiver leave. *See* Fact Sheet 28M(a): Military Caregiver Leave for a Current Servicemember under the FMLA, and Fact Sheet 28M(b): Military Caregiver Leave for a Veteran under the FMLA.

# ENFORCEMENT

It is unlawful for any employer to interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of any right provided by the FMLA. It is also unlawful for an employer to discharge or discriminate against any individual for opposing any practice, or because of involvement in any proceeding, related to the FMLA. *See* Fact Sheet 77B: Protections for Individuals under the FMLA. The Wage and Hour Division is responsible for administering and enforcing the FMLA for most employees. Most federal and certain congressional employees are also covered by the law but are subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management or Congress. If you believe that your rights under the FMLA have been violated, you may file a complaint with the Wage and Hour Division or file a private lawsuit against your employer in court.

For additional information, visit our Wage and Hour Division Website: <u>http://www.wagehour.dol.gov</u> and/or call our toll-free information and helpline, available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in your time zone, 1-866-4USWAGE (1-866-487-9243).

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