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NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE

LEXINGTON SUPPORT ASSOCIATION

AND THE

LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

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PREAMBLE

The Board of Education of the Lexington Local Schools, hereinafter referred to as the Board, and the Lexington Support Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association, set forth this agreement to establish the relationship between the Board and the Association and to establish one orderly procedure for the consideration and resolution of matters of concern.

ARTICLE 1-RECOGNITION

A. Recognition of the Association

The Lexington Local Board of Education (hereinafter, Board) recognizes the Lexington Support Association/Ohio Education Association/National Education Association (hereinafter, Association) as the sole and exclusive representative for the bargaining unit as set forth below in matters pertaining to wages, hours, terms and conditions of employment and the continuation, modification, or deletion of an existing provision of a collective bargaining agreement and as may be otherwise defined in Chapter 4117 of the Ohio Revised Code.

As used in this agreement, the term "employee(s)" is defined as, and the bargaining unit covered by this agreement is defined as: all non-certificated personnel, including those on approved leaves of absence. Excluded from the bargaining unit are the superintendent, principals, assistant principals, all other supervisory and managerial personnel as defined in Chapter 4117 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), any other administrators employed pursuant to Section 3319.02 ORC, secretaries and clerks assigned to the superintendent's and treasurer's office, the director of buildings and grounds, director of transportation, director of food services, assistant director of buildings and grounds, head mechanic, and casual employees.

B. Recognition of the Board

The Association recognizes the Board as the elected representatives of the people of the Lexington Local School District and as the employer of the employees of the Lexington Local School District.

C. <u>Representation Election</u>

The rights of the Association as set forth in this agreement are continuous unless challenged pursuant to Chapter 4117 ORC and the rules and regulations of the State Employment Relations Board (SERB).

ARTICLE 2 - NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURE

A. Scope of Negotiations

The obligation to bargain collectively means to negotiate at reasonable times and to execute a written contract incorporating the terms of any agreement reached.

The obligation to bargain collectively does not require the Board or the Association to agree to a proposal nor does it require the making of a concession.

Those matters which are negotiable are: wages, hours, terms and other conditions of employment and the continuation, modification, or deletion of an existing provision of this agreement.

B. Requests for Negotiations and Meetings

Either the Board or the Association may initiate negotiations by serving written notice to the superintendent, on behalf of the Board, or the Association president, on behalf of the Association, not more than one-hundred twenty (120) days nor less than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of this agreement. The party initiating the negotiations will notify SERB with a copy of the existing agreement, copying the other party with such communication. The first negotiations meeting will be held within thirty (30) days of the date on which the notice to negotiate was filed by either party, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise.

- 1. The parties agree to provide necessary information and supportive data relevant to their proposals. If a proposal is unacceptable to one of the parties, that party should give reasons and, if feasible, offer counterproposals.
- 2. Interim reports of progress may be made to the members of the Association by its representatives and to the Board by its representatives.
- 3. While discussions are in progress, any release prepared for news media will be approved by both negotiating teams. If discussions are temporarily interrupted before an understanding is obtained, the parties agree to keep the considerations confidential until the discussions are completed or impasse is declared by the representatives of either the Board or the Association.
- 4. During the meetings, either negotiating team may recess for independent caucus or conference as necessary.
- 5. Minutes of the negotiations meetings will not be taped by either or both of the parties involved.
- 6. Meetings shall start promptly, but no later than fifteen minutes after the predetermined starting time.
- 7. At the first negotiations meeting, complete agendas including proposals and approximate monetary costs shall be exchanged.
- 8. Every effort will be made to conclude negotiations within thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of this agreement. If negotiations have not been concluded by that time, either party may declare impasse.

C. Representation

Representative members of the Board or their designated representatives shall meet with designated representatives of the Association to negotiate. No final agreement shall be

executed without ratification by the Association and the Board. It is assumed that both parties have been given the privilege of making proposals, considering proposals, and offering counterproposals in the course of negotiations.

D. Responsibilities During Negotiations

Negotiations must be recognized by both parties as a shared process.

No member of either negotiation team shall in any way be penalized or censured because of his participation in negotiations.

At the close of each meeting, items of negotiations which have been tentatively agreed upon shall be reduced to writing and initialed by each party; such initialing signifying only that tentative agreement has been reached on these items.

Until all negotiations meetings are completed, each meeting shall include a decision on an agreed time and place for the next subsequent meeting.

The Board agrees to furnish the Association president, upon request and at no cost, all readily available financial information that will assist the Association in developing its proposals.

E. Agreement

When an agreement is reached through negotiating, the outcome shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the members of the Association and Board for formal approval. Upon approval, the agreement shall be signed by the parties and shall become part of the official minutes of the Board and a part of the contract of the individual employees.

F. <u>Disagreement</u>

If impasse is declared, the parties shall utilize the services of a mediator to assist the parties in attempting to achieve agreement on unresolved issues. Either party may require that a mediator be appointed by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. The function of the mediator shall be to offer suggestions, ideas, concepts, etc., that will move the parties toward agreement. Mediation, for the purposes of this Section, shall be considered concluded on the thirtieth (30th) day from the declaration of impasse unless the parties mutually agree to an extension of this time period. At the conclusion of the mediation time period the Association may utilize any and all rights as are afforded by Chapter 4117 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Within forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration of the contract, the parties by mutual agreement may agree to another alternate dispute resolution procedure. Any mutually agreed to change shall be sent, in writing, to the State Employment Relations Board.

The administrative team and department supervisors will adhere to ORC 4117.

ARTICLE 3 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Definitions

- 1. Grievance A grievance is a claim by an employee, group of employees, or the Association that there has been a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of the negotiation agreement.
- 2. Grievant Any employee, group of employees, or the Association making a claim as set forth in number 1 above.
- 3. Day A work (Monday through Friday) day as used herein. Calamity days, holidays, vacation days or other down time, for the purposes of this article, shall not count as a day.
- 4. Representative A member of the Association or a designee of the Association president or the grievant.

B. <u>Time Limits</u>

The time limits of this procedure are considered to be maximums and may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. Any grievance not filed or advanced to the next level by the grievant within the time limits shall be deemed waived.

Any grievance not answered by the administration within the time limits will automatically proceed to the next level.

C. Procedure

1. A grievance shall first be discussed within fourteen (14) days of the occurrence.

If the occurrence is during the summer months, employees whose contract is less than twelve months has fourteen (14) days after the start of school to start the grievance procedure informally with the immediate supervisor and the grievant may be accompanied by a representative throughout the entire grievance procedure.

The immediate supervisor may, if he elects, consult with the superintendent in an attempt to resolve the grievance within seven (7) days of the informal discussion. If the grievance is not resolved by the immediate supervisor the grievance will be reduced to writing.

The grievance shall set forth the nature of the grievance, date of occurrence and receipt by administration, date of informal meeting and decision rendered, and shall be filed with the superintendent or designee. If no decision is made within the seven (7) days, or if the grievant is not satisfied with the decision the grievant may proceed to the next step.

- 2. Within seven (7) days of the superintendent's receipt of the written grievance a meeting will be held. Within seven (7) days of the meeting, a decision shall be made and submitted in writing to the grievant, the representative, and the president of the Association. If the grievant and the Association are not satisfied with the decision, the grievant may proceed to the next step.
- 3. Within seven (7) days of the superintendent's decision, the grievant may file the written grievance with the treasurer of the Board. The treasurer, upon receipt of the grievance shall place the matter on the agenda of the next regular Board meeting and shall cause notice of the date and time of the Board meeting to be given the grievant and shall furnish copies of the written grievance to each Board member. The Board shall hear the grievance in executive session and either party may request the presence of any person deemed necessary in reaching a decision.

Within seven (7) days of the hearing, the Board shall render a decision and furnish, in writing, a copy to all parties.

4. Arbitration - If the grievant and the Association are not satisfied with the decision of the Board, the grievant may proceed to arbitration. The arbitrator shall be selected through the labor Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. Such rules shall also be adhered to with respect to the arbitrator hearing and other proceedings related to such hearing. The arbitrator shall not add to or subtract from the terms of the agreement or law. The arbitrator's decision shall be binding on the parties. The cost of the arbitrator shall be borne by the losing party.

D. <u>Confidentiality</u>

Grievances filed and any response thereto will not be placed in the employee's file.

E. Attendance

The Association president, or his/her designee, shall be entitled to be in attendance at all/any adjustment of a grievance.

ARTICLE 4 - ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

- A. The Board recognizes the Association as the collective bargaining representative for the non-certified employees of the Board. Exclusive representation shall entitle the Association to those rights guaranteed by Ohio law and certain other rights. These rights shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 1. The Board will make available facilities for meeting purposes to the Association. No fees will be charged for such use unless custodial overtime is incurred as part of facility use.
 - 2. The Association president or vice president will be permitted to do Association business during work hours if necessary and with the prior permission of the superintendent.

- 3. Duly authorized representatives of the Association shall be free to visit all buildings for Association business in accordance with established school procedures and insofar as such visits do not interfere with the employee's professional duties.
- 4. The Association shall be entitled to:
 - a. The use of bulletin boards used for employee information;
 - b. Announcements at employee meetings;
 - c. The use of public address systems according to school system procedure;
 - d. Distribution of bulletins to employees according to normal school procedure(s):
 - e. Representation:
 - 1) An employee may be accompanied by an Association representative at any meeting where disciplinary action may result provided that the Association representative is available when the meeting is scheduled or the supervisor can reschedule the meeting to a time within three working days when the representative is available without disrupting school operations. The employee will be given notice of the charge, a summary of the evidence against him, and an opportunity to respond.
 - 2) "Disciplinary action" is defined to include placing a written reprimand in the employee's file and any disciplinary action resulting in loss of pay (e.g., suspension without pay or discharge).
 - f. The right to disseminate materials at an appropriate table, in an appropriate place;
 - g. A timely list/updates of all employees' names and assignments as available and upon reasonable request;
 - h. The right to disseminate materials at general staff meetings; notification of Association payroll deductions and changes;
 - i. Normal courier service among buildings, without charge;
 - j. Use the District computers/email system without charge.

k. Informal Monthly Meetings

There may be periodic monthly meeting(s) of the Superintendent and/or others with LSA officers and/or Association representatives to discuss informally mutually important matters if desired by the Association or the Superintendent. The Board and the Association may explore the possibility of forming a labor-management partnership program.

- B. 1. An informal committee shall be established as an aid to communications between the parties. The membership of this committee shall be the Superintendent (or designee) and a maximum of five (5), but not less than three (3) persons appointed at the discretion of the Superintendent, plus the LSA President (or designee) and a maximum of five (5) persons (one representative from each bargaining unit classification) appointed at the discretion of the LSA president. The parties shall mutually develop an agenda prior to each meeting.
 - 2. This committee shall meet upon request of one of the members of the committee, with no more than one (1) meeting per month. The agenda shall be established one week prior to the meeting. If the agenda is not established within that time frame, the meeting shall be canceled. Agenda items will only deal with district wide issues (i.e., issues affecting more than one school building in the district).
 - 3. The purpose of the committee shall be to assist in the process of open communications between the parties. Its procedures shall consist of joint, informal discussions aimed at clarifying or addressing issues of concern to both parties.

The open discussions held by this committee shall not be construed as negotiations nor as an official decision-making process. The discussions of this committee shall not result in modifications or additions to the Negotiated Agreement.

C. The Association shall have the right to designate one (1) employee to act as the Association representative of each school building and one (1) representative for each ten (10) members in each classification to act as a classification representative for such periods as the Association deems proper.

D. Non-Discrimination

The policies and practices of the Board shall be applied without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, religion ancestry, military status, sexual orientation or age. No employee shall be discriminated against because of membership or non-membership in the Association nor for participation in the lawful Association activities.

ARTICLE 5 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

The Board retains the sole right and authority to manage the schools of the Lexington Local School District.

This agreement is entered into pursuant to that authority and ORC 4117 and, except as limited by terms of this agreement, the right to direct the non-teaching work force; to decide the duties to be

performed; to decide the means, method, and equipment to be used; to assign, transfer, and promote the employees; to schedule the hours of work and starting and quitting times of employees; to hire, discharge, and discipline employees; and to make such rules and regulations as are necessary to maintain the orderly and efficient operation of the school not in conflict with the provisions of this agreement or the law, is vested in the Board.

If there is a dispute concerning a new rule affecting wages, hours, working conditions, or fringe benefits that cannot be mutually resolved, the negotiations procedure shall be utilized for resolution.

ARTICLE 6 – PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

- A. All payroll deductions listed below shall be deducted equally over 24 pay periods:
 - 1. Insurance
 - 2. Tax-Sheltered Annuities
 - 3. Income Protection Plan
 - 4. The OEA Fund for Children & Public Education
- B. Professional organizational dues shall be deducted for ten (10) consecutive pays beginning in November. Upon hire, dues authorizations forms for such deductions shall be provided by the Association. The enrollment period for payroll deduction of membership dues shall be from September 1 to October 1 of each year. Upon request, payroll deduction privileges shall be available to members hired after October 1. The Treasurer of the Lexington Local Schools shall forward such deductions to the Treasurer of the Lexington Support Association the day of such deduction.
- C. Direct deposit of pay shall be mandatory for all members of the bargaining unit. A bargaining unit member shall have his/her paystub e-mailed to him/her. A confidential dedicated computer will be made available to all members of the bargaining unit at their work site to view and print the e-mailed payroll information.
- D. The Treasurer of the Lexington Local Schools shall deduct from the final payroll check of any employee who shall leave the district, unless waived by the LSA Executive Committee, the full amount of outstanding dues due and payable under the provisions of the payroll deduction authorization form, provided the employee has accrued sufficient net pay to cover such deduction.
- E. A member may authorize a continuing payroll deduction for membership purposes. Such authorization would be initiated (initially) and implemented as indicated above. The authorization would be for a one-year period but would continue for the next following year unless the Treasurer of the Board received written notification to the contrary from the individual or the Association on or before October 1 of any membership year. When the Treasurer receives notification from a member, the Treasurer shall promptly forward a copy of such notification to the Association President. The Association President shall provide the Treasurer with a modified list of members on continuing payroll deduction for

membership in the United Education Profession. Said communication will occur on or before October 1 of each membership year.

F. Paydays

The wages of all employees will be paid in twenty-four (24) equal installments, to be distributed on the 5th and 20th day of each month. This change will only occur contingent on the same change being made and at the same time by the Lexington Teachers Association.

When a payday is on a weekend, it will be moved up to Friday. When a payday is on a legal holiday, it will be moved up to the day before such holiday.

ARTICLE 7 - SALARY SCHEDULES

A. Effective September 1, 2020, employees will be paid according to Appendix A as attached.

In those calendar years in which the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Lexington Support Association expires, no salary notice will be issued until the successor agreement is ratified by both parties. Salary notices will be issued within three (3) weeks following both ratifications.

- B. See Appendix A for the following:
 - 1. Number of hours to be worked daily
 - 2. Number of hours to be worked yearly (hours X number of days worked)
 - 3. Number of days to be worked yearly (including paid holidays)
 - 4. Number of paid holidays

C. Seniority Pay

- 1. Seniority pay will be based on the years worked at the employee's present job classification.
- 2. Seniority pay is reflected on the salary schedule found in Appendix A.
- 3. If an employee changes job classification to a higher salary schedule, the employee will be placed on the new salary schedule at a level which is at least equal to their previous job salary.

D. Salary Step/Contract Changes

1. When an employee successfully bids on and is assigned to another position, the employee shall be placed on the appropriate salary step for that position in accordance with Appendix A.

- 2. If a position is filled by transfer and no contract change is necessary, the new assignment will be affirmed immediately.
- 3. If, when a position is filled, a contract change is needed, the individual will be transferred and paid at their regular hourly rate until the next Board meeting. If the Board approves the recommendation, a contract change will be issued, effective the first working day and the salary will be adjusted accordingly.

ARTICLE 8 - PLACEMENT ON SALARY SCHEDULE

- A. All new employees shall be placed on the salary schedule at step zero or up to step 8, commensurate with their previous employment experience. No newly hired employee shall be placed above step 8 on the salary schedule. Employees shall be eligible for advancement on the salary schedule in accordance with the following:
 - 1. If the number of days of responsibility under an employee's first contract exceeds one hundred twenty (120) days to be worked annually, they shall be eligible to advance to Step 1 on September 1 next.
 - 2. If the number of days of responsibility under an employee's first contract does not total one hundred and twenty (120) days to be worked annually, they shall remain at the zero-experience bracket until September 1 next and for one full year after that date.
 - 3. After the first contract year, employees must accrue earnings on at least one hundred and twenty (120) days to be worked annually in order to be eligible to advance to the next step on September 1 next. Days taken off during a leave of absence or days off for which the employee does not accrue earnings shall not count towards meeting this requirement.
 - 4. Personnel returning to the employment of the school after an absence for whatever reason shall receive credit on the salary schedule for prior time worked within the District. He/she may also receive additional credit on the salary schedule for experience in another department, or with another employer. The additional credit can be up to a maximum of ten (10) years based upon the recommendation of the superintendent (i.e., 2 years' prior service + 10 years' additional credit 12 years on the salary schedule).

<u>ARTICLE 9 – INSURANCES</u>

A. <u>Life Insurance</u>

The Board will purchase a group term life insurance policy for each employee, in the following amounts:

Employees who work six hours or more per day -- \$30,000.00. Employees who work less than six hours per day -- \$15,000.00.

At their option, an employee may purchase additional life insurance equivalent to the maximum amounts the Board provides, if possible. This purchase will be at the same purchase rate that is paid by the Board.

Such coverage shall include an option to convert to whole life upon retirement. The carrier shall provide the option for an employee to increase their life insurance coverage through payroll deductions.

B. <u>Dental Insurance</u>

The Board will pay fifty percent (50%) towards the dental plan for all employees who elect family coverage and who work thirty-five (35) or more hours a week. The Board will pay 100% towards the dental plan for all employees who elect single coverage and who work fifteen (15) hours or more a week, with a cap of \$50.00. (Employees currently covered by this insurance working less than fifteen [15] hours a week will retain coverage on this same basis.) The lifetime maximum per person for orthodontic is two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

C. <u>Medical and Pharmaceutical Insurance</u>

- 1. The Board will provide coverage for medical and pharmaceutical insurance. The summary plan description of the medical and prescription drug insurance plan is attached as an appendix to this contract; the summary plan document and contract of the plan is incorporated herein by reference. Such plan will comply with the health plan standards required for National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) accreditation, if feasible, and shall comply with the best practices of the School Employees Health Care Board (SEHCB).
- 2. The contribution shall be as follows, for employees who work:
 - a. 182 days or more (excluding holidays) and from thirty-five (35) to forty (40) hours per week, the Board will contribute 90 percent for 2020-2021 and 89 percent thereafter starting 2021-2022;
 - b. from thirty (30) hours to thirty-four (34) hours a week the Board will contribute 75 percent for 2020-2021 and 74 percent thereafter starting 2021-2022 and the employee will contribute 25 percent for 2020-2021 and 26 percent thereafter starting 2021-2022;
 - c. from twenty-five (25) hours to twenty-nine (29) hours a week Board contribution 62.5 percent and employee contribution 37.5 percent for 2020-2021; effective 2021-2022 and thereafter, the Board shall contribute 61.5 percent and employee contribution 38.5 percent;
 - d. from twenty (20) hours to twenty-four (24) hours a week the Board will contribute 50 percent and employee will contribute 50 percent for 2020-2021; effective 2021-2022 and thereafter, the Board shall contribute 49 percent and employee will contribute 51 percent;

- e. from fifteen (15) hours to nineteen (19) hours a week Board will contribute 37.5 percent and the employee will contribute 62.5 percent for 2020-2021; effective 2021-2022 and thereafter, the Board shall contribute 36.5 percent and the employee will contribute 63.5 percent;
- f. less than 14 hours a week and hired prior to October 1, 1995, the Board will contribute twenty-five (25) percent and the employee will contribute seventy-five (75) percent for 2020-2021; effective 2021-2022 and thereafter, the Board shall contribute twenty-four (24) percent and the employee will contribute seventy-six (76) percent.
- g. Employees hired on or after October 1, 1995, to work one to fourteen hours per week are not eligible for any insurance benefits.
- 3. If a bargaining unit member elects to take an annual Wellness exam completed by their physician, the Board shall provide one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for bargaining unit members who complete such an annual wellness exam prior to the last day of December. This incentive will be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of the physician-signed annual wellness exam form.
- 4. Upon execution, the Union President shall receive a signed copy of the certificate of coverage along with any codicil, rider, MOU, or amendment made thereto during the life of the collective bargaining agreement. In addition, if the Employer utilizes the services of a health insurance broker, agent, or consultant, or the services of a consortium, the Union President shall receive signed copies in the manner noted above. In addition, if the Employer utilizes the services of a consortium to procure health insurance plans, the Union President shall receive signed copies of the consortium's articles of incorporation, constitution, and bylaws. Should the Board consider a change in carrier, the Board will notify the Association at least thirty (30) days prior to such change. If the Board changes carrier, a copy of the new contract shall be provided to the Association within thirty (30) days of receipt of the contract by the Board.
- 5. Billing and Service Irregularities Each bargaining unit member, upon receipt of any statement from a health care provider which is submitted for payment under any insurance provided by the Board under this Agreement, shall review such statements for accuracy and determine whether or not they or their dependents received such services. If the bargaining unit member identifies a service that was billed for but not received and reports it to the appropriate office (i.e., the Treasurer and/or HIPAA Privacy Officer) and the erroneous charge (1) is not already being investigated by the appropriate health insurance company or third party administrator and (2) leads to the recovery of funds, the bargaining unit member shall receive a reward equal to fifty percent (50%) of the District's recovery, up to Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) per occurrence.

D. Labor-Management Health Insurance Committee

1. A twelve (12) member Health Insurance Committee shall be maintained with four (4) representatives appointed by the Lexington Support Association and Lexington

Teachers Association and four (4) representatives appointed by the Administration. At least one (1) member from each side shall also be a member of the party's bargaining team.

- 2. The purpose of the Committee shall be to improve the quality of health care and lower the cost of health insurance for all enrollees of any District health insurance plan. The duties of the Committee shall be to review and analyze all pertinent health care and health insurance information germane to the stated purpose of the Committee and recommend policy regarding health insurance and health care systems for the District.
- 3. The Committee shall accomplish this goal by meeting quarterly to review health insurance plan performance and identifying potential solutions to perceived problems. At its first meeting following the beginning of each year, the Committee shall elect its leadership team, including labor-management co-chairs and a secretary. Based upon plan performance and a needs assessment of the health plan participants, the Committee shall develop annual objectives in line with its goals. In addition, it shall report its progress towards those objectives at the end of each calendar year. The authority to bargain health insurance shall remain with the bargaining teams.

The Committee will continue for the life of the agreement. Between annual health plan renewals, the Committee shall collect complaints from plan participants in a regular fashion and submit them to the health insurance consultant. The Committee will receive a quarterly report from the consultant on the number and types of concerns forwarded to the appropriate health insurance company and the company's resolution of those issues.

The Administration shall provide the Committee with health and finance information as requested, subject to applicable law. The Administration shall pay all reasonable costs incurred that pertain to materials and training in fulfilling the purpose of the Committee. Release time for the members of the Committee shall be made available such as to allow members to complete their purposes during the life of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, if the co-chairs deem it appropriate.

Members of the Committee shall not be subject to any adverse impacts due to membership on said Committee. The Committee shall determine the duration and frequency of all regular meetings. Work products shall be furnished to the Administration and Association on a quarterly basis.

E. Part-Time Employees

For single or family coverage, the premium upon which the Board of Education's contribution will be based shall be the most up to date annual premium. The Board of Education will notify the employees within thirty (30) days of any change.

F. Change of Carrier(s)

Should the Board consider a change in carrier(s), the Board will notify the Association at least thirty (30) days prior to such change. If the Board changes carrier(s), a copy of the new contract(s) shall be provided the Association within thirty (30) days of receipt of the contract(s) by the Board.

ARTICLE 10 - SERS PICK-UP

The Board will shelter contributions to the School Employees Retirement System upon behalf of the employees on the following terms and conditions:

- A. The amount to be sheltered on behalf of each employee shall be the currently approved rate by SERS of the employee's compensation. The employee's annual gross salary shall be reduced by an amount equal to the amount sheltered by the Board for tax purposes only.
- B. The sheltered percentage shall apply uniformly to all employees.
- C. No employee covered by this provision shall have the option to elect a wage increase or other benefit in lieu of the Board pick-up.
- D. For Internal Revenue Service purposes, the W-2 form for each employee shall reflect the actual amount as indicated on the negotiated salary schedule minus the SERS shelter.
- E. The negotiated salary schedule amount for each employee shall be utilized for all other calculations for the purposes of compensation such as, but not limited to, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, and severance pay.
- F. Each employee will be responsible for compliance with Internal Revenue Service salary exclusion allowance regulations with respect to the "pick-up" in combination with other tax-deferred compensation plans.

ARTICLE 11 - SEVERANCE PAY

A. Upon retirement, the retiree shall receive a lump sum at his/her latest per diem rate for forty percent (40%) of his/her accumulated sick leave. For purpose of severance pay, the maximum sick leave accumulation will be 250 days.

Employees shall be eligible for payment upon the date of approval by approved retirement system for retirement and the employee's reception of his/her first check from the retirement system.

The date of payment shall be within sixty (60) days of verification of the first SERS payment but only one payment shall be made to any employee. Payment shall void all sick leave.

B. The employee will have two (2) options to receive severance pay.

First Option: Employee elects not to annuitize any portion of severance pay

The Board shall pay to each employee retiring with active service in the Lexington Local School District, forty percent (40%) of his/her total accumulated sick leave at the retiree's per diem rate of pay on the date of actual retirement. Such employee will be eligible for payment upon the date of approval by the approved retirement system, i.e., SERS/OPERS, for retirement and the receipt of his/her first check from the retirement system. The employee will have 90 days from their date of retirement to produce proof of payment, otherwise will not be eligible for severance pay. It is understood that there will be exceptions in case of emergency and employee is unavailable to provide such proof of retirement.

Second Option: Employee elects to annuitize a portion of their severance pay

The Board shall pay to each employee retiring with active service in the Lexington Local School District, forty percent (40%) of his/her total accumulated sick leave at the retiree's per diem rate of pay on the date of actual retirement. Such employee must produce to the treasurer's office an irrevocable election form sixty (60) days prior to your last day of responsibility. The maximum amount the employee can annuitize will be distributed to the annuity company of their choice, on the last payday of their employment. The employee will have ninety (90) days from date of retirement to produce proof of retirement from approved retirement system, i.e., SERS/OPERS. It is understood that there will be exceptions in case of emergency and the employee is unavailable to provide such proof of retirement. If proof of retirement is not produced in the ninety (90) day period, proceedings will be initiated to collect the amount issued to the annuity company. Upon proof of retirement from approved retirement system, i.e., SERS/OPERS, the employee will be issued the remainder of his/her severance pay.

Their maximum allowable tax-sheltered annuity annual contribution amount as determined by the various federal code sections including, but not limited to 403(b), 402(g), 415 and 457.

These provisions can be amended as necessary in order to conform to any applicable federal and state laws.

ARTICLE 12 – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

On occasion, the Board may find it desirable to re-employ a retired support professional. Therefore, the following procedure shall govern such re-employment:

- 1. Bargaining unit members may make a request to the Superintendent to be reemployed after retirement only once.
- 2. Except as expressly modified herein, re-employed retirees shall be members of the bargaining unit represented by the Lexington Support Association and shall be entitled to all terms, conditions, rights and benefits of the collective bargaining agreement between the Association and the Board.
- 3. If the Board re-employs a retired support professional, the re-employed retiree shall be placed at Step 8 on the salary schedule with ten (10) years' experience.

- 4. Re-employed support professionals shall not be eligible to receive severance pay as outlined in this Agreement upon separation from employment with the Lexington School District.
- 5. Re-employed retirees shall be placed on a limited regular support professional contract of up to one (1) year that is automatically non-renewed on June 30 without any action required by the Board. Re-employed retirees shall not be eligible for a continuing contract and have no rights or seniority if a reduction in force occurs.

ARTICLE 13 - OVERTIME-SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

- A. Forty (40) hours shall constitute the basic work week for employees covered by this section. The forty (40) hours shall be worked Monday through Friday. Association leave, professional leave, personal leave does not count toward hours actually worked for a day or a week. A day shall be defined as the employees regularly scheduled eight (8) hour day.
- B. When bargaining unit members are required to work more than forty (40) hours in a work week in their current classification, they will be compensated at the rate of time and one-half their hourly rate, or the employee shall have the option of compensatory time at a rate of one and one-half for each overtime hour worked. Such compensatory time is cumulative only to 180 hours, after which the employee must be paid. Compensatory time scheduling will be by mutual agreement of the superintendent and employee.

Pay for employees required to work overtime in other classifications will be computed at step #1 of the job being performed or at the substituting employee's regular rate, whichever is higher. Any employee who voluntarily works in another department after their normal workday is performed, will be paid as a substitute. Bargaining unit members shall be given first consideration to volunteer to work in another department. This policy does not apply to field trips.

C. Any employee who is called back to work after completing his workday or who is called in on a weekend after completing his work week will be guaranteed a minimum of two (2) hours overtime or will be given a minimum of three (3) hours' compensatory time off.

D. Overtime Rotation - Except for Bus Drivers

- 1. All overtime will be offered on a rotational basis within a classification on a district wide basis except as hereinafter provided. If a building requests overtime, that overtime will be rotated, by seniority, within the building where the overtime is requested. If no employee from the building that requests the overtime accepts, the overtime will be offered to the other employees, by seniority, on a rotational basis. The superintendent or designee has the authority to assign overtime in cases of emergency.
- 2. All overtime will be paid in accordance with subsection B except for the cafeteria which will be paid as follows:

- a. Outside Groups Cafeteria workers will be paid time and one-half their regular rate of pay when they are required to work for special activities for outside groups. This fee shall be charged to the activity requesting use of the facility.
- b. School Related Groups The date and time required for each school related activity will be posted on the bulletin board of each kitchen. Employees will have the opportunity to volunteer to work, for the activity, if they so desire. If no employee should volunteer an employee shall be assigned and paid at the rate of time and one-half their regular rate of pay. This fee shall be charged to the activity requesting use of the facility.
- 3. All overtime shall be ordered by or have the prior approval of the superintendent or his designee.
- 4. Where a group event causes additional work, an employee may request overtime from the maintenance supervisor or superintendent.
- E. Shift Differential Sixty cents (.60) per hour additional compensation shall be paid for all work performed between 2:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. by regular night employees who work more than twenty (20) hours per week. Any custodian assigned to work after 2:30 p.m. shall be paid the sixty cents (.60) per hour night bonus unless he/she is eligible for overtime.

This shift differential shall be based on 180 nights per year at eight hours per night. Eight hundred sixty-four dollars (\$864.00) will be added to the yearly contract amount for each regular night shift employee. In cases where employees work less than a full year as a night shift employee, the amount due will be prorated according to the number of nights actually worked.

- F. A statement of all overtime hours and rates for extra hours worked shall be itemized and attached to each check.
- G. Whenever possible, employees will be given at least twenty-four hours' notice of weekend assignments.
- H. If a building principal directs his/her secretary and/or other staff members to contact substitute teachers, the secretary and/or other staff members will be compensated with ten percent (10%) annually of base salary.

ARTICLE 14 – HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS

A. Holidays

- 1. The following shall be recognized and observed by the Board as paid holidays:
 - a. New Year's Day
 - b. Good Friday
 - c. Memorial Day
 - d. Fourth of July

- e. Labor Day
- f. Thanksgiving Day
- g. The day after Thanksgiving
- h. Christmas Day
- i. The last workday before Christmas
- j. The last workday before New Year's
- k. Martin Luther King Day
- 1. Presidents' Day (if designated and used as a holiday on the school calendar)
- 2. All employees will receive the day off with pay for any of the above which falls within the work year of the employee.
- 3. Any employee required to work on a day declared by the Board to be a holiday will be compensated for such time worked at double time and one-half $(2\frac{1}{2})$ their regular rate or will be given compensatory time off in addition to their holiday pay.
- 4. When any of the above listed holidays fall on Saturdays, the preceding Friday shall be observed as the holiday. If the holiday should fall on Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as the holiday.
- 5. Each full-time employee will be given a calendar showing workdays, holidays, etc., at the start of each school year.

B. Vacations

- 1. All full-time (twelve month) employees shall receive an annual vacation with pay as follows:
 - a. After one full year of employment and each full year thereafter employees will be entitled to two weeks' vacation.
 - b. At the beginning of ten (10) years of employment employees will be entitled to three weeks' vacation.
 - c. At the beginning of fifteen (15) years of employment employees will be entitled to one additional day of vacation for each year of service over 14 years to a maximum of twenty (20) days.
 - d. Anniversary date for determining the length of vacations shall be the employee's hire date.
- 2. All vacations may be taken during the contract year (September 1 August 31). All vacations will be scheduled in advance and with approval of the superintendent and department supervisor.
- 3. If a holiday (as listed in Article 14, part 1) falls within an employee's vacation time the employee will be granted an additional day of vacation.
- 4. Upon separation from employment an employee shall be entitled to compensation

at his/her current rate of pay for all lawfully accrued but unused vacation leave to his/her credit at the time of separation.

- 5. Earned vacation may be carried over into the following year with the approval of the superintendent.
- 6. At the death of an employee, earned vacation will be paid to the employee's spouse or other designated beneficiary.
- 7. Vacation shall be prorated during the year it is earned should the employee's employment end for any reason prior to the end of the contract year.

ARTICLE 15 – LEAVES

A. Sick Leave

- 1. Each employee shall be entitled to fifteen (15) days of sick leave with pay for each year under contract, which shall be credited at the rate of one and one-fourth (1¹/₄) days per month. Sick days will be deducted from the accumulated days when taken and not at the end of the month.
- 2. Sick leave accumulation shall be two hundred seventy (270) days.
- 3. When an employee has been absent tor more than five (5) consecutive workdays because of personal illness/injury, he/she must provide a doctor's excuse verifying the need for and length of continuing absence to the treasurer's office in order to continue being paid beyond the fifth day. If the verification has not been provided, the employee's pay will be docked until his/her return to work or he/she provides the doctor's verification.
- 4. Each employee may be advanced five (5) days' sick leave upon employment with the Board. This advance request must be submitted in writing. No additional sick leave can be accrued until after the fourth month of the advance at which time they begin to accumulate at one and one-fourth (11/4) days per month. Should the employee leave employment before these days are earned, the employee would be responsible to pay back the unearned days monetarily, which have been used.
- 5. Sick leave may be used for absence due to personal illness, pregnancy, injury, exposure to contagious disease which could be communicated to others, and for absence due to illness, injury, or death in the employee's immediate family.

An employee who has exhausted their sick leave and experiences a death in the family may be advanced five (5) days sick leave in accordance to Section 4 above. A maximum of six (6) continuous weeks of sick leave may be used after a birth. In the event of medical complications that are certified in writing by a physician, sick leave shall be extended. After the initial six (6) week period, barring medical complications, the employee must either return to work or go on an unpaid leave of absence.

- 6. Immediate family, for purposes of this article, shall be defined as: spouse, father, mother, stepmother, stepfather, children, stepchildren, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, niece, nephew, legal guardian or other person who stands in place of a parent (in loco parentis) or others living in the employee's household who are related to the employee through blood or marriage.
- 7. Notice of use of sick leave shall be submitted via the KIOSK system.
- 8. An employee who uses sick leave in excess of five (5) days to care for a member of the immediate family, as defined above, may be requested to submit a doctor's statement concerning the need for care.
- 9. When an employee has been absent for more than five (5) consecutive workdays because of personal illness/injury, he/she must provide a doctor's excuse verifying the need for and length of continuing absence to the treasurer's office.

B. Leave of Absence for Association Business

During each school year, the Board shall grant nine (9) paid days of association business leave to LSA members for the purpose of attending OEA/NEA representative assemblies, OEA/NEA member lobby days, OEA/NEA educational seminars/workshops, and for collective bargaining. Requests for association leave shall be made at least five (5) working days in advance of requested days to the superintendent.

C. Personal Leave

Each employee shall be granted three (3) days of personal leave each contract year. In cases where an employee is employed for less than nine (9) months, the time shall be prorated in accordance with the number of days of responsibility in a full contract year. All days of eligibility shall be rounded to the nearest full day.

Use of personal leave shall be governed by the following:

- 1. Personal leave is not cumulative.
- 2. The superintendent shall be responsible for recommendation of leave requests.
- 3. Requests for personal leave shall be submitted via the KIOSK system. Except in cases of emergency, such requests shall be submitted at least five (5) working days prior to the date requested. The superintendent shall take action on the request and send copies of the request and action taken to:
 - a. The employee making the request.
 - b. The Board for evaluation.
 - c. The director of the department.

4. Personal leave may be taken for emergencies, appointments, or other events that cannot be scheduled outside of the employee's working hours.

The approved list of reasons would include:

- a. family matters
- b. personal business
- c. financial matters
- d. legal matters
- e. others with the approval of the superintendent.
- 5. Personal leave cannot be used during the first five (5) days or the last eight (8) days of the school year and the day preceding or following holidays (except in emergency situations or as approved by the superintendent).
- 6. No more than two (2) employees from the same department and building will be granted personal leave for the same day.
- 7. Personal leave will be granted in one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) day increments, except for six (6) hour bus drivers who will be granted the leave in one-third (1/3) day increments.
- 8. All employees who do not use their allotment of personal days shall be paid for any unused days at the rate of fifty-one hundredths (.50) of their daily rate for each day. Said payment shall be made during the first full pay period following the end of the employee's last day of responsibility under the contract year. Employees may choose to roll any accumulated but unused personal leave into their accumulated sick leave.

D. <u>Jury Duty</u>

Any employee who has to serve jury duty shall be granted leave for such duty without loss of compensation, sick leave, personal leave, any other leave provisions, and/or any other benefits of employment, in accordance with Section 3313.211 of the ORC. Any employee serving jury duty shall present to the treasurer the compensation received for serving such jury duty. The voucher shall be presented to the treasurer within five (5) days of receipt. At that time, the treasurer will reduce the employee's subsequent payroll check by the amount of the compensation/voucher, and the employee will retain the compensation received for service on the jury.

E. <u>Assault Leave</u>

Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 3319.143 of the Ohio Revised Code, assault leave shall be granted to an employee who is absent from his/her assigned duties because of injury resulting from an assault. Said leave shall not be charged against sick leave earned or earnable under Section 3319.141 of the Ohio Revised Code, or leave granted under rules

adopted by the Board pursuant to Section 3319.08 of the Ohio Revised Code. Said employee shall be granted the aforementioned assault leave and shall be maintained on full pay status during such absence.

An employee shall be granted assault leave according to the following rules:

- 1. The incident, resulting in the absence of the employee, must have occurred during the course of employment with the Board.
- 2. Upon notice to the principal or immediate supervisor that an assault upon an employee has been committed, any employee having information relating to such assault shall, as soon as possible, prepare a written statement embracing all facts within the employee's knowledge regarding said assault, sign said statement and present it to the building principal or immediate supervisor.
- 3. If the employee receives medical attention and/or is absent from his/her assigned duties more than five (5) days, a certificate from a licensed physician, stating the nature of the disability and its duration, may be required before assault leave payment is made.
 - Following the initial examination by the licensed physician, the employee must be re-examined every twenty (20) days by a licensed physician until it is determined that he is able to return to work. In no instance may the assault leave exceed ninety (90) working days.
- 4. An employee shall not qualify for payment of used assault leave until the Assault Leave form has been submitted (Appendix J).
- 5. Said employee shall not be permitted to accrue assault leave.
 - The employee will be maintained on a full pay status with fringe benefits during the period of the paid assault leave. The employee, during this period, may not perform any duties related to any other job during the school day.
- 6. The employee agrees to sign a statement indicating a willingness to participate and cooperate with the Board if the Board decided to pursue legal action against the assaulter.
- 7. When Workers' Compensation reimburses the employee in any amount for time lost during the assault leave, the Board shall pay the difference between the employee's full pay for the period of assault leave and the amount paid by Workers' Compensation.
- 8. Payment shall be discontinued when the employee elects to retire or is no longer under contract with the Board.
- 10. Falsification of either a signed statement or a physician's certificate is reason for suspension or termination of employment under Section 3319.16 of the Revised Code.

F. <u>Maternity/Paternity Leave</u>

- 1. <u>Maternity/Paternity Leave</u> Employees who become pregnant, are adopting a child less than two (2) years of age, or are rearing a child and who desire to return to work at a future date shall be granted a maternity/paternity leave. A maternity/paternity leave shall be a leave without pay and shall be in accordance with provisions of this article. Maternity/paternity leave may commence at any time during the period between commencement of pregnancy and the end of the pregnancy disability associated with the birth of the child or at the time of the adoption of the child. Such leave shall be for a period up to one (1) year and may be extended for an additional year upon application for extension and approval by the Board.
- 2. <u>Application for Leave</u> Applications for maternity/paternity leave shall be in writing, directed to the superintendent on the proper form, and shall contain the date on which the leave of absence is to commence and the date on which the employee expects to return. Application for maternity/paternity leave shall be made at the earliest possible time but shall not be later than the thirtieth (30th) day before the beginning of the maternity/paternity leave except in cases of emergency or those owing to circumstances which could not reasonably be anticipated thirty (30) days in advance. Missing the thirty (30) day deadline will not be reason to deny the leave, but may be reason to delay it.
- 3. <u>Reinstatement Application</u> An employee on a maternity/paternity leave who desires to return to work should confirm his/her intention to return at least sixty (60) days preceding the scheduled return date. An employee who decides not to return shall so notify the Board as soon as possible.
 - <u>Fringe Benefits</u> Employees on maternity/paternity leave will be given the opportunity of continuing in the hospitalization/health care insurance and group term life insurance programs by forwarding a check or checks for both the Board's portion and the employee and family portion (when applicable) to cover the full cost of said insurance programs. The treasurer will process all requests for insurance coverage. Checks must be in the treasurer's office not later than the twenty-fifth (25th) day of the month in order to continue the insurance in force. The employee may also forward funds required to carry on his/her other fringe benefits such as health and accident insurance. The checks for fringe benefits are to be made out to the company involved; the treasurer's office will forward these checks to the specified company.
- 4. Reinstatement Upon return from approved maternity/paternity leave the employee will retain the same contract status he/she held when the leave commenced and will be assigned to the same position if available or to a substantially equivalent position to the one he or she held prior to the leave.

G. Family and Medical Leave

The Board and employees shall have whatever rights, duties, discretion, and responsibilities as are set forth in the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) including any and all future changes and/or amendments. For a summary of FMLA benefits, employees may access the Federal government web site at www.dol.gov/dol/topic/benefits/fmla.htm.

Note: The above shall replace and supersede the current provisions of Article 15 (G). H. Emergency Security Program

H. <u>Emergency Security Program</u>

1. The Employee Emergency Security Program is designed to assist employees who experience a serious accident or major illness for which they do not have adequate sick leave as covered under Article 15 of this contract.

In order to participate in this program, you must donate one (1) sick leave day to the pool by September 25 of the contract year (9-1 to 8-31). New employees must donate one (1) sick leave day within fifteen (15) days of their hiring by the Board. Once an employee is enrolled in the program, they will remain a member of the pool except as provided in Article 15 (H) (5).

2. The sick leave pool is formed from the donations of accumulated sick leave of each employee who wishes to participate in the program. Once a day has been donated it will remain part of the pool, even if you do not. The days in the sick leave pool will be converted to hours and will be drawn out as hours. The days to hours' conversion will be as follows:

- a. Full time employee 8 hours
- b. 7 Hour employee 7 hours
- c. 6 Hour employee 6 hours
- d. 5 Hour employee 5 hours
- e. 4 Hour employee 4 hours
- f. 3 Hour employee 3 hours
- g. 2 Hour employee 2 hours

3. To be eligible you must use all vacation time, all sick leave and all personal days that you are entitled to use. You must be recovering from a specific illness or injury of ten (10) or more consecutive workdays. You must turn in a physician's certificate indicating the specific illness or injury to the LSA president. The amount of sick leave awarded under this program shall not exceed thirty (30) workdays in any one (1) contract year (9-1 to 8-31).

- 4. Employees are not eligible to use the sick leave pool if:
 - a) you have not donated a day of accumulated sick leave;
 - b) you are voluntarily absent for any reason;
 - c) it is a routine maternity;
 - d) the specific illness or injury is not ten (10) consecutive workdays or more;
 - e) you are eligible for other paid leave or compensation.
- 5. The number of hours permitted to accumulate in the sick leave pool shall be seven hundred fifty (750). Should the pool diminish to one hundred twenty (120) hours or less, the employee who is a participant of the program will be asked to donate another day. Employees who do not donate a sick day will be removed from the pool. Employees will be given a chance to re-enter the pool at the next open enrollment which is at the beginning of the contract year (September 1 of each year). (See Appendix D.)
- 6. Request for assistance from sick leave pool will be processed through the LSA president. (See Appendix E.)

ARTICLE 16 - WORKING CONDITIONS

- A. The Board agrees to maintain safe, clean and sanitary working conditions for each employee. No employee will be required to work under conditions which constitute a hazard to either his health or safety.
 - All employees agree to cooperate fully in maintaining such standards within the schools and to report any hazardous condition to the administration immediately.
- B. In the event of an absence of five (5) days or more in the area of cafeteria employees, a substitute must be provided, beginning on the 6th day and continuing until the employee returns from leave.
- C. Employees will be furnished with all tools, equipment, and materials needed to perform their work with the exception of mechanic's hand tools which are the responsibility of the employee to furnish.
- D. All employees will have a minimum of thirty (30) minute duty-free lunch.
- E. Drivers who are absent from driving their regular routes(s) shall not be eligible to drive for field trips on the day of their absence.
- F. Calamity Days Employees will not normally be required to work on days declared to be calamity days under the requirements of state law.

When employees have reported to work before being informed of the school closing or are called into work on such days, they shall be paid their regular day's pay plus their regular hourly rate for the hours worked.

- G. An employee required to perform work paying a lower rate per hour than their regular rate will be paid at their regular rate for the time worked.
- H. Any employee required to change from one school to another school during the same day will be paid for the time consumed by the move as part of the regular day's work.
- I. All new bus drivers must complete the required training with three (3) months after employment. The Board will reimburse the drivers for the cost of the fees for the required training and licenses. Such reimbursement will be paid to the driver after 180 days.

Fees required for renewal of a school bus driver's operator's license (including training and actual license fees) will be reimbursed to the driver within 60 days upon proof of completion.

The Board will reimburse all aides for certification fees.

J. Bus Drivers - Field Trips

- 1. A field trip is defined as any trip where a bus is used to transport children other than the daily transportation to and from school or between schools. Generally, field trips will fall into one of two categories.
 - a. Educational Field Trips trips taken as part of the school program. These must be of an educational nature and will be paid for by the Board of Education.
 - b. Student Activity Field Trips trips taken for the purpose of participation in activity programs. These trips will be paid for by the activity requesting the trip.
- 2. <u>Field Trip Rate</u> The hourly rate of pay for field trips for bus drivers shall be \$13.00 for the 2020-2021 school year and shall increase to \$13.25 per hour beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

3. Selection of Drivers

- a. There shall be three (3) different wheels for determining the field trips:
 - 1) wheel #1 (one) trips shall have a.m. pick up times;
 - 2) wheel #2 (two) trips shall have pick up times from 12:01 p.m. to 4:29 p.m.;
 - 3) wheel #3 (three) trips shall have pick up times scheduled at 4:30 p.m. or later on weekdays and for all holiday and weekend trips.

- b. All field trips shall be assigned to drivers on the basis of rotation. The beginning of each school year, a rotation list in the order of seniority shall be posted.
- c. Field trips, along with a sign-up sheet, will be posted on or before 6:30 a.m. the first scheduled workday of the week preceding the week of the field trip(s). Using Appendix F, drivers must sign up by 12:01 p.m. on the third scheduled workday of the week preceding the week of the field trip(s). Also, drivers must indicate their availability to which day they want to be considered. Assignment of the field trip(s) will be posted before 2:30 p.m. of the last scheduled workday of the week preceding the field trip(s). Trips scheduled during breaks (Christmas, spring, etc.) and the week following the break will be assigned and posted by 2:30 p.m. the last scheduled workday before the break. Assignment will be made using the drivers that have indicated their availability for the same days of the posted field trips.
- d. As trips are posted, the driver shall indicate their availability or refusal of the trip. Failure to do so will be recorded as an automatic refusal.
- e. If a driver refuses a trip, the driver (he/she) shall wait until his/her turn in the rotation occurs again except when a trip is received after the next week's trips have been assigned.
- f. In the event a field trip is received after the next week's trip have been assigned and posted, the drivers that have indicated their availability for that day of that week of that wheel will be considered first. If there is still a need for a driver, then the driver next upon the current wheel has the option of refusing the trip without losing their place on the wheel. If the trip is taken by other than the next scheduled driver, the driver who takes the trip will remain in the normal rotation for the next scheduled trip and the trip will be treated as an extra trip outside the normal wheel rotation.
- g. In the event a driver becomes ill or because of other family obligations is unable to take the trip assigned, that driver will lose that trip and the director of transportation will treat the driver assignment in the same manner as a trip received after the next week's trip(s) have been assigned and posted.
- h. In the event a trip is canceled with nonpayment; the driver is to get the next scheduled unassigned trip from the same trip wheel. In the event a trip is canceled after the driver has arrived at the bus garage, the driver is to be paid trip rate for time worked or a minimum of two (2) hours, whichever is greater.
- i. At the close of the school year a sign-up sheet will be posted for drivers to sign who wish to drive trips during the summer months. The list will run in the same rotation manner as the regular list during the school year but will only include those drivers who have signed up. The director of transportation will make reasonable efforts to contact drivers as their turn

comes up; however, it will be the responsibility of the driver to keep in contact with the transportation department as to available trips.

- j. Drivers may not specify a special trip. Drivers shall not be permitted to skip their regular run to take a field trip. In regards to the rotation, once a driver has been assigned a field trip, the driver shall not be eligible for assignments to a field trip until the other available drivers have been assigned a field trip.
- k. The director of transportation shall have the right to assign field trips to substitute bus drivers where time consideration dictates.
- 4. The Board may use a pick up/drop off system for wrestling and swimming field trips, but these shall be treated as a single trip. If this system is used, the driver will be paid at their regular hourly rate for time actually worked including preparation and clean up time with a minimum of two hours pay. However, if the same driver is assigned to both drop off and pick up, then the assigned driver will be paid at their regular hourly rate for time actually worked including preparation and clean up time with a minimum of four hours pay even if the return trip is cancelled.
- 5. Drivers will be paid their regular hourly rate for drug or alcohol testing if scheduled outside regular work hours.
- 6. All field trips, including any time spent on necessary pre-trip inspection, bus cleanup, and refueling, shall be paid as two hours of work or the actual hours worked as shown on the driver's time sheet, whichever is more.
- L. After an employee (cafeteria, aides, secretaries) under contract has worked fifteen (15) consecutive days in a single position, their rate of pay shall be increased to the base rate for that position or receive a one dollar (\$1.00) per hour increase, whichever is greater. The pay is to be retroactive to first day in new position.

M. Tuition for Employees' Children

When an employee(s) desire to have his/her child(ren) (includes stepchildren living with the employee) enrolled in the Lexington Schools, the Board shall accept such child(ren) on a tuition free basis. Initial acceptance will be based on available space in a given grade and/or building. The Board shall not be responsible for providing transportation to and from school for such child(ren). The employee must contact the superintendent's office by August 1 of the school year they wish to enroll their child.

N. <u>Dispensing of Medications</u>

Medication will be dispensed in accordance with 3313.713 ORC which will be posted in each building where medications are dispensed.

O. Health and Safety

The Lexington Board of Education is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for staff and students. The Board will investigate and address health and

safety issues of the staff when brought to them. Such investigation and resolution will comply with the Board-adopted Indoor Air Quality Plan.

The Board acknowledges that the safety of its employees is of great importance and, therefore, will work through reasonable efforts to create a safe working environment.

The Board will provide in each building:

- 1. An adequate and well maintained first aid kit.
- 2. An adequate supply of disposable rubber gloves.
- 3. A supply of CPR masks.

The Board will supply on each school bus:

- 4. An adequate and well maintained first aid kit.
- 5. An adequate supply of disposable rubber gloves.
- 6. Each bus driver will be advised as to any serious medical condition of any student which may require emergency assistance from the driver, and instructions on the proper procedure should an incident occur.

P. Surveillance Equipment

- 1. Videotapes shall not be used as the sole means of formal evaluations.
- 2. Review of the videotapes will be limited to the driver, transportation director, other district administrators involved with a particular student and/or a particular behavior incident, the parent or guardian of the student, and the superintendent or his designee. Additionally, employees involved in incidents shall have the right to review such tapes with Association representatives.
- 3. The retention and security of the videotapes will be the responsibility of the transportation director and/or any other district administrator responsible for transportation and concerns. All videotapes will be maintained at the discretion of the transportation director. All videotapes will be maintained in a secure area and access to them will be limited to those individuals noted in the above paragraph. All tapes will be kept on school premises.

Q. Educational Assistants/Library

It shall be the responsibility of the educational (library/computer lab) aide in each building to provide assistance to the classroom teacher in the computer lab.

R. <u>Training Opportunities</u>

- 1. The Board of Education will establish training opportunities for bargaining unit members. These training opportunities may be taken in district or out of district provided the training is approved by the superintendent.
- 2. The Association will survey its membership to determine the kinds of training bargaining unit members are interested in receiving, but the ultimate decision as to the nature, extent, and location shall remain with the superintendent.
- 3. Association representatives designated by the president will work collaboratively with the administration to develop training sessions and sites.
- 4. The Board shall provide each school year under this current negotiated agreement a maximum of \$7,000.00 for tuition reimbursement costs associated with additional training for bargaining unit members. These funds may be used for tuition reimbursement only.

Tuition reimbursement will be capped at \$950.00 per member to a total maximum of \$7,000.00 for each year of this contract.

Bargaining unit members will have ninety (90) days to submit a transcript after the completion of the course to receive reimbursement. Any funds not utilized by June 30th may be disbursed to employees with tuition not previously compensated. The treasurer will review original submissions and disburse the remaining funds in the same order of the original disbursements of tuition. Employees may be asked to provide evidence of tuition not previously covered. All course work shall be related to their current employment duties and must be pre-approved by the superintendent

The Board shall provide each school year under this current negotiated agreement a maximum of \$3,000.00 per contract year to defray the costs of professional development. All professional development must be approved by the superintendent.

Reimbursement for expenses will be made according to the following schedule upon presentation of receipts submitted via the KIOSK system:

Room \$80.00 a day maximum

Meals \$7 breakfast, \$8 lunch, \$15 dinner to a maximum of \$30.00

per day

Registration fees paid by the Board

Travel IRS rate per mile and/or cost of common carrier ticket to a

maximum of \$250.00

Miscellaneous \$15.00 a day maximum (parking, taxi, etc.)

Substitute employee expenses

5. Any member of the bargaining unit may apply to the superintendent for prior approval describing the training to be taken, date, place, time, and anticipated expenses. No expenditure will be authorized without prior approval of the training.

- 6. The superintendent shall be provided not less than ten (10) school days to approve or disapprove the application.
- 7. To be eligible for tuition reimbursement, the employee must submit a request for approval to the superintendent or designee before the start of the course and a request for stipend payment for additional hours shall be submitted to the Board treasurer following completion. Payment shall be made within sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of transcript. The employee must get the prior approval of the superintendent or designee in order to change the course that a request for tuition reimbursement has been approved.
- 8. Credit for conferences, workshops, seminars, etc., from an accredited college or university, will be applied if such credit is given and is related to the employee's job responsibilities.
- 9. Any employee who completes course work during the summer must return to work in the Lexington Local School District to be eligible to claim any reimbursement under this section.

S. Compensation for Use of Personal Vehicles

The Board will reimburse custodians and secretaries for using ins/her own vehicle for one (1) courier trip a day to the Central Office to deliver mail, by the most direct route, at the current IRS rate for business mileage. Additional trips to Central Office that are directed by the building administration will be compensated as well.

Custodians will indicate on their time sheets the days upon which he/she performed this service.

The Board will reimburse any bargaining unit member for using his/her own vehicle to perform any duties assigned by their supervisor, by the most direct route, at the current IRS rate for business mileage.

Reimbursement will be made quarterly.

ARTICLE 17 – SENIORITY

A. Seniority Defined

Seniority shall mean the uninterrupted length of continuous employment in a bargaining unit position as follows:

- 1. Seniority shall begin to accrue to an employee from the first day worked.
- 2. Seniority shall accrue for all time an employee is on active pay status or is receiving workers' compensation benefits.

- 3. Time spent on inactive pay status (e.g., unpaid leave of absence) shall not contribute to the accrual of seniority but shall not constitute a break in seniority. Time spent on inactive status due to a reduction in force will count towards seniority after the employee has been back to work for a period of two (2) years.
- 4. Employees shall accrue one (1) year of seniority for each year employed (serving a minimum of 120 days during the period from July 1 to June 30 of each school year). New employees will accrue one year of seniority when they have worked 120 days in their initial 12-month period of employment.
- 5. No employee shall accrue more than one (1) year of seniority in any one (1) work year.

B. <u>Equal Seniority</u>

A tie in seniority shall occur when two (2) or more employees in the same classification have the same amount of seniority credit as determined by the seniority list. Ties in seniority shall be broken by the following method to determine the most senior employee.

- 1. The employee with the earliest date of application to the school district; then
- 2. The employee with the earliest date of hire by the Board, then
- 3. By lottery, the employee whose name is drawn first will have the most seniority, etc. This procedure shall be implemented in the presence of designated union representatives.

C. Loss of Seniority

Seniority shall be lost when an employee retires or resigns, is non-renewed; is terminated for cause; or is otherwise removed from the recall list as stipulated in Article 24, Reduction In Force.

D. Posting of Seniority List

The Board will prepare and send to the LSA president a seniority list within thirty (30) days of the first day of school each year. The list will indicate by classification the date of application (for new hires after September 1, 1995), the first date worked and the date of Board hire.

The names of employees on the seniority list shall appear in seniority rank order in each classification. The name of the most senior employee shall appear at the top of the listing and the name of the least senior employee shall appear at the bottom of the listing.

E. Correction of Inaccuracies

Employees will notify the administration of any inaccuracies on the seniority list which affect their seniority. An administration representative will investigate the employees' concerns and make the necessary changes to the seniority list.

F. All accrued years of service shall remain in place upon a change in job assignment. When an employee moves from one classification to another, they will be listed at the bottom of the seniority list for that classification in the event of a reduction in force.

ARTICLE 18 - JOB DESCRIPTIONS

The Board will provide each employee with a job description for the position to which the employee is assigned or when hired. Each employee shall be given a revised copy of the job description when revisions are made. Any changes in job descriptions will be reviewed with the Association and distributed to the designated employees by the Association.

ARTICLE 19 - SEQUENCE OF CONTRACTS

All employees will be issued written contracts in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and the provisions of this article. All written contracts must be signed and returned within fifteen (15) calendar days following signed receipt of the written contract by the employee. Failure to do so will be deemed a resignation by the employee.

- 1. Upon initial employment, an employee shall be given a one-year contract.
- 2. For the 2020-2021 school year, when re-employed, the employee shall be given a two-year contract. Effective September 1, 2021, if such employee is re-employed, his/her two subsequent contracts shall be for a period of two years each.
- 3. When re-employed, following the final two-year contract, the employee may be given a continuing contract. If the employee is advised that a continuing contract will not be offered based upon results of his/her evaluation, but he/she will be re-employed, then the employee may select a one or a two-year probationary contract. When re-employed following the one or two-year probationary contract, the employee shall be given a continuing contract.

A current employee who changes job classification (i.e., a bus driver is hired as a custodian) and who works the same number of hours or more will be paid at a step on the salary schedule which is nearest to but not less than the annual rate he/she was earning prior to the change in classification and will receive a two-year contract regardless of his/her previous contract status. An employee who changes job classification and works fewer hours will be paid at Step 2 of the new classification. When re-employed following the two-year contract, the employee may be given a continuing contract. If the employee is advised that a continuing contract will not be offered based upon results of his/her evaluation, but he/she will be re-employed then the employee may select a one or a two-year probationary contract. When re-employed following the one or two-year probationary contract the employee shall be given a continuing contract.

ARTICLE 20 - VACANCIES

A. When a vacancy occurs in any classification in the bargaining unit, as determined by the Board, it will be posted for a period of five (5) workdays on the Board's website. An email notification shall be sent to all support staff that a vacancy has been placed on the website.

The posting will include the job title, salary range, hours of work on the job, and will advise interested employees that a complete job description of the position is available in the Central Office.

- 1. In determining which applicant will be awarded a vacant position, training, experience, work record, aptitude and ability to work well with other employees with whom the applicant will have contact will be considered. If in the opinion of the superintendent two or more applicants are equally qualified under these criteria, then the most senior will be appointed.
- 2. No outside applicant will be hired to fill a vacancy unless the criteria in A. 1. of Article 20 has been followed.

B. <u>New Position</u>

New positions will be posted and awarded in accordance with Section A above.

If an employee is out sick or on vacation during the entire period of the posting, the LSA president may submit a bid for that employee on the new position.

ARTICLE 21 - TRANSFERS

A. Definitions

- 1. A transfer shall be defined as a change in assignment by an employee from one bargaining unit position to another.
- 2. A voluntary transfer shall be defined as an employee initiated reassignment. A transfer or a change in assignment may only be requested when a position is vacant.
- 3. An involuntary transfer shall be defined as an employer initiated reassignment of an employee.
- B. Voluntary Transfer Employees may request transfers under the following conditions:
 - 1. Any employee who desires a transfer for the succeeding contract year may request a transfer by stating to the superintendent on the intent form the transfer sought and the reason(s) therefore. The deadline for such requests shall be March 1 of the year preceding the contract year for which the requested transfer is sought.
 - 2. When job openings as herein defined are posted, any employee may request a transfer to the posted location by delivering in writing a request to be transferred to the superintendent.
 - 3. Voluntary transfers will be awarded in accordance with Section A. 1. Vacancies.

4. If an employee requesting a transfer is denied such transfer, upon request a meeting will be scheduled to discuss why the denial was made and suggestions for improving future chances of receiving the transfer. The employee may have representation of their choice at this meeting.

C. Promotions

The Board and the Association recognize the desire of employees to maximize promotional opportunities within their classification and for positions outside of their classification for which the employee is qualified including an increase in hours and responsibilities.

D. <u>Involuntary Transfer</u>

- 1. Non-Emergency Transfer Prior to effecting any non-emergency transfer, the employee so affected shall be notified in person and in writing of the impending transfer, the reason therefore, and the anticipated date of transfer. Should the employee determine to do so, he/she may, in writing, request that the superintendent review the decision to transfer.
- 2. Emergency Transfer In an emergency, as determined by the administration, an involuntary transfer may be made without prior notification, provided, however, the employee so transferred shall be entitled within three (3) working days following the transfer to a written explanation for the transfer. Within three (3) working days following receipt of the written explanation, the transferred employee shall have the right to request in writing that the superintendent review the transfer.

ARTICLE 22 - EVALUATION OF EMPLOYEES

A. Purpose of Evaluation

- 1. To facilitate and improve communication and understanding among administration, supervisors, and employees.
- 2. To stimulate, through accountability, a search for a better understanding of the scope of one's duties and responsibilities.
- 3. To provide an opportunity for each employee to periodically assess his/her performance.
- 4. To provide assistance which the employee may need for self-improvement and growth.
- 5. To determine dimensions of deficiency if performance falls below a satisfactory level with goals and objectives set forth by the evaluator.

B. Criteria

1. To be evaluated: a) all employees returning from a leave of absence for one year or more, b) all first-year employees, c) all employees eligible for a new contract,

- d) all employees once every three (3) years, and e) any employee may be appraised upon the request by the employee or superintendent of schools.
- 2. Evaluation will be completed at the end of the first ninety (90) days of employment for probationary employees, and by March 1 of each year, for all employees that are evaluated. This may be the second evaluation of the year for first-year employees.
- 3. The evaluator will rate the employees on the basis of work performance, abilities, and attitudes. The evaluator will also submit his/her recommendation regarding continued employment of the employee. Building administrators' input will be requested.
- 4. After completing the evaluation form, the evaluator will:
 - a. Conduct a conference with the employee.
 - b. Discuss with the employee:
 - 1) The reasons for the performance evaluation.
 - 2) The areas where work performance should be improved.
 - c. Allow the employee up to five (5) workdays to respond on the evaluation to items marked on the evaluation.
- 5. The evaluator and the employee will sign the evaluation form at the close of the conference. The signature of the employee does not necessarily indicate agreement with the evaluation.
- 6. A copy of the complete evaluation form Appendix B will be included in the employee's personnel file.
- 7. An evaluator may only be an administrator in the district or the employee's supervisor.

ARTICLE 23 - PERSONNEL FILES

A. Maintenance of One

Only one official personnel file shall be maintained for each employee. All file entries shall be signed and dated by the supervisor submitting the entry and the bargaining unit member who may receive a copy upon request when the entry is made. The file shall contain a record of those who reviewed the file and the date of the review.

B. File Contents

The file shall be limited to work performance, discipline, and routine personnel data. No misleading, inaccurate, invalid information or anonymous documents shall be included in the file.

C. Review of File

The employee shall be permitted to review the contents of the employee's file at all reasonable times and may be accompanied by a union representative. In addition, the employee may permit, by written notice, a union representative to review the employee's file. Access to the file shall be in accordance with 1347 ORC and 149.43 ORC.

D. Employee's Right to Respond

The employee shall have the right to rebut or add written comments to any information in the file.

E. <u>Expungement of File</u>

All disciplinary documents placed in the file shall automatically be expunged three (3) years from the date of filing provided the employee has not been guilty of the same infraction within that time period. If the employee is guilty of the same infraction within the three (3) year period, all information pertaining to the infraction involved shall remain in the employee's file until three (3) years have passed since the most recent occurrence.

ARTICLE 24 - REDUCTION IN FORCE (RIF)

A. Reduction in Force

- 1. All bargaining unit classifications and positions shall be filled by employees of the Board.
- 2. The following classifications shall be used for the purpose of defining classification seniority in the event of a layoff:
 - a. Custodians
 - b. maintenance employees (buildings)
 - c. maintenance employees (transportation)
 - d. cafeteria employees
 - e. educational aides
 - f. secretaries
 - g. bus drivers
 - h. multi-handicap aide
 - i. handicap bus aide
- 3. When it becomes necessary to reduce the number of employees in a job

- classification due to abolishment of positions, lack of funds, or lack of work, the following procedures shall govern such layoff.
- 4. The number of people affected by reduction in the force will be kept to a minimum by not employing replacements insofar as practical for employees who resign, retire, or otherwise vacate a position.
- 5. The Board shall determine in which classifications the layoff should occur and the number of employees to be laid off. In the classification of layoff, employees on limited contracts shall be laid off before any employee in that classification with a continuing contract is laid off.
- 6. 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 uninterrupted length of continuous service with the Board of Education, computed from the first date of work. If two or more employees have equal seniority, the date of hire shall be used to determine layoff with those being employed last, laid off first. If two or more were employed on the same date, the date on their last application for employment shall be used to determine layoff with those applying last being laid off first.
- 7. Thirty days prior to the effective date of layoffs, the Board shall prepare and post for inspection in a conspicuous place, a list containing the name, seniority dates, and classifications of those employees to be laid off. Each employee to be laid off and the Association president shall be given advance written notice of the layoff including the following:
 - a. Reasons for the layoff or reduction.
 - b. The effective date of layoff.
 - c. A statement advising the employee of their rights of reinstatement from the layoff.
- 8. The Board shall prepare and post reinstatement lists by classification, showing the names of those who have been laid off in each department. Names shall be listed according to seniority with the person having greatest seniority being listed first.
- 9. Vacancies which occur in any department shall be first offered to the person standing highest on the department list. This person shall have five (5) working days to accept or decline in writing. If this person declines or fails to accept the position within the time limit given, the position will be offered to the next person on the list.

Any employee who declines reinstatement or fails to respond as above shall be removed from the reinstatement list.

- No new persons shall be employed for a department until all persons on that department list have been given the opportunity to be reinstated.
- 10. An employee's reinstatement rights as listed above, shall expire thirty-six (36) months from the date of layoff. At that time, his name shall be removed from the list and he shall not be contacted for recall.

ARTICLE 25 - SCHOOL CALENDAR/WORK SCHEDULES

The superintendent or his designee may meet with Association representatives upon request for the purpose of receiving employee input on the school calendar and summer work schedule prior to implementation of such calendar or schedule.

ARTICLE 26 – DEFINITIONS

- A. Full-time employees are those employees contracted to work no less than one hundred eight-two (182) days (excluding paid holidays) and work thirty-five (35) hours or more per week.
- B. Part-time employees contracted to work less than one hundred eight-two (182) days (excluding paid holidays) per year or less than thirty-five (35) hours per week.
- C. Casual employees shall include substitutes working in the same position for the same individual for less than sixty (60) days, individuals hired to work as summer help (June-August), and persons assigned by courts or social agencies.
- D. Wherever in the agreement or salary schedule the date of September 1 is used it shall be understood to mean the first day of responsibility in an employee's individual contract if that date is not September 1.
- E. School year shall mean the days of student attendance.
- F. Educational assistants shall mean educational aides as defined in Ohio Revised Code.
- G. Temporary employees are employees who are employed as substitutes on a short-term basis for an assignment by the Board that will have a duration of less than sixty consecutive workdays in the same position for the same person. Beyond the sixty (60) days he/she will receive a contract with pay based on where they fall in Appendix "A" and is entitled to all benefits and rights under this agreement including the reduction in force provisions.

ARTICLE 27 - CONTRARY TO LAW

The Board and the Association agree that all items in this contract which supersede applicable state law and which may permissibly do so under Ohio Revised Code Section 4117.10 (A) shall not be affected by this article. Should any clause of this contract be held to be in violation of the law by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such clause shall be rendered null and void, but the remainder of the contract shall remain in full force and effect.

In the event, any clause(s) of this contract is found to be in violation of law, said clause(s), only, shall be reopened for negotiations within ten (10) days by demand of either party. Such renegotiations shall otherwise conform to the negotiations procedure of this agreement.

ARTICLE 28 – UNIFORMS

The Board will pay for expenditures of the cafeteria employee's work uniform.

Payment for the uniform allowance shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) one time per year. The year shall be September 1 through August 31. Cafeteria employees' receipts must be submitted by November 1 to the food service supervisor.

Any mandatory printing, logos, or embroidery shall be at the expense of the food service department.

The wearing of these shirts will be mandatory while performing contracted duties during the school year.

Custodial/Maintenance

The Board will pay for expenditures of the custodial, maintenance, and mechanic work garments.

Payment for the uniform shirt (purple, gold, black, gray or white solid color polo/golf shirt) approved coats, overalls, boots, or other uniform garments shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) one time per year. Sales tax is not reimbursed by the district.

The year shall be September 1 through August 31. Custodial, maintenance and mechanic employees' receipts must be submitted by November 1 to their immediate supervisor. Only receipts for uniform items receiving prior supervisor approval may be submitted.

Any mandatory printing, logos, or embroidery shall be at the expense of the district.

The wearing of these shirts will be mandatory while performing contracted duties during the school year. All shirts shall be tucked in with all except the top button buttoned.

ARTICLE 29 - EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE

No employee shall be reprimanded, suspended, or terminated without just cause.

A. Steps for Employee Discipline

It is important to all parties that employees perform as expected, and that an employee discipline plan be clear and consistent. The steps of employee discipline are:

Oral Reprimand Written Reprimand Suspension Termination Nothing herein shall preclude the administration from issuing more than one (1) oral or written reprimand, or with beginning any level of discipline based upon the severity of the offense.

B. Areas of Discipline

The administration may take disciplinary action against any bargaining unit member for improper conduct related to his/her duties as an employee of the Lexington Local Schools.

C. Definition of Due Process

Due process for suspension without pay or termination shall include:

- 1. Written notice of the nature of the offense.
- 2. Opportunity for the member of the bargaining unit to have a conference with the immediate supervisor.
- 3. Opportunity for a hearing before the superintendent.
- 4. Right of representation at such hearing by an individual of his or her choice, and union representation when that individual is not a representative.
- 5. Written disposition by the superintendent within five (5) workdays of the date of the conference.
- 6. Suspensions and terminations may be reviewed through the grievance procedure and shall be filed at Step 4, Arbitration, within fourteen (14) days of the superintendent's decision.

D. Files

After two (2) years, a written reprimand on file shall not be the basis of future disciplinary action provided there has been no further reoccurrence of the offense in the subsequent two (2) years and depending on the severity of the offense.

E. Oral Reprimand Procedure - Supervisor, Superintendent

- Review of request, rule, order, or regulation will be made which is the basis for the disciplinary action.
- The action or failure on the employee's behalf to comply with (1) above will be stated.
- It will be stated that an oral reprimand or warning is being issued.
- The expectation of the employee will be emphasized.
- Help will be offered.

- It will be understood that failure to comply will warrant further disciplinary action.
- A written note or anecdotal record will be made of date, time, and action on appropriate form and signed by the employee and administrator.

F. Written Reprimand Procedure - Supervisor, Superintendent

- Specific facts, such as date, time and place, witnesses to, and actions of the individual will be stated.
- The regulation, rule, conduct, procedure, or order violated or breached will be given.
- Previous oral reprimands or warnings will be outlined.
- It will be stated that this is a written reprimand.
- The employee will be given another opportunity to improve.
- It will be stated that, if the employee does not improve, he/she will be subject to further disciplinary action.
- A copy will be given to the individual in person and a copy placed in his/her file.

G. Suspension

A bargaining unit member may be suspended from his or her duties without pay for a maximum of ten (10) days per school year upon a determination by the superintendent. No suspension shall be imposed without due process as described in Paragraph C.

H. <u>Termination - Superintendent</u>

A bargaining unit member may be terminated from his or her duties. No termination shall be imposed without due process as described in Paragraph C.

ARTICLE 30 - CALAMITY DAYS

The first five (5) calamity days shall be waived. There shall be a maximum of five (5) calamity make up days per school year. The schedule for these make up days shall be provided to employees no later than November 1st of each school year. No additional compensation shall be provided to employees for these make up days.

ARTICLE 31 - EFFECTS AND DURATION OF CONTRACT

A. The terms of the contract shall be effective from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022.

- B. The negotiated agreement along with all articles and salary schedules will be printed in sufficient quantities that all employees may have copies. Printing shall be shared by the Association and the Board and the Association will handle distribution to members of the bargaining unit.
- C. Should there be a conflict between this contract and any such policy or practice, then the terms of this contract shall prevail.
- D. This contract may be amended or provisions altered only by the mutual consent of the Board and Association in accordance with the in-term bargaining procedure if any agreed to between the parties and if no such procedure exists in accordance with law.
- E. The Board and Association agree that all items in this contract which supersede applicable state law and which may permissibly do so under Ohio Revised Code Section 4117.10 (A) shall not be affected by this article. Should any clause of this contract be held to be in violation of the law by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that clause of the contract shall be rendered null and void, but the remainder of the contract shall remain in full force and effect.
- F. In the event any clause(s) of this contract is found to be in violation of law, said clause(s) only shall be reopened for negotiations within ten (10) days by demand of either party. Such renegotiations shall otherwise conform to the in-term negotiations procedure of this agreement and if no such procedure exists, in accordance with law.

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- A. Salary schedule will be effective retroactively to September 1, 2020. (Wherever in the negotiated agreement or salary schedule the date of September 1 is used, it shall be understood to mean the first day of responsibility in an employee's new contract year, if that date is not September 1.)
- B. Limit of liability insurance for employees is \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence; \$3,000,000.00 annual aggregate for school district.
- C. Salary schedule beginning September 1, 2020 and ending August 31, 2022 is as follows: Wages and Other Compensation

Base Increases

The base wage for each job description shall increase by two percent (2%) over the 2019-2020 wages effective September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

The base wage for each job description shall increase by two percent (2%) over the 2020-2021 wages effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

- D. For the 2020-2021 school year the Board may reopen negotiations for insurance, if their insurance premium costs exceed an 8% increase from the prior year.
- E. For the 2021-2022 school year the Board may reopen negotiations for insurance, if their insurance premiums costs exceed an 8% increase from the prior year.

BUS	DRIVER	2020/	/2021
STEP	<u>INDEX</u>	HOURLY	<u>ANNUAL</u>
0	1.00	16.240	12,407
1	1.09	17.701	13,524
2	1.19	19.325	14,764
3	1.28	20.787	15,881
8	1.32	21.436	16,377
13	1.35	21.923	16,749
18	1.39	22.573	17,246
24	1.42	23.060	17,618
27	1.45	23.547	17,990

BUS 1	DRIVER	2021/	/2022
STEP	<u>INDEX</u>	HOURLY	<u>ANNUAL</u>
0	1.00	16.564	12,655
1	1.09	18.055	13,794
2	1.19	19.711	15,059
3	1.28	21.202	16,198
8	1.32	21.865	16,705
13	1.35	22.362	17,084
18	1.39	23.024	17,590
24	1.42	23.521	17,970
27	1.45	24.018	18,350

BUS DRIVER PERSONNEL

- (A) Full-time (4 6 hours per day) 1152 hours' maximum per year 192 days
- (B) Half-time (2.0 hours per day) 384 hours per year 192 days
- (C) Number of days worked yearly including 11 paid holidays
- (D) Bus Driver Trainer See Appendix H
- (E) Kindergarten (1 2) hours per day minimum up to 384 hours per year (192 days). Kindergarten bus driver's hours shall count towards the total hours driven, and those drivers will receive the benefits allotted under the terms of the negotiated agreement.
- (F) Field Trip Rate The rate of pay for field trips shall be \$13.00 per hour. Effective 2020-2021, \$13.25 per hour.
- (G) Board shall reimburse bus drivers for re-certification hours up to 12 hours at their hourly pay rate.

CUST	TODIAN	2020/	/2021
STEP	<u>INDEX</u>	HOURLY	<u>ANNUAL</u>
0	1.00	14.459	30,190
1	1.09	15.760	32,907
2	1.19	17.206	35,926
3	1.28	18.507	38,643
8	1.32	19.086	39,851
13	1.35	19.519	40,757
18	1.39	20.098	41,964
24	1.42	20.532	42,870
27	1.45	20.965	43,776

CUST	TODIAN	2021/	/2022
STEP	<u>INDEX</u>	HOURLY	ANNUAL
0	1.00	14.748	30,794
1	1.09	16.075	33,565
2	1.19	17.550	36,645
3	1.28	18.878	39,416
8	1.32	19.467	40,648
13	1.35	19.910	41,572
18	1.39	20.500	42,804
24	1.42	20.942	43,727
27	1.45	21.385	44,651

CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL

- Eight (8) hours to be worked daily (A)
- (B)
- 12 month (261-day employee) 2,088 hours per year Number of days worked yearly including 12 paid holidays (C)

AIDES		2020	/2021
STEP	INDEX	HOURLY	ANNUAL
0	1.00	11.978	16,099
1	1.09	13.056	17,548
2	1.19	14.254	19,158
3	1.28	15.332	20,607
8	1.32	15.812	21,251
13	1.35	16.171	21,734
18	1.39	16.650	22,378
24	1.42	17.009	22,861
27	1.45	17.369	23,344

AIDES		2021	/2022
STEP	INDEX	HOURLY	ANNUAL
0	1.00	12.218	16,421
1	1.09	13.318	17,899
2	1.19	14.539	19,541
3	1.28	15.639	21,019
8	1.32	16.128	21,676
13	1.35	16.494	22,168
18	1.39	16.983	22,825
24	1.42	17.350	23,318
27	1.45	17.716	23,810

EDUCATIONAL AIDE

- (A) Two (2) to seven (7) hours to be worked daily
- (B) 193-day employee 1,351 hours per year
- (C) Number of days worked yearly including 11 paid holidays
- (D) Library Aides 5% (6% after 3 years and 7% after 6 years) annually on base salary

MULTI-HANDICAP AIDE

- (A) Two (2) to seven (7) hours to be worked daily
- (B) 193 days employed 1,351 hours per year maximum
- (C) Number of days worked yearly, including 11 holidays
- (D) Multi-handicap Aides 5% (6% after 3 years and 7% after 6 years) annually on base Salary

HANDICAP BUS AIDE

- (A) Two (2) to six (6) hours to be worked daily
- (B) 192-day employee 1,152 hours per year maximum
- (C) Number of days worked yearly, including 11 holidays
- (E) Multi-handicap Aides 5% (6% after 3 years and 7% after 6 years) annually on base Salary

MA	INTENANCE/BUS	MECHANIC	2020/2021	
STEP	INDEX	HOURLY		<u>ANNUAL</u>
0	1.00	16.336		34,109
1	1.09	17.806		37,179
2	1.19	19.440		40,590
3	1.28	20.910		43,660
8	1.32	21.563		45,024
13	1.35	22.053		46,047
18	1.39	22.707		47,412
24	1.42	23.197		48,435
27	1.45	23.687		49,458

MA	INTENANCE/BUS	MECHANIC	2021/2022	
STEP	INDEX	HOURLY		ANNUAL
0	1.00	16.662		34,791
1	1.09	18.162		37,922
2	1.19	19.828		41,401
3	1.28	21.328		44,532
8	1.32	21.994		45,924
13	1.35	22.494		46,968
18	1.39	23.161		48,359
24	1.42	23.661		49,403
27	1.45	24.160		50,447

MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL & BUS MECHANIC

- (A) Eight (8) hours to be worked daily
- (B) 12 month (261-day employee) 2,088 hours per year
- (C) Number of days worked yearly including 12 paid holidays
- (D) Qualified skilled maintenance personnel 5% on base (6% after 3 years and 7% after 6 years on base)

CAFÉ SUP	ERVISOR-HS/JH	2020/2021	
STEP	INDEX	HOURLY	<u>ANNUAL</u>
0	1.00	16.993	19,474
1	1.09	18.522	21,227
2	1.19	20.222	23,174
3	1.28	21.751	24,927
8	1.32	22.431	25,706
13	1.35	22.941	26,290
18	1.39	23.620	27,069
24	1.42	24.130	27,653
27	1.45	24.640	28,237

CAFÉ SUP	CAFÉ SUPERVISOR-HS/JH/EASTERN/HEAD CASHIER 2021/2022				
STEP	INDEX	HOURLY	<u>ANNUAL</u>		
0	1.00	17.332	19,863		
1	1.09	18.892	21,651		
2	1.19	20.626	23,637		
3	1.28	22.186	25,425		
8	1.32	22.879	26,219		
13	1.35	23.399	26,815		
18	1.39	24.092	27,610		
24	1.42	24.612	28,205		
27	1.45	25.132	28,801		

CAFÉ SUPI	ERVISOR CENTR	AAL & WESTERN 2020/2	2021
STEP	<u>INDEX</u>	HOURLY	<u>ANNUAL</u>
0	1.00	16.852	19,312
1	1.09	18.368	21,050
2	1.19	20.053	22,981
3	1.28	21.570	24,719
8	1.32	22.244	25,492
13	1.35	22.750	26,071
18	1.39	23.424	26,844
24	1.42	23.929	27,423
27	1.45	24.435	28,002

CAFÉ SUPI	ERVISOR CENTR	AL & WESTERN 2021/20	22
STEP	INDEX	HOURLY	ANNUAL
0	1.00	17.188	19,698
1	1.09	18.735	21,471
2	1.19	20.454	23,441
3	1.28	22.001	25,213
8	1.32	22.689	26,001
13	1.35	23.204	26,592
18	1.39	23.892	27,380
24	1.42	24.408	27,971
27	1.45	24.923	28,562

SUPERVISOR PERSONNEL/HEAD CASHIER

- (A) Two (2) to six (6) hours to be worked daily
- (B) 192 days of employment 1,152 hours per year
- (C) Number of days worked yearly including 11 paid holidays
- (D) When an additional hour is needed by a Kitchen Supervisor or Head Cashier, the Kitchen Supervisor or Head Cashier will submit time sheets reflecting the additional hours to the Food Service Director for approval.

CAFÉ FIRST CO	OOK 2020/2021		
STEP	INDEX	HOURLY	<u>ANNUAL</u>
0	1.00	14.191	16,263
1	1.09	15.468	17,727
2	1.19	16.887	19,353
3	1.28	18.165	20,817
8	1.32	18.732	21,467
13	1.35	19.158	21,955
18	1.39	19.726	22,606
24	1.42	20.151	23,093
27	1.45	20.577	23,581

CAFÉ FIRST COOK	2021/2022		
STEP	INDEX	HOURLY	<u>ANNUAL</u>
0	1.00	14.475	16,588
1	1.09	15.777	18,081
2	1.19	17.225	19,740
3	1.28	18.528	21,233
8	1.32	19.107	21,896
13	1.35	19.541	22,394
18	1.39	20.120	23,057
24	1.42	20.554	23,555
27	1.45	20.988	24,053

CAFÉ GENEI	RAL HELP	2020/2021	
STEP	INDEX	HOURLY	<u>ANNUAL</u>
0	1.00	11.629	13,327
1	1.09	12.676	14,526
2	1.19	13.839	15,859
3	1.28	14.885	17,059
8	1.32	15.350	17,592
13	1.35	15.699	17,991
18	1.39	16.165	18,525
24	1.42	16.513	18,924
27	1.45	16.862	19,324

CAFÉ GENEI	RAL HELP	2021/2022	
STEP	INDEX	HOURLY	<u>ANNUAL</u>
0	1.00	11.862	13,594
1	1.09	12.930	14,817
2	1.19	14.116	16,177
3	1.28	15.184	17,400
8	1.32	15.658	17,944
13	1.35	16.014	18,352
18	1.39	16.488	18,896
24	1.42	16.844	19,303
27	1.45	17.200	19,711

CAFETERIA PERSONNEL

- (A) Two (2) to six (6) hours to be worked daily
- (B) 192 days of employment 1,152 hours per year
- (C) Number of days worked yearly including 11 paid holidays

10 MONTH SE	CCRETARY	2020/20)21
STEP	<u>INDEX</u>	HOURLY	<u>ANNUAL</u>
0	1.00	15.965	23,581
1	1.09	17.402	25,703
2	1.19	18.999	28,061
3	1.28	20.436	30,184
8	1.32	21.074	31,127
13	1.35	21.553	31,834
18	1.39	22.192	32,778
24	1.42	22.671	33,485
27	1.45	23.150	34,192

10 MONTH SI	ECRETARY	2021	/2022
STEP	INDEX	HOURLY	ANNUAL
0	1.00	16.285	24,053
1	1.09	17.751	26,218
2	1.19	19.379	28,623
3	1.28	20.845	30,788
8	1.32	21.496	31,750
13	1.35	21.985	32,472
18	1.39	22.636	33,434
24	1.42	23.125	34,155
27	1.45	23.613	34,877

ELEMENTARY SECRETARY/JUNIOR HIGH GUIDANCE SECRETARY

- (A) Seven (7) hours to be worked daily
- (B) 10 month (212-day employee) 1,484 hours per year
- (C) Number of days worked yearly including 11 paid holidays

10 1/2 MONTH	SECRETARY	2020	/2021
<u>STEP</u>	INDEX	HOURLY	ANNUAL
0	1.00	15.966	24,699
1	1.09	17.403	26,922
2	1.19	18.999	29,392
3	1.28	20.436	31,615
8	1.32	21.075	32,603
13	1.35	21.554	33,344
18	1.39	22.192	34,332
24	1.42	22.671	35,073
27	1.45	23.150	35,814

10 1/2 MONTH	SECRETARY	2021	/2022
STEP	<u>INDEX</u>	HOURLY	ANNUAL
0	1.00	16.285	25,193
1	1.09	17.751	27,460
2	1.19	19.379	29,980
3	1.28	20.845	32,247
8	1.32	21.496	33,255
13	1.35	21.985	34,011
18	1.39	22.636	35,018
24	1.42	23.125	35,774
27	1.45	23.613	36,530

HIGH SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH SECRETARY

- (A) Seven (7) hours to be worked daily
- (B) 10½ month (222-day employee) 1,554 hours per year
- (C) Number of days worked yearly including 11 paid holidays

(CONFIDENTIAL)

LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOLS LEXINGTON, OHIO CLASSIFIED PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(CONFIDENTIAL)

NAM	E
DATE	i
POSI	ΓΙΟΝ EVALUATION PERIOD
CODI	E: SUCCESSFUL(S), SHOWS GROWTH (G), NEEDS TRAINING (NT), NEEDS IMPROVEMENT (NI), UNSUCCESSFUL (U), NOT OBSERVED (O), NOT APPLICABLE (NA)
1.	Maintains a well-groomed appearance
2.	Dresses appropriately for employment requirements
3.	Controls emotions
4.	Maintains a pleasing personality and well-poised manner
5.	Uses discretion when discussing school system and employees
6.	Cooperates fully with administrator(s) and supervisor(s)
7.	Maintains good relationships with fellow employees
8.	Maintains good relationships with teachers
9.	Maintains good relationships with students
10.	Job Description - Performance Skills
11.	Job Description - Compliance with Work Orders
12.	Follows Instructions
13.	Reports to work regularly
14.	Reports to work punctually
15.	Complies with Administrative Regulations, Procedures, Directives, and Requests
COM	MENTS:

ACTION PLAN

THE FOLLOWING IS A PLAN FOR PERFORMANCE GROWTH. THE <u>EMPLOYEE</u> IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THIS PLAN WHICH WILL RESULT IN A CONTINUED MOVE TOWARD EXCELLENCE.

	(Employee's Signature)	Date
	(Evaluator's Signature)	Date
E.	EVALUATEE COMMENTS:	
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D.	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS WHICH WOULD BE HELPFUL:	
C.	SPECIFIC AREAS OF COMMENDATION:	
В.	STRATEGIES SUGGESTED FOR ACTION:	
A.	SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION:	

I CERTIFY THAT THIS REPORT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ME. I understand my signature does not necessarily indicate agreement.

GRIEVANCE FORM

Grievance #	
Name of Grievant	
Building	
Date of Informal Discussion	
A. Date of Occurrence	
B. Statement of Grievance	
C. Relief Sought	
Signature of Aggrieved	Date
Signature of Association President	Date
STEP ONE (Superintendent)	
Superintendent	
Date Filed	
Disposition of Superintendent:	
Signature of Superintendent	Date

STEP TWO (Board of Education)

Position of Aggrieved and/or Association: Signature of Aggrieved Date Signature of Association President Date Disposition of the Board: Signature of Board President Date STEP THREE (Arbitration) Position of Aggrieved or Association: Signature of Aggrieved Date Signature of Association President Date

EMERGENCY SECURITY PROGRAM (SICK LEAVE POOL) OPEN ENROLLMENT FORM

The Lexington School System works with the LSA to monitor their classified employees' sick leave pool. In order to initially participate in the Program, YOU must donate one (1) sick leave day to the pool by September 25 of the contract year or for new employees, within fifteen (15) days of your hiring date by the Board. Once this day has been donated it will remain part of the pool. Should the pool be depleted to an amount specified in the contract, each pool member will be asked to donate an additional day. Should you refuse to donate the additional day, you will be removed from the pool until the next open enrollment period. You will be given another chance at the open enrollment period, which is at the beginning of the contract year (9/1 of each year) to decide:

- 1. To enter the pool;
- 2. To withdraw from the pool;
- 3. To donate an additional day.

If you have any questions, contact your LSA president or the treasurer's office. Thanks for your cooperation.

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Please select one (1) of the following choices, but only one!	
Return this form to the <u>LSA president</u> by September 25.	
The treasurer's office must have these forms by September 30.	
I wish to become a new member of the pool. Please deduct the pool.	a sick leave day from me for
I wish to withdraw my name from the pool.	
I want to donate an additional day (only if the pool is deplet	ed).
(Name of Employee)	(Date)
(LSA President)	(Date)

SICK LEAVE POOL ASSISTANCE FORM

I,	, being a mer	mber of the LSA sick leave pool wish to
apply for assistance	e from the pool beginning on	and continuing until
		that I need to meet all of the requirements
in Article 15, Section	on H, of the LSA contract.	
-	resident will immediately turn in a cop from the sick leave pool.	py of this form to the treasurer's office to
_	to the LSA president a return to work leave pool if under 30 days.	k form from my doctor that will stop the
	ssistance on the date stated by the doc	or's return to work form to the treasurer's tor. In no case will the assistance exceed
Signature o	f Member	Date
If unable to sign, a name on the follow		orm, print member's name, and sign their
		Date
Form must be signed	ed by LSA president and the treasurer	's office.
		Date
-		Date

SIGN-UP SHEET FOR WEEK STARTING SUNDAY:

FOR WHEEL#	STARTING WITH:

Place a "X"	on the days	you can	drive and	sign y	our name.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	DRIVER'S NAME
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Voucher Day. (floating day for which employees have done work on their own time)	Staff selection and initials	Adm. Agreement and initials
Day before "All Staff Day"		
Day after "All Staff Day"		
Fall Conference Night		
Spring Conference Night		
Last workday of school		
Staff Signature	Admini	strator Signature

Directions:

Employee will complete form by first week of school. Administrator will review and initial employee selection. Employee and administrator must meet if there is disagreement over dates employee selects. Employee needs to select 3 of the 6 options in order to meet their contractual requirement. Form should be forwarded to treasurer's office. It cannot be decided mutually; the superintendent will decide.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LEXINGTON SUPPORT ASSOCIATION AND THE LEXINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Lexington Support Association and the Lexington Board of Education recognize that there are certain matters that are necessary for clarification regarding the terms and conditions of employment for the bus trainer position.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. The bus trainer will be paid his/her hourly rate for the training of new drivers as well as those being re-certified.
- 2. For new trainees, the trainer will be paid a maximum of sixty (60) hours of instructional time per training session.
- 3. For those being re-certified, the trainer will be paid up to a maximum of twenty (20) hours per training session (one session per year).
- 4. The trainer will certify his/her hours with the director of transportation at the end of each session.
- 5. The director will submit the hours to the clerk/treasurer's office for payment.
- 6. The director of transportation and the superintendent will select the bus driver trainer from those who show an interest and have the proper certification qualifying them as a trainer.
- 7. If more than one candidate is qualified, then the most senior candidate shall be selected.

For the Lexington Support Association	For the Lexington Local
	Board of Education

LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ASSAULT LEAVE

NAME				DATE	
SCHOOL OR D	EPARTMEN	Γ			
Article 15, Sect Education and the	tion E of the ne Lexington S	Negotiate Support As	ed Agreement	Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3319.143 between the Lexington Local Boar	
Time D	day I	Month	_/ 20 Year	and ending at	
${\text{Time}}$ ${D}$	Day I	Month	_/ 20 Year		
Medical attention	nwas/w	vas not	required.		
If medical attent information mus		red or if ye	our leave was f	or more than five (5) days, the follow	ving
Name of	Physician				
Office A	ddress				
	Applica	nt's Signat	ure		
	Principa	ıl			
	Superin	tendent			

The applicant is advised that such payment will not be made unless the provisions of Article 15 (E) are complied with. The applicant is further advised that a written report of the incident must be prepared and presented to the building principal or immediate supervisor as soon as possible.

Lexington Local School District Summary of Insurance Specifications

Covered Benefits	Network	Non-Network
Deductible (Single/Family)	\$250/\$500	\$500/\$1,000
Out-of-Pocket Limit (Single/Family)	Year 1 \$1,000/\$2,000	Year 1 \$2,000/\$4,000
	Year 2 \$1,500/\$3,000	Year 2 \$3,000/\$6,000
Co-Insurance (applies after deductible	15%	30%
is met and until out-of-pocket limit is		
met)	#20 /#20	200/ 0 1 1 111
Physician Home and Office Services (PCP/SCP)	\$20/\$20	30% after deductible
Primary Care Physician (PCP)/Specialty Care Physician (SCP)		
Including Office Surgeries and allergy serum:		
• allergy injections (PCP and SCP)	\$10	30% after deductible
• allergy testing (after 15% deductible)		30% after deductible
• routine and non-routine mammograms routine mammograms + preventative 100% covered; diagnostic mammograms 15% after deductible		30% after deductible
• diabetic education (regardless of outpatient setting); outpatient services = 15% after deductible		30% after deductible
certain medical nutritional therapy		Not Covered
(regardless of outpatient setting); outpatient services = 15% deductible		
• MRAs, MR1s, PETS, C-Scans, Nuclear Cardiology Imaging	15% 15% after deductible	30% after deductible
Studies and non-maternity related Ultrasounds = 15% after deductible		
Preventive Care Services	Covered at 100%	30% after deductible
ACA preventative services coverage		
include but are not limited to: Routine Exams, Pelvic Exams, Pap		
testing, PSA tests, Immunizations ¹ ,		
Annual Diabetic eye exam, Routine		
Vision and Hearing screenings		
Emergency and Urgent Care		
•Emergency Room Services @ Hospital (facility/other covered services) (copayment waived if admitted)	\$100/15% coinsurance	\$100/15% coinsurance
Urgent Care Center Services	\$35/15% after deductible	\$35/15% after deductible
Inpatient and Outpatient Professional	15% after deductible	30% after deductible
Services Include but are not limited to:		
 Medical Care visits (1 per day), 		
Intensive Medical Care, Concurrent Care,		
Consultations, Surgery and administration		
of general anesthesia and Newborn exams		
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Inpatient Facility Services	15% after deductible	30% after deductible
Unlimited days except for:		
• 60 days Network/Non-		
Network combined for physical		
Medicine/rehab (limit includes Day Rehabilitation Therapy		
Services on an outpatient basis)		
• 90 days Network/Non-		
Network combined for skilled		
nursing facility		
Outpatient Surgery Hospital/	15% after deductible	30% after deductible
Alternative Care Facility	1370 after deddeffore	3070 arter deductible
• Surgery and administration of		
general anesthesia		
Other Outpatient Services	15% after deductible	30% after deductible
(including but not limited to):		
 Non-Surgical Outpatient 		
Services for example: MRIs, C-		
Scans, Chemotherapy,		
Ultrasounds, and other diagnostic		
outpatient servicesHome Care Services		
(Network/Non-Network		
combined) 90 visits (excludes IV		
therapy)		
Durable Medical Equipment		
and Orthotics		
 Prosthetic Devices and 		
Medical Supplies		
 Physical Medicine Therapy 		
Day Rehabilitation programs	150/ 0 1 1 .71	200/ 0 11 11
• Hospice Care	15% after deductible	30% after deductible
Ambulance Service	15% after deductible	30% after deductible
Outpatient Therapy Services		
(combined network/non- network limits apply)		
Physician Home and Office	\$20/\$20	30% after deductible
Visits (PCP/SCP)	Ψ20/Ψ20	3070 arter deduction
• Other Outpatient Services @	15% after deductible	30% after deductible
Hospital/Alternative Care		
Facility		
Limits apply to:		
 Physical therapy: 30 visits 		
• Occupational therapy: 30 visits		
• Manipulation therapy: 35 visits		
• Speech therapy: 20 visits		
Non-biologically Based Mental		
Illness and Substance Abuse ²		
• Inpatient Facility Services 15%	• Inpatient Facility Services 15% after	
after deductible	deductible	
 Physician Home and Office 	Physician Home and Office Visits	30% after deductible
Visits (PCP/SCP) \$20/\$20	(PCP/SCP) \$20/\$20 everything else	
everything else 15% after	15% after deductible	
deductible		

Human Organ and Tissue Transplants ³ • Acquisition and transplant procedures, harvest and storage	15% after deductible	30% after deductible
Prescription Drugs ⁴ Network Tier structure equals		
• Network Retail Pharmacies: (30-day supply) Includes diabetic test strip	\$10/\$20/\$40	50%
Mail Order Service: (90-day supply) Includes diabetic test strip Specialty Medications must be obtained via our Specialty Pharmacy network in order to receive network level benefits.	\$20/\$40/\$80	Not covered
Lifetime Maximum (Combined Network and Non-Network) ⁶	Unlimited	Unlimited

Notes:

The family deductible and family out-of-pocket maximum for the plan shall be embedded.

- Deductible(s) apply only to covered medical services listed with a percentage (%) coinsurance. However, the deductible does not apply to Emergency Room Services @ Hospital where a percentage (%) coinsurance applies to other covered services.
- Network and Non-network deductibles, copayments, coinsurance and out-of-pocket maximums are separate and do not accumulate toward each other.
- Physicians Home and office visit copayment also applies if the office visit is billed with allergy injections.
- PCP is a Network Provider who is a practitioner that specializes in family practice, general practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, geriatrics or any other Network provider as allowed by the plan.
- SCP is a Network Provider, other than a Primary Care Physician, who provides services within a designated specialty area of practice.
- Certain diabetic and asthmatic supplies have no deductible/copayment/coinsurance up to the maximum allowable amount at network pharmacies except diabetic test strips.
- Benefit period = calendar year.

Precertification:

Members are encouraged to always obtain prior approval when using non-network providers. Precertification will help avoid any unnecessary reduction in benefits for non-covered or non-medically necessary services.

This summary of benefits is intended to be a brief outline of coverage. The entire provisions of benefits and exclusions are contained in the Group Contract, Certificate and Schedule of Benefits. In the event of a conflict between the Group Contract and this description, the terms of the Group Contract will prevail.