

CONTRACT

Between the

**ANAHEIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

and the

**ANAHEIM ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION**

CTA/NEA

for the period of

**July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028
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ARTICLE I

AGREEMENT

- 1.1 Agreement Clause - This agreement is made and entered into this 15th day of July 2025, between the Anaheim Elementary School District, hereinafter referred to as District," and the Anaheim Elementary Education Association, CTA/NEA, hereinafter referred to as "Association."
- 1.2 Duration – Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement shall be effective upon ratification by both parties and remain in full force and effect up to and including June 30, 2028, and thereafter shall continue in effect year by year unless one of the parties notifies the other in writing by March 30, 2026, prior to commencement of subsequent school year in each of the above yeas, of its request to modify, amend, or terminate this Agreement. For the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years, reopeners will be limited to Article X, Health and Welfare Benefits; Article XI, Wages; and up to no more than two (2) additional articles selected by each party.
- 1.3 Recognition – The District confirms its recognition of the Association as the exclusive representative for that unit of employees recognized by the District per its Agreement, Appendix B, incorporated herein.
- 1.4 Effect of Agreement
- 1.4.1 It is understood and agreed that the specific provisions contained in this agreement shall prevail over District practices and procedures and over state laws to the extent permitted by state law.
- 1.4.2 If any provisions of this Agreement are held contrary to law by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provisions will not be deemed valid and subsisting except to the extent permitted by law; but all other provisions will continue in full force and effect.
- 1.4.3 This Agreement shall constitute the full and complete commitment between the parties and shall supersede all previous agreements both written and oral. This Agreement may be altered, changed, added to, deleted from, or modified only through the voluntary, mutual consent of both parties in a written, signed statement to this agreement.
- 1.5 District Rights – It is understood and agreed that the District retains all of its powers and authority to direct, manage, and control to the full extent of the law. Included in but not limited to those duties and powers are the exclusive right to: determine its organization; direct the work of its employees; determine the kinds and levels of services to be provided; establish its educational policies, goals, and objectives; determine staffing patterns; determine the number and kinds of personnel required; build, move, or modify facilities; establish budget procedures and determine budgetary allocations. In addition, the District retains the right to hire, classify, assign, evaluate, and promote employees.

1.5.1 The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities by the District; the adoption of policies, rules, regulations, and practices in furtherance thereof; and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith, shall be limited only by the express terms of this Agreement, and then only to the extent such terms are in conformance with law.

1.5.2 The District retains its right to amend, modify, or rescind policies and practices referred to in this Agreement in cases of emergency, but only for the actual duration of the emergency. The determination of whether or not an emergency exists is solely within the discretion of the Board. For purposes of this Section, emergency is defined as an act of God or natural disaster, fire, epidemic, or power failure or other similar occurrences.

1.6 Association Rights

1.6.1 Publication of Agreement – The Association and the District agree to share equally in the cost of printing this Agreement, and to share equally in any state reimbursement for such costs which are subsequently received by the District. Both parties agree to expedite both the ratification and publication of this Agreement. The Agreement shall be published within sixty (60) days following Agreement ratification by the District Governing Board or the Association, whichever is later. The publication deadline may be extended by mutual agreement of the Association and the District.

1.6.2 School Staff Lists – The school staff list shall comply with Unit Member privacy rights required by law.

1.6.2.1 New Hires -By the first working day of each month (August through June), the District shall provide the Association with the names, job titles, school/work locations, telephone numbers (home and/or personal cellular), personal email (if provided to the employer) and home/ mailing addresses of all newly hired bargaining Unit Members.

1.6.2.2 All Unit Members - By the 1st day of September, January and May of each school year, the District shall provide the Association with a list of names, job titles, school/work locations, telephone numbers (home and/or personal cellular), personal email (if provided to the employer) and home/ mailing addresses of all bargaining Unit Members. Such timelines may be extended by mutual agreement.

1.6.3 School Board Packets – The District will provide the Association with an electronic copy of the School Board Meeting packets at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of a regularly scheduled Board Meeting, and twenty-four (24) hours in advance of a Special Board Meeting.

1.6.4 Nonconfidential Information – Upon request of the Association, the Board shall provide copies of prepared, nonconfidential information and reports.

- 1.6.5 Distribution and Posting of Materials – The Association shall have the right to post notices of matters of Association concern on designated bulletin boards in each school building in areas frequented by Unit Members. The Association shall have the right to use the District mail service and individual Unit Member mailboxes so far as such use complies with the law. The Association shall provide a copy of materials distributed to Unit Members to the Site Administrators, Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent.
- 1.6.6 Association Site Meetings – Association site meetings may be held outside the Unit Member’s instructional day or during a Unit Member’s duty-free lunch or break period. These meetings shall be coordinated through the site administrator's office.
- 1.6.7 New Teacher/Unit Member Orientation - The Association will have access to new teacher/Unit Member onboarding and orientation activities conducted by the District. The District will provide not less than ten (10) days advance notice of the date(s) of any new teacher/Unit Member onboarding or orientation activities. A shorter notice may be provided in a specific instance where there is an urgent need critical to the District's operation that was not reasonably foreseeable. (Government Code section 3556)
- 1.7 Nondiscrimination – In the implementation of this Agreement, the District and the Association acknowledge that it is unlawful to discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, political affiliation, residency, marital status, or physical disability. The District shall not discriminate against any Unit Member based on membership or lack of membership or participation in the activities of the Association.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP DUES DEDUCTIONS

- 2.1 Employee Rights – The District and Association recognize the right of employees to form, join, and participate in lawful activities of employee organizations, and the equal alternative right of employees to refuse to form, join, or participate in employee organization activities.
- 2.2 Membership Dues Deduction
- 2.2.1 Any Unit Member who is a member of the Anaheim Elementary Education Association, CTA/NEA, or who has applied for membership, may sign and deliver to the District an assignment authorizing deduction of unified membership dues, initiation fees and general assessments in the Association. Pursuant to such authorization, the District shall deduct one-tenth (1/10) of such dues from the regular salary check of the Unit Member each month for ten (10) months. Deductions for Unit Members who sign such authorization after the commencement of the school year shall be appropriately prorated to complete payments by the end of the school year.
- 2.2.2 With respect to all sums deducted by the District pursuant to sections 2.2.1 the District agrees promptly to remit such monies to the Association accompanied by an alphabetical list of Unit Members for whom such deductions have been made, and indicating any changes in personnel from the list previously furnished.
- 2.2.3 The Association agrees to furnish any information needed by the District to fulfill the provisions of section 2.2 of this Article, including providing the District a list of Unit Members who have elected to discontinue membership dues or fees, in a timely manner.
- 2.3 Hold Harmless
- 2.3.1 In accordance with Education Code section 45060, the Association agrees to indemnify the District, the Board, and their agents, representatives or employees, and hold them harmless against any and all claims, demands or suits arising out of this Article. The District, the Board, their agents, representatives or employees shall have the right to select counsel of their own choosing and the Association shall pay their reasonable legal costs of defense, including attorneys' fees, incurred in defending any such claims before the state and/or federal courts or the Public Employment Relations Board. The Association shall pay any monetary award or judgment in any such action or proceeding.
- 2.3.2 The Association shall have the exclusive right to decide and determine whether any such action or proceeding referred to in paragraph 2.3.1 shall be or shall not be compromised, resisted, defended, tried or appealed.

ARTICLE III

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

3.1 Definitions

- 3.1.1 A "grievance" is limited to an allegation by a Unit Member(s) or the Association of a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of the specific provisions of this Agreement.
- 3.1.2 The "immediate supervisor" is the lowest level administrator having immediate jurisdiction over the grievant who has been designated by the District to adjust grievances.
- 3.1.3 A "grievant" is the Unit Member(s) or the Association who files a grievance.
- 3.1.4 A "day" is a day in which the District Office is open for business.
- 3.1.5 Grievance Representative – A grievance representative is any person designated by the Association to process grievances and to represent teachers in grievance meetings.

3.2 General Provisions

- 3.2.1 Time Limits – If a grievance is not processed by the Unit Member in accordance with the time limits set forth in this Article, it shall not be subject to arbitration and shall be considered settled on the basis of the decision last made by the District. If the District fails to respond to the grievance within the time limits at any step, the grievant may proceed to the next grievance level. The time limits set forth herein may be extended by mutual agreement. Time limits for appeal shall begin to run the day following the receipt of the written decision by the grievant.
- 3.2.2 Grievance Adjustments – Adjustments to grievances shall not be inconsistent with the terms of the Agreement.

The District shall not agree to a resolution of the grievance until the exclusive representative has received a copy of the grievance and the proposed resolution, and has been given an opportunity to file a response at all levels.

- 3.2.3 Grievance Format – Grievances which proceed beyond the informal step shall be in writing on a form to be mutually developed, and shall be a clear, concise statement of the grievance including the specific provisions of the Agreement alleged to have been violated, the circumstances involved, and the specific remedy sought.
- 3.2.4 Representative – A grievant may present grievances to the District without intervention of the exclusive representative, or the grievant may elect to have an

Association representative present at any level. The Association will pursue an individual's grievance only at the individual's request.

- 3.2.5 Grievance Files - Grievances shall be kept in a separate file in the Human Resources Office.
- 3.2.6 Grievance Meetings – Grievance meetings shall be conducted at each step of the grievance procedure.
- 3.2.7 Grievance Dispositions – The disposition of the grievance shall contain written rationale for the disposition. Unless the parties involved in the various steps have reached a compromise as to the wording of the remedy, the disposition shall be rendered by one of the following statements:
 - 3.2.7.1 Grievance sustained (remedy granted)
 - 3.2.7.2 Grievance denied (remedy denied)
 - 3.2.7.3 Grievance sustained in part (partial remedy set forth)
- 3.2.8 No Reprisals – It is agreed that any grievant or party of interest or any participant in a grievance procedure shall be free of any reprisals
- 3.2.9 Released Time – One (1) hour of released time may be granted at each level of the grievance procedure. Transportation time will be provided as needed.
- 3.2.10 Informal Conference – Before filing a formal, written grievance, the grievant shall attempt to resolve it by an informal conference with the grievant's immediate supervisor.

3.3 Grievance Levels (formal)

- 3.3.1 Level I – Within twenty (20) days after the occurrence or knowledge of the act or omission giving rise to the grievance, the grievant must present such grievance in writing on the appropriate form to the immediate supervisor. This statement shall be a clear, concise statement of the grievance, the circumstances involved, the decision rendered at the informal conference, and the specific remedy sought.

The immediate supervisor shall communicate a decision to the employee in writing within ten (10) days after receiving the grievance.

- 3.3.2 Level II – In the event the grievant is not satisfied with the decision at Level I, he/she may appeal the decision on the appropriate form to the Superintendent or his/her designee within ten (10) days.

This statement should include a copy of the original grievance, the decision rendered, and a clear, concise statement of the reasons for the appeal.

The administrators at this level shall communicate their decision in writing within ten (10) days after receiving the appeal. The Association may, in behalf of the affected teachers, initiate a grievance which affects more than one teacher in a single building, or teachers in more than one building at Level II. Release time shall be provided for the grievant and one (1) representative for any conferences called at Level II.

3.3.3 Level III

3.3.3.1 Mediation (Optional with mutual agreement by the parties) – In the event the grievant is not satisfied with the decision at Level II, the Association may submit a written request to the Superintendent or designee within ten (10) days after receipt of the decision from the Superintendent that the decision be submitted to mediation.

Upon written prior approval of the Superintendent or designee and within ten (10) days of the Association's written request, the parties shall agree upon a mediator, or if the parties are unable to agree, shall request the California State Mediation and Conciliation Service (CSMCS) to assign a mediator. The parties shall request the assigned mediator to schedule a mediation conference at the earliest possible mutually convenient time and location. However, in no case shall the mediation begin later than twenty (20) days after the mediator is assigned (If the assigned mediator is unable to calendar a conference within this time frame, the parties shall request CSMCS to assign another mediator whose schedule accommodates this timeframe.).

If, after due diligence, the mediator concludes resolution is not possible, the mediator shall notify both parties in writing. However, if no resolution is reached within thirty (30) days of the first scheduled mediation conference, either party may terminate the mediation.

The cost of the mediator, if any, shall be shared equally by the District and the Association.

3.3.3.2 Nonmediated Grievance – The Association may choose to exercise the option of bypassing mediation and within ten (10) days of the Superintendent's decision submit a request in writing to the President of the Board of Education for adjudication of the dispute. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the request, the Board of Education shall conduct a hearing on the grievance, render a decision, and communicate the decision to the parties of interest. If the Association chooses to bypass mediation and requests the Board of Education render a decision, the Board of Education's decision shall be final and binding.

3.3.4 Level IV

Arbitrated Grievance – If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision at Level III, the Association may submit the grievance to arbitration-within ten (10) days of the Superintendent's decision; and the District shall comply with the request except in cases of disputed arbitrability which shall be provided for hereinafter. The Association and the District shall attempt to agree upon an arbitrator; and if no agreement can be reached in seven (7) days, the parties shall request the American Arbitration Association to administer the arbitration in accordance with its rules.

The fees and expenses of the arbitrator and the hearing shall be borne equally by the District and the Association. All other expenses, including fees for witnesses and conferees, or the costs of substitutes for witnesses and conferees, shall be borne by the party incurring them, except as provided elsewhere in this Article. The grievant and one representative shall be provided release time for any hearings at Level IV.

The arbitrator shall, as soon as possible, hear evidence and render a decision on the issue or issues that were submitted to arbitration.

However, if the District claims the grievance is not arbitrable and should be dismissed for reasons which do not go to the merits (e.g. mootness, untimeliness, subject matter beyond the scope of the grievance procedure) the District may cause its claim to be heard and ruled upon by an arbitrator prior to the arbitrator hearing the merits. If the District plans to invoke this claim, it shall so advise AEEA prior to the selection of the arbitrator to hear the merits of the alleged grievance. An arbitrator shall then be selected to hear this arbitrability claim.

The arbitrator to hear the arbitrability claim shall be selected pursuant to this section. If this arbitrator determines the grievance is arbitrable, he/she shall be selected to hear the merits unless there is mutual agreement of the parties. If the arbitrator determines the grievance is not arbitrable, such decision shall terminate Level IV.

- 3.3.5 The arbitrator shall have no power to alter, add to, or subtract from the terms of the Agreement. The District and the Association shall not be permitted to assert to such arbitration proceeding any ground or rely on any evidence not previously disclosed. Both parties agree that the award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding.

ARTICLE IV

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

4.1 Sick leave – Personal Illness and Injury

4.1.1 Annual Sick Leave – Full-time Unit Members shall be entitled to ten (10) days leave with full pay for each school year for purposes of personal illness or injury. A Unit Member covered by this Agreement working less than full time shall be entitled to sick leave in the same ratio that their employment bear to full-time employment.

4.1.2 Accumulated Sick Leave – If a Unit Member does not utilize the full amount of leave authorized, ten (10) days in any school year, the amount not utilized shall be accumulated from year to year.

4.1.3 Half-day Absence – A Unit Member who is absent for one-half day or less shall have deducted one-half day from the accumulated leave; and if the absence exceeds more than one-half day, a full day shall be deducted. A half-day shall be defined as the time when a Unit Member has worked 50% of their required workday.

4.1.4 Verification of Sick Leave

4.1.4.1 Doctor's Statement– Unit Members becoming aware of the need for absence due to surgery, maternity, or other predictable or previously scheduled cause shall submit a statement from their attending physician as far in advance of the initial disability date as possible. The physician's statement shall include the beginning date of disability, the cause of the disability, and the anticipated date of the return to active service.

4.1.4.2 A doctor's note is required for each absence due to personal illness of more than five (5) days' duration.

4.1.4.3 When the Unit Member has exhausted all current and accumulated sick leave or the District has cause to believe that sick leave is being abused, the District may require verification.

4.1.5 Use of Sick Leave – Sick leave may be used for personal illness or injury and for disabilities contributed to by pregnancy and/or childbirth.

4.1.5.1 Leave for Pregnancy Disability – Unit Members are entitled to use sick leave for disabilities caused or contributed to by pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth and recovery therefrom, on the same terms and conditions governing leaves of absence from other illness or medical disability.

Such leave shall not be used for childcare, childrearing, or preparation for childbearing, but shall be limited to those disabilities as set forth above.

The length of such disability leave, including the date on which the leave shall commence and the date on which the duties are to be resumed, shall be determined by the Unit Member and the Unit Member's physician; however, the District management may require a verification of the extent of disability through a physical examination of the employee by a physician appointed by the District.

- 4.1.6 Statutory Leave - Extended Illness Leave – Any unused sick leave credit may be used by the Unit Member for sick leave purposes without loss of compensation. Upon exhaustion of all accumulated sick leave credit, a Unit Member who continues to be absent, with a doctor's note, for purposes of this policy shall receive sixty percent (60%) differential pay for a period not to exceed 100 working days, per illness or accident.
- 4.1.7 Notification of Absences – In the event it becomes necessary for a Unit Member to be absent from their duties, the Unit Member shall notify the District through the Absence Management System as soon as possible. In the event a Unit Member is unable to utilize the Absence Management System, contact shall be made with the Human Resources Department and/or School Site Administrator as soon as possible.

If a Unit Member fails to give due notice of their intention to return after an absence through the Absence Management System, and the substitute appears for the day's work as a result of failure to receive such notice, the Unit Member's salary shall be charged the amount paid the substitute for the day.

- 4.2 Industrial Accident and Illness Leave – Industrial accident and illness leave shall be granted for illness or injury incurred within the course and scope of the Unit Member's assigned duties.

- 4.2.1 Procedure – A Unit Member who has sustained a job-related injury shall report the injury on a District-approved accident report form within twenty-four (24) hours to the immediate supervisor. The Unit Member shall report any illness on a District-approved form to the immediate supervisor within twenty-four (24) hours of knowledge that the illness is an alleged industrial illness. In order to qualify for industrial accident or illness leave coverage, a Unit Member claiming such leave shall be examined and treated if necessary by a physician approved by the District's industrial accident insurance carrier.

- 4.2.2 Requirements

- 4.2.2.1 Allowable leave shall be for not less than sixty (60) days during which the schools of the District are required to be in session or when the employee would otherwise have been performing work for the District in any one fiscal year for the same illness or accident.

- 4.2.2.2 Allowable leave shall not be accumulated from year to year.

- 4.2.2.3 Industrial accident or illness leave shall commence on the first day of absence.
 - 4.2.2.4 Industrial accident or illness leave shall be reduced by one day for each day of authorized absence regardless of a temporary disability indemnity award.
 - 4.2.2.5 When an industrial accident or illness leave overlaps into the next fiscal year, the Unit Member shall be entitled to only the amount of unused leave due for the same injury or illness.
 - 4.2.2.6 Any Unit Member receiving benefits as a result of this Section shall, during the periods of injury or illness, remain within the state of California unless the Governing Board authorizes travel outside the state.
 - 4.2.2.7 During any industrial paid leave of absence, the Unit Member may endorse to the District the temporary disability and indemnity checks received on account of the industrial accident or illness. The District, in turn, shall issue the Unit Member appropriate salary warrants for payment of the Unit Member's salary and shall deduct normal retirement, other authorized contributions, and the temporary disability indemnity, if any, actually paid to and retained by the Unit Member for periods covered by such salary warrants. Upon conclusion of this industrial paid leave, a Unit Member may utilize any available sick leave benefits providing that any sick leave utilization when combined with any temporary disability indemnity shall not exceed 100 percent of the Unit Member's normal compensation.
- 4.2.3 Return to Service – A Unit Member shall be permitted to return to service after an industrial accident or illness only upon the presentation of a release from the authorized Worker's Compensation physician certifying the Unit Member's ability to return to their position classification without restrictions or detriment to the Unit Member's physical and emotional well-being.
- 4.3 Personal Necessity Leave – Credited sick leave may be used at the Unit Member's election for purposes of personal necessity provided that use of such personal necessity leave does not exceed the number of sick leave days accumulated by the Unit Member.
- Personal necessity leave shall be limited to:
- 4.3.1 Death or serious illness of a member of the Unit Member's immediate family.
 - 4.3.2 Accident involving person or property or the person or property of the Unit Member's immediate family.
 - 4.3.3 Adoption, not to exceed thirty (30) unused, accumulated sick leave days per adoption. Personal necessity leave taken per section 4.3.3 will run concurrently with parental leave under section 4.16, Parental Leave.

A Unit Member shall notify the District in advance of taking such leave through the Absence Management System. Unit Members shall notify the immediate supervisor of the duration of the absence on a District-approved form when the expected leave is for more than three (3) consecutive work days. In no event shall a Unit Member be required to secure permission before utilizing such leave. However, the District reserves the right to request satisfactory verification.

- 4.4 Personal Business Leave – Credited sick leave may be used for purposes of personal business provided that the use of such personal business leave does not exceed ten (10) days in any school year. Up to four (4) additional days may be used in full day increments for paternity leave. Personal business leave taken for paternity leave per section 4.4 will run concurrently with parental leave under section 4.16, Parental Leave.

Personal business shall be defined as any purpose which cannot be handled outside normal working hours, but shall not include seeking another job, working another job, extension of a non-work day(s) or holiday period, for recreational activities, or for reasons of personal convenience.

Unit Members shall notify their immediate supervisor on a District-approved form and enter absence into the Absence Management System at least three (3) days in advance of taking such leave, unless an emergency makes such advance notice impossible. The District reserves the right to request satisfactory verification.

- 4.5 Judicial Leave – Judicial and official appearance leave will be provided for purposes of regularly called jury duty, appearance as a witness (in court) other than as a litigant, or to respond to an official order from another governmental jurisdiction for reasons not brought about through the convenience or misconduct of the Unit Member.

Unit Members shall notify their immediate supervisor on a District-approved form and enter the absence into the Absence Management System at least three (3) days in advance of taking such leave, unless an emergency makes such advance notice impossible. The District reserves the right to request satisfactory verification.

- 4.5.1 Procedure – The Unit Member seeking an official, judicial appearance leave shall submit a request accompanied by the official order for an approved absence to the immediate supervisor.

- 4.5.2 Requirements – The Unit Member may be granted a leave of absence not to exceed the duration of the requirements of the official order for participation and appearance.

- 4.5.3 Compensation – A Unit Member granted a leave of absence under these provisions shall be granted full pay. Except for expenses reimbursed by other agencies, all fees collected by the Unit Member for such service shall be deposited with the District.

Upon the signing of this agreement, Unit Members who elect to defer jury duty to their off track time shall be compensated at the daily regular substitute rate in effect at the time of the Unit Member's service to the Court, not to exceed 10 days. In order to receive the substitute pay, the Unit Member must submit a copy of the original summons, the notification of postponement of service, and the dated proof of jury service. Any fee except travel allowance, paid to the employee for jury duty shall be remitted to the District.

- 4.6 Bereavement Leave – A Unit Member shall be entitled to three (3) days' leave of absence, or five (5) days if one-way travel of more than 250 miles is required, without loss of salary or deduction from other leave benefits found in this Article, on account of death of any member of their immediate family. In extreme circumstances, the Unit Member may apply for three (3) additional days above those indicated above.

For purposes of this provision, an immediate family member shall be limited to non-birthing parent, mother, husband, wife, child, brother, sister, grandfather, grandmother, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or like relationships of husband or wife, or any relative or close personal friend living in the immediate household of the Unit Member.

Unit Members shall notify their immediate supervisor on a District-approved form and enter the absence into the Absence Management System at least three (3) days in advance of taking such leave, unless an emergency makes such advance notice impossible. The District reserves the right to request satisfactory verification.

- 4.7 Sabbatical Leave – For the life of this Agreement, the District will maintain and implement sabbatical leaves as referred to in Appendix C.

4.8 Other Leaves Without Pay - Personal

4.8.1 A Unit Member may request a personal leave of absence for reasons not enumerated elsewhere in this Agreement.

4.8.1.1 Unit Members may take up to twelve (12) weeks of leave to care for an adopted or foster care child at the time of placement.

4.8.2 Upon recommendation of the Superintendent and approval by the Board of Education, leave without compensation, increment, seniority, or tenure credit, may be granted for a period of up to one (1) school year for the following purposes:

4.8.2.1 Peace Corps or like service.

4.8.2.2 Service in an elected public office.

4.8.2.3 Long-term illness of the Unit Member.

4.8.2.4 Advanced professional study or academic training.

4.8.2.5 Care for a member of the immediate family who is ill.

4.8.2.6 Rest and recuperation upon physician's recommendation.

4.8.2.7 Teaching in a foreign country.

4.8.2.8 Travel with itinerary approved in advance by the Board of Education.

4.8.2.9 Child care.

4.8.2.10 Personal leave requests for additional reasons will be considered on an individual basis when circumstances dictate such consideration.

4.8.3 Requirements – A member shall not accept gainful employment while on personal leave of absence without the prior, written approval of the Superintendent.

4.9 Family Care and Medical Leave

4.9.1 Any Unit Member who has served the District more than one (1) continuous year shall be eligible to take up to twelve (12) weeks of unpaid family care and medical leave in a twelve (12) month period rolling forward from the date of the leave request under the provisions of state and federal law.

4.9.2 All available leaves, such as sick leave, personal necessity leave, and extended illness leave, must be used as part of the twelve (12) weeks of Family Leave.

4.9.3 Unit Members' group health benefits as provided for in Article X, 10.2, shall be maintained during approved Family Leave. If the Unit Member fails to return to work at the expiration of Family Leave, the Unit Member shall reimburse the District for all health benefits paid during the Family Leave.

The District shall provide Unit Members with family care and medical leave in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act and the California Family Rights Act.

4.10 Military Leave – Unit Members ordered to military or naval duty shall be granted a temporary military leave of absence. No more than the pay for a period of thirty (30) calendar days shall be allowed for any one military leave of absence during any one fiscal year.

4.11 Administration of Leave Provisions

4.11.1 Return to Service – The Unit Member shall be reinstated to the position classification held prior to the leave of absence or to a position for which the employee is certified.

Unit Members requesting to return from a leave of absence prior to the agreed ending date or during the continuing school year will be assigned as soon as practicable to a position for which the Unit Member is qualified.

Personal leaves of absence granted to Unit Members for health reasons shall require the submission of a medical statement indicating the ability to assume assigned duties prior to return to active duty.

Unit Members on unpaid leaves of absence shall be permitted to participate in District fringe benefit programs provided that the Unit Members pays their premium to the District, and as long as such procedure is permitted by the insurance carriers.

- 4.12 Organizational Leave – The Association president shall be granted one hundred percent (100%) release time from their normal assignment. The Association and the District will each pay fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the replacement teacher and fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the Association president.

In the event the Association cannot fund fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the replacement teacher and fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the Association president, the Association president shall be granted (50%) release time from their normal assignment and the Association will pay the full cost of the replacement teacher.

- 4.13 Job Sharing Leave – The District may consider job share leave requests by Unit Members as the need rises. Unit Members who wish to apply for a job share leave for the following school year shall notify the district by March 1 of the prior school year. The rules and procedures for job sharing are contained in District job sharing agreement. Upon request, copies of this agreement shall be made available to Unit Members. Job Share leave requests may be granted for one full school year and may be renewed on a year-to-year basis.

- 4.14 Catastrophic Leave Program – Bargaining Unit Members may participate in the District Catastrophic Leave Program as outlined in Appendix E.

- 4.15 Parental Leave – A Unit Member may use their sick leave for the purpose of the birth of a child of the Unit Member, or the placement of a child with a Unit Member in connection with the adoption or foster care of the child by the Unit Member ("parental leave") for a period up to 12-workweeks.

4.15.1 When the Unit Member has exhausted all available sick leave, and continues to be absent from their duties on account of parental leave pursuant to the California Family Rights Act ("CFRA," Government Code 12945.2), the Unit Member shall receive sixty percent (60%) differential pay, as per Article 4.1.6 for the remaining portion of the 12-workweeks of parental leave.

4.15.2 A Unit Member is not required to have 1,250 hours of service with the District during the previous 12-month period in order to take parental leave pursuant to this section.

4.15.3 Parental leave under this section shall run concurrently with CFRA leave and a Unit Member will receive one 12-workweek period for parental leave during any 12-month period. The aggregate amount of parental leave taken pursuant to this section and Section 12945.2 of the Government Code shall not exceed 12-workweeks in a 12-month period.

4.15.4 The 12-workweeks of paid parental leave period shall only be available to Unit Members who exhaust all sick leave before or during the 12-workweek period and shall be reduced by any such period of sick leave taken during the 12-workweek period of parental leave.

- 4.15.5 The 12-workweek period shall be reduced by any period of sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, taken during a period of parental leave.
- 4.15.6 A Unit Member shall not be provided more than one 12-workweek period for parental leave during any 12-month period.

ARTICLE V

TRANSFER AND REASSIGNMENT

5.1 Definitions

- 5.1.1 A transfer is defined as a change of school, but within the same position classification or from one position classification to another.
- 5.1.2 A reassignment is defined as a change in regular grade level or track assignment within the same school or site location.
- 5.1.3 Seniority shall mean the date upon which a bargaining unit member first rendered paid service in a certificated probationary position.
- 5.1.4 Classroom teacher is defined as a bargaining unit position that involves the responsibility of maintaining a class register for the purpose of student accounting.
- 5.1.5 A Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) is defined as a position in the bargaining unit that is not a Special Education position and does not involve the responsibility of maintaining a class register for the purpose of student accounting.
- 5.1.6 A Special Education position is a position that requires a Special Education credential under California law.

5.2 Transfers

Criteria: The administrator will consider each of the following criteria (in no particular order) when making decisions regarding Transfers and Reassignments:

- The needs and efficient operation of the District.
- The qualifications including recent training.
- The preference of the teacher.
- The quality of service as determined by written evaluations.
- Certification.
- Seniority.

5.2.1 Vacancies and Assignments

- 5.2.1.1 Initial Transfer Period. All vacancies for the following school year received before April 15 shall be made known to all schools. To the extent possible, Unit Members shall be sent notification regarding the status of their request by May 15. If a transfer is to be made, the Unit Member and the immediate supervisor concerned shall be notified in writing of the new assignment.
- 5.2.1.2 Final Transfer Period. Final transfer period shall begin the day after the initial transfer period ends and shall conclude each year no later than ten (10) days prior to the last Single Track instructional day at 4:00 p.m. The

last posting of known vacancies shall occur eight (8) work days prior to the close of the final transfer period.

5.2.1.2.1 The District shall post the vacancy on the District web page for five (5) work days; Unit Members must apply within the five (5) work day period.

5.2.1.2.2 Probationary and permanent Unit Members who have not yet started their work year and who apply shall be granted an interview. In cases where more than twelve Unit Members have applied for a transfer to the position, the District shall consider twelve candidates to interview. The site administrators shall determine which twelve candidates to interview based on criteria set forth in 5.2.

5.2.2 Administrative Transfer

Transfers by the Superintendent or her/his designee may be made due to irreconcilable personality differences.

5.2.2.1 Administrative Transfers for the following school year shall be done prior to the transfer and completed in the following order:

1. Formal written notification of specific problems.
2. A minimum period of three (3) months to allow for improvement.
3. Advance notice by March 1.
4. If there are extenuating circumstances, and after consulting with the Association, notice may be later than March 1 and/or the three-month period for improvement may be waived.

Each notification of intent to transfer should contain the specific reason for which the transfer is made.

5.2.2.2 Prior to approval, the transferee or the site administrator may request a time convenient to both parties for an interview with the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. Subject to the approval by the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, a letter of notification concerning such transfer shall be sent to the transferee.

5.2.2.3 Unit Members may request an Administrative Transfer based on irreconcilable differences.

5.2.2.4 Administrative Transfers may occur at any time during the year, after consulting with the Association.

5.2.2.5 Unit Members who have been transferred under the above provisions shall be exempt from an Administrative Transfer for a period of two (2) years.

In cases where a transfer is initiated after January 1, the two year exemption shall be in addition to the remainder of the transfer year.

5.2.3 Involuntary Transfer – The Involuntary Transfer shall be made when a change in enrollment necessitates transfer of Unit Members and/or conditions exist as enumerated under Administrative Transfer below.

5.2.3.1 Change in Enrollment or Funding – When the number of classroom teachers assigned to a school exceeds the classroom teacher allotment or district/site Music Teachers or Teacher on Special Assignment positions change, an Involuntary Transfer shall be initiated according to the following procedures:

5.2.3.1.1 Prior to March 1, the site administrator shall notify classroom teachers of the number of known surplus classroom teachers within his/her school and any changes to Music Teacher or Teacher on Special Assignment positions.

5.2.3.1.2 An opportunity will be given to all Unit Members to discuss the needs of the site and to volunteer to transfer. A Unit Member volunteering to be an Involuntary Transfer must notify the administrator of this by March 12. Involuntary Transfers shall not be made if a volunteer is available. If the number of volunteers is less than the number of surplus classroom teachers, the site administrator will initiate an Involuntary Transfer based on the criteria set forth in 5.2 as applied to all Unit Members assigned to a classroom.

5.2.3.1.3 Any Unit Member selected under this procedure will be notified in a personal conference with the site administrator prior to posting of tentative assignments for the next school year. The site administrator shall provide the Unit Member with a letter indicating the reasons for the transfer.

Any Unit Member covered by this Agreement shall file a "Request for Transfer" form with the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, by April 15. Copies of the form will be available on the District Web page.

5.2.3.1.4 All Unit Members in a classroom as teacher of record or Music Teachers shall be given priority consideration to vacant positions above all other requests as outlined in the sections dealing with voluntary transfers. Priority consideration for Teacher on Special Assignment is outlined in 5.4.1.

- 5.2.3.1.5 Upon Unit Member request, made at the time of notification of Involuntary Transfer, return to the school from which the Unit Member was moved shall be granted if a vacancy occurs at that school prior to the beginning of school.
- 5.2.3.1.6 If an Involuntary Transfer is necessitated due to change of enrollment after the beginning of the school year, the transferred Unit Member shall be informed as to grade level and schools available for immediate transfer.
- 5.2.3.1.7 Unit Members in a classroom as teacher of record, who have been transferred involuntarily under the above provisions shall be exempt from a transfer due to change in enrollment for a period of two (2) years. In cases where a transfer is initiated after January 1, the two-year exemption shall be in addition to the remainder of the transfer year.
- 5.2.4 Voluntary Transfer – Any Unit Member covered by this Agreement who desires a transfer shall file a request on a District-provided "Request for Transfer" form with the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, by April 15 of each school year. Copies of the form will be available on the District Web page.
- 5.2.4.1 The assignment of Unit Members shall be determined by the District in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. When more than one Unit Member has applied for the same position, the Unit Member determined by the District to be the best qualified in terms of the criteria set forth in 5.2 shall be appointed.
- 5.2.4.2 The District shall give priority consideration to Unit Members currently serving in the school district prior to the time that new personnel are being assigned.
- 5.2.4.2.1 Transfers and assignments shall be made in the following order:
 Priority No. 1 - Involuntary Transfer requests.
 Priority No. 2 - Voluntary Transfer requests.
 Priority No. 3 - Return from leave of absence.
- Full Time voluntary Teachers on Special Assignment
 - Part Time voluntary and involuntary Teachers on Special Assignment
 - Voluntary and involuntary job shares
 - Personal leave of absence
- 5.2.4.2.2 In all cases where two or more Unit Members with the same priority are seeking the same vacant position, the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources shall make the final decision for assignment.

5.2.4.2.3 Permanent and probationary Unit Members shall have priority rights over temporary Unit Members.

5.3 Reassignment

5.3.1 Involuntary Reassignment – Employer-initiated reassignment is defined as an "involuntary reassignment."

An involuntary reassignment may be made when change in enrollment necessitates reassignment of Unit Members. The site administrator shall meet with affected grade level members to first seek a volunteer. In cases with no volunteers the reassignment shall be based on the criteria set forth in 5.2. The site administrator will provide an opportunity for the Unit Member to discuss the pending reassignment in a personal conference.

Unit Members who prefer not to be reassigned to another grade level may request a transfer to another building by March 15 and shall be treated as an Involuntary Transfer. Unit Members who have been transferred under the above provision shall be exempt from an Involuntary Transfer for a period of two (2) years.

5.3.2 Voluntary Reassignment Requests – Unit Members may request and may be reassigned to a known vacancy when a Unit Member vacancy occurs for the next school year within his/her own building. If an employee initiated reassignment is made, it shall be based on the criteria set forth in 5.2.

5.4 Teachers on Special Assignment – Unit Members interested in vacant TOSA positions must submit an in-district application located on the District Web page / Edjoin. Such positions shall be posted for a minimum of five (5) work days.

5.4.1 Full-time Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSA) shall be given priority consideration for transfer/reassignment as follows:

5.4.1.1 When such a position is eliminated, the bargaining Unit Member displaced shall be given the opportunity for reassignment to a vacancy at that site after all classroom Unit Members at the site are assigned.

5.4.1.2 Bargaining Unit Members in the above positions who are displaced and who prefer not to be assigned to another position at that site or for whom there is no position at the site shall be treated as an employer-initiated (involuntary) transfer.

5.4.1.3 Full Time Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSA) whose position is not eliminated but choose to change positions shall become a Priority 3 transfer as set forth in 5.4.2.

5.4.2 Part-Time Teachers on Special Assignment

When a current certificated part-time TOSA position is increased during the school year, the additional hours shall be first offered to the Unit Member currently assigned to the position.

- 5.5 Mutual Exchange of Positions – Two Unit Members may initiate an exchange of site assignments for one (1) school year, providing there is agreement with the involved site administrators and exchange Unit Members. For Special Education exchanges, the Senior Director of Special Education Services/SELPA must also agree. If, at the conclusion of the school year all parties agree, the exchange of assignment shall become permanent.
- 5.6 Special Education Reassignment – Unit Members assigned to Special Education shall be assigned as necessary to programs and school sites to meet the needs of the District. Special Education Unit Members shall be consulted prior to any Involuntary Transfer and shall be notified as soon as it is known a transfer may be necessary. If a transfer is to be made, the Special Education Unit Member and the immediate supervisor concerned shall be notified in writing of the new assignment. The Senior Director of Special Education Services/SELPA shall provide an assignment preference survey regarding assignment/transfer preferences for the upcoming school year to all special education Unit Members along with the current known vacancies. All vacancies for the following school year received before April 15 shall be made known to all Special Education Unit Members. To the extent possible, Special Education Unit Members shall be sent notification regarding the status of their request by May 15. If a Special Education Unit Member indicates an interest in a vacancy, the eligible Unit Member shall be granted an interview. The Senior Director of Special Education Services/SELPA shall consult with site administrators regarding the assignment of staff to special education vacancies.
- 5.7 GATE Positions – GATE/GATE Cluster teachers shall be accorded the same transfer and reassignment rights as teachers in the general education classes as described in Article 5.2 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. GATE certification is required to be eligible for transfer to GATE positions during the Initial Transfer Period. Unit Members without GATE certification who transfer during the Final Transfer Period must agree to complete GATE certification during the initial twelve (12) months of GATE assignment.
- 5.8 Dual Language Immersion Positions – DLI teachers shall be accorded the same transfer and reassignment rights as teachers in the general education classes as described in Article 5.2 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. DLI teachers shall hold a Bilingual Authorization in the designated language, authorized by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.
- 5.9 Nurse Positions – Nurses shall be assigned as necessary to programs and school sites to meet the needs of the District. Nurses shall be consulted prior to any Involuntary Transfer and shall be notified as soon as it is known a transfer may be necessary. If a transfer is to be made, the nurse and the immediate supervisor concerned shall be notified in writing of the new assignment. The Director of Pupil Services shall provide an assignment preference survey regarding assignment/transfer preferences for the upcoming school year to all

nurses along with the current known vacancies. All vacancies for the following school year received before April 15 shall be made known to all nurses. To the extent possible, nurses shall be sent notification regarding the status of their request by May 15. If a nurse indicates an interest in a vacancy, the eligible Unit Member shall be granted an interview. The Director of Pupil Services shall consult with site administrators regarding the assignment of staff to nursing vacancies.

5.10 Counselor Positions – Counselors shall be assigned as necessary to programs and school sites to meet the needs of the District. Counselors shall be consulted prior to any Involuntary Transfer and shall be notified as soon as it is known a transfer may be necessary. If a transfer is to be made, the counselor and the immediate supervisor concerned shall be notified in writing of the new assignment. The Senior Director of Special Education Services/SELPA shall provide an assignment preference survey regarding assignment/transfer preferences for the upcoming school year to all counselors along with the current known vacancies. All vacancies for the following school year received before April 15 shall be made known to all counselors. To the extent possible, counselors shall be sent notification regarding the status of their request by May 15. If a counselor indicates an interest in a vacancy, the eligible Unit Member shall be granted an interview. The Senior Director of Special Education Services/SELPA shall consult with site administrators regarding the assignment of staff to counseling vacancies.

5.11 Music Teachers Positions – Unit Members not currently assigned to a music teacher position interested in vacant music teacher positions must submit an in-district application located on the District Web page. Eligible Unit Members who submit an application shall be granted an interview.

5.11.1 Music teachers currently holding a music teacher position shall be accorded the same transfer and reassignment rights as teachers in the general education classes as described in Article 5.2 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Music teachers shall be consulted prior to any Involuntary Transfer and shall be notified as soon as it is known a transfer may be necessary. Music teachers shall hold the appropriate state credential for the position sought.

5.12 Involuntary Move Preparation Time – Any Unit Member who is involuntarily transferred, involuntarily reassigned or involuntarily moved to a new classroom/office at the same site, may request and the request shall be granted up to the following:

- Classroom Teachers, RSP Teachers or Music Teachers – Up to ten (10) hours of compensation at the additional compensation rate of pay for on-site moving/preparation. Unit Members shall submit a timecard for the additional compensation hours to their direct supervisor within 30 work days of beginning the new assignment.
- Teachers on Special Assignment, Nurses, Counselors or SLPs – Up to two (2) hour(s) of compensation at the additional compensation rate of pay for on-site moving/preparation. Unit Members shall submit a timecard for the additional compensation hours to their direct supervisor within 30 work days of beginning the new assignment.

5.13 Track Assignments

5.13.1 Annual Assignments – By March 1st of each year, a staff meeting will be held to discuss all known vacancies for the next school year. By March 12th, Unit Members may make their requests for any changes known to the site administrator. By March 15th the site administrator will inform the Unit Members of the tentative assignments for the next school year.

5.13.2 Roving Assignments – Unit Members of an impacted grade level will meet to determine a mutually agreed upon procedure for the selection of that grade level's roving assignment. In the event the Unit Members cannot reach a decision, the site administrator shall determine the procedure.

5.14 Exchanged Day Assignment – Unit Members who are assigned to a year-round site may elect to participate in exchanged day assignment(s). A Unit Member who is "off" track may exchange the assignment of a Unit Member who is "on" track for a period of not less than three (3), nor more than seven (7) consecutive days.

In order to participate in an exchanged day assignment, the following criteria shall be met:

1. The parties to the exchanged day assignment shall be assigned to the same site.
2. No cost to the District shall result from such exchange.
3. Approval for such an assignment must be obtained from the site administrator at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the first day of the exchanged assignment.
4. The parties to the exchanged day assignment must sign a written agreement for "pay back" of any days so exchanged under this section.
5. All approved exchanged days shall be completed within the same school year.

Unit Members assigned to Special Education programs may participate in exchanged days with other Unit Members at any site, with verification of like credentials. Approval must be obtained from the Senior Director of Special Education Services/SELPA, in consultation with the site administrator(s).

ARTICLE VI

PROCEDURES FOR EVALUATION

Vision - The District and the Association agree that an effective evaluation system recognizes the complexities of teaching and student learning. The purpose of an evaluation is to improve instruction and provide educators with meaningful feedback. Evaluators and Unit Members must work together to build a collaborative and trusting environment to achieve that purpose. A formal evaluation is not an isolated event without connection to continuous professional growth and reflection.

6.1 Evaluation of Performance

6.1.1 Frequency - Evaluation of the performance of each certificated Unit Member shall be made on a continuing basis. Evaluation frequency shall be determined by the Unit Member's evaluation group (Section 6.1.2). The District may evaluate each Unit Member annually and shall evaluate at any time during the work year if the Unit Member's job performance is unsatisfactory or needs improvement.

6.1.2 Evaluation Groups

6.1.2.1 Group 1 - Temporary & Probationary Unit Members:

- Evaluated every work year
- Preliminary Conference
- Minimum of two (2) Observations each work year evaluated
- Minimum of two (2) Informal Feedback forms
- Mid-Year and Final Evaluations each work year evaluated

Late hires:

October 15th through December 15th

A Unit Member hired October 15th through December 15th is not required to receive a Mid-Year Evaluation but shall receive:

- Preliminary Conference
- Minimum of two (2) Observations
- Minimum of two (2) Informal Feedback forms
- Final Evaluation

December 16th through January 31st

A Unit Member hired December 16th through January 31st shall receive:

- Preliminary Conference
- One (1) Observation
- Minimum of two (2) Informal Feedback forms
- Final Evaluation

After January 31st

A Unit Member hired after January 31st, shall receive no less than one (1) Informal Feedback form. The Unit Member shall not be evaluated under the terms of this article. If there are extenuating circumstances, and after consultation between the Association and the District, a Unit Member's evaluation process shall be determined.

6.1.2.2 Group 2 – Permanent Unit Members:

Group 2a. Worked two (2) years or more in AESD:

- Evaluated every other work year
- Preliminary Conference
- Minimum of two (2) Observations each work year evaluated
- Minimum of two (2) Informal Feedback forms
- Final Evaluation each work year evaluated

Group 2b. Worked at least the last ten (10) consecutive years in AESD, are highly qualified as defined in 20 U.S.C. Section 7801, with last ten (10) years of evaluations rating an overall "Meets Standards". The Unit Member or current Evaluator may withdraw consent for this evaluation cycle at any time. The determination to extend or withdraw consent by either party shall be at their sole discretion.

- Evaluated every five (5) years (two (2) options)
 1. Certificated Evaluation
 - Preliminary Conference
 - Minimum of two (2) Observations each work year evaluated
 - Minimum of two (2) Informal Feedback forms
 - Final Evaluation each work year evaluated
 2. Project Based Evaluation
 - Preliminary Conference
 - Planning Conference
 - Check-In Conference
 - Minimum of two (2) Informal Feedback forms
 - Final Conference

To continue in Group 2b, a Final Evaluation overall performance rating of "Meets Standards" must be maintained or the Unit Member returns to Group 2a for an additional two (2) evaluation cycles. The two (2) evaluation cycles may occur in consecutive work years if mutually agreed upon by Unit Member and Evaluator.

Group 2c. Collaborative Growth Plan:

- Evaluated every work year while engaging in a Collaborative Growth Plan.

A permanent Unit Member who receives a score of 3 or higher on the Certificated Evaluation Rubric, as defined by Standards 1-5 of the California Standards for the Teaching Profession, shall work collaboratively with the Evaluator to develop a Growth Plan for the following school year.

- Need for a Collaborative Growth Plan Notification is due to Human Resources by May 31st
- Collaborative Growth Plan shall be developed during the Preliminary Conference (within the first 30 work days of the work year)
- Collaborative Growth Plan Worksheet shall be completed collaboratively (Evaluator and Unit Member) and submitted with the Final Evaluation
- Unit Member shall be evaluated and engage in a Collaborative Growth Plan annually until an overall rating of “Meets Standards” is achieved on the Final Evaluation

After receiving an overall rating of “Meets Standards” on a Final Evaluation, the Unit Member shall return to Group 2a or 2b, if eligible

6.1.3 Evaluator

The Evaluator shall be an immediate supervisor of the Unit Member or any other administrator who is designated by District management. However, the Unit Member shall have the right to request an alternate Evaluator. Such request shall be made in writing, on the request for an alternative Evaluator form, to the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources within five (5) days after the Preliminary Conference. The decision is final and the rationale shall be submitted in writing to the Unit Member no later than five (5) working days after receipt. If granted, the Unit Member shall meet with the new Evaluator within ten (10) days of this written notification.

6.1.4 Areas of Evaluation - Evaluation of a Unit Member shall be based upon the California Standards for the Teaching Profession:

1. Engaging and Supporting All Students in Learning
2. Creating and Maintaining Effective Environments for Student Learning
3. Understanding and Organizing Subject Matter for Student Learning
4. Planning Instruction and Designing Learning Experiences for All Students
5. Assessing Students for Learning
6. Developing as a Professional Educator
7. Professional Responsibilities

6.1.5 Preliminary Conference - Within their first thirty (30) work days, each Unit Member scheduled to be evaluated using the Certificated Evaluation Process shall meet individually with their Evaluator in a personal conference. In the event of extenuating circumstances, any of the site administrators shall take the place of the Unit Member's Evaluator during the individual conference. The Evaluator shall use the Evaluation Worksheet during the Preliminary Conference. The purpose of this Preliminary Conference shall be to:

1. Confirm the Unit Member's evaluation group and Evaluator.
2. Discuss evaluation forms.
3. Review the California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP) as outlined on the evaluation form.
4. Discuss and determine goals and objectives in relation to the CSTPs.
5. Record goals on the Professional Goals form.

6.1.5.1 A Unit Member not scheduled for evaluation shall meet individually with a site administrator in a personal conference, within their first trimester. The purpose of this Preliminary Conference shall be to:

1. Discuss and determine goals and objectives in relation to the CSTPs.
2. Record goals on the Professional Goals form.

6.1.6 Observation - The Evaluator shall complete a minimum of two (2) observations for each Unit Member being evaluated. Absent extenuating circumstances, one observation shall occur in the Fall and one observation shall occur in the Winter/Spring. An Observation Summary shall be completed by the Evaluator for each observation. The Observation Summary shall not be placed in the personnel file of the Unit Member.

6.1.6.1 Pre-Observation Conference

No more than ten (10) working days prior to a formal observation, a Pre-observation Conference shall take place between the Unit Member and the Evaluator. At this conference, the Pre-Observation questions shall be discussed and completed by the Unit Member and the Evaluator.

6.1.6.2 Post-Observation Conference

Within ten (10) working days after the formal observation takes place, a Post-Observation Conference shall occur between the Unit Member and the Evaluator. This date may be extended under extenuating circumstances. A copy of the Observation Summary shall be given to and discussed with the Unit Member at the Post-Observation conference. At this conference, the Post-Observation

questions shall be discussed and completed by the Unit Member and the Evaluator.

6.1.7 Mid-Year Evaluation and Conference – The Evaluator shall meet with temporary and probationary Unit Members (Group 1) prior to December 15 to review each Unit Member’s performance and address areas of concern. A copy of the completed Mid-Year Evaluation shall be provided to the Unit Member. The Unit Member shall have the right to submit a written response to the Mid-Year Evaluation. The response shall be submitted to the Unit Member’s Evaluator. Such response shall become a permanent attachment to the Mid-Year Evaluation and shall be retained in the Unit Member’s personnel file. Before January 15, a meeting may be held between the Unit Member and the Evaluator to discuss the written response to the Mid-Year Evaluation. A Unit Member hired October 15 or after is not required to receive a Mid-Year Evaluation.

6.1.8 Final Evaluation and Conference – Unit Member and the Evaluator shall meet in an individual conference to discuss the Final Evaluation, professional goals and evaluation status, no later than thirty (30) work days before the final calendared work day for the work year in which the evaluation takes place. Evaluation and assessment conducted under this Article shall be reduced to writing and a copy of the Final Evaluation shall be provided to the Unit Member during the conference. The Unit Member shall have the right to submit a written response to the Final Evaluation. The written response shall be submitted to the Unit Member’s Evaluator. Such response shall become a permanent attachment to the Final Evaluation and shall be retained in the Unit Member’s personnel file. Before the Unit Member’s final calendared work day, a meeting may be held between the Unit Member and the Evaluator to discuss the written response to the Final Evaluation.

6.1.8.1 Non-Evaluated Unit Member – A Unit Member not being evaluated shall meet in an individual conference prior to the end of the work year to update professional goals and discuss evaluation status for the next work year.

6.1.9 Project Based Evaluation Process - A Unit Member in Group 2B (Section 6.1.2.1) may elect to be evaluated using the Project Based Evaluation Process option in lieu of using the Certificated Evaluation Process. The Project Based Evaluation shall be mutually agreed upon by the Unit Member and the Evaluator and shall be aligned with the CSTP Standards. Evidence of the project shall be provided to the Evaluator. Examples of such projects may include, but are not limited to, one of the following: (1) lead or participate in a professional development activity; (2) mentor/collaborate with another teacher; (3) an educational research paper/book report on an educational topic; (4) a study or project using data from the Unit Member’s class(es); (5) a project within a staff leadership position that has relevance to the educational goals of the school; (6) a case study focusing on the Unit Member’s students; or (7) a project or study beneficial to the entire school.

6.1.9.1 Project Based Preliminary Conference - Within their first thirty (30) work days, a Unit Member shall meet with the Evaluator in an individual conference to

confirm the Unit Member's evaluation cycle as noted on Project Based Evaluation form. During this conference, a Unit Member who qualifies for Group 2B and select the Project Based Evaluation, shall discuss:

1. Confirm the Unit Member's evaluation group and Evaluator.
2. Discuss the Project Based Evaluation process, timelines, Project Based Evaluation Worksheet form, and, Appeal form.
3. Review the California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP) as outlined on the evaluation form.
4. Discuss and determine a professional goal in relation to the CSTPs.
5. Record goals on the Professional Goals form.

6.1.9.2 Project Based Evaluation Planning Conference - Prior to the end of the Unit Member's first trimester, the Evaluator and Unit Member shall meet in an individual planning conference to discuss and agree on a project, using the Evaluation Worksheet. In the event that the Unit Member and the Evaluator cannot reach an agreement on the project, the Unit Member shall attempt to resolve the matter directly with the Evaluator. If a resolution is unable to be reached, the Unit Member may appeal to the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources using the Appeal form. The decision of the Assistant Superintendent shall be documented on the Appeal form no later than 5 working days after receipt and is final and not grievable under Article 3 of the collective bargaining agreement.

6.1.9.3 Check-In Conference – Prior to the end of the Unit Member's second trimester, the Evaluator and Unit Member shall meet in a check-in conference to discuss the status of the project and any assistance and /or resources needed by the Unit Member. Evaluation Worksheet shall be updated during this conference.

6.1.9.4 Final Evaluation Conference - The Unit Member and the Evaluator shall meet in an individual conference to discuss the completed project no later than thirty (30) work days before the final calendared work day for the work year in which the evaluation takes place. Evaluation status shall also be discussed at this meeting using Evaluation Worksheet. This form shall be retained in the Unit Member's personnel file.

6.1.10 Informal Feedback – A Unit Member shall receive informal feedback throughout the work year on their progress towards goals and/or CSTP Standards.

6.1.10.1 A Unit Member being evaluated shall receive feedback, a minimum of two (2) times per work year, using the Informal Feedback Form. Absent extenuating circumstances, one Informal Feedback Form will be provided in the Fall and one

in the Winter/Spring. Feedback in excess of the two (2) times per work year shall also be done using the Informal Feedback Form, email and/or personal contact. Concerns shall be documented and provided to the Unit Member via the Informal Feedback Form or email.

6.1.10.2 A Unit Member not being evaluated shall receive feedback using the Informal Feedback Form, email and/or personal contact. Concerns shall be documented and provided to the Unit Member via the Informal Feedback Form or email.

6.2 Constraints

6.2.1 Matters which will be used to evaluate a Unit Member and may require corrective action shall be brought to the Unit Member's attention no later than five (5) working days following the date when the Evaluator becomes aware of such matter. Resources or assistance are to be provided for area(s) of needed growth.

6.2.2 A Unit Member shall not be formally evaluated by the utilization of standardized tests unless authorized by law.

6.2.3 A Unit Member shall not be evaluated based upon his/her selection and use of a particular teaching method, disciplinary technique, or other instructional technology, provided that it resulted in the pupils' progress and does not violate any District, administrative, site-based procedure, or policy.

6.3 Personal Activities/Use of Material – Evaluation of performance shall not be predicated upon lawful, non-school related, personal activities of a Unit Member nor upon the Unit Member's use of teaching materials, provided that such materials are consistent with the age and maturity level of the affected students and with District-approved educational and curriculum guidelines and policies.

6.4 Evaluation by Public

6.4.1 Evaluation of performance shall not be predicated upon information or material of a derogatory or critical nature which has been received by the Evaluator from others, including parents and citizens, unless the following procedures have been adhered to:

6.4.1.1 With regard to such materials in the Unit Member's personnel records, no such information shall be placed into the Unit Member's file unless and until an investigation has established that the information is true.

When such information is established as factual, it may be reduced to writing by the site administrator and placed into the personnel file.

6.4.1.2 With regard to parent or citizen complaints, the Unit Member shall first be given written notice of same and an opportunity to resolve the matter with the

appropriate administrator subject to any constraints mandated by law or appropriate investigatory agency.

6.5 Personnel Files

6.5.1 A complete personnel file is maintained in the Human Resources Office on each Unit Member. Confidential information from these files shall not be given over the telephone. Confidential information shall only be given if requested in writing by an agency entitled to receive such information.

6.5.2 Access – Materials in personnel files of a Unit Member are to be made available for inspection by the Unit Member. Each Unit Member shall have the right to inspect or to have a representative, with written authorization, inspect such materials upon request, provided the request is made at a time when such person is not actually required to render services to the District. Such material does not include ratings, reports or records that:

6.5.2.1 Were obtained prior to the employment of the person involved.

6.5.2.2 Were prepared by identifiable examination committee members.

6.5.2.3 Were obtained in connection with a promotional examination.

6.5.3 Placement of Derogatory Materials – Information of a derogatory nature shall not be entered or filed unless and until the Unit Member is given notice and an opportunity to review and comment thereon.

A Unit Member shall have the right to enter and have attached to any such derogatory statement his/her own comments thereon.

Such review shall take place during normal business hours, and the Unit Member shall be released from duty for this purpose without salary deduction.

Removal of material alleged to be inaccurate or unfair by the Unit Member shall occur only upon the direction of a judge, hearing officer, or arbitrator.

6.6 Association Consultation – Prior to the adoption of any new forms or significant changes to current forms relating to the evaluation procedure, the District shall afford the Association notice and the opportunity to consult regarding the forms.

6.6.1 Evaluation Forms

Certificated (Classroom, SDC, RSP, TOSA IN, SLP, Music):

C6-1 Certificated Evaluation Worksheet

C6-2 Certificated Professional Goals

C6-3 Certificated Pre-Observation and Post-Observation

C6-4 Certificated Observation Summary

C6-5 Certificated Evaluation

- 6-6 Informal Feedback
- 6-7 Request for an Alternate Evaluator
- 6-8 Collaborative Growth Plan Notification
- 6-9 Collaborative Growth Plan
- 6-10 Collaborative Growth Plan Worksheet

Special Assignment Certificated Evaluation (TOSA PD, District TOSA, DLC, Counselor, Nurse):

- S6-1 Special Assignment Evaluation Worksheet
- S6-2 Special Assignment Professional Goals
- S6-3 Special Assignment Pre-Observation and Post-Observation
- S6-4 Special Assignment Observation Summary
- S6-5 Special Assignment Evaluation
- 6-6 Informal Feedback
- 6-7 Request for an Alternate Evaluator
- 6-8 Collaborative Growth Plan Notification
- 6-9 Collaborative Growth Plan
- 6-10 Collaborative Growth Plan Worksheet

Project Based Evaluation (Classroom, SDC, RSP, TOSA IN, SLP, Music, TOSA PD, District TOSA, DLC, Counselor, Nurse):

- P6-1 Project Based Evaluation Worksheet
- P6-2 Project Based Evaluation Appeal
- 6-6 Informal Feedback
- 6-7 Request for an Alternate Evaluator
- 6-8 Collaborative Growth Plan Notification

ARTICLE VII

HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT

7.1 Definitions

7.1.1 The instructional day is defined as the start of the students' instructional day and ends at the time of student dismissal.

7.1.2 Inclement weather as interpreted by the site administrator or designee is defined as wind, rain, heat, cold, or air quality which is unsafe and/or severe enough to interrupt normal outdoor activities, in accordance with section 7.7 below.

7.2 School Calendar – After conferring with the Association, the Unit Member work year shall be set forth in the school calendar adopted by the Board of Education.

7.3 Reporting Time – Unit Members shall be present at their building work site not later than thirty (30) minutes before the start of the instructional day. Except for extenuating circumstances as determined by the District, the thirty (30) minutes will generally be available for self-directed instructional planning and preparation. Site administrators may modify this schedule for Unit Members who begin the instructional day fifteen (15) minutes earlier.

7.4 Workweek – Unit Members shall work thirty-four and one-half (34.5) hours per week, fulfilling the provisions referred to in Article 7.5. Attendance at two (2) school functions beyond the instructional day may be required by the building site administrator. Attendance at any school function beyond the instructional day shall not exceed two (2) hours.

7.5 Staff Meetings – The building site administrator shall require attendance at no more than three (3) sixty (60) minute before- or after-school staff meetings (exclusive of support duties) per month. Staff meetings shall not be scheduled to occur during conference and report card preparation weeks, the week of a required evening school function, and the last week of the school year, except for extenuating circumstances in which case the District shall first consult AEEA.

By no later than the last Preparation Day of each school year, the site administrator shall notify Unit Members of the required staff meeting dates for the first trimester. For the second and third trimesters of each school year, the site administrator shall notify Unit Members of the required staff meeting dates by no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the start of each trimester. Staff meeting dates are subject to change based on extenuating circumstances as determined by the District.

7.6 TYPICAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR UNIT MEMBERS

Unit Members shall perform the duties listed in their respective job descriptions and support duties including the following:

- a. Parent Conferences, including informal conferences as needed.
- b. Conferences with administrators and other staff regarding students, such as SSTs and IEP meetings.
- c. District/site committees, meetings and functions related to the instructional program as assigned by the Superintendent or designee.
- d. Back-To-School Night.
- e. Supervision of students and student activities.
- f. Job related professional development.
- g. Open House.
- h. Staff meetings.
- i. Attendance at work/District site on non-student days during the Unit Member's work year.
- j. Provide substitutes with plans and materials.

7.7 Lunch Period/Breaks – Unit Members shall have a forty-five (45) minute, duty-free lunch period which shall not be counted as part of the workweek and one (1) duty-free break in the morning of not less than ten (10) minutes during the students' day.

The duty-free lunch period may be limited to thirty (30) minutes on days of inclement weather.

No less than one (1) working day prior to the day of an off-site trip, agreements regarding duty-free lunch period and duty-free break for the day(s) of the trip shall be mutually agreed upon between the affected Unit Member(s) and administration.

Except in the case of emergencies or inclement weather as determined by the principal or designee, no supervision duties shall be assigned to Unit Members before the instructional day. No supervision duties during any period shall be assigned to Unit Members who are rovers.

Prior to the first day of instruction, AEEA and site administration shall be provided the same District issued current weather recommendations for implementing inclement weather supervision and/or procedures.

The principal or designee shall evaluate the weather condition(s) for the site no earlier than ten (10) minutes prior to the first recess and first lunch period and notify staff in a timely manner if an inclement weather schedule will be used for that block of time.

When supervision is assigned, Unit Members will not be expected to provide supervision duties for more than fifteen (15) minutes after the instructional day.

7.8 Instructional Planning Days – Unit Members shall be provided with 11 student minimum days.

Unit Members shall be provided with 32 shortened days identified on the school calendar for instructional planning and preparation. Except in cases of emergency, no required school meetings (exclusive of Individualized Education Plan meetings) shall be scheduled by the site administrator during the hours following student dismissal on 29 of the 32 shortened days. Site Administrators shall schedule on-site required school meetings or PLCs on three (3) Wednesdays per school year during Instructional Planning Time. At the start of each school year, site administrators shall survey Unit Members regarding scheduling preferences for the three (3) on-site required school meetings or PLCs. The three (3) dates selected shall be provided to Unit Members no later than thirty (30) calendar days following the start of the Unit Members’ work year.

7.9 Voluntary Participation – Establishment of the above hours of employment and additional professional responsibilities shall not restrict the right of the Unit Member to voluntarily participate in other school or District-related activities before or after the standard workday.

7.10 Workday Deviations – On days of an emergency release of students or on days students are not in attendance, the workday shall be set by the Superintendent or designee. Except in extenuating circumstances as determined by the District, on days that students are not in attendance Unit Members shall be notified no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to any work day deviation.

7.11 Work Year – The number of scheduled workdays for Unit Members shall be as follows:

Classroom and Special Education Teachers-----	185	Y-R
Teachers on Special Assignment-----	185	Y-R
Nurses -----	185	Y-R
Speech and Language Pathologists -----	185	Y-R
Counselors-----	185	Y-R

The first two (2) days of the Unit Member work year shall be utilized for on-site work-related preparation, mandated trainings, staff meetings and/or professional development. The first work day of each work year shall be utilized for the completion of all District required mandated trainings. Additionally, up to two (2) hours of the first work day may be used for a staff meeting and/or professional development as determined by the District/site. The second work day of each work year shall be utilized for self-directed work-related preparation prior to the first student day of instruction. All mandated trainings must be completed by the end of the second work day of the Unit Member work year unless alternate arrangements have been approved by a site administrator.

- 7.11.1 Extended Work Year – In order to operate the programs of the District in an efficient and effective manner, the District may determine that a bargaining unit position be extended beyond the contracted 185 days.
- 7.11.2 Posting – Should the District decide to extend the number of work days beyond 185 days, Unit Members shall be notified of the decision following the procedures outlined in 5.13.1 of this Agreement.
- 7.12 Minimum Instructional Minutes – Minimum annual instructional minutes in the District shall be as follows:
TK and Kindergarten: 36,050; Grades 1-3: 50,855; Grades 4-6: 55,181
- 7.13 Staggered Session – Should the District re-implement a staggered session schedule, those teachers impacted shall have the following rights:
- 7.13.1 On minimum days, PM teachers shall have the option to adjust their work hours to align with AM teachers, subject to prior approval of the site administrator and provided there is no change to the scheduled instructional day.
- 7.13.2 Mutual Exchange of Hours – Subject to 24-hour notice to and approval from the site administrator, teachers who share a room may mutually exchange work hours.
- 7.14 Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Meeting Attendance – Except in extenuating circumstances, as determined by the site administrator or designee, Unit Members shall not be required to attend an IEP meeting for more than two (2) hours beyond the end of their instructional day. When such extenuating circumstances occur, Unit Members shall be compensated for their time worked beyond the two (2) hours based on the Additional Compensation rate. For IEP meetings that are held in multiple parts, total IEP meeting time in excess of two (2) hours shall be compensated at the Additional Compensation rate. Except for extenuating circumstances as determined by the District, Unit Members shall be notified of required attendance at an IEP meeting at least one (1) calendar week prior to each IEP meeting.
- 7.15 Traveling Unit Members – Unit Members required to travel between work sites during the workday shall be provided travel time separate from their daily duty-free lunch period and duty-free break. Travel time is subject to administrator approval.

ARTICLE VIII

CLASS SIZE

8.1 Class Size

8.1.1 TK-3 Class Size (LCFF) –The average class enrollment for each school site in grades TK-3 shall not exceed twenty-seven (27).

The school-wide average for TK-3 class sizes shall be computed by dividing the total number of students in grades TK-3 at a site by the total number of full-time equivalent (“FTE”) classroom teachers for TK-3.

In the event the foregoing class sizes for grades TK-3 are found by an authority of competent jurisdiction to be inconsistent with Education Code section 42238.02(d)(3)(B) (i.e., LCFF), the Parties agree, upon the written request of either Party, to meet and negotiate to address any such inconsistency.

8.2 Maximum Class Size

8.2.1 The maximum class size for grades TK-6 shall be as follows:

Transitional Kindergarten (full day)	22
Transitional Kindergarten (am/pm)	30
Kindergarten	24
Grades 1-3	26
Grades 4-6	29

The maximum class size for DLI classes identified below shall be as follows:

2019-2020: Grades 1-3	28
2020-2021: Grades 2-3	28
2021-2022: Grade 3	28

8.2.2 The maximum class size for combination grades shall be as follows:

Combination grades	TK/K – 22
Combination grades	K/1 --- 24
Combination grades	1/2 --- 24
Combination grades	2/3 --- 24
Combination grades	3/4 --- 27
Combination grades	4/5 --- 27
Combination grades	5/6 --- 27

8.2.3 The District shall plan for the upcoming school year using the class size maximums in 8.2. A copy of the District’s staffing/class size plan for the upcoming school year shall be provided to the Association President and Association Bargaining Chair no later than March 1, 2020. The District may

exceed the maximums in Sections 8.2.1 and 8.2.2 of this Article by two (2) in any class.

- 8.2.4 Special Education - the District agrees to maintain the RSP programs and to limit enrollment to twenty-eight (28) with the District Average not to exceed twenty-four (24).

Special Day Classes – The District agrees to maintain Special Day Class size which will not exceed the maximum average of eleven (11) pupils throughout the District. Within this average of eleven (11), the District shall exert a reasonable effort to maintain a range of six (6) to fourteen (14) pupils in Special Day Classes. To the extent possible, classes containing the most severely handicapped students will be maintained at the lower end of the six (6) to fourteen (14) range. Should the class size reach fourteen (14), the affected Unit Member may request additional resources from the Senior Director of Special Education Services/SELPA.

- 8.3 Correction of Class Size Excesses – Both parties agree that fifteen (15) days from the beginning of the instructional year shall be allowed to correct any excesses in class size before a grievance is filed. The District agrees to provide the Association with monthly copies of “Excess Class-Size Survey” and Summary of District Enrollment and Teachers’ Assignments.
- 8.4 Assistance for Class Size Excesses – Whenever class size in the District falls beyond the parameters listed in Sections 8.2.1 and 8.2.2 the site administrator, upon request of the teacher, shall provide assistance to the teacher in the form of added resources.
- 8.5 Special Day Class Pupils – When Special Day Class pupils are to be assigned for all or a portion of the school day into a regular classroom, the following procedures shall be adhered to:
- 8.5.1 The regular classroom teacher/s affected shall be consulted regarding such placement and their alternatives considered.
- 8.5.2 When Special Day Class students are placed into the regular classroom, the District shall attempt to assure that such students are equitably distributed.
- 8.5.3 In the assignment of RSP students to classrooms (usually accomplished in the spring) the District shall attempt to assure that such students are equitably distributed.

ARTICLE IX

SAFETY

- 9.1 Safe Working Conditions – The District recognizes the importance of maintaining safe working conditions.

A. Safety Program

The Assistant Superintendent/Designee will coordinate safety programs, develop safety training for supervisors (to be conducted in conjunction with regular supervisory training), record accident data, and prepare periodic summaries to show safety performance, accident trends, and critical loss areas. The Assistant Superintendent/Designee will serve as a regular member of the District Safety Committee.

B. District Safety Committee

The District Safety Committee shall consist of the Assistant Superintendent/Designee, a designee from Special Services or Pupil Services, a Supervisor of Operations, a Risk Management Technician, a site administrator, three classified Unit Members, and three certificated Unit Members appointed by the Associations. The committee will meet at least once every three months, or when appropriate, and will report directly to the Superintendent.

It is the committee's responsibility to formulate safety programs and procedures for recommendation to the Superintendent. It will review accidents, ascertain their causes, consider remedies, and explore means of creating and maintaining interest in accident prevention.

The District shall provide a safe and hazard-free work environment place for all bargaining unit employees as required by law.

All bargaining Unit Members shall report any unsafe working condition to the immediate supervisor of the department, and the District shall adhere to the California State Labor Law.

C. Site Safety Committee

A Safety Committee at the site level, reporting to the site administrator or department head, shall be formed. Its function shall be comparable at the site level to those of the District Safety Committee. This committee shall consist of a site administrator, three classified Unit Members, and three certificated Unit Members. Site administration and an AEEA site representative(s) shall work collaboratively to conduct the election of the three certificated Unit Members. This committee shall meet at least once each school quarter.

D. Site and District administrators' safety responsibilities:

1. Provide employee safety training and education, including student behavioral intervention training, as needed, at the job site. New employees are to be

indoctrinated in safe practices as a part of their orientation and training. The Assistant Superintendent/Designee will assist in preparing safety training programs and in supplying training aids.

2. Provide and review information describing a Unit Member's rights and responsibilities regarding student discipline and suspension within the first thirty (30) days of the start of each Unit Member's school year. This information shall include a hard copy of the District *Suspension of Student by Teacher* form, and links to Education Code sections 48900-48905 and 48910 and District Board Policy/Administrative Regulation No. 5144, *Discipline*; and No. 5144.1, *Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process*.
 3. Inform Unit Members of each pupil who has engaged in, or is reasonably suspected to have engaged in, any of the acts constituting grounds for suspension or expulsion if/when records are available. Any information received by a Unit Member shall be received in confidence and shall not be further disseminated by the Unit Member.
 4. Create an emergency response plan whereby a Unit Member can notify the office for immediate assistance in the event of threats to or assault and/or battery of the Unit Member or students in the Unit Member's classroom. The plan shall be reviewed with the staff by a site administrator within the first thirty (30) days of the start of each Unit Member's school year.
 5. Provide immediate assistance to a Unit Member in the event of an assault or other emergency and provide for immediate first aid and medical treatment to the injured.
 6. Follow established District and site procedures for reporting of accidents.
 7. Investigate all employee accidents at the earliest practicable time and prepare written reports when requested by the Assistant Superintendent/Designee or the District Safety Committee. The Assistant Superintendent/ Designee may assist in the investigation.
 8. Maintain safe work areas and equipment as required by law. They shall make formal quarterly inspections of work areas and equipment with written reports to the Assistant Superintendent/Designee and Site Safety Committee listing unsafe conditions and steps taken to correct them.
 9. Secure and make available, upon request, personal protective equipment to employees where necessary or required.
- 9.2 Disaster Procedures –Within the first thirty (30) days of the start of each Unit Member's school year, site administrators shall review with their staff the current procedures to be followed in each kind of disaster and possible classroom emergency. Copies of the procedures will be distributed to each Unit Member.

9.3 Physical Abuse of School Personnel

9.3.1 Abuse of school personnel, assault and/or battery upon school personnel or threat of force or violence directed toward school personnel at any time or place which is related to school activity shall be reported by the Unit Member to their immediate supervisor and the supervisor in turn to the Superintendent.

9.3.2 In the event that a bargaining Unit Member is allegedly assaulted and/or battered, as hereinafter defined, the following procedure shall be followed:

9.3.2.1 The bargaining Unit Member shall report the incident to his/her immediate supervisor within one (1) work day after the incident. The bargaining Unit Member may also report the incident to the appropriate police officials.

9.3.2.1.1 A written report regarding the incident shall be submitted at the earliest possible time to the immediate supervisor.

9.3.2.2 The immediate supervisor shall conduct an investigation of the matter and submit a written report to the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources or designee within three (3) work days after the receipt of the bargaining Unit Member's written report.

9.3.2.2.1 The bargaining Unit Member shall receive a copy of this report.

9.3.2.2.2 The Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources or designee shall respond in writing to the bargaining Unit Member within three (3) work days concerning the investigation's outcome.

9.3.3 Definitions:

9.3.3.1 "Assault" as defined in Section 240, California Penal Code. An assault is an unlawful attempt, coupled with present ability, to commit a violent injury on the person of another.

9.3.3.2 "Battery" as defined in Section 242, California Penal Code. A battery is any willful and unlawful use of force or violence upon the person of another.

9.3.4 Unit Members may use reasonable action in the performance of their duties to insure the safety of themselves and others.

9.4 Vandalism – Unit Members who need to assist in the preparation and/or repair of their classrooms resulting from a vandalism incident shall be compensated for any extra hours beyond normal building hours. Individual requests shall be by prior approval made through a site administrator.

9.5 Reimbursement for Loss or Damage to Personal Property – The District shall, within legal limits, reimburse unit members for personal property lost or damaged within the scope of employment without the unit member's fault or negligence as follows: Reimbursement shall not exceed the deductible amount of the unit member's insurance policy or policies, or \$350, whichever is less. If no insurance coverage is in force, the reimbursement shall be based on the depreciated value of the property as determined by the District. Claims for reimbursement of \$15 or less shall not be considered.

No claim for reimbursement shall be considered unless the property concerned is directly related to the classroom curriculum and the unit member has received prior written approval from the site administrator for its use on school premises. No reimbursement shall be provided under this section for damage to a unit member's automobile, except in cases where the vehicle's tire(s) was slashed or window(s) broken while on District property during work time. This damage must be substantiated by an official police report validating that the incident occurred while the vehicle was parked on district property while the unit member is working. Claims for reimbursement must be in writing and must be received by the Assistant Superintendent/Designee within forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of loss.

The District shall have discretion to require sales receipts, verification of insurance, and other information reasonably necessary to evaluate the unit member's claim.

ARTICLE X

HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

10.1 Mandated Benefits – Unit Members who qualify will continue to receive those benefits which are mandated by law.

10.2 District Fringe Benefit Program –
For October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, Appendix E shall be revised to reflect the District’s one-time contribution to the Health Benefit Plans. With this one-time District contribution, Employee Monthly Contributions for Kaiser, Blue Shield Trio, Blue Shield PPO and Blue Shield HMO will remain the same as during the October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, insurance year.

In addition to the one-time contribution, the District shall increase the District’s Maximum Contribution (Cap) beginning the October 1, 2025 through September 20, 2026 plan year. This increase shall be equivalent to an overall ongoing .54%,

The District shall pay up to the specified monthly dollar amounts (based on twelve [12] months) indicated in Appendix E for each full-time Unit Member and their dependents.

The employee, through payroll deductions, shall pay any cost in excess of District contributions, absent a negotiated agreement.

The District shall pay full cost for “Employee Only” medical coverage for at least one plan as referenced (see Appendix E).

The District will provide a \$40,000 term life insurance benefit for Unit Members only.

10.3 Replacement of Eye Glasses or Contact Lenses – The District will provide up to a maximum of \$150 for replacement of prescription eye glasses or contact lenses damaged or broken as a result of accidents occurring while the Unit Member is supervising pupils.

The District will not reimburse the Unit Member for costs related to eye examination. Accidents must be related to pupil activities which result in damage to the Unit Member's eye glasses or contact lenses.

Claims must be filed within three (3) working days of an accident on the appropriate District form and be approved by the immediate supervisor.

10.4 Health Benefits for Retirees – Employees shall be entitled to fully-paid health insurance benefits equal to current benefits provided personnel for all employees retiring from the Anaheim Elementary School District who are at least 55 years of age and have worked ten (10) or more years in this District.

This benefit coverage shall be discontinued at the end of the month before the retired employee reaches the age of 65.

This benefit also applies to those employees receiving disability allowance payments under the State Teachers' Retirement System or the Public Employees' Retirement System.

Retirees may have the option of enrolling their dependents under the District Group Plan, but cost of dependent coverage shall be the sole responsibility of the retiree; and the retiree shall pay the premium cost in the manner required by the Board of Education.

Any Unit Member retiring on or after July 1, 2015, who resides out-of-state shall be entitled to receive the same premium amount paid to in-state retirees.

Unit Members entitled to paid health insurance benefits who retire from the District on or after July 1, 2017, and reside out-of-state, may self-purchase out-of-state health insurance benefits and submit to the District for reimbursement up to the cost of the District's annual contribution toward a retired Unit Member's health insurance benefits.

10.5 Medicare – Unit Members who reach the age of 65 and do not qualify for Section A or B of Medicare, either individually or by their spouse's eligibility, and have had eighteen (18) years of service shall receive the amount the Unit Member would receive for the Medicare premium for hospitalization and medical insurance. The contribution shall be applied toward the payment of the Medicare premium.

10.6 Insurance Committee – The insurance committee shall be comprised of not more than three (3) representatives appointed by AEEA, not more than three (3) representatives appointed by any of the other District employee groups, and not more than three (3) representatives appointed by the Superintendent or his/her designee. The purpose of the insurance committee shall be to analyze current premiums, benefits, trends, plan structures and program options which may be available, and to then provide recommendations to the parties of this contract regarding possible options. The representatives of AEEA and the District who are members of or consultants to the committee shall work in good faith toward this purpose.

The District Insurance Committee shall meet at least three (3) times during each Unit Member work year. The dates shall be established by a majority vote no later than the last Committee meeting of the school year.

The committee shall submit its recommendations, in writing, and by May 15 of each year, a variety of options to the parties of this contract.

ARTICLE XI

WAGES

11.1 Salary Schedules

2025-2026 School Year

The salary schedule for the 2025-2026 school year shall increase the 2024-2025 base salary by 2% retroactive to July 1, 2025 and an additional 2% effective January 1, 2024.

In the event CSEA and/or AESMA receives a greater total wage percentage increase across the board for on-salary schedule and/or off-salary schedule than offered to AEEA Unit Members during the 2025-2026 school year AEEA Unit Members shall receive the same total wage percentage difference for the same time period and effective date. In the event there is a dispute over the interpretation of this provision, the sole remedy is that either party may reopen negotiations over its application.

11.1.1 Effective July 1, 1999, Appendix A-1 is for non-credentialed Unit Members. This salary schedule has 4 steps. Upon completion of credentials, Unit Members shall move to the same cell on the salary schedule Appendix A and advance to the next step effective July 1st of the next school year.

As of July 1, 1999, all Unit Members without a credential who are beyond Step IV on Salary Schedule Appendix A shall be retained at their current salary step until obtaining a credential. The following July 1st they shall move to the next step.

11.2 Salary Schedule - Columns Defined – Each Unit Member shall be placed according to training in one of the following CLASSES of the appropriate salary schedule:

CLASS I – Unit Members who have graduated from an accredited college or university requiring four years of training for Bachelor's Degree and an appropriate credential.

CLASS II – CLASS I requirements plus 30 units of upper division or graduate credit earned in addition to and after obtaining a Bachelor's Degree.

CLASS III – CLASS I requirements plus 45 units of upper division or graduate credit earned in addition to and after obtaining a Bachelor's Degree, or a Master's Degree from an accredited college or university.

CLASS IV – CLASS I requirements plus 60 units of upper division or graduate credit earned in addition to and after obtaining a Bachelor's Degree including a Master's Degree from an accredited college or university.

11.3 Service Credit Increment – A certificated Unit Member moves to the eighteenth (18) step after completion of one (1) year on the last step of Columns III or IV. Effective July 1,

2015 the Unit Member must have completed seventeen (17) years of certificated service credit.

Effective July 1, 2015, a certificated Unit Member moves to the 25th Step after having completed 24 years of certificated service credit.

- 11.4 Step Advancement – Each Unit Member shall advance one (1) step for each paid full-time equivalent year of regularly assigned service in the District, effective beginning the ensuing year.

For full-time Unit Members, a year of service constitutes a minimum of 75% of a paid full-time equivalent year of regularly assigned service to the District.

For Unit Members on part-time contracts, a full-year of service constitutes a minimum of 75% of a paid full-time equivalent year of regularly assigned service in the District accumulated over consecutive school years. Paid contract days may be carried forward to subsequent consecutive years until a minimum of 75% of a paid full-time equivalent year of regularly assigned service in the District has been reached. Step advancement for eligible part-time Unit Members shall take effect beginning the next school year.

Service within a given year or years in excess of 75% cannot be used as service toward another year.

- 11.5 Salary Schedule – Experience Credit – With written verification a Unit Member with previous certificated service experience outside the Anaheim Elementary School District may, for the purpose of being placed on the salary schedule, receive credit for his/her experience in a public school or approved private or parochial school. Credit for private or parochial certificated service experience shall be granted only if the experience has been within the preceding five years and the Unit Member would have been eligible for an appropriate California credential during that time.

School Nurses will receive experience credit for any work performed under and related to their Registered Nurse License in both public or private setting, that has been verified in writing by a previous employer.

Speech and Language Specialists will receive experience credit for any work performed under and related to their Speech-Language Pathologist license, Speech and Language Pathology Services Credential, or a Clinical Rehabilitation Services Credential in both public or private setting, that has been verified in writing by a previous employer.

- 11.6 Pay Periods – Bargaining Unit Members shall be paid on a 12-month basis.

- 11.7 Daily Rate of Pay – Daily rate of pay shall be determined by dividing the Unit Member's annual salary by the number of days of required service as indicated in the adopted school calendar.

- 11.8 Mileage – Mileage allowance for Unit Members serving two (2) or more sites on the same day, conference attendance or like meetings shall be the current IRS established rate per mile with prior approval and authorization by the Board of Education.
- 11.9 Requirements for Column Advancement – Courses which meet any one of the following criteria with prior approval shall be accepted for salary schedule advancement:
- 11.9.1 An upper division course which is directly related to the Unit Member’s current or potential future assignment with the District.
All courses must receive approval before being undertaken. Forms are available on the District’s Human Resources website.
- 11.9.2 An upper division course which is part of a program leading to an advanced degree and/or to meet certification requirements.
All courses must receive approval before being undertaken and after completion. Forms are available on the District’s Human Resources website.
- 11.9.3 Subsequent training shall be such work as is regularly taken in an accredited training institution or its equivalent, which provides official transcripts.
- 11.9.4 A Unit Member who has met the requirements for salary advancement shall be transferred to the appropriate column and appropriate step upon submission of official documentation to the District. In order to receive salary credit, a Unit Member must submit materials by the tenth of August to be effective September 1, by the tenth of November to be effective December 1, or by the tenth of March to be effective April 1. Appropriate documentation are official transcripts. If the District is unable to meet the payroll deadline because of the County procedures and/or due dates, the payment will be made the following month and will be retroactive to the previous month.
- 11.10 Outdoor Education – Unit Members who attend the Outdoor Education Programs shall receive \$175 per day in addition to their regular per diem.
- 11.11 Early Retirement Incentive – The District and the Association will jointly review early retirement options every other school year, beginning in 2014-15.
- 11.12 Unit Members with appropriate credential who wish to serve as substitute teachers shall be paid \$175 per day.
- 11.13 Extended Year Contracts – Unit Members working an extended year contract shall be entitled to pro-rata sick leave days based on the number of additional days worked beyond the work year specified in Article 7.10.1.
- 11.14 Additional Compensation – Unit Members who work additional hours shall be paid \$53.00 per hour. This rate would apply to all paid work done by AEEA Unit Members outside of

the regular workday, excluding, Induction, PAR, Outdoor Science, TUPE, Master Teachers, and Combination Class stipends.

- 11.15 Combination Classes – Unit Members shall receive a stipend of \$400.00 for each trimester in which they teach one day or more in a combination class, including Special Day Classes, under section 8.2.4.
- 11.16 Extended School Year – Prior to the start of Extended School Year (ESY), the Senior Director of Special Education Services/SELPA shall send an email to all SDC, Counselors, and SLP Unit Members announcing ESY dates and seeking volunteers to work during the ESY dates. Preference will be given to Unit Members currently working in those positions. Unit Members who have an interest in the ESY program must reply to the email and commit to teach the entire ESY period. The Senior Director of Special Education Services/SELPA shall assign interested Unit Members. The Senior Director will match credentials to the type of classes provided. If more Unit Members volunteer than are needed for a specific class, priority will be given to qualified Unit Members [with the appropriate credential] who have not recently taught ESY. The intent is to select Unit Members on a rotating basis.

ARTICLE XII

CONCERTED ACTIVITIES

It is agreed and understood that there will be no strike, work stoppage, slowdown, unlawful picketing, or refusal or failure to fully and faithfully perform job functions and responsibilities as contained in Board policy, or other interference with the operations of the District by the Association or by its officers or teachers during the term of this Agreement including compliance with the request of other employee organizations to engage in such activity.

It is understood that any teacher violating this Article may be subject to discipline up to and including termination by the District.

Neither the submission of this proposal nor the violation or expiration of this Article shall prejudice the District's legal position that the above activities are or may be independent violations of the law, illegal notwithstanding this Article.

ARTICLE XIII

DISCIPLINE

13.1 Procedures for Discipline

13.1.1 No Unit Member shall be reprimanded in writing, reduced in compensation, suspended, or otherwise disciplined without reasonable and just cause.

13.1.2 Nothing in this Article shall limit the District's right to institute dismissal and immediate suspension and mandatory leave of absence proceedings as set forth in the California Education Code, nor shall discipline under this Article be regarded as a precondition to proceedings under the California Education Code.

13.1.3 Matters which arise and may subject a Unit Member to disciplinary action shall be brought to the attention of the Unit Member within a reasonable period of time following the date when the immediate supervisor became aware of such matters, or prior to the completion of the District's investigation of acts which lead to disciplinary action. Complaints not reported to the Unit Member under this section shall not be utilized in any evaluation or subsequent disciplinary action.

13.1.4 Normally, the District shall follow a "progressive discipline" procedure which utilizes the following steps:

13.1.4.1 Verbal Warning(s)

13.1.4.2 Conference Summary(ies)

13.1.4.3 Written Warning(s)

13.1.4.4 Written Reprimand(s)

13.1.4.5 In the administration of this procedure, the parties agree that some actions of Unit Members may be so severe as to not require stringent adherence to the steps outlined above.

In order to progress from one step to the next, there must have been a reoccurrence of like or related action that brought about utilization of the previous step or steps.

13.1.5 In the administration of the overall progressive discipline program, the title of the document will be clearly noted on any of the following:

13.1.5.1 Conference Summary

13.1.5.2 Written Warning

13.1.5.3 Written Reprimand

ARTICLE XIV

UNIT MEMBER CONTRACT WAIVER PROCEDURE

Request by Unit Members for an individual school waiver of provision(s) related to Article VII of this Agreement shall be submitted to the District and the Association for written approval on approved AEEA and District forms.

The waiver request must be site specific, in writing, and include the following information:

1. Educational justification demonstrating how the proposed waiver would improve the teaching/learning process
2. A description of the proposed waiver
3. The parties impacted by the proposed waiver
4. Timelines for implementation
5. Staff development needs
6. Evaluation and review process
7. Signature of authors

Approval by the District and the Association of the waiver request shall be subject to internal procedures established by each party and shall not exceed one year or June 30, whichever is earlier. Annual waiver renewals may be requested by the affected Unit Members, shall include evidence of improved student learning, and shall be subject to the above procedures.

APPENDICES

Appendix A – A1	2025-2026 Credentialed and Non-Credentialed Certificated Salary Schedules
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2025-2026 CREDENTIALLED SALARY SCHEDULE
(Based on 185 Days)

STEP	Class I B.A.	Class II B.A. + 30 Units	Class III B.A. + 45 Units Or M.A.	Class IV B.A. + 60 Units Including M.A.
1	\$67,130.00	\$67,130.00	\$69,236.00	\$73,354.00
2	\$67,131.00	\$68,951.00	\$73,051.00	\$77,473.00
3	\$68,400.00	\$72,486.00	\$76,875.00	\$81,569.00
4	\$71,623.00	\$75,992.00	\$80,692.00	\$85,680.00
5	\$74,892.00	\$79,526.00	\$84,509.00	\$89,800.00
6	\$78,114.00	\$83,052.00	\$88,316.00	\$93,899.00
7	\$81,356.00	\$86,554.00	\$92,123.00	\$98,008.00
8		\$90,080.00	\$95,941.00	\$102,118.00
9		\$93,598.00	\$99,765.00	\$106,227.00
10		\$97,128.00	\$103,578.00	\$110,325.00
11			\$107,395.00	\$114,449.00
12				\$118,552.00
18			\$112,766.00	\$124,477.00
25			\$119,946.00	\$135,086.00

Effective 9/11/2025, the extra work/additional compensation hourly rate is \$53.00
(e.g. all work done outside of the regular workday-excluding Induction, PAR, Outdoor Science, TUPE, Master Teachers and Combo Class Stipends)

Service Credit Increment – A certificated employee moves to the eighteenth (18) step after completion of one (1) year on the last step of Columns III or IV. The employee must have completed seventeen (17) years of certificated service credit.

A certificated employee moves to the 25th Step after having completed 24 years of certificated service credit.

BOARD APPROVED: 9/10/2025
EFFECTIVE: 9/11/2025 (2% increase)

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**2025-2026 NON-CREDENTIALLED SALARY SCHEDULE
(Based on 185 Days)**

Step	Class I B.A.	Class II B.A. + 30 Units	Class III B.A. + 45 Units or M.A.	Class IV B.A. + 60 Units Including M.A.
1	\$65,171.00	\$65,171.00	\$68,399.00	\$71,624.00
2	\$65,434.00	\$68,952.00	\$72,484.00	\$75,993.00
3	\$69,237.00	\$73,050.00	\$76,876.00	\$80,692.00
4	\$73,355.00	\$77,473.00	\$81,568.00	\$85,678.00

Effective 9/11/2025, the extra work/additional compensation hourly rate is \$53.00
(e.g. all work done outside of the regular workday-excluding Induction, PAR, Outdoor Science, TUPE,
Master Teachers and Combo Class Stipends)

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APPENDIX A2

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**2025-2026 CREDENTIALLED
SPEECH & LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST SALARY SCHEDULE
(Based on 185 Days)**

STEP	Class I B.A.	Class II B.A. + 30 Units	Class III B.A. + 45 Units Or M.A.	Class IV B.A. + 60 Units Including M.A.
1	\$ 70,488.00	\$ 70,488.00	\$ 72,696.00	\$ 77,025.00
2	\$ 70,490.00	\$ 72,399.00	\$ 76,705.00	\$ 81,349.00
3	\$ 71,819.00	\$ 76,110.00	\$ 80,718.00	\$ 85,646.00
4	\$ 75,204.00	\$ 79,792.00	\$ 84,726.00	\$ 89,962.00
5	\$ 78,635.00	\$ 83,501.00	\$ 88,734.00	\$ 94,292.00
6	\$ 82,020.00	\$ 87,205.00	\$ 92,733.00	\$ 98,593.00
7	\$ 85,423.00	\$ 90,883.00	\$ 96,733.00	\$ 102,911.00
8		\$ 94,583.00	\$ 100,739.00	\$ 107,223.00
9		\$ 98,279.00	\$ 104,754.00	\$ 111,536.00
10		\$ 101,984.00	\$ 108,756.00	\$ 115,842.00
11			\$ 112,765.00	\$ 120,172.00
12				\$ 124,477.00
18			\$ 118,402.00	\$ 130,703.00
25			\$ 125,852.00	\$ 141,691.00

Effective 9/11/2025, the extra work/additional compensation hourly rate is \$53.00
(e.g. all work done outside of the regular workday-excluding Induction, PAR, Outdoor Science, TUPE, Master Teachers and Combo Class Stipends)

Service Credit Increment – A certificated employee moves to the eighteenth (18) step after completion of one (1) year on the last step of Columns III or IV. The employee must have completed seventeen (17) years of certificated service credit.

A certificated employee moves to the 25th Step after having completed 24 years of certificated service credit.

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**2025-2026 NON-CREDENTIALLED
SPEECH & LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST
SALARY SCHEDULE
(Based on 185 Days)**

Step	Class I B.A.	Class II B.A. + 30 Units	Class III B.A. + 45 Units or M.A.	Class IV B.A. + 60 Units Including M.A.
1	\$68,427.00	\$68,427.00	\$71,819.00	\$75,204.00
2	\$68,705.00	\$72,400.00	\$76,110.00	\$79,792.00
3	\$72,696.00	\$76,705.00	\$80,718.00	\$84,727.00
4	\$77,024.00	\$81,348.00	\$85,647.00	\$89,963.00

Effective 9/11/2025, the extra work/additional compensation hourly rate is \$53.00
(e.g. all work done outside of the regular workday-excluding Induction, PAR, Outdoor Science, TUPE,
Master Teachers and Combo Class Stipends)

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RECOGNITION LETTER

The District recognizes the Anaheim Elementary Education Association affiliated with the California Teachers Association and the National Education Association as the exclusive representative for purposes of the Rodda Act (Government Code Sections 3540, et seq., Title I, Division 4, Chapter 10.7) for the employees in the representation unit comprised of the following positions:

Teachers
Nurses
Counselors
Speech and Language Specialists

and excluding all other positions not designated, including but not limited to:

Management Positions

Superintendent
Assistant Superintendents
Directors
Coordinators
Curriculum Specialists
Site Administrators
Leadership Assistants
Psychologists
Program Specialists
Consultants

Others

Substitute Teachers

The Anaheim Elementary Education Association agrees that the unit is appropriate and that it will not seek a clarification or amendment of the unit, either as to the specific exclusions or the enumerated inclusions, except in classifications created after this agreement.

SABBATICAL LEAVE

A teacher may be granted up to one year of sabbatical leave for the purpose of study or travel, or the pursuance of other activities approved by the Board of Education or its delegated authority, which will benefit the schools and pupils of the District, provided that:

- 1) The teacher shall have completed at least seven consecutive years of service in the District immediately preceding the year of leave.
- 2) The teacher shall perform such services during his/her year of sabbatical leave as he/she and the Board of Education may agree upon in writing.

Three teachers may be granted sabbatical leaves each year. Such sabbatical leave shall be considered as a year of teaching in the Anaheim City Schools for salary purposes. The Board of Education reserves the right to cancel leave availability due to financial limitations.

A teacher on sabbatical leave shall receive 60% of his/her regular salary for that year as compensation. This compensation shall be paid in the same manner as if a teacher on sabbatical leave were teaching in the Anaheim City Schools. In lieu of bond, the Board of Education may declare that the interests of the District will be protected by the regular agreement of the teacher to render two (2) years of service to the District following his/her return from leave.

At the expiration of the sabbatical leave of absence of the employee, he/she shall, unless he/she otherwise agrees, be reinstated in a position held by him/her at the time of the granting of the leave of absence (Education Code 44973).

A teacher on sabbatical leave shall be subject to all legal provisions pertaining to teachers on sabbatical leave.

Administrative Procedures, Sabbatical Leave

- 1) The purpose of the sabbatical leave is to improve the teaching skills and competencies of the employee which can be identified as a benefit to pupils and the school district.
- 2) An applicant for sabbatical leave not assigned as a teacher shall be reclassified to a teacher status for sabbatical leave purposes. Compensation shall be the same as for teachers and based upon the salary the employee would receive if he/she were on the Teachers Salary Schedule.
- 3) Additional Professional Study -- Applicants who submit a detailed program of study for sabbatical leave of absence shall normally undertake a full load of at least twelve semester hours of upper division or graduate work per semester or the equivalent thereof. A transcript of work taken and grades earned or the description of work completed or experience acquired shall be filed before returning to duty.

- 4) Acceptable Travel – Applicants who desire to travel must submit a detailed statement of the proposed itinerary. Acceptable travel is defined as travel with an educational purpose and must be related to the school work of the employee.
- 5) Deadline for Applications -- Applications for sabbatical leave for the following school year must be filed with the Human Resources Department on or before the third Friday of the fifth school month, or by Friday of the fourth school month for mid-year applicants.
- 6) Notification to Applicants -- All applicants will be provided written notification from the Sabbatical Leave Committee within thirty (30) days following the application deadline date. Applicants receiving “not recommended” notifications will be given the reason for the decision.
- 7) Sabbatical Leave Committee -- The applicant’s service record, application for leave, proposed itinerary, and/or other supportive evidence shall be reviewed by a sabbatical leave committee. This committee shall be appointed by the Superintendent. Appointments will be for three-year terms or complete the terms of members who resign or retire. The committee shall consist of:
 - a. Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
 - b. Assistant Superintendent, Education-Administration
 - c. Four classroom teachers
 - d. One representative from Support Service Staff

The committee shall evaluate applicants and recommend either “consideration warranted” or “not recommended for this year.” The criteria shall include: Program proposed for sabbatical leave, value to be received by pupils and the District from the leave, number of years of service in Anaheim Elementary School District, professional attitude and record of performance in the school district. Upon request of the Superintendent, the committee shall establish an order or priority for those reported “consideration warranted.”

- 8) Evidence of Fulfillment of Travel Leave -- Each employee who has been on sabbatical leave shall file with the Sabbatical Leave Committee a written report not later than sixty (60) days after return to duty. Such report shall contain detailed data as to the leave activities together with the employee’s appraisal of the professional value of the experience gained on leave, the manner in which such experience or knowledge gained may be used for the benefit of the students or the school, and any other data necessary for a satisfactory report. The employee shall not be considered as having completed the requirements of a sabbatical leave until the report has been reviewed by the Sabbatical Leave Committee and approved by the Superintendent and the Board of Education.
- 9) Failure to Complete Requirements -- In the event the employee fails to return to render two (2) full years of service or fails to carry out satisfactorily the program of study, research, or educational travel, the employee shall reimburse the District for compensation received.

**Anaheim Elementary School District
Human Resources Department**

CATASTROPHIC LEAVE PROGRAMS

Revised April 1, 2019

A. CATASTROPHIC LEAVE BANK

1. Creation/Purpose

- a. The Association and the District agree to create a Catastrophic Leave Program effective October 1, 2010. The Catastrophic Leave Program shall be funded according to the terms below.
- b. Catastrophic illness/accident means illness or non-work related injuries due to an accident that is expected to incapacitate the Unit Member for an extended period of time, involving or resulting in substantial, often ruinous, medical expense and creating a financial hardship for the Unit Member because he or she has exhausted all of his/her sick leave and other paid time off.
- c. Not covered: Conditions, illnesses, or accidents resulting from commission of a felony or elective cosmetic surgery. Also not included are illnesses or accidents which are covered under the workers' compensation insurance program.
- d. This program will not be operational until the total sick days donated reach 100.

2. Administration for the Catastrophic Leave Program

- a. The Catastrophic Leave Program Committee shall have the responsibility of maintaining the records of the Catastrophic Leave Program (CLP), receiving withdrawal requests, verifying the validity of requests, approving or denying the requests, and communicating decisions in writing to Unit Member participants, the Association, and to the District.
- b. The Committee's authority shall be limited to the administration of the CLP.
- c. The Committee shall be comprised of two representatives from the Association, and two representatives from the District. Participation on the Committee shall be voluntary and unpaid. In the event of a decision deadlock, the Association President and the Superintendent shall agree on a third-party to break the deadlock.
- d. Unit Members applying to withdraw or extend a withdrawal from the CLP will be required to submit a doctor's statement indicating the nature of the illness or injury and the probable length of the absence from work.
- e. The Committee shall keep all records confidential and shall not disclose the nature of the illness except as needed to process the request for withdrawal from the CLP.
- f. Applications shall be reviewed and decisions of the Committee reported to the applicant, in writing, where feasible within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the application.

- g. The maximum number of work days a Unit Member will be allowed to request at one time for a single catastrophic illness/injury shall not exceed twenty-five (25) work days. A Unit Member may request a specific number of days when the request is submitted on the form available in Human Resources. The Unit Member may request up to an additional twenty-five (25) work days, should the condition continue, by filing an additional request for consideration to the Committee.
- h. Open Enrollment for the CLP shall be annually from July 1 through the close of open enrollment for Health and Welfare.
- i. Within 30 days after the close of open enrollment, the District shall notify the Committee of the following;
 - i. The total number of accumulated days in the CLP on June 30th of the previous school year.
 - ii. The number of days contributed by Unit Members for the current year.
 - iii. The names of the participating Unit Members.
 - iv. The total number of days available in the CLP.
- j. The Unit Member must waive any and all claims against the Association, the Board, the District and its officers and Unit Members arising from the administration of the CLP program.
- k. If the CLP is terminated for any reason, the days remaining in the CLP shall be returned proportionately to all current and former members of the CLP who are current employees of the District (as allowable under retirement system rules).

3. Eligibility, Contributions, and Withdrawals

- a. If an immediate family member of the Unit Member is incapacitated and this requires the Unit Member to take time off work for an extended period to care for the family member, the Unit Member may use CLP days as deemed by the Committee and request them using the same procedure as if the request was for the Unit Member. Immediate family members are defined as spouse or domestic partner, the Unit Member's children (including adoptive, step and legal ward), parents (including adoptive and step) or siblings (including adoptive and step).
- b. All full-time, permanent Unit Members who have been on active duty with the District (with the exception of breaks in service due to layoff) for at least the last two (2) consecutive years are eligible to contribute to the CLP.
- c. Participation is voluntary, but requires contribution to the CLP. Only contributors will be permitted to withdraw from the CLP. Unit Members who elect not to enroll in the CLP upon first becoming eligible will have to wait until the open enrollment period the following year in order to become eligible.
- d. Unit Members will donate and receive a day for a day.
- e. The annual contribution rate by each participating Unit Member for each school year shall be one (1) day or eight (8) hours of sick leave.
 - i. Initial Participation: In order to participate, Unit Members must have at least ten (10) days of accrued sick leave remaining after donating to the CLP.

- ii. Continuing Participation: Ongoing participation of existing members shall be permitted even if the participant's remaining accrued sick leave falls below ten (10) days after the required annual donation.
- f. In any year a Unit Member is active in the CLP, the Unit Member may request to withdraw days, subject to the terms of the program.
 - i. An active CLP member is a Unit Member who has donated in the current school year OR who has donated for three years and has had his/her donations suspended.
- g. If a Unit Member uses a day from the CLP, pay for that day shall be the same rate the Unit Member would have received had the Unit Member worked that day.
- h. When the CLP exceeds 250 actual days, the Committee may suspend donations for one (1) year for all current members who have contributed for at least three (3) years. Members with less than three years of contributions will need to continue contributing each year for up to the three (3) years.
- i. Donated days not used in any given year shall be carried over for use in subsequent years and shall remain a part of the CLP. If, in any given year, the request(s) for utilization exhausts the number of days in the CLP, the CLP will be closed for the remainder of the year. By mutual agreement, the District or Association can agree to solicit Unit Members for an additional donation of days.
- j. A Unit Member who receives donated sick leave credits must use any leave credits, differential pay, including any vacation that he or she continues to accrue on a monthly basis, prior to receiving/using additional donated sick leave credits from the CLP.
- k. The CLP is available to all active CLP members for use during their work years (12 month Unit Members may apply to use the CLP year round; all other employees are eligible according to their regular work year).
- l. The maximum amount of time for which donated sick leave credits may be used is 50 days for any one catastrophic illness. The lifetime benefits from the CLP may not exceed a total of 100 days.
- m. The CLP may not be used if the Unit Member applies for or has purchased any other benefit or disability insurance policy or income protection program either public or private unless the total benefit is less than 100% of the Unit Member's basic salary. Unit Members having any additional income benefit must apply for that benefit before they are considered eligible for the CLP. The receipt of donated sick leave credit through the CLP as defined herein, when combined with other District income, or income protection plan, shall not provide the recipient with a greater monthly District income/fringe benefit contribution than he/she received immediately prior to the receipt of catastrophic sick leave.
- n. Any fraudulent or inappropriate use of donated days will result in the Unit Member returning any resulting overpayment of wages. The overpayment of wages will be converted by the District to days returned to the CLP. The number of days returned shall equal the number of days fraudulently or inappropriately used by the Unit Member.
- o. The Association agrees that it will not file, on its own behalf or on the behalf of any Unit Member, any grievance, claim or lawsuit of any kind related to any attempt by a Unit Member to retrieve donated sick leave used by another Unit Member pursuant to this provision. The Association also agrees that it will not file, on its own behalf or on the behalf of any Unit Member, any grievance, claim, or lawsuit of any kind which attempts to challenge in any way the legality or implementation of this document.

B. DONATION OF SICK LEAVE

Donation of sick leave is for the purpose of allowing a Certificated Unit Member to donate accumulated sick leave to another Certificated Unit Member when a Unit Member or a member of his/her family experiences a catastrophic illness or injury which requires the Unit Member to take time off from work for an extended period of time, and when the Unit Member has exhausted all available sick leave and other paid time off. Catastrophic illness or injury means an illness or injury that is expected to incapacitate the employee for an extended period of time, or that incapacitates a member of the employee's family.

Family members are defined as spouse or domestic partner, the Unit Member's children (including adoptive, step and legal ward), parents (including adoptive and step) or siblings (including adoptive and step).

All full-time, Unit Members who are on active duty with the District are eligible to receive donation of sick leave.

- To make a request for sick leave donation, the Unit Member shall submit, in writing to the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, a signed and dated verification letter by the sick or injured person's physician, indicating the incapacitating nature and probable duration of the illness or injury. The Assistant Superintendent of HR will then notify the Unit Member if/when their request has been approved and the ten (10) working day donation window will begin. During the ten (10) working day window, Unit Members may voluntarily submit a *Donation of Sick Leave* form. During the ten (10) working day window, communication from the Unit Member to other Unit Members regarding this request of donated days may take place. Administrators shall not participate in the request process. HR will not release the names of donors.
- The maximum number of donated days a Unit Member will be allowed to receive for a single catastrophic illness/injury shall not exceed twenty-five (25) work days. The maximum donated days a Unit Member will be allowed to receive, over a lifetime, is fifty (50) work days.
- If a Unit Member receives donated sick leave days, pay for that day(s) shall be the same rate the Unit Member would have received had the Unit Member worked that day.
- The start date for use of donated days shall be no sooner than the date of initial application.
- Donated days do not have to be used consecutively but must be used within twelve (12) months.
- Donated days used shall be reported in the substitute reporting system by the receiving Unit Member as, "Donated Sick Leave".

Unit Members interested in donating accumulated sick leave may do so in full-day increments, with no more than a total of ten (10) days being donated each school year. To ensure that interested Unit Members retain sufficient accrued sick leave to meet their own needs, donors shall not reduce their accumulated sick leave to fewer than ten (10) days. All transfers of eligible sick leave credit shall be irrevocable. By the end of the twelve (12) month period any/all unused donated sick leave days shall be donated to the Catastrophic Leave Program.

- Unit Members donating sick days must submit a *Donation of Sick Leave* form to the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources within the ten (10) day window. Donations will be anonymous.
- Fiscal Services will notify Unit Members that their donation has been processed and will communicate with the Unit Member receiving the donated sick leave as to when the use of donated days may begin.

ANAHEIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Health Benefit Plans

	Total Premiums effective Oct 1, 2025 Monthly	District Maximum Contribution (Cap) Monthly	District One-Time Contribution Oct 1, 2025-Sep 30, 2026 Monthly	Employee Contribution Oct 1, 2025-Sep 30, 2026 Monthly
Blue Shield PPO				
Employee Only	\$1,015.00	\$819.56	\$71.36	\$124.08
Emp + Spouse	\$2,111.00	\$1,654.37	\$186.90	\$269.73
Emp + Child(ren)	\$1,733.00	\$1,372.92	\$143.90	\$216.18
Family	\$2,988.00	\$2,159.49	\$351.37	\$477.14

Total

Blue Shield HMO

Employee Only	\$901.00	\$757.19	\$143.81	\$0.00
Emp + Spouse	\$1,870.00	\$1,432.15	\$180.46	\$257.39
Emp + Child(ren)	\$1,530.00	\$1,283.60	\$217.43	\$28.97
Family	\$2,638.00	\$1,829.03	\$494.04	\$314.93

Total

Blue Shield Trio

Employee Only	\$851.00	\$783.40	\$67.60	\$0.00
Emp + Spouse	\$1,764.00	\$1,707.08	\$56.92	\$0.00
Emp + Child(ren)	\$1,440.00	\$1,335.07	\$104.93	\$0.00
Family	\$2,484.00	\$2,171.16	\$312.84	\$0.00

Total

Kaiser

Employee Only	\$792.00	\$657.38	\$134.62	\$0.00
Emp + Spouse	\$1,640.00	\$1,372.91	\$267.09	\$0.00
Emp + Child(ren)	\$1,339.00	\$1,253.66	\$85.34	\$0.00
Family	\$2,313.00	\$1,849.93	\$463.07	\$0.00

Total

Other Benefit Plans

Total Premiums Effective Oct 1, 2025 Monthly	District Maximum Contribution	Employee Contribution Oct 1, 2025-Sep 30, 2026 Monthly
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Delta PPO

Employee (Only)	\$54.39	\$54.39	\$0.00
Employee Plus One	\$100.95	\$54.39	\$46.56
Family (Spouse and Children)	\$154.41	\$54.39	\$100.02

Delta Care HMO

Employee (Only)	\$19.44	\$19.44	\$0.00
Employee Plus One	\$32.14	\$32.14	\$0.00
Family (Spouse and Children)	\$47.35	\$47.35	\$0.00

AMERITAS

Employee (Only)	\$5.57	\$5.57	\$0.00
Employee Plus One	\$10.04	\$5.57	\$4.47
Family (Spouse and Children)	\$14.39	\$5.57	\$8.82

Reliance Standard (Life)

Employee Only	\$2.48	\$2.48	\$0.00
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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE ANAHEIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND
ANAHEIM ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
REGARDING
SPEECH & LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS –
RECRUITMENT/RETENTION INCENTIVE**

WHEREAS, representatives of the District and AEEA, met and discussed the issue of recruitment and retention of qualified and suitable Speech and Language Pathologists;

AND WHEREAS, Speech and Language Pathologists are to be considered a “difficult to fill” position;

AND, WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Understanding is for the purpose of outlining the jointly developed plan to employ needed Speech and Language Pathologists in the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, the District and AEEA, agree as follows:

1. The parties agree that, effective immediately upon joint agreement and signature of this Memorandum of Understanding, a recruitment/retention incentive of \$5,000 will be used as a recruitment tool and will be provided to any new fully credentialed Speech and Language Pathologists that sign a contract with the District and agree to stay for a minimum of three (3) years. The \$5,000 will be paid to the unit member in the following manner:
 - a. \$2,000, to be paid within 45 days after the first day of paid contracted service.
 - b. \$1,000 to be paid within 45 days after the first day of contracted employment in the second year with the District.
 - c. \$2,000 to be paid within 45 days after the first day of contracted employment in the third year with the District.
2. Should the unit member leave voluntarily or be terminated with cause prior to the end of year three (3), all monies paid in regards to this MOU will be refunded by the unit member to the district.
3. The parties agree that in some circumstances the District may elect not to exercise its right to recover the funds dispersed under this Memorandum of Understanding.
4. The parties further agree that the recruitment/retention incentive will expire on June 30, 2024, unless both parties agree to renew this Memorandum of Understanding. Any new Speech and Language Pathologists that are hired during the period from implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding through June 30, 2024 will receive the full recruitment/retention incentive of \$5,000 in the manner described in number one above.
5. The parties agree that this Memorandum of Understanding will not set precedent or create a past practice for the further payment of incentives, bonuses, stipends or any other type of compensation to Speech Pathologists or any other classification represented by AEEA.

6. If any provision of this Memorandum of Understanding is held to be unlawful, the entire Memorandum of Understanding shall be null and void.
7. This Memorandum of Understanding shall not obligate the District to enter into any other Memorandum of Understanding between the District and AEEA.

Date: June 1, 2023

Anaheim Elementary School District

By: Dena Melland

Date: June 1, 2023

Anaheim Elementary Education Association

By: Faith Daverin

Memorandum of Understanding between
Anaheim Elementary School District and
Anaheim Elementary Education Association

**Article VII – Hours of Employment
2024-2025 Work Year**

The Anaheim Elementary School District (District) and Anaheim Elementary Education Association (AEEA) hereby enter into this Memorandum of Understanding as follows:

One (1) work day shall be added to the 2024-25 work year subject to Verification of Sick Leave under Article 4 - Leaves of Absence, section 4.1.4 of the AEEA contract. This day shall take place on August 6, 2024, and shall be utilized for mandated trainings, staff meetings and professional development. Up to two (2) hours of this work day may be used for a staff meeting and/or professional development as determined by the District/site. The remainder of this on-site work day shall be utilized by Unit Members for completion of District provided mandated trainings. All mandated trainings must be completed by the end of the work day August 7, 2024, unless alternate arrangements have been approved by a site administrator.

This additional work day shall be paid at the Unit Member’s per diem rate.

August 7, 2024, shall be utilized by Unit Members for on-site planning and preparation for the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall not be construed as a precedent for any future circumstance or as establishing a past practice for any purpose.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall expire at the end of the work day on August 7, 2024, unless extended by mutual written agreement of both parties.

Dena Melland
Anaheim Elementary School District

October 24, 2023
Date

Faith Daverin
Anaheim Elementary Education Association

October 24, 2023
Date