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## NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

between the

CALDWELL EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

and the

OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AFSCME  
LOCAL #4/AFL-CIO AND ITS  
LOCAL #339



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**ARTICLE 1**  
**RECOGNITION**

- 1.1 The Caldwell Exempted Village School District Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as "the Board" or "the Employer," recognizes the Ohio Association of Public School Employees and its Local 339, hereinafter referred to as "the Union," as the sole and exclusive representative of the bargaining unit. The bargaining unit shall be defined as all regular non-teaching employees of the Employer, except as excluded below. Excluded from the bargaining unit are all personnel certificated under Section 3319.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Treasurer, transportation supervisor, substitutes, temporary and part-time employees who are not employed on a regular basis, non-certificated employees employed in the superintendent/administrative assistant (administrative assistant's secretary), Treasurer office, and any other confidential, supervisory or management-level employees as defined in Section 4117.01 of the Ohio Revised Code. Upon the creation of a new position the Employer agrees to notify the Union of its intent and allow the Union to discuss with the Employer whether it should be included in the bargaining unit.
- 1.2 Should any new classification be created by the Employer and included in the bargaining unit, the parties shall meet to discuss the terms and conditions of said new classification. Should the parties be unable to agree on such terms and conditions, the issue will be referred to arbitration in accordance with the grievance procedure. Both parties agree to share equally the cost of the arbitrator's expenses.

**ARTICLE 2**  
**DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions shall be applicable to this Negotiated Agreement unless otherwise indicated:

- Union: Ohio Association of Public School Employees and Local 339.
- Employer: The Board, the Superintendent, or any other person authorized to act on behalf of the Board in a particular situation.
- Employee: Any member of the bargaining unit.
- Board: A corporate entity consisting of members elected by the voters of the school district.
- Superintendent: Superintendent or designee.

**ARTICLE 3**  
**NEGOTIATION PROCEDURES**

- 3.1 Pursuant to Sections 4117.14 (C) and 4117.14 (E) of the Ohio Revised Code, the parties have established the following mutually agreed upon negotiations and dispute resolution procedures which supersede the procedures listed in Section 4117.14(C)(2)-(6).
- 3.2 If either party wishes to terminate modify, or negotiate a successor agreement, it must serve written notice of that intention upon the other party not less than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of this Agreement. Upon timely service of such notice, the parties shall collectively bargain in good faith in an effort to reach a successor agreement. The parties may agree to initiate negotiations at an earlier time, upon agreement. At the first bargaining session the Union and the Employer shall submit their complete proposals for a successor agreement. Neither party may submit additional issues for collective bargaining after submitting its initial proposals, unless by mutual agreement.
- 3.3 Sixty (60) days prior to the termination of this Agreement, the parties jointly shall notify the State Employment Relations Board (SERB) that they intend to utilize these mutually agreed on dispute resolution procedures in lieu of the SERB procedures contained in O.R.C. 4117.14(C)(2)-(6).
- 3.4 If no agreement is reached by the twentieth (20th) calendar day preceding expiration of this Agreement, or some other mutually agreed date, both parties shall request the services of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. The mediator shall have the authority to hold bargaining sessions or conferences with representatives of the parties.
- 3.5 When and if a successor agreement is reached by the representatives of the parties, it shall be submitted to the Union for ratification and then to the Employer for approval.

**ARTICLE 4**  
**LABOR-MANAGEMENT MEETINGS**

- 4.1 The Employer and the Union agree to schedule at least five (5) labor-management meetings during the school year to informally discuss issues of concern to the parties. The parties will mutually schedule meetings during the first week of October December, February, April, and June. The parties may mutually agree to hold more or less labor-management meetings as needed. Attending these meetings will be at least the Superintendent and the Union President, or designees, and anyone else either party believes is appropriate for a particular meeting.

**ARTICLE 5**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION RIGHTS**

- 5.1 Except as provided in this Agreement, the Employer hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitations, all powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Ohio and of the United States, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all of the rights identified in Section 4117.08 of the Ohio Revised Code. These include:

1. Determine matters of inherent managerial policy which include, but are not limited to, areas of discretion or policy such as the functions and programs of the Employer, standards of school services, its overall budget, utilization of technology, and the school district organizational structure;
  2. Direct, supervise, evaluate, or hire employees;
  3. Maintain and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Employer operations;
  4. Determine the overall methods, process, means or personnel by which school district operations are to be conducted, including the establishment of courses of instruction, selection of textbooks and other prescribed teaching materials;
  5. Suspend or terminate for just cause, or lay off, transfer, assign, schedule, promote, or retain employees;
  6. Determine the adequacy of the work force;
  7. Determine the overall mission of the school district, including the establishment of curriculum, special programs, athletic, recreational, and social events for students;
  8. Effectively manage the work force, including the determination of schedules, hours of employment, duties, responsibilities, and assignments;
  9. Take actions to carry out the mission of the school district.
- 5.2 The exercise of these powers, rights authority, duties, and responsibilities by the Employer and the .adoption of such policies, regulations and rules as it may deem necessary shall be limited only by the specific and express terms of this Agreement and by the provisions of Chapter 4117 Ohio Revised Code.

The exercise of the foregoing management rights requires neither prior negotiation with, nor agreement of, the Union.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **UNION RIGHTS**

- 6.1 The Union shall be granted the following privileges:
1. Use of school facilities for meetings. Meetings shall be arranged to not interrupt normal instructional programs and in keeping with Employer policy governing use of buildings. The Union shall get prior permission from the building principal or Superintendent.

2. Use of school equipment such as duplicating machines, typewriters, calculators, and audio visual machines. Employer purchased consumable materials used by the Union, i.e., paper, shall be paid for by the Union at Employer cost. Such use for Union purposes will be done on other than school time.
3. Use of designated space on bulletin boards.
4. Use of internal school mail delivery provided that such does not result in any added cost to the Employer.
5. Upon request by a bona fide Officer of OAPSE Local 339 a copy of the agenda and minutes of each Board of Education Meeting will be provided at the same time it is made available to the press. The time of release to the press shall be set by Board policy.

**ARTICLE 7**  
**GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

7.1 The following definitions and terms apply to this Article:

1. The word " day" or "days" means regularly scheduled employee work days during the regular school year. During the summer, it shall mean weekdays exclusive of legal holidays.
2. A "grievance" is a complaint involving the alleged violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of the written master Agreement entered into between the Employer and the Union setting forth the understanding of the parties upon those matters negotiated and agreed to.

A " grievant" shall mean a person(s) or the Union Local 339 alleging that some violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of the aforementioned Agreement has actually occurred.

A grievance alleged to be a "group" grievance shall arise out of like circumstances affecting each member of the said group.

3. If an employee fails to file a written grievance or to appeal a grievance to the next step by the stated deadlines, then the grievance shall be considered waived.
4. Failure of the administration to respond in the time limit stated shall mean that the grievance has the right to proceed to the next level.
5. Any of the timeliness in this Article may be amended by mutual agreement.

6. The grievant(s) may be represented at all levels of the Grievance Procedure by a representative of the Union.
7. An employee may present grievances and have them adjusted, without the intervention of the Union, as long as the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement then in effect and as long as a Union representative has the opportunity to be present at the adjustment.
8. A grievance shall be reduced to writing and shall include:
  - (1) The alleged violation;
  - (2) Remedy requested; and
  - (3) Date of initiating procedure
9. This procedure shall be the sole and exclusive method for resolving disputes arising from this Agreement.

7.2 The following procedure will be used in processing a grievance:

#### **LEVEL ONE**

An employee must first informally attempt to resolve the grievance by discussing it with his or her immediate supervisor. A grievance filed by the Union shall be submitted initially at Level Two or when applicable at Level Three.

#### **LEVEL TWO - ADMINISTRATION**

A copy of the written grievance shall be submitted to the immediate supervisor within twenty (20) days of the time the grievant knew or should have known of the event giving rise to the grievance. A sample copy of the grievance form is attached as Appendix B. a blank grievance form may be obtained in the central office or from the Union President.

Within five (5) days of the submission of the written grievance, the supervisor shall provide the grievant with a written response stating his/her position and suggestion for resolution of the grievance. A copy shall be sent to the Superintendent.

#### **LEVEL THREE - SUPERINTENDENT**

If the grievant is not satisfied with the suggestion for resolution received in Level Two, he may within five (5) days of receipt of such written response submit his written grievance to the Superintendent and request a meeting to discuss the grievance. The meeting shall be within five (5) days of the request.

Either the grievant or the administrator or both may have present at said meeting such persons as may provide information related to the grievance. Discussion at this meeting shall be confined to the issue as stated in the grievance and the relief sought.



Within ten (10) days of the meeting, the Superintendent shall provide the grievant and the immediate administrator of Level Two with a written response stating his/her position and suggestion for resolution of the grievance.

#### **LEVEL FOUR- ARBITRATION**

1. If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision of the Superintendent, or if no decision is issued, the grievant shall have the right to appeal the dispute to an impartial arbitrator, but only if the Union approves such appeal. The appeal for arbitration of the grievance shall be filed with the Employer and the Federal Mediation and Conciliation within fifteen (15) days of the action or inaction by the Board. The arbitrator shall be selected from a list of names provided by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation (FMCS) in accordance with its rules and regulations. Either party may request a second list.
2. In the event that either side challenges the arbitrability of a grievance submitted for arbitration, the parties may mutually agree to require the arbitrator to first consider and rule upon the arbitrability issue before scheduling a hearing on the merits of the grievance. If necessary, the parties may agree to conduct a separate hearing on the arbitrability issue prior to the scheduling of a hearing on the merits of the grievance.
3. The parties will be bound by the Voluntary Labor Arbitration Rules of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation, but the Board, the Union, the grievant, or the grievance representative shall not be permitted to assert any ground if such ground was not disclosed to the other party prior to the appeal to the arbitrator, or to introduce any evidence known but not disclosed prior to the appeal to the arbitrator.
4. The arbitrator shall have no power to add to, subtract from, disregard, alter, or modify any terms of this Agreement, nor shall he make any decision contrary to law.
5. The recommendation of the arbitrator shall be made in writing to the grievant, the Superintendent, and the Board of Education and shall be final and binding upon the parties.
6. The arbitrator's expenses shall be borne by the losing party. The arbitrator shall determine which party is the loser as part of his opinion and award. The arbitrator shall have no authority to split any expense award.

**ARTICLE 8**  
**SENIORITY PROVISIONS**

- 8.1 To the extent permitted by law, and consistent with the responsibility of the Employer to provide appropriate services of good quality, the principle of seniority as herein defined shall prevail:
1. Seniority shall be defined as the uninterrupted length of continuous service within the Bargaining unit, including service to school districts that consolidated into the Caldwell School District, computed from the most recent date of hire. (Authorized leaves of absence do not constitute an interruption in continuous service.)
  2. Only full-time or regular short-hour employees shall accumulate seniority.
  3. Substitute employees shall not accumulate seniority unless otherwise provided in the terms of this Agreement.
  4. The Employer shall provide the Union with an updated seniority list yearly upon request.

**ARTICLE 9**  
**PROBATIONARY PERIODS**

- 9.1 Current Employees
1. A fifteen (15) working day probation period exists for any employee who bids into another classification. For one-on-one aides, the fifteen (15) days accrue while working with the student.
  2. If the employee's work during the probation period in the new position is found to be unsatisfactory, or if the employee is dissatisfied with the new position during the probation period, he/she can be reinstated to the position held prior to the bid at his or her salary together with any step increases for which the employee is eligible upon return to his or her former position.
  3. If an employee is removed or vacates a position during probation, they shall not be eligible to reapply for the position when the same is re-posted as a vacancy unless the duties or qualifications for the position are specifically and identifiably different than the last posting.
- 9.2 New Employees
1. A sixty (60) working day probation period exists for any new employee hired by the employer. For newly hired (after July 1, 2021) one-on-one paraprofessionals there shall be a ninety (90) working day probationary period.

2. A new employee may be terminated during his/her probation period for any reason, at the discretion of the Employer. An employee terminated during his/her probation period may not appeal the termination through the contractual grievance procedure or any other manner.
3. This probation period for new employees supersedes the statutory sequence of limited contracts for non-teaching employees contained on the Ohio Revised Code. An employee who successfully completes his/her probation period shall be issued a contract for a period of one year, including the probationary period. One year from the date of the employee's initial employment he or she will be issued a two-year contract, if renewed. Beginning at the beginning of the 2018-2019 schools year, upon the expiration of the two year contract, the employee will be issued a continuing contract, if renewed. The continuing contract will be governed by the applicable provisions of the negotiated agreement and the Revised Code.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **VACANCIES**

10.1 As regular vacancies occur during the school year, they shall be emailed posted in a conspicuous place in each building for a period of five (5) days. During the summer recess, announcements of vacancies will be posted for ten (10) calendar days. In selecting the replacement employee, the Employer shall apply the following formula:

1. The vacant position shall first be awarded to the most senior bidder within the classification provided that the employee meets State and Federal, as well as job description qualification for the position. Seniority shall be determined by the original district hire date of the employee and the length of uninterrupted continuous service. (Authorized leaves of absence do not constitute an interruption in continuous service.)
2. If not filled from within the classification, the Employer shall fill the position with the most senior bidder in the bargaining unit who meets the Employer's qualifications.

The Employer shall have the sole and exclusive right to determine the qualifications for a particular job opening and whether a bidder meets those qualifications.

3. Employees may bid on more than one vacancy at a time.
4. All Vacancies will be filled using the bidding process until such time as there are no bidders, or qualified bidders, for the position from within the bargaining unit. At the time, the Employer may fill the position as it sees fit.
5. The employer shall determine whether a vacancy exists and whether it shall be filled. The Employer shall not, by the use of substitutes, avoid filling a permanent position. Any position filled for a period of more than thirty (30) working days by someone, other than the employee who was awarded the position through the bidding procedure contained within this article, will be considered vacant and posted for bid in accord

with this article. This provision will not apply to positions which are being filled due to an employee's leave of absence. Any internal applicant may shadow the student (in a one-on-one aide situation) for up to 10 (ten) days before deciding whether to accept the assignment. In those instances where an employee bid on a second position within the school district, the Employer is under no obligation to award the second position to the employee if the added hours will place the employee in the position of automatically working more than forty (40) hours per week.

10.2 The Employer agrees to notify, in the manner specified in section 10.01 above, all bargaining unit members of vacancies which are to be filled by non-licensed employees under Chapter 33 of the Ohio Revised Code and to consider any bargaining unit member who applies for such vacancy. In no event shall this provision be interpreted to create any expectation or right to be appointed to any vacant position on behalf of any bargaining unit member.

10.3 Paraprofessional

As of July 1, 2024, Paraprofessionals will hold their current position moving forward. All open paraprofessional positions will be posted. When an issue occurs with a paraprofessional position, a team that may consist of parents, paraprofessional and administration may meet. The team's input will be considered, but the administration will make the final decision.

## **ARTICLE 11** **REDUCTION IN FORCE**

11.1 All bargaining unit positions and classifications shall be filled *by* employees of the Employer.

11.2 In the event that any reduction in staffing levels becomes necessary because of abolishment of positions, lack of funds, or lack of work, the following procedures shall govern such reduction.

11.3 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.

11.4 Whenever it becomes necessary to lay off employees by reasons as stated above, employees within the affected classification shall be laid off according to seniority, with the least senior employee laid off first. Seniority for the purpose of reduction in force shall be determined by the original district hire date of the employee and the length of uninterrupted continuous service. Authorized leaves of absence do not constitute an interruption in continuous service. In case of identical seniority, ties will be broken first by the initial date of service with the Employer in any capacity, and if still tied, by drawing from a deck of cards in the presence of a member of the administration and a Union officer.

11.5 The following classifications shall be used in the event of a layoff:

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|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Bus Driver               | 5. Maintenance |
| 2. Cooks                    | 6. Secretaries |
| 3. Custodians               | 7. Mechanic    |
| 4. Paraprofessional/Cashier |                |

Note: This list does not represent the order in which layoff may occur.

Exclusions would be: School Treasurer's office employees, the Superintendent's secretary, and the administrative assistant's secretary.

For the purpose of layoff and recall any individual who has been considered a maintenance/custodian will be considered to be in the maintenance classification.

11.6 The Employer 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 probation shall be laid off before any employee in that classification employed under a continuing contract is laid off.

11.7 Twenty (20) days prior to the effective date of layoffs, the Employer shall prepare and post for inspection in a conspicuous place a list containing the names, seniority dates and classifications, and indicate which employees are to be laid off. Each employee to be laid off shall be given advance written notice of the layoff. A copy of list shall be provided to the President of Local 339. Each notice of layoff shall state the following:

1. Reasons for the layoff or reduction.
2. The effective date of layoff.
3. A statement advising the employee of their rights of reinstatement from the layoff.

11.8 An employee whose position is reduced will have the right to displace any less senior employee in the classification. Should there be no employee with less seniority working within the employee's classification, the reduced employee shall have the right to displace any less senior employee within the bargaining unit in a classification in which the reduced employee is qualified to work. The Superintendent will have the unrestricted right to determine if the employee is qualified to do the work.

11.9 Any employee laid off shall retain recall rights for a period of three (3) years. Employees shall be recalled to positions for which they are qualified in order of seniority. An employee who resigns, declines an offer to be recalled to a position for which he or she is qualified, or fails to respond to an offer of recall within the time limits of this Article shall lose all recall rights.

- 11.10 The laid-off employee shall provide the administration with his/her current mailing address and telephone number (if available). In the event of a recall, the employee being recalled shall be notified by registered mail and shall have fourteen (14) calendar days from the receipt of such notice in which to respond. Copies of all recall notices shall be sent to the President of Local 339.
- 11.11 As vacancies occur in a classification from which employees are laid off, such vacancies shall first be offered to those employees in the classification who are not laid off on the basis of their seniority. Should none of said employees express an interest in the vacant position, the most senior employee laid off, who is qualified to fill the position shall be recalled into said position, providing his or her recall rights have not been exhausted.
- 11.12 Laid-off employees shall retain all seniority rights while laid off and shall continue to accrue seniority as long as they have recall rights. Laid-off employees shall be notified by U.S. mail of all job vacancies and may bid on vacancies.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **EVALUATIONS**

- 12.1 Each employee shall be evaluated regarding their work performance by their immediate supervisor. The employee shall have a conference regarding this evaluation and have the opportunity to read and respond to such evaluation. Such response may be in writing and attached to the evaluation. The employee shall acknowledge that he/she has read the evaluation by signing this evaluation and shall receive a copy of such. The employee's signature on the evaluation shall not indicate agreement or disagreement with the evaluation, only that the employee has reviewed it.

Such evaluations will take place annually for those employees on a limited contract. Employees on a continuing contract will be evaluated once during each three-year period , or on a more frequent basis as determined by the immediate supervisor, should the employee's work performance show signs of regression.

OAPSE and Administration will meet to create and update the evaluation form annually.

New Hires will receive a copy of their evaluation form upon being hired.

## **ARTICLE 13**

### **WORKING CONDITIONS**

- 13.1 Calamity Days

On those days when school is canceled due to inclement weather or other calamity only the first shift custodians and maintenance worker shall report to work. These employees will be given compensatory time off at a later date within the same school year upon request. Compensatory days shall not exceed five (5) days during any one school year, except if the state grants additional calamity days which do not have to be made up in the discretion of the superintendent, in this situation employees who work on a calamity day shall be granted an additional day of compensatory time for each additional day granted by the state.

Compensatory days may not be accumulated from one year to the next. Other employees shall be paid their regular rate of pay for days or parts of days when the schools in which they are employed are closed or start late due to an epidemic or other public calamity for up to the first five (5) days in each school year or an equivalent number of hours. This supersedes R.C. 3319.081(0) and .082. The superintendent shall determine which employees other than first shift custodians and maintenance workers shall report when students are not in attendance. The superintendent may determine whether employees make up calamity days beyond the first five (5) days by performing regular job duties, special duties or participating in professional development.

### 13.2 Custodians Responsibility

After 5:00 p.m. any group in the school building must have a supervisor or teacher in charge. This person must remain in the building until all students have left. Custodians are given authority to evacuate the building of unsupervised activities after 5:00 p.m.

### 13.3 Uniforms

In addition to the classifications for which uniforms are currently being provided, uniforms are to be provided for mechanics as follows:

Upon the employee's request, the Employer will provide five (5) sets of uniforms for each custodian, mechanic, maintenance, and cafeteria employee, or other classification as deemed necessary by the Employer, as initial issue. The Employer shall replace any item provided that it is worn out. The Superintendent shall decide whether an item is worn out. Such uniforms shall not be worn on non-duty time.

### 13.4 Job Descriptions

Job descriptions shall be prepared for each job classification. The job qualifications, description of duties and responsibilities, hours of employment, and length of contract year will be clearly stated. The Employer agrees to consult with the employee before making any desired changes in the job description.

### 13.5 OAPSE Meetings

Upon proper notification (10 workings days) to the administrator in charge, employees will be granted permission to attend the following OAPSE meetings:

#### OAPSE District Meetings

All union members employed by the Employer will be permitted to attend without loss of pay provided the school day is not disrupted.

#### Annual OAPSE Conference

Authorized delegates, not more than two, as well as any bargaining unit member who is elected to OAPSE District or State Office, will be permitted to attend without loss of pay for the required number of days.

OAPSE Local 339 Meetings

In the event, the OAPSE Local 339 President works second and/or third shift, the President shall be granted professional leave to attend OAPSE Local 339 meetings.

Board of Education Meetings

In the event, the OAPSE Local 339 President works second and/or third shift, the President shall be granted professional leave to attend Board of Education meetings.

The local president shall be granted professional leave to provide representation for members at hearings, discipline meetings, and negotiations, but shall return to their shift at the conclusion of the meeting.

13.6 In-Service Day

The Employer may establish a mandatory in-service day prior to the beginning of school for all employees and shall compensate employees at their regular hourly rates of pay for attendance at such meetings.

**ARTICLE 14**  
**DISCIPLINE**

14.1 Disciplinary action shall be for just cause and may include:

1. Verbal warning;
2. Written warning;
3. Suspension Without pay;
4. Reduction; or
5. Discharge from employment.

14.2 The Employer agrees that principles of progressive disciplinary action will be followed with respect to minor offenses. The Employer, however, reserves the right to apply more severe discipline to employees committing major infractions.

Progressive discipline shall take into account the nature of violation and the employee's record of discipline.

14.3 Just cause for disciplinary action shall include, but shall not be limited to: incompetency, inefficiency, dishonesty, drunkenness, immoral conduct, insubordination, discourteous treatment of the public, neglect of duty, absence without leave, failure of good behavior, any acts of misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance.



14.4 The Employer agrees to follow the principles of due process in imposing disciplinary action against bargaining unit employees.

1. Prior to suspending or discharging an employee, the Employer shall schedule an informal conference to give the employee an opportunity to present his/her side of the story. At least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the conference the employee shall be given written specification of the charges, and a statement of the maximum possible discipline which may be imposed. The employee may be accompanied to the conference by a Union representative. Within seven (7) working days of the pre-disciplinary conference the Employer will issue a written report to the employee indicating what discipline, if any, it has determined to be appropriate. The decision of the Employer may be appealed by filing a grievance at Step 4 of the grievance procedure within five (5) working days of receipt of the written decision.
2. If the Employer determines that the Employee's continued employment prior to the pre-disciplinary conference poses a danger to persons or property or threat of disrupting operations, the Employer may suspend the employee pending the conference provided for in this article.

14.5 An employee wishing to contest a disciplinary action must use the grievance procedure.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **PERSONNEL FILES**

15.1 Employees shall have the opportunity to read any material which may be considered derogatory to the employee's conduct, service, character, or personality before it is dated and placed in their personnel file. The employee shall acknowledge that he/she has read the material by affixing their signature to the copy to be filed and a copy shall be given to the employee. Their signature shall not indicate agreement with the content of the material but indicates only that the material has been inspected by the employee.

15.2 Employees shall also have an opportunity to reply to such derogatory material in written statement to be attached to the filed copy. Employees shall be informed of any complaint by a parent and/or student which are directed toward that employee, and which may become a matter of record. Derogatory material or complaints against the employee found unwarranted shall be removed from their file. Letters of reprimand or suspension shall be expunged from an employee's file following a three (3) year period of time. Any such letter of reprimand or suspension expunged, may be placed in separate files maintained by the district. Anonymous letters or material shall not be placed in a member's file, nor shall they be made a matter of record.

15.3 Each employee shall have the right, upon request, to review the contents of their own personnel file.

15.4 An employee shall have the right to representation with her/him at any and all disciplinary hearings or actions and/or reviewing their personnel file.

**ARTICLE 16**  
**LEAVE PROVISIONS**

16.1 Personal Leave

1. Personal leave shall be granted to allow an employee to meet personal obligations which cannot normally be taken care of at times other than scheduled work hours.
2. Four (4) days of personal leave may be granted per school year. Such days shall be unrestricted as to reason for use. Unused personal leave may be converted to sick leave once a year, at the beginning of each contract year.
3. At least two (2) working days prior to taking personal leave, the employee must request and receive approval for its use from the Superintendent. The Superintendent at his/her discretion may waive the two-working-day requirement.
4. Personal leave may not be used on the day before or the day after a holiday which is observed by the school, unless approved in advance by the Superintendent.
5. Personal leave may be used in increments of one-half (1/2) days as long as the time utilized under personal leave is continuous and uninterrupted. In no event will a driver be permitted to interrupt the running of any one route (AM or PM) or extracurricular trip for use of Personal Leave.

16.2 Emergency Leave

If an employee finds that he has need of an emergency leave due to travel conditions, a mechanical failure, an accident in the family or an accident involving family property, he must notify the district office as soon as possible after the emergency arise . If the condition can be resolved within a reasonable time, the employee will report for duty. If the employee is absent from duty because of such emergency, his absence will not be deducted from sick leave. Leave of this nature will not extend beyond one day.

16.3 Bereavement Leave

1. Leave may be granted in case of the death of a member of the employee's family or relative, as follows:
2. In the case of the death of a relative in the first degree (father, mother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, step-mother, step-father, step-child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law), for not more than five days.
3. In the case of the death of a relative in the second degree (brother-in-law, sister-in-law, cousin, aunt, uncle, nephew, etc.), for not more than one, except in any instance the Superintendent in his or her discretion may extend the one day any length of time within reason.

4. In the case of death of a person not related to the employee, one-half day for the purpose of attending the funeral, except in any instance the Superintendent in his or her discretion may extend the one-half day any length of time within reason.
5. Leave granted in any of the above cases shall be deducted from sick leave accumulation.

#### 16.4 Sick Leave

1. Each employee shall be entitled to sick leave of one and one-quarter (1-1/4) work days with pay for each completed month of service, unused sick leave shall be cumulative up to two hundred thirty (230) work days. A beginning employee is advanced ten (10) days sick leave in compliance with the laws of Ohio. Employees who work on a contract of less than nine (9) months per year will earn sick leave only for those months actually worked.
2. An employee who transfers from one public agency in Ohio to another shall be credited with the unused balance of his accumulated sick leave. To receive such credit, a new employee shall present to the Treasurer a certificate from the public agency in Ohio for which the employee most recently worked, stating the number of days of unused sick leave credited to that employee at the time of employment termination.
3. Employees may use sick leave upon the approval of the Superintendent, for absence due to illness, injury, exposure to contagious disease which could be communicated to other employees, pregnancy, or due to illness, injury, or death in the employee's family. Use of sick leave on a half-day basis is authorized by the Employer. This section shall apply to those employees who cannot work due to having not received a medical waiver to work from the State of Ohio.
4. When an employee is absent because of an accident incurred in the line of duty or because of occupational disease, such employee shall have his sick leave accumulation reduced by the number of days for which the Employer pays compensation beyond that paid by State Industrial Commission.
5. Credit of previously accumulated sick leave of an employee separated from the public service will, upon re-employment of the individual in the public school, be provided if such re-employment takes place within ten (10) years of the date on which the employee last terminated service.
6. When an employee is kept from duty not on account of personal illness but by reason of quarantine ordered by the Board of Health, leave shall be granted under the same terms and conditions as though for personal illness, i.e., such quarantine counts the same as personal illness.

7. After five (5) consecutive days of sick leave, an employee must present a doctor's excuse justifying continued use of sick leave.
8. Any bargaining unit member who uses three (3) or less leave days per year (which includes all leave days other than vacation, or bereavement as well as days off without pay, disciplinary suspensions and unpaid leaves of absence), shall receive a bonus according to the following table, payable within thirty (30) days of the last day of school. For purposes of this section, a year is defined as June 16 through June 15. All applicable taxes shall be deducted.

Number of days missed	Bonus
3	\$325
2	\$350
1	\$375
0	\$400

#### 16.5 Sick Leave Donation

A program will be established that will allow individual employees to donate up to five (5) days of sick leave to an eligible applicant. Employees with less than fifty (50) days of accumulated sick leave shall not be eligible to contribute.

- A. To qualify for the donation program, an employee or a member of the employee's immediate family must have experienced a personal catastrophic illness or injury and the employee must have exhausted his/her sick leave. The term "catastrophic illness or injury" shall include only those illnesses or injuries which are calamitous in nature, constituting a great misfortune. Immediate family is defined as spouse, children, or parents. The donation program cannot be used beyond the end of the school year in which application is made.
- B. The request for a donation will be considered on a case-by-case basis. A committee composed of two (2) board-appointed members and two association-appointed members and chaired by a mutually-agreeable fifth member, will make a determination based upon the following criteria:
  1. The employee must have experienced a personal catastrophic illness or injury that has exhausted the employee's sick leave.
  2. The use of the donation program shall not extend past the current school year.
  3. All requests will be subject to responses of staff who wish to make donations to an individual approved by the committee.

4. Employees requesting consideration for the donation program must complete the request on a form to be created by the Treasurer and one copy will be submitted to the Superintendent and one copy will be submitted to the Association President.
5. An employee may receive only as many donated sick days as immediately needed up to a maximum of sixty (60) days.
6. Sick leave days donated will be irrevocably given by an employee. The days will not be credited back to the donating employee even if not used by the requesting employee.
7. The requesting employee's accumulated sick leave and personal leave days must be exhausted, advanced sick days must have been used, and the employee is not eligible for disability leave under the State Employees Retirement System and/or Workers' Compensation. The sick leave donation program may not be used as a means of increasing retirement compensation or severance nor shall the use of the donation program prolong or prevent an employee from beginning disability retirement, service retirement, or workers' compensation.
8. The employee shall submit in writing an application stating the reasons for the request of donated days along with a physician's statement pertinent to the employee's request and the projected date of return to work. Additional information may be requested by the committee if necessary to carry out its responsibilities. Failure to provide such information in a timely manner will be considered a withdrawal of the application by the employee. The association president may also apply for the use of donated days on behalf of an employee.
9. The decision of the committee is final, and the decision is non-grievable.

#### 16.06 Maternity Leave

Maternity leave of absence may be extended to employees who become pregnant, subject to the following provisions:

1. As a general rule, pregnant employees will be eligible to take up to six (6) weeks of sick leave following the date of the actual birth. Pregnant employees can continue on sick leave beyond the normal six-week period only if there is a continuing medical problem. Pregnant employees are also eligible to take sick leave prior to the birth, beginning on a date determined by the employee acting upon the advice of her attending physician.

2. A pregnant employee may secure a maternity leave of absence by submitting a written request to the Employer at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date she anticipates the leave will begin.
3. In all case an employee shall present a doctor's certificate before returning to official duty, stating that she is able to resume regular work.
4. An employee on maternity or child care leave of absence must notify the Employer in writing at least fifteen (15) days prior to his/her intended return to work, except that if the employee intends to return to work at the beginning of a school year, he/she must give written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of school. Should the employee fail to so notify the Employer, it shall be assumed that she does not plan to return to the job.
5. An employee who has been on maternity leave shall be reassigned the position she held prior to taking maternity leave.

#### 16.07 Childcare Leave

1. Employees who become new parents through birth or adoption of a child may take an unpaid childcare leave for up to ninety (90) total calendar days or mothers who are taking maternity (sick) leave, child care leave must begin as soon as sick leave is no longer being taken.
2. In all other situations, childcare leave must begin no later than six (6) weeks following the birth or adoption of the child. Childcare leave must be taken consecutively, except that a parent may take child care leave for the first two weeks right after the birth, and then take additional child care leave at a later date beginning up to six (6) weeks following the birth.
3. Notice of requested childcare leave must be given to the Employer at least thirty (30) days in advance, unless there are emergency circumstances. Notice of return from leave is governed by Section 16.05(4) above.

#### 16.08 Leave of Absence

1. An unpaid leave of absence may be granted by the Employer to an employee on the recommendation of the Superintendent. All requests for leave will be made in writing and shall be dated the same day that the request is submitted. Requests for leave will be submitted through the office of the Superintendent two weeks prior to the next regular meeting of the Board of Education.

- (a) The Employer may grant a leave of absence for a period of not more than one (1) year (renewable for one year) for educational, professional, or other purposes.
  - (b) The Employer shall grant a leave of absence for a period of not more than two (2) years where illness or other disability is the reason for the written request.
  - (c) The Employer may grant an additional leave of absence for a period of not more than two (2) years where illness or other disability is the reason for the written request, upon a satisfactory showing of the need for such additional leave by the ill/disabled bargaining unit member.
2. Employees on authorized leave of absence shall be considered as maintaining the characteristic of continuity of service.
3. In all cases of leaves of absence, the employee shall give notice of his/her intent to return to the former position at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the expiration of the leave. Upon expiration of the leave, such employee shall be assigned to either his/her former position or to a position within his/her former classification and hours.
4. Failure to report to duty following the expiration of a leave of absence, unless additional absence is authorized, may be considered by the Employer as termination of the contract by the employee.
5. Any employee taking a leave from work without prior approval of the Employer shall be suspended without pay until an informal hearing is held at the next regular meeting of the Board of Education.
6. An employee granted an unpaid leave of absence for medical reasons only must exhaust all available sick leave and vacation leave at which time the Employer agrees to retain the employee in the group medical coverage with the customary Employer and employee payments for a period not to exceed the lesser of one year or the time when the employee can return to regular duty. Should the leave of absence extend beyond one year the employee will be encouraged to seek disability retirement (if eligible) as a means of restoring income. Employer share of payment of medical premiums will be limited to one year and will cease upon the first anniversary date of the leave of absence. The employee will pay for insurance benefits while on unpaid leave, except when taking leave under FMLA.

## 16.9 Military Leave

1. Any regular employee who may enlist or be conscripted into the defense forces of the United States for service or training shall be granted military leave. He/she shall be reinstated to his/her position in the school system with full credit, including the annual increments under the salary schedule upon written request supported by an honorable discharge and competent proof that said applicant is fully qualified to perform the duties of said position.

2. Paid leave of absence will be granted every employee on military duty not to exceed thirty-one days in any one calendar year, whether voluntarily taken or by military order and whether consecutive days or in broken lot of days to which an individual might be entitled. This includes active and temporary military duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, reserves, Ohio National Guard, or militia.

#### 16.10 Assault Leave

1. An Employee who is absent, due to injury or temporary disability resulting from assault related to the performance of the employee's duties, shall be eligible to receive assault leave. Upon determination of eligibility by the Employer, such leave shall be granted for a period not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days. The leave will become effective upon delivery to the Treasurer of a signed statement on forms prescribed by the Treasurer. Such statement will indicate the nature of the injury, the date of occurrence, the identity of the individual(s) causing the assault, the facts surrounding the assault and the willingness of the employee to participate and cooperate with the Employer pursuing legal action against the assailant(s). If medical attention is required, the employee shall supply a certificate from a licensed physician stating the nature of the disability and its duration.
2. Full payment for assault leave, less worker's compensation and any other Employer-approved financial remuneration, shall not exceed the employee's per diem rate of pay and will not be approved for payment unless and until the form and certificate, as provided above, are supplied to the Treasurer. Falsification of information of employment is grounds for dismissal.
3. When an employee exhausts the assault leave, he/she may use sick leave. If the sick leave and assault leave provided herein become exhausted, the employee may apply for further assault leave. The Employer shall determine if additional assault leave is to be granted. If the assaulted employee becomes eligible for benefits under the School Employees Retirement System because of any disability or because of age, or where the employee's employment by this district ceases, this leave provision shall no longer apply.

#### 16.11 Jury Duty and Court Leave

1. Any employee shall be entitled to leave without loss of pay for any time an employee is required to perform jury duty. The Employer shall pay the employee the difference, if any, between the amounts received for jury duty and the employee's regular rate of pay. Any meal, mileage, and/or parking allowance provided the employee for jury duty shall not be considered in the amount received for jury duty.



2. Any employee who is required to appear as a witness under subpoena before a court in a civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding shall be granted necessary paid leave. The employee shall be paid the difference between his/her regular compensation and the remuneration, if any, less expenses for meals and parking, for the court appearance. Employees who are either the plaintiff in an action or the cause of the action shall not be eligible for compensation under this section.

**ARTICLE 17**  
**PAID HOLIDAYS**

- 17.1 For the following legal holidays all employees are entitled to be paid their regular salary or regular rate of pay, provided each such employee accrued earnings on the preceding and following scheduled work days.
- 17.2 Paid holidays for eleven and twelve month employees are New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Those employed on a nine or ten month basis are entitled to the same paid holidays except Independence Day. Employees who are employed less than nine months shall be entitled to a minimum of those holidays listed above which fall during the employee's time of employment. Veteran's Day will be celebrated as designated on the school calendar. If Veteran's Day is not observed on the school calendar as a "day off," the employees will be compensated for their regular hours [not to exceed eight (8) hours] at the employee's regular rate of pay.
- 17.3 The Employer will pay twelve month employees holiday pay for the day before Christmas and the day before New Year's as well as all other holidays outlined in Section 17.02 above and those included on the official school calendar.
- 17.4 When an employee is required by his/her supervisor to work on any of the paid holidays, he/she shall be granted his/her option of receiving premium pay of twice ("double time") his/her regular daily rate of pay or compensatory time off for which he shall be paid regular salary.
- 17.5 Mechanics and Custodial and Maintenance employees have the option of working on Good Friday and Presidents Day and getting paid for those days, or if not working on those days and not getting paid. Employees must give at least two (2) working days' notice to their immediate supervisor of whether or not they will be working on each of those days. Mechanics and Custodial and Maintenance employees who do not work on one or more of those days will not have those days counted against their total for purposes of the leave incentive plan.

**ARTICLE 18**  
**SEVERANCE PAY**

- 18.1 In accordance with the provisions of Section 124.39 O.R.C. all school employees having ten or more years of service credit shall receive payment based on the employee's rate of pay at retirement for one-fourth of the employee's accrued but unused sick leave to a maximum of thirty-six (36) days' pay. In addition, the Employer agrees to pay one and one-half (1-1/2) days of additional severance pay for every three years of continuous employment leading up to retirement. To be eligible an employee must actually retire under SERS within 180 days of his/her last date of paid service.
- 18.2 The Board of Education will pay to the estate of an employee who dies in the employ of the school district any severance pay, as provided in Article 18.01, to which the employee would have been entitled had the employee retired immediately prior to the death.

**ARTICLE 19**  
**PAID VACATION**

- 19.1 All employees who work on an eleven or twelve month basis shall be granted paid vacation, excluding legal holidays as follows:
- 1 through 8 years service - 2 weeks vacation
  - 9 through 18 years service - 3 weeks vacation
  - 19 or more years service - 4 weeks vacation
- 19.2 Twelve (12) month employees shall be permitted to take one or more weeks' vacation during winter months provided no more than one employee, per classification, per building, uses vacation at the same time. Should more than one employee, in a given classification and building, request to use vacation at the same time, the senior employee will be permitted to take vacation. The employee shall notify the administration seven (7) days in advance of such vacation time. This notification time may be shortened by the Superintendent.
- 19.3 Vacation leave for eleven and twelve month employees can only be accumulated up to a maximum of thirty (30) days. The Treasurer shall keep a vacation leave record card electronically for each employee entitled to this benefit.
- 19.4 An employee who is hospitalized or has a death in the family while on vacation may request sick leave time in place of vacation time. This request will be granted if verification is provided to support the request.

**ARTICLE 20**  
**WAGES**

20.1 General Provisions

1. The Employer agrees to pay the second shift custodians a shift differential of 15 cents on the hour for second shift hours only.
2. Wages of non-teaching personnel cannot be decreased during the term of a contract unless such decrease is part of a uniform plan affecting all employees and the entire district.
3. When the Employer collects rental on properties for use of a building, and additional time is required for the janitors and cooks because of such rental, the employees doing such work shall be paid time and one-half of their regular hourly rate for such extra hours worked, and double time on Sundays and holidays.
4. Union employees will receive time and one-half salary payment for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per week. Holidays and approved paid leave days shall count towards the accrument of overtime hours.
5. An employee who is employed a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) days during a school year (September 1 through August 31) shall be entitled to the next higher increment step in his classification providing he has been re-employed and has not reached the maximum step.
6. Should kindergarten routes be re-established the salary rate will be \$1.00 per hour higher than regular hourly rate.
7. Employees shall be rewarded for continuous service through the payment of longevity pay. Longevity pay shall be paid in conjunction with the completion of the following years of service by an employee:

Year 10 through year 14 -	\$150 annually
Year 15 through year 18 -	\$250 annually
Year 19 through year 20 -	\$350 annually
Year 21 and beyond -	\$450 annually

These amounts do not compound or add up from year to year but are rather an annual payment of the specified amount. Payment of the amount shall be included in the last pay of November following the satisfaction of the completion of years of service requirement.

20.2 Wage Schedule

1. The wage schedules are attached to this Agreement as Appendix A. Bargaining unit members shall receive the following wage increase across-the-board:

2024-2025	4%
2025-2026	4%
2026-2027	4%

Renumber steps. Remove the dollar amounts on Step 0, 1, Step 2 becomes Step 0, Step 4 becomes Step 1, Step 5 becomes Step 2, Step 7 becomes Step 4, Step 12 becomes Step 5. Step 7, 12 would have a new dollar amount.

2. In accordance with O.R.C. 3319.02, all employees shall receive, prior to July 1 of each year, a notice of the compensation to be received for the following year. Included in this notification shall be the anticipated number of hours to be worked at the regular rate of pay. This number shall not be a guarantee of the number of hours an employee will work.

3. Direct Deposit

Bargaining unit employees hired on July 1, 2014, or after shall be required to have his/her paycheck direct deposited.

**ARTICLE 21**  
**SERS PICK-UP**

- 21.1 The Employer agrees to pick up, utilizing the salary reduction method, contributions to the School Employees Retirement System paid upon behalf of the employees in the bargaining unit, at no additional cost to the Employer, other than as provided by law, under the following terms and conditions:

1. The amount to be "picked up" on behalf of each employee shall be as determined by SERS. The employee's gross annual compensation shall be reduced at no cost to the Employer by an amount equal to the amount "picked up" by the Employer for the purpose of state and federal tax only.
2. The pick-up percentage shall apply uniformly to all members of the bargaining unit.
3. The pick-up shall become effective the first pay under this Agreement or 30 days after ratification of this Agreement by both parties, whichever is later, and shall apply to all eligible (severances and bonuses) compensation.
4. The parties agree that should the rules and regulations of the IRS or School Employees Retirement System (SERS) or other governing regulations change, thereby nullifying this procedure, the Employer will be held harmless, and the parties agree that this Article shall be declared null and void, and to return, without penalty,

to the former method of employee/employer contributions.

5. Payment for all paid leaves, sick leave, personal leave, and severance, including unemployment and workman's compensation, shall be based on the employee's gross pay (Form W-2).
6. No employee covered by this provision shall have the option to elect a wage increase or other benefit in lieu of the employer pick-up.

## **ARTICLE 22**

### **HOURS OF WORK**

#### 22.1 Standard Work Week

1. The standard work week for full-time employees shall consist of five (5) days of eight (8) hours per day within the five (5) consecutive days Monday through Friday. Certain Job classifications may have less than eight (8) hour day. Field trips shall be paid at the field trip rate, regardless of total hours worked.
2. Bargaining unit members shall complete mandatory online course work and trainings during work hours or during staff development days.

#### 22.2 Overtime

1. Employees may be required to perform such extra service as may be necessary in meeting the normal demands of school operation, including the extracurricular program and parent-teacher activities for which no fees are collected. Employees required to work beyond their normal hours of employment will receive compensation at the rate of one and one-half times their regular hourly rate.
2. When offering employees overtime, such overtime shall be granted, by seniority, on a rotating basis, to the employees in the department, school, or office in which the work is to be done. After the senior employee accepts the overtime, the next available overtime shall then be offered to the next most senior person in that department, school, or office. Should the senior employee reject the overtime, overtime shall then be offered to the next most senior person in that department, school, or office. (Bus drivers are excluded from this provision.)
3. No employee shall work overtime unless specifically authorized by his/her immediate supervisor.
4. Holidays and approved paid leave days shall count towards the accrual of overtime hours.

22.3 Classification Pay

1. The Employer agrees that if any employee is requested to and does perform work that normally is performed by an employee holding a higher paid classification, such employee shall receive the rate of pay normally paid the higher paid classification at the employee's current step level
2. Any such assignment shall be for a short duration, as to replace an employee on vacation, or prolonged (two weeks or more) sick leave.
3. Employees shall receive pay at one and one-half (1-1/2) times their regular rate of pay for the time that the employee is placed in charge of a classroom as the result of an emergency situation. This pay will not apply to employees whose normal assignment is to perform such duties (Example: Library Aide, Study Hall Monitor).

**ARTICLE 23**  
**INSURANCES**

23.1 Medical Insurance

The Employee will pay the following amounts in the following increments in the following years for insurance:

2024-25	Single plan-\$30.00; Family plan-\$60.00
2025-26	Single plan-\$40.00; Family plan-\$80.00
2026-27	Single plan-\$40.00; Family plan-\$80.00

In addition, any employee hired on or after July 1, 2024, will be subjected to a 5% premium of the current year's medical and prescription cost with the Board picking up the other 95%.

The insurance plan will be a PPO with steerage (PPO Network/non-network). This plan will provide benefits which are equal to the benefits provided to other bargaining units of the Board of Education at effective date of this agreement or the coverage provided herein, whichever is greater.

The following schedule of benefits will apply:

**SCHEDULE OF IN-NETWORK COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR MEDICAL EXPENSE BENEFITS**

SECOND SURGICAL OPINION BENEFIT	100% OF REASONABLE CHARGE
PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT (OPTIONAL)	100% OF RESONABLE CHARGE

DEDUCTIBLE PER PRESCRIPTION (30-DAY SUPPLY)

GENERIC	\$ 5.00
FORMULARY BRAND NAME	\$20.00
NON-FORMULARY BRAND NAME	\$40.00

DEDUCTIBLE PER PRESCRIPTION (90-DAY SUPPLY)  
ONLY AVAILABLE THROUGH MAIL ORDER

GENERIC	\$10.00
FORMULARY BRAND NAMES	\$40.00
NON PREFERRED BRANDS	\$80.00

ALL OTHER COVERED CHARGES:

CALENDAR YEAR DEDUCTIBLE

PER COVERED PERSON	\$200
PER COVERED FAMILY	\$400

MAXIMUM OUT OF POCKET

PER COVERED PERSON	\$500
PER COVERED FAMILY	\$1,000

BENEFIT PACKAGES (PER PERSON) FOR IN-NETWORK PROVIDERS

FIRST \$2,500 OF MEDICAL EXPENSES	90%
EXCESS DURING CALENDAR YEAR	100%
HOME HEALTH	90% LIMITED TO 100 VISITS
HOSPICE	90%
PHYSICAL THERAPY	90% LIMITED TO 20 VISITS/YR
CHIROPRACTIC CARE	90% LIMITED TO 20 VISITS/YR

SCHEDULE PERCENTAGES (PER PERSON) FOR OUT-OF-NETWORK PROVIDERS

FIRST \$2,500 OF MEDICAL EXPENSES	70%
EXCESS DURING CALENDAR YEAR	100%
HOME HEALTH	70% LIMITED TO 100 VISTS
HOSPICE	70%
PHYSICAL THERAPY	70% LIMITED TO 20 VISITS/YR
CHIROPRACTIC CARE	70% LIMITED TO 20 VISITS/YR

SCHEDULE OF DENTAL BENEFITS

CALENDAR YEAR DEDUCTIBLE

TYPE I SERVICES	NONE
TYPE II & III SERVICES COMBINED	\$25 PER PERSON \$75 PER FAMILY
ORTHODONTIC SERVICES	NONE

BENEFITS PERCENTAGES

TYPE I SERVICES	100% OF REASONABLE CHARGE
TYPE II SERVICES	80% OF REASONABLE CHARGE
TYPE III SERVICES	50% OF REASONABLE CHARGE
ORTHODONTIC SERVICES	50% OF REASONABLE CHARGE

MAXIMUM BENEFIT PAYABLE PER CALENDAR YEAR

TYPE I, II, & III SERVICES COMBINED	\$1,000 PER PERSON
MAXIMUM LIFETIME BENEFIT ORTHODONTIC SERVICES	\$500 PER PERSON

SCHEDULE OF VISION BENEFITS

MAXIMUM VISION BENEFIT (EXMAS, LENSES, GLASSES AND/OR CONTACTS)	\$300
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23.2 Dental Insurance

The Employer will pay 100% of the employee's monthly premium toward a single or family dental plan.

23.3 Prescription Drug Insurance

After payment of applicable co-pay, the Employer will pay 100% of the employee's monthly premium for this benefit. The employee co-pay for a 30-day supply is \$5.00 for generic prescriptions, \$20.00 for formulary brand name, and \$40.00 for non-formulary brand name prescriptions. The employee co-pay for a 90-day supply (only available through mail order) is \$10.00 for generic prescriptions, \$40.00 for formulary brand name, and \$80.00 for non-



formulary brand name prescriptions.

#### 23.4 Vision Care Insurance

The Employer will provide a Vision Insurance Plan selected by the Employer. The Employer will pay 50% of the premium with the employee paying 50%. This is an optional plan, and any employee may participate. Effective 30 days after ratification by both the bargaining unit and approval by the Employer or September 1, whichever is later.

#### 23.5 Enrollment

Membership in the insurance plans will normally begin on September 1 of the year of employment. Employees shall have the option to enroll at any time insurance is needed as a result of an emergency contingent upon the insurance company approval of such enrollment.

23.6 The Board will provide each employee with a \$15,000 life insurance policy at no cost to the employee.

#### 23.7 Section 125 Plan

The Board of Education will institute a Section 125 Plan, under Internal Revenue Code, for premium paid by the employees for insurance premiums. This section 125 plan will be effective thirty (30) days after ratification of this agreement.

23.8 The Board of Education and the Association agree that pre-admission/post-admission notification program (Medillum III) shall be added to the current health plan. Instructions for using the program shall be added to the booklet and shall be made available to each member.

#### 23.9 Insurance Committee

Three (3) members of the bargaining unit selected by the Union and three (3) members selected by the Superintendent shall serve on the District health insurance committee. The teachers bargaining unit will also select three (3) members from their bargaining unit to participate on the committee. The committee will explore all insurance issues and options, examine, research and report methods of maintaining and improving benefits as well as reducing the cost of health insurance coverage. If the committee reaches consensus on insurance changes, a recommendation will be made to the Board and the Union. Material changes in insurance benefits shall be negotiated between the Union and the Board of Education during the term of this Negotiated Agreement.

**ARTICLE 24**  
**PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS**

24.1 The parties agree that employees will be permitted to authorize voluntary payroll deductions provided that the Treasurer receives this authorization, in writing, prior to October 1 in the year in which the first deduction is made. Such deductions will be continued from year to year unless revoked or modified by the employee. Such deduction will consist of, but will not be limited to the following, provided that the parties agree on any additional deductions:

1. PEOPLE (provided 5 employees initially participate)
2. Tax sheltered annuities (provided 5 employees initially participate) Each employee shall have the responsibility to determine that the employee's payroll deduction intended for tax sheltered annuities which does not exceed the maximum amount provided under the Internal Revenue Code and regulations applicable thereto and shall not seek deduction in excess of that amount. Each employee upon request of the Treasurer shall provide to the Board or obtain for the Board any information which the Board may request to permit it to independently determine the qualified nature of the selected program and the applicable limitation on the amount of deferral. In the event the Treasurer and/or Board are assessed any taxes, charges, penalties, or interest as a result of deductions by a member which exceed the IRC maximum limit, those amounts shall be reimbursed by the member to the Treasurer or Board. An enrolled employee may make a change between April 15 and May 1 each year.
3. Credit Union (provided 5 employees initially participate). An enrolled employee may make one additional change during any of the other eleven (11) months of the year, such change to take effect in the month after the change is initiated.
4. Cancer insurance (provided 5 employees initially participate)

24.2 Voluntary PEOPLE Deduction

The Employer agrees to deduct from the wages of any Employee who is a member of the Union a PEOPLE deduction as provided for in a written authorization. Such authorization must be executed by the Employee and may be revoked by the Employee at any time by giving notice to both the Employer and the Union. The Employer agrees to remit any deductions made pursuant to this provision promptly to the Union together with an itemized statement showing the name of each Employee from whose pay such deductions have been made and the amount deducted during the period covered by the remittance.

24.3 The Employer agrees to deduct from wages of employees the payment of dues to the Union. Authorization must be submitted to the Board Treasurer by September 1.

- 24.4 If the amount has been changed from the previous year, then, by September 1 of each year, the Union will notify the Board's Treasurer as to the total amount of dues to be deducted. Such notification shall be in the form of a letter signed by the Union President.
- 24.5 Monthly payroll deductions shall be forwarded to the Treasurer. of the State Association within fifteen (15) days after the deductions are made, along with an accounting as to each amount withheld and from whom it was deducted.
- 24.6 Deductions will be made in twenty-four (24) equal deductions beginning in September (see Article 24.10).
- 24.7 Authorization for payroll deduction of dues shall be continuous and shall be irrevocable, regardless of whether the employee remains a member of the Union or not, for the period stipulated in the employee's dues authorization application. Revocation of dues authorization shall be in accordance with the employee's dues authorization agreement.
- 24.8 The Employer agrees not to honor any dues deduction authorizations of non-teaching employees executed in favor of any other labor organizations, as long as OAPSE Local 339 retains recognition.

If the United States Supreme Court rules that fair share fees are constitutional, the parties will reinstate the fair share language in Article 24 of the 2017-2020 labor contract.

- 24.9 The Union agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Employer and the administration for any claims related to dues deductions. This includes the costs of any judgements, expenses, or other liability the Board might incur as a result of this Article. In the event a refund is due a unit member, it shall be the responsibility of the Union to make such refund. If the Board is the prevailing party in a grievance concerning dues, the Union shall pay the arbitration costs and reimburse the Board for up to \$5,000 in administrative expenses and legal fees.
- 24.10 If the teachers bargaining unit agrees, employees shall be paid in 24 equal installments (bi-monthly). Position vacancy notices during the summer months in Article 10.1 will continue to be mailed. Deductions will be made in 24 equal installments, changing Article 24, Section 6.
- 24.11 If an employee terminates employment (by resignation or RIF) having completed all of the duties required under his/her contract, Board-paid insurance benefits will continue through the last day of the individual's contract. If an employee resigns or is RIF'd prior to performing all required duties, Board-paid insurance benefits shall cease to be effective on the last day of actual services.

**ARTICLE 25**  
**BUS DRIVERS AND BUSES**

25.1 Payment of Drivers

A bus driver's total driving time for the day will be rounded up to next 1/2 hour plus 45 minutes/day for pre-trip fueling, sweep out, and bus washing when necessary.

25.2 Parking of Buses

Buses shall be parked on school grounds at a location designated by the Transportation Supervisor between routes.

25.3 Field Trips

1. Drivers will be paid in the following manner for extra-curricular trips:
  - a. Drivers will be paid their regular rate of pay for trip time equal to the amount of regular route time the driver forfeits to drive the extra trip.
  - b. For all remaining hours of the trip the driver will be paid a rate of \$16.75
2. The transportation coordinator shall select the driver from among the list of drivers who signed up to drive extra trips prior to the start of the school year, or within one week of initial employment that begins after the start of the school year.

The board will post trips two (2) weeks in advance so that selection can be made from that posting; in the case that a trip has inadvertently been left from the list or is scheduled on short notice such trip shall be exempt from the two (2) week posting requirement.

Selection will be on a rotating basis from the list specified in paragraph one (1) of this section and the assignments shall be as equally distributed as possible with the transportation coordinator keeping a log of the trips assigned. A copy of the log will be provided to the Union President, upon request, and a copy will be posted in the bus garage. These copies shall be updated no less than monthly.

Drivers shall have the option of driving their regular route or accepting an extra trip that might conflict with their regular route on those trips paid from the Employer's general fund.

In the event no driver accepts an extra trip using the process contained herein, the Transportation Coordinator will assign the extra trip using the same rotation list contained in

paragraph one (1) of this section.

On extra trips drivers will be compensated from Bus Garage pick-up to Bus Garage drop-off.

1. The Employer will ensure that all drivers are offered an equal number of opportunities to drive extra trips each year.

#### 25.4 Miscellaneous

1. The Employer will provide cleaning supplies for the school buses.
2. Every driver, regular and substitute, shall gas and clean up his/her bus at the end of his/her trip.

25.5 Bus Drivers have the option to take van trips. When no Bus Driver bids on a van trip a Certified Van Driver may take a van trip. Bus Drivers will receive an “all call” prior to a Certified Van Driver being awarded a van trip. Bus Drivers will be required to respond to the “all call” by 6pm of the day of the “all call” if they are interested in the van trip. If an emergency arises, a Certified Van Driver may take a van trip of 7 or less students. An emergency would be when a van trip arises with a 2-hour departure time.

### **ARTICLE 26** **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### 26.1 Food Service

When a supervisor or employee believes there is need for extra help in the food service area, he/she may request that the building administrator review the situation. If the building administrator determines extra assistance is needed, he/she shall request the Superintendent to assign additional personnel. It shall remain the sole discretion of the Superintendent to determine whether to assign additional personnel.

#### 26.2 Duty-Free Lunch

All full-time employees within the bargaining unit shall be granted a duty-free thirty (30) minute lunch period.

#### 26.3 Activity Pass

Employees will pay a \$2.00 activity fee in return for a general admission season ticket to all sponsored school activities.

#### 26.4 Mileage

Employees required to use their personal vehicle for school use shall have their mileage paid

at the current Internal Revenue Service authorized rate per mile. The rate of reimbursement will be the current Internal Revenue Service authorized rate per mile. Any change in the rate of reimbursement will apply for mileage driven on or after the date upon which the IRS makes the decision to change the IRS authorized rate per mile.

26.5 Non-Discrimination

The parties have agreed that they will work together to prevent any discrimination as to race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry, age, handicap, or sex in hiring practices and assignment to job and selection for upgrading.

26.6 The Employer agrees to pay the cost for fingerprinting, up to \$30.00 for all bargaining unit members for each statutorily required re-certification.

26.7 The Employer agrees to pay the cost for a test, on one occasion, for an employee in an aide position, if the employee is required to take the test in order to retain their position in the district.

26.8 The Caldwell Board of Education agrees to consult with a committee of four (4) classified employees, selected by the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Local 339, in the formation phase of the annual school calendar. Final authority for the establishing and adoption of the school calendar rests solely with the Board of Education.

26.9 Orientation for Newly Hired Employee

All newly hired employees that are members of the Bargaining unit shall attend a thirty-minute paid union orientation. The meeting shall take place in private and after work hours. The local president or his designee shall meet with the new hire(s) within the first 2 weeks of employment.

**ARTICLE 27**  
**NO STRIKE -NO LOCKOUT**

27.1 The Union and employees covered by this Agreement agree that they will not engage in, initiate, authorize, sanction, ratify, support, or participate in any strike, slowdown, stay-in, or other curtailment or restriction of the educational process or the Employer's operations during the life of this Agreement. Any employees engaging in a strike, slow-down, stay-in, or other curtailment or restriction of the educational process or the Employer's operations during the life of this Agreement shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Employer which can be, but is not limited to, their discharge. Disciplinary action including discharge taken by the Employer shall be subject to the grievance procedure. In the event of a violation of this paragraph, the Union agrees to take affirmative action with the employees concerned, such as letters, bulletins, telegrams, fines, or employee meetings, to bring about an immediate resumption of work.

27.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Employer agrees that it will not lock out its employees.

**ARTICLE 28**  
**DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR TRANSPORTATION PERSONNEL**

28.1 Beginning January 1, 1996, the Board shall conduct drug and alcohol testing in accordance with Department of Transportation standards issued in regard to the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991. The cost of the testing will be borne by the Board of Education. Should an employee test positive under the practice, the following procedure shall be followed:

1. An employee who tests positive for drugs and/or alcohol shall be terminated immediately. The Board will make available to the employee information required to determine if the employee has a drug and/or alcohol problem. An employee will not be terminated if he or she receives a "positive" test as the result of strictly an administrative reason not based upon a positive test.
2. An employee who notifies the Board of Education prior to any positive drug or alcohol test that he or she believes that they have a problem with drugs or alcohol will be afforded the opportunity to enter a rehabilitation program. If the employee successfully completes the rehabilitation program, he or she will be restored to his or her employment with the Board of Education.
3. The cost of rehabilitation shall be borne by the employee or the employee's medical insurance, if applicable.
4. Should the employee have sufficient sick, personal, or vacation days to cover his/her absence during this period the employee may apply these days toward the period of absence.
5. Should the employee have sufficient paid days off to complete the period of absence during his/her period of rehabilitation, the employee shall be granted a leave of absence in accordance with Article 16.07, Leave of Absence, of this Agreement.
6. Upon successful completion of this rehabilitation program the following procedure shall be followed:
  - a. The employee must provide the Board of Education with written documentation from a licensed physician which indicates that the employee is able to return to work.
  - b. The employee must provide the Board of Education with written documentation from the director of the rehabilitation program in which he/she

has been enrolled that they are able to return to work.

- c. Should the employee test positive after completion of the rehabilitation program, he/she shall be terminated.

## **ARTICLE 29**

### **COMPLETE AGREEMENT, SEVERABILITY, AND WAIVER OF NEGOTIATIONS**

#### **29.1 Complete Agreement**

This Agreement supersedes all previous oral and written agreements between the Employer and the Union and between the Employer and any employee within the collective bargaining unit. The parties hereby agree that no prior agreement, amendments, modifications, alterations, additions, or changes, oral or written, shall be controlling or in any way affect the relations between the parties or the wages, hours, and working conditions of the employees covered by this Agreement.

#### **29.2 Severability**

If any provision of this Agreement is contrary to law, then that provision shall be deemed invalid; all other provisions shall continue in effect.

#### **29.3 Waiver of Negotiations**

The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals on any subject within the scope of negotiations, and that the Union and the Employer expressly waive the right to submit any additional item for negotiation during the term of this Agreement, irrespective of whether the item was or was not discussed during the course of negotiations leading to the execution of this Agreement.


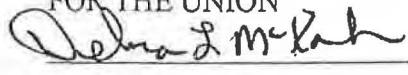



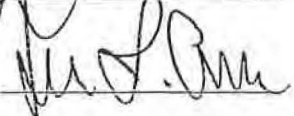


**ARTICLE 30**  
**DURATION**

30.1 This Agreement shall become effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027.

30.2 Negotiations for a successor contract will open by mutual agreement after February 1, of the year in which this agreement expires, but no later than 60 days prior to the expiration of the contract.

Signed by authorized representatives of the parties on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

FOR THE BOARD	DATE	FOR THE UNION	DATE
	<u>5/8/24</u>		<u>5-9-2024</u>
<u>as us</u>	<u>5/8/24</u>		<u>5-9-24</u>
	<u>5/8/24</u>		<u>5-9-24</u>
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**APPENDIX A - CALDWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CALDWELL EXEMPTED VILLAGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CALDWELL, OHIO**

Classified Salary Schedule  
Hourly Rate  
Effective: 2024-2025

4% Increase

	0	1	2	4	5	7	12
Bus Driver	\$18.10	\$18.38	\$18.68	\$19.06	\$19.44	\$19.83	\$20.22
Head Cook	\$16.18	\$16.45	\$16.76	\$17.10	\$17.44	\$17.79	\$18.15
Cook	\$15.89	\$16.13	\$16.46	\$16.79	\$17.12	\$17.47	\$17.82
Head Custodian	\$16.82	\$17.10	\$17.40	\$17.74	\$18.10	\$18.46	\$18.83
Custodian	\$16.68	\$16.92	\$17.24	\$17.59	\$17.94	\$18.30	\$18.67
2nd Shift Custodian	\$16.86	\$17.14	\$17.44	\$17.79	\$18.15	\$18.51	\$18.88
Maintenance	\$17.88	\$18.23	\$18.46	\$18.83	\$19.21	\$19.59	\$19.98
Cashier	\$15.96	\$16.21	\$16.53	\$16.86	\$17.20	\$17.54	\$17.89
Paraprofessional	\$16.54	\$16.79	\$17.11	\$17.45	\$17.80	\$18.16	\$18.52
Secretary	\$17.12	\$17.36	\$17.69	\$18.04	\$18.40	\$18.77	\$19.15
Mechanic	\$18.14	\$18.43	\$18.73	\$19.10	\$19.49	\$19.88	\$20.27

**APPENDIX A-CALDWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CALDWELL EXEMPTED VILLAGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CALDWELL, OHIO**

Classified Salary Schedule  
Hourly Rate  
Effective: 2025-2026

4% Increase

	0	1	2	4	5	7	12
Bus Driver	\$18.82	\$19.11	\$19.43	\$19.82	\$20.21	\$20.62	\$21.03
Head Cook	\$16.83	\$17.11	\$17.43	\$17.78	\$18.14	\$18.50	\$18.87
Cook	\$16.52	\$16.78	\$17.12	\$17.46	\$17.81	\$18.17	\$18.53
Head Custodian	\$17.50	\$17.79	\$18.09	\$18.45	\$18.82	\$19.20	\$19.58
Custodian	\$17.35	\$17.59	\$17.93	\$18.29	\$18.66	\$19.03	\$19.41
2nd Shift Custodian	\$17.53	\$17.82	\$18.14	\$18.50	\$18.87	\$19.25	\$19.64
Maintenance	\$18.59	\$18.96	\$19.20	\$19.58	\$19.97	\$20.37	\$20.78
Cashier	\$16.60	\$16.86	\$17.19	\$17.54	\$17.89	\$18.24	\$18.61
Paraprofessional	\$17.20	\$17.46	\$17.79	\$18.15	\$18.51	\$18.88	\$19.26
Secretary	\$17.80	\$18.06	\$18.40	\$18.76	\$19.14	\$19.52	\$19.91
Mechanic	\$18.87	\$19.16	\$19.48	\$19.87	\$20.27	\$20.67	\$21.08

**APPENDIX A-CALDWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CALDWELL EXEMPTED VILLAGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CALDWELL, OHIO**

Classified Salary Schedule  
Hourly Rate  
Effective: 2026-2027

4% Increase

	0	1	2	4	5	7	12
Bus Driver	\$19.57	\$19.88	\$20.21	\$20.61	\$21.02	\$21.44	\$21.87
Head Cook	\$17.50	\$17.79	\$18.13	\$18.49	\$18.86	\$19.24	\$19.63
Cook	\$17.18	\$17.45	\$17.80	\$18.16	\$18.52	\$18.89	\$19.27
Head Custodian	\$18.20	\$18.50	\$18.82	\$19.19	\$19.58	\$19.97	\$20.37
Custodian	\$18.04	\$18.30	\$18.65	\$19.02	\$19.40	\$19.79	\$20.19
2nd Shift Custodian	\$18.23	\$18.54	\$18.87	\$19.24	\$19.63	\$20.02	\$20.42
Maintenance	\$19.33	\$19.71	\$19.97	\$20.37	\$20.77	\$21.19	\$21.61
Cashier	\$17.26	\$17.54	\$17.88	\$18.24	\$18.60	\$18.97	\$19.35
Paraprofessional	\$17.89	\$18.16	\$18.51	\$18.88	\$19.25	\$19.64	\$20.03
Secretary	\$18.51	\$18.78	\$19.13	\$19.51	\$19.90	\$20.30	\$20.71
Mechanic	\$19.63	\$19.93	\$20.26	\$20.66	\$21.08	\$21.50	\$21.93

**Appendix B**  
**OAPSE Grievance Form -Caldwell Exempted Village School District**

Grievant: \_\_\_\_\_ Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time of incident, which is subject of this grievance: \_\_\_\_\_

**Level 1 – Informal**

Date and time discussed with supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Article(s) and/or section(s) alleged to be violated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Level 2 – May attach additional sheets**

Statement of grievance: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Remedy requested: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Grievant or Local Union Officer

Supervisor's Response (Level 2) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Disposition of Grievant or Union**

\_\_\_\_\_ Refer to Level 3 – Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Grievant or Local Union Officer

Response of Superintendent (Level 3) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Grievant or Local Union Officer

\_\_\_\_\_ Refer to Level 4 – Board of Education

\_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Grievant or Local Union Officer

Response of Board of Education (Level 4) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Board Representative

**Disposition of Grievant or Union**

\_\_\_\_\_ Refer to Level 5 – Arbitration

\_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Grievant

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Local Union President

