

ARTICLE 1

RECOGNITION AND DEFINITIONS

1.1 RECOGNITION

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #303, Kane County, Illinois (hereinafter referred to as the 'Employer', 'Board' or the 'District') recognizes the St. Charles Educational Support Professionals IEA-NEA (hereinafter referred to as the 'Association' or the 'Union') as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for all full and part-time educational support personnel of the District (hereinafter referred to as the 'Employee' or 'Bargaining Unit Member') excluding the Secretary to the Superintendent, Assistant Secretary to the Superintendent, the Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Secretary of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Secretary to Chief Academic and Chief Information Officers, Human Resource Secretary, Secretary to the Director of Elementary Operations, Payroll Supervisor, Transportation Coordinator and all supervisory, managerial, confidential and short term employees, and students as defined by the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act.

It is further agreed that personnel hired under other short term grants will not be part of the Bargaining Unit and their employment shall not be subject to the Agreement.

1.2 PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

Employees included in the bargaining unit, working on other than a full-time basis, shall be provided benefits and conditions as specified in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2

MANAGEMENT'S RIGHTS

2.1 MANAGEMENT'S RIGHTS

The Association recognizes that the Board has the sole responsibility and authority to manage and direct the operations, activities, and properties of C.U.S.D. #303 to the full extent authorized by law and shall be limited only by the provisions of this Agreement and applicable laws.

ARTICLE 3

BARGAINING PROCEDURES

3.1 RELEASE TIME FOR BARGAINING

If negotiations are scheduled by mutual agreement of the parties during regular working hours, release time shall be provided for up to four members of the Association's negotiating committee.

3.2 MEDIATION

It is agreed that the parties will jointly request the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) if the parties to this Agreement determine that the assistance of a mediator would be helpful. Should FMCS be unavailable, the parties shall immediately commence discussion as to a replacement. In the event that the parties cannot agree upon a replacement, the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board shall be notified.

3.3 PRINTING OF CONTRACT, COSTS, AND DISTRIBUTION

Within thirty (30) days after the Agreement is signed, copies of this Agreement shall be printed and presented to each Bargaining Unit Member now employed, hereafter employed or considered for employment. In addition, the Employer shall provide each member of the Association Executive Committee Board one copy of the Agreement together with one building copy without charge to the Association.

ARTICLE 4

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

4.1 DEFINITIONS

A grievance shall be any claim by the Association, an Employee, or group of Employees that the terms of this Agreement have been misapplied, misinterpreted or violated by the Employer.

A. All time limits consist of days which the Central Administrative office is officially open for business.

- B. Any grievance which is not raised or processed within the following time limits shall be considered to have been waived; but such waiver shall not bar filing of future grievances of a similar nature.
- C. The grievance shall specify in writing the nature of the grievance and the section(s) of the Agreement which is allegedly being violated.

4.2 **PROCEDURES**

The parties acknowledge that it is preferable for an Employee and the Employer to resolve problems through free and informal communications. However, a grievance shall be processed as follows:

A. **STEP I**

The grievant shall present the grievance in writing to the immediately involved supervisor within fifteen (15) days of the date the grievant knew or should have known of the events giving rise to the grievance. The supervisor shall arrange for a meeting to take place within ten (10) days after receipt of the grievance. The Association's representative, the grievant, and the immediately involved supervisor shall be present for the meeting. Within ten (10) days of the meeting, the grievant and the Association shall be provided with the supervisor's written response, including the reasons for the decision.

B. **STEP II**

If the grievance is not resolved at Step 1, then the Association may refer the grievance to the Superintendent or the Superintendent's official designee within ten (10) days after receipt of the Step I answer. The Superintendent shall arrange, with the Association representative, for a meeting to take place within ten (10) days of the Superintendent's receipt of the appeal. Within ten (10) days of the meeting, the Association shall be provided with the Superintendent's written response, including the reasons for the decision.

C. **STEP III**

If the Association is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Step II, the Association may submit the grievance to final and binding arbitration. If a demand for arbitration is not filed with the Employer within ten (10) days of the date of the Step II answer, then the grievance shall be deemed withdrawn. The American Arbitration Association will be requested to provide a panel of seven (7) arbitrators within five (5) days of the demand. The parties shall alternately strike one name at a time from the panel until only one shall remain. The remaining name will be the arbitrator.

4.3 BYPASS

By mutual agreement, any step of the grievance procedure may be by passed.

4.4 STEP II GRIEVANCE

Grievances involving a supervisor or supervisors beyond the Employee's immediate supervisor may be initially filed by the Association at Step II.

4.5 NO REPRISALS CLAUSE

No reprisals shall be taken by the Employer against any Employee because of the Employee's participation or refusal to participate in a grievance.

4.6 RELEASED TIME

To the extent possible grievance investigations will take place outside work hours. However, should the employer and the SCESP agree that the investigation be held during work hours, the Employee and Association representative shall be released without loss of pay or benefits, provided notice is given to the immediate supervisor.

4.7 FILING OF MATERIALS

All records related to a grievance shall be filed separately from the personnel files of the Employees.

4.8 GRIEVANCE WITHDRAWAL

A grievance may be withdrawn at any level without establishing precedent.

4.9 NO WRITTEN RESPONSE

If no written decision has been rendered within the time limits indicated by a Step, then the grievance shall be deemed denied and may be advanced to the next Step.

4.10 EXPEDITED ARBITRATION

Upon mutual agreement, the Expedited Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association shall be used instead of the Voluntary Labor Arbitration Rules.

4.11 COSTS

The fees and the expenses of a transcript, if jointly requested, shall be shared equally by the parties. If a transcript is requested by only one party, that party shall assume the full cost of same, including the arbitrator's copy. Each party shall bear its own costs of preparation, including those of witnesses and representatives at the hearing.

4.12 SETTLEMENT

By mutual agreement, a grievance may be settled at any Step without establishing precedent.

4.13 PROCEDURES

- A. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties.
- B. The arbitrator shall have no authority to add to, subtract from, ignore, alter, modify or amend in any way the express terms of this Agreement, it being understood that this authority shall be limited to deciding the specific issue or issues submitted to him in writing by the parties.

ARTICLE 5

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

5.1 RIGHT TO ORGANIZE AND PARTICIPATE

Employees shall have the right to organize, join and assist the Association, to participate in negotiations with the Employer through representatives of their own choosing, and to engage in other activities as protected by law.

5.2 STATE AND FEDERAL RIGHTS

The Employer shall not discriminate against any Employee with respect to hours, wages or terms or conditions of employment by reason of his/her membership in the Association, his/her participation in any activities of the Association or in negotiations with the Employer nor shall the Employer discriminate against any Employee for their institution of any grievance, complaint, or proceeding under this Agreement, the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act, or any other Judicial or Administrative Agency.

5.3 RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING EMPLOYEES

The District reserves the right to initially promulgate and reasonably modify Employee conduct rules and regulations, which right shall not be subject to the grievance procedure set forth in the Agreement. However, the Association reserves the right to file a grievance challenging the reasonableness of any such rules or modifications thereto.

5.4 EMPLOYER HEARINGS/EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

Any Employee who is required to attend a meeting or conference with Administration in which discipline is to be imposed or discussed may request that an Association representative be present. If such request is made either before or during the meeting, said meeting will be adjourned until the Association representative is available.

5.5 BREAK PERIOD

Subject to emergency needs, each Employee covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to one (1) duty free 15 minute paid break for each three hours worked (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) and one (1) duty free 30 minute unpaid lunch break per day. The timing of such breaks shall be decided upon by the Employee and his or her immediate supervisor, with approval of the building principal or designee.

5.6 RULES AND REGULATIONS

All policies, regulations, and rules of the Employer relating to the Employee's employment must be published and readily available to the Employees. Copies of building policies, regulations and rules shall be distributed to each Employee in that building on the first day of school. Changes in existing policies, regulations, and rules shall be distributed to each Employee immediately preceding implementation.

5.7 EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION OF ASSIGNMENTS

Each Employee shall be given written notice of her/his tentative assignment for the forthcoming school term no later than the last student attendance day of the current school term. A similar written notice shall be given as soon as practicable if a change in assignment becomes necessary. The Employee will be offered the opportunity of a conference to discuss this change. No change in Employee assignments will be made arbitrarily.

5.8 INVOLUNTARY REASSIGNMENT

If a change in an Employee's assignment is necessary after the start of the school year, the affected Employee will have preferential rights to transfer back to an available position in the building from which he/she was involuntarily displaced for 12 months from the effective date of the transfer/reassignment, if such a reassignment can be effected without a negative impact on programs or services. The Employee will be offered the opportunity of a conference to discuss this change. No change in Employee assignments will be made arbitrarily.

No Employee shall experience a loss in work hours, pay or benefits as a result of an involuntary reassignment for the remainder of the school term in which the reassignment occurred. If the Employee is offered a position in the same classification that restores her/his original hours but he/she does not accept it, the Employee's work hours, pay and benefits will be adjusted accordingly. For the next school term, the Employee may displace the least senior employee with the number of hours the reassigned Employee had prior to the reassignment, within the same job classification.

ARTICLE 6

ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

6.1 ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

The District shall provide to the Association President, procedures to address the Board. The District shall also provide to the Association President notice of any regular or special meeting along with a copy of the agenda, minutes from the previous meeting, and all pertinent documents that will be considered at the meeting, except those not subject to public disclosure under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, by 3:00 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting.

6.2 BOARD MINUTES - ASSOCIATION COPIES

A copy of approved Board minutes shall be mailed or placed in the mail box of the President of the Association as soon as they have been prepared.

6.3 NAMES AND ADDRESSES - NEW EMPLOYEES

Names and building assignments of newly-hired Employees shall be provided to the Association within fourteen (14) days after their hiring.

6.4 ASSOCIATION LEAVE

The Association shall be granted an aggregate number of leave days equal to twenty (20) regular school days to send representatives to local, state, or national conferences or on other business pertinent to Association affairs. The Association shall reimburse the District for the cost of substitute(s) if substitutes are used.

6.5 CONTRACT - UNIFORM APPLICATION

Both parties agree that the provisions of this Agreement shall not be applied in a manner which is arbitrary, capricious, or discriminatory.

6.6 REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS

The Association President and Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources will hold regular monthly meetings during the course of this contract. This will allow the regular communication of items of concern.

Each Employee is encouraged to raise and discuss any problems with respect to existing District #303 operations, practices or policies, or changes made thereto (but falling outside the definition of "Grievance" set forth in Section 4.1). Such problems should be raised initially in writing with the Building Principal or immediate supervisor by the Employee or the Association. If resolution is not achieved, the Employee or the Association may raise and/or appeal such problems to the Central Administration through the Superintendent (or designee). If not satisfactorily resolved the Employee or Association may appeal to the Board. An Employee who raises a problem will not be subjected to discrimination because of such action.

6.7 PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

A. PROCEDURES FOR MEMBERSHIP AUTHORIZATION

Proper authorization for membership payroll deductions shall be the signature of the Employee on an authorization form prepared by the Association and submitted to the Superintendent or his/her designee. Such authorization shall remain effective from year to year unless the Employee cancels such authorization by notice in writing to the Superintendent and the Association prior to September 1st of any school year, to be effective for such year.

B. PAYMENT TO THE ASSOCIATION

Authorizations submitted to the Superintendent or his/her designee by the 15th of any month shall become effective by the first pay period of the following month. Such payroll deductions shall be equally deducted over the remaining pay periods and remitted to the Association within ten (10) working days following each pay period.

C. IDEMNIFICATION

The Association shall indemnify and hold harmless the Board from any and all claims, demands, suits and costs incurred in connection with any such claim, demand, or suit, resulting from any reasonable action taken or omitted by the Employer for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this section.

D. FAIR SHARE

1. Each Bargaining Unit Member, as a condition of his/her employment, on or before thirty (30) days from the date of commencement of duties or the effective date of this Agreement, whichever is later, shall join the Association or pay a fair share fee to the Association equivalent to the amount of dues uniformly required of members of the Association, including local, state and national dues.
2. In the event that the Bargaining Unit Member does not pay his/her fair share fee directly to the Association by a certain date as established by the Association, the Board shall deduct the fair share fee from the wages of the non-member.
3. Such fee shall be paid to the Association by the Board no later than ten (10) days following deduction.
4. In the event of any legal action against the Employer brought in a court or administrative agency because of its compliance with this Article, the Association agrees to defend such action, at its own expense and through its own counsel, provided:
 - a. The Employer gives immediate notice of such action in writing to the Association, and permits the Association intervention as a party if it so desires; and,
 - b. The Employer gives full and complete cooperation to the Association and its counsel in securing and giving evidence,

obtaining witnesses and making relevant information available at both trial and all appellate levels.

5. The Association agrees that in any action so defended, it will indemnify and hold harmless the Employer from any liability for damages and costs imposed by a final judgment of a court or administrative agency as a direct consequence of the Employer's compliance with this Article.
 - a. It is expressly understood that this save harmless provision will not apply to any claim, demand, suit or other form of liability which may arise as a result of any type of willful misconduct by the Board or the Board's imperfect execution of the obligations imposed upon it by this Article.
6. The obligation to pay a fair share fee will not apply to any Employee who, on the basis of a bona fide religious tenet or teaching of a church or religious body of which such Employee is a member, objects to the payment of a fair share fee to the Association. Upon proper substantiation and collection of the entire fee, the Association will make payment in behalf of the Employee to a mutually agreeable non-religious charitable organization as per Association policy and the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board.

6.8 ASSOCIATION USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

The Employer will allow the Association to use District facilities for committee, general or building Employee meetings, outside of school attendance hours, subject to rules of the District for non-school use. If the facility is unavailable, another facility will be provided. Association members will be allowed to store Association materials at their work site in a place not available to students. In addition, the Association shall have the right to use equipment including District e-mail, typewriters, other duplicating or printing equipment, binding equipment, calculating machines, audio-visual equipment, and computer and word processing equipment at reasonable times when such equipment is not in use. The Association shall pay for the reasonable cost of all materials, supplies and operator (when necessary) incident to such use.

6.9 ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

Association Representatives shall be permitted to transact Association business on school property provided the Administrator in charge has been

notified. The Association shall have the right to communicate with its members via the telephone, inter-school mail, bulletin boards for suitable notices, and hold periodic building meetings.

6.10 ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT RELEASED TIME

The Association President or his/her designee shall be granted released time to conduct Association business to a maximum of twenty (20) school days per year.

ARTICLE 7

WORKING CONDITIONS

7.1 DEFINITION OF EMPLOYEE

A. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

For purposes of this Agreement, a full-time Employee is an Employee who works 12-months out of the year and more than six hours per day. A full-time school term Employee is an Employee who works at least six or more hours a day for at least 177 student attendance days.

B. NEW EMPLOYEES

All new Employees shall be on a probationary status for the first sixty (60) days of employment, which probationary period may be extended by agreement of the Association and the District. During such probationary period, an Employee may be discharged, laid off or otherwise terminated at the sole discretion of the District, without recourse to the grievance procedure set forth in the Agreement. Upon completion of the probationary period, an Employee's seniority shall date back to his/her date of hire.

C. BENEFITS

Full-time Employees

Benefits available to Full time employees are:

- Medical Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Vacation Days (12 month employees)
- Leaves of Absence
- Seniority
- Sick Bank
- Sick Days
- Personal Days

Part-time Employees

Benefits available to Part-time employees are:

- Leaves of absence
- Seniority
- Sick Bank
- Sick Days
- Personal Days

7.2 OVERTIME

Overtime shall be defined as hours worked beyond forty (40) hours in a week. Each Employee shall be compensated one and one-half times the Employee's regular pay for each hour of overtime worked, including evening and weekend events, on or off school premises.

Employees required to work on Holidays and/or Sundays shall be compensated two-times regular rate of pay.

Hours worked beyond the Employee's regular schedule must be submitted to payroll in order to be paid. Employees are to be paid for all time worked if the supervisor is aware that the Employee is working. Employees in Bargaining Unit positions are not permitted to volunteer time in order to do work within the scope of her/his job description.

7.3 WORK YEAR. HOLIDAYS AND VACATION DAYS

The employment year for all Employees shall be from July 1 through June 30. The year shall consist of approximately two hundred sixty (260) days which includes paid holidays, vacation days, shutdown days, and recess days.

A. PAID HOLIDAYS

The District will guarantee twelve (12) paid holidays per school year for twelve month Employees and eight (8) paid holidays for school term Employees. If there is a State or Federal government change to the naming of legal holidays, the Administration will negotiate with the Association to continue to award eight (8) paid holidays to school term employees and twelve (12) paid holidays to twelve month employees. If for any reason school was scheduled to be held on what is identified in these lists as a paid holiday, Administration would negotiate with the Association an alternative paid day.

The Paid Holidays Are:

12-Month Employees

Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Friday
Christmas Day
New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Day
Lincoln's Birthday
Casimir Pulaski
Memorial Day

School Term Employees

Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Friday

Martin Luther King Day
Lincoln's Birthday

Memorial Day

1. Casimir Pulaski Day (12 Month) will be awarded adjacent to the Fourth of July Holiday.
2. Veteran's Day (12 Month and School Term) will be a floating holiday. All eligible Employees must submit in writing to their immediate supervisor by September 10 each year their request for a specific date to celebrate this holiday. (Note: Employees in their first year of employment must have been started their employment prior to November 11 to earn this holiday.)
3. Lincoln's Birthday (12 Month and School Term) will be replaced by Presidents' Day if Presidents' Day is celebrated in the school calendar.

B. ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for holiday pay, an Employee must work the full scheduled workday before and after the holiday, unless the Employee's absence is excused for sickness or illness and acceptable proof of same is provided to the District, if requested.

C. EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Support Staff whose normal schedule is a five (5) day work week will be expected to work their regular schedule on "early release" days. Individuals who seek not to work on these days must submit a "Non-Compensatory" form to the Superintendent's office. All support staff will be required to be in attendance for at least one Institute Day each school year.

D. SCHOOL CALENDAR

The calendar of any given year for District 303 shall be prepared in a draft form by a joint committee composed of at least three (3) teacher representatives, appointed by the Association, one SCESP representation, and chaired by an Administrative representative appointed by the Superintendent. Said calendar shall be submitted to the Board of Education through the Superintendent of Schools by no later than March 1, annually. The joint committee may prepare in draft form a calendar of at least two years in duration. The draft calendar shall be educationally sound and in compliance with ISBE requirements. In the event the draft calendar is not approved by the Board of Education, the calendar committee shall be consulted and offered an opportunity to redraft the proposed calendar prior to adoption of a different or modified calendar.

No later than August 1 all Employees will be notified of all support staff work days for the following year.

7.4 UNSAFE OR HAZARDOUS WORKING CONDITIONS

No Bargaining Unit Members shall be required to work under unsafe or hazardous conditions or to perform tasks which endanger their health, safety or well-being. Whenever practical, no Bargaining Unit Member shall be required to enter a building alone or to be left alone in a building. Except in emergency situations, teacher assistants, certified or not certified, shall not be required to be alone in a self-contained BD classroom without the presence of another staff member.

7.5 MEDICAL PROCEDURES

Bargaining Unit Members shall not be required to dispense medication to pupils, except in emergency circumstances in the absence of an Administrator or Nurse. Bargaining Unit Members shall not be required to perform any invasive medical procedures and/or any procedure requiring a medical degree or medical training.

District will comply with legislation.

7.6 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

The Employer shall reimburse the Employee the cost of tuition for job related courses when required by the Employer.

7.7 TRAINING

The Administration and the SCESP recognize the importance of proper training for Employees. To that end, the parties agree to the following:

- A. The District shall schedule in-service training for each new Employee within five days of the Employee's first day working in the position to provide the Employee with knowledge of the responsibilities of the job. During the first year of employment all SCESP members will be required to attend up to five hours of orientation outside the work day at full pay. This orientation may be in conjunction with New Teacher Orientation.
- B. The Administration shall strive to provide appropriate time for the Classroom Teacher and the Teacher's Assistant of Inclusionary, Special Education or Early Childhood students to confer on educational issues and other issues which effect students. This time could be in addition to the time prescribed by the IEP
- C. All SCESP's shall be scheduled to attend appropriate training with pay. Training programs may be provided during the school year and up to two weeks prior to the first student attendance day of the school year. Reasonable notice shall be given to Employees if they are to be required to attend during the two-week period prior to the start of school or after school on student attendance days. Training programs may occur during regular schools hours, on student non-attendance days, or after school on student attendance days. Training programs will be provided at District Schools or other sites within the District.

SCESP's shall be paid their regular hourly rate for training including overtime, if programs exceed forty (40) hours per week.

ARTICLE 8

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

8.1 INCLEMENT WEATHER - LOSS OF PAY

All twelve month employees are expected to report for work on any "snow days" for which students are excused. Teacher Assistants and school year clerical personnel will make up any days for which the school is closed as a snow day and, therefore, will not be expected to be present during the closing.

Any twelve month employee who does not report for work will be required to receive a deduction in pay, or use a personal leave day or use a vacation day.

ARTICLE 9

LEAVES

9.1 SICK LEAVE

Employees who have completed their probationary period shall be entitled to paid sick leave, to be used on account of illness, as follows:

1. Full-time twelve month Employees, 13 days per year;
2. Ten month Employees working at least 600 hours per year and at least 4 hours per day, 11 days per year on a prorata basis. Unused sick leave may be accumulated from year to year without limitation. The District may require a physician's statement as a condition for payment of sick leave upon reasonable belief that sick leave is being abused or for absences in excess of three (3) consecutive days.

A. IMMEDIATE FAMILY

Sick leave shall be granted for personal illness, quarantine at home, illness and additional days beyond bereavement leave for death of members of the immediate family or household. The immediate family for purposes of this section, shall include: parents, spouse, brothers, sisters, children, grandparents, grandchildren, parents-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and legal guardians.

9.2 PERSONAL LEAVE

Two of the above sick leave days, per year, may be used for personal business, providing the Employee shall notify his/her principal/ supervisor at least three (3) days in advance except in cases of emergency. In no event shall personal leave be taken contiguous to a holiday or other scheduled non-working weekday.

9.3 ACCIDENT OR INJURY LEAVE

Absence due to injury, accident or illness incurred in the course of the Employee's employment shall not be charged against the Employee's sick leave days. An Employee on Worker's Compensation leave shall continue to accumulate seniority for a period not to exceed six (6) months.

9.4 ADDITIONAL PAID LEAVES

A. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Employees may use up to three (3) days, per incident, for leave connected with the death of members of the immediate family: parents, spouse, brothers, sisters, children, grand-parents, grandchildren, parents-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and legal guardians. Additional days may be taken from sick leave. The District will provide additional unpaid leave if necessary.

B. JURY SERVICE AND OTHER RELATED APPEARANCES

Any Employee called for jury duty shall be paid his/her full compensation for such time with no loss of any leaves, seniority, or loss of any other benefits. As a condition of this benefit, the Employee shall turn over any fees received.

9.5 NON-PAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Leaves of absence without pay or benefits up to six (6) months in duration may be granted in the Employer's reasonable discretion upon written request from an Employee. To apply for a leave of absence, an employee must be in good standing and been in that or other such position for at least one year. Such leaves may be extended at the Employer's discretion for an additional six (6) months upon written application by the Employee fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration of the original leave. Employees must inform the District in writing fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration of the leave of absence their intention to return to work. The Employer reserves the right to require the Employee to continue the leave until the end of the school term. "School term" means the school semester, which typically ends near the middle of January and the beginning of June each school year.

During said leaves, seniority shall not continue to accumulate. Requests for leaves of absence shall include the reason for leave along with notification of the beginning and ending dates of said leaves. An Employee returning from a leave of absence is entitled to be placed in the same or an "equivalent position" with the same pay, benefits, and other working conditions.

Requests for unpaid leaves of absences in relation to parenthood shall be administered without regard to sex; actual disabilities arising out of pregnancy shall be deemed illnesses subject to the sick leave policy. It is expressly agreed that because of the predictable, volitional and/or

avoidable aspect of parental leave (as distinguished from disabilities arising out of or because of pregnancy) all requests for leaves of absence in relation to parenthood shall include a positive commitment to return to employment and shall be structured so as to result in minimal disruption to the program of education.

Eligible employees are entitled to unpaid leaves of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act. Employees will be informed of their rights under this Act. (See Appendix.)

As stated in the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the employer is required to maintain health insurance coverage “on the same basis as coverage would be provided if the employee has been continuously employed during the FMLA leave period.”

Definition of a day Leave of Absence: Each day of absence shall be commensurate to the employees contracted work day.

9.6 RETIREMENT

A. UNUSED SICK LEAVE

An Employee who retires with 15 years of service shall be paid a retirement severance at the rate of \$30.00 per day. The maximum allowable days of sick leave for this purpose shall be 150 days.

1. This retirement severance will be paid over the last four (4) months of employment. To be eligible for the above severance to be paid out in this manner, written notice of intent to retire shall be delivered to the Board at least five (5) months before effective date of retirement.
2. Unused, unpaid sick leave may be applied toward additional service time with IMRF at the rate of 20 days per month or fraction thereof. Refer to information from IMRF.

Portions of sick leave may be used for #1 or #2. This should be stated in the notice of intent to retire.

B. UNUSED VACATION

Upon termination of employment, an Employee shall be paid for earned but unused vacation time at his or her current rate of pay. Vacation time earned in the current fiscal year shall be prorated on the basis of the percentage of the year employed.

Payment for these vacation days and for unused vacation time earned in the last fiscal year to be taken in the current year, may be made over the last four (4) months of employment. Written notice of intent to retire shall be delivered to the board at least five (5) months before effective date of retirement. A portion of the vacation time earned in the last fiscal year (to be taken in the current year) can be taken in the last four (4) months of employment but cannot be used to extend the retirement date. The request for number of days to be paid out or held back should be stated in the notice of intent to retire.

C. INSURANCE

Retired Employees may continue group insurance benefits in accordance with the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reform Act of 1986, or as allowed under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Support Personnel Employees who are retiring and meet all the requirements of the state law covering IMRF members may continue employee and dependent major medical coverage with the District until eligible for Medicare by reimbursing the District the cost of the premium. Insurance rates per month are available through the Business Office. These rates are subject to change.

Bargaining Unit members age 55 with at least fifteen (15) years of service, who retire shall receive a stipend of \$2,450.00 per year until the retiree is eligible for Medicare to be used toward a medical insurance program. The stipend shall be paid to the retiree.

Dental coverage may be continued for three years only per the District policy. Life insurance may not be continued but may be converted.

D. EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE

This retirement incentive shall apply only to those persons employed by School District 303 for at least 15 years and who are retiring from work with the immediate intent to collect their IMRF pension. Any full-time member of the Bargaining Unit shall receive this incentive provided she/he gives written notice of the intent to retire March 1, of the year prior to one's final year of service.

The incentive shall consist of 20 percent of the Employee's salary for the year the letter of intent is filed, and shall be paid in the Employee's last year of employment.

Such notice of intent to retire shall be irrevocable by the affected staff after formal acceptance by the Board of Education.

The maximum increase that an Employee can receive with this incentive in combination with any other increases is twenty percent (20%) in one school year. The twenty percent (20%) increase includes salary increases for salary schedule and other Board of Education contribution.

ARTICLE 10

SICK LEAVE BANK

10.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF BANK

A sick leave bank shall be established and shall consist of accumulated sick days contributed by Bargaining Unit Members. Each Bargaining Unit Member employed by the District as of the effective date of this Agreement shall contribute two (2) sick days to establish the Bank. Thereafter, each newly hired Bargaining Unit Employee shall contribute one (1) sick day per year for the first two (2) years of employment. In the event the Bank is depleted to less than 100 days, each Bargaining Unit Member shall contribute one (1) additional day. Unused days remaining in the sick leave Bank at the end of the year will accumulate for the following year.

Definition of a Sick Day: Each sick day shall be commensurate to the employees contracted work day.

10.2 ELIGIBILITY

An Employee must have one (1) year seniority with the District prior to the accident or illness for which application is made to be eligible.

10.3 PROCEDURE FOR USE OF SICK BANK

Any Employee currently employed in the District shall be entitled to draw from the Bank provided the following conditions are met:

1. The Employee has used all his/her personal accumulated sick days and personal days.
2. Only serious illness or accidents are applicable.
3. The Employee shall produce a doctor's certificate as proof of need.
4. The Employee has been absent more than seven (7) consecutive work days in connection with the same illness. If days are awarded by the Bank they would be retroactive to the first day of eligibility.
5. The Committee shall request the Employee's attendance record and utilize the data in the evaluation of the Employee's request.

6. The Committee shall also take into consideration the Employee's eligibility for disability benefits from any source whatsoever before ruling on the Employee's application.

10.4 GOVERNING COMMITTEE

A committee shall be established to act as the governing body for the administration of the Sick Leave Bank. Said committee shall consist of two (2) Employees named by the Association and two (2) Administrators named by the Superintendent. In the event of a deadlock the Superintendent shall cast the deciding vote.

ARTICLE 11

VACATIONS

11.1 VACATION DAY/SENIORITY

All twelve month Bargaining Unit Members shall receive paid vacation time. Said vacation time may be used by eligible Employees at times of the Employee's choosing subject only to the condition where more than one Employee requests the same vacation date(s) and work scheduling demands reasonably prohibit all requesting Employees from being absent at the requested times, the affected Employee having the greatest seniority shall be granted his/her preferred vacation date(s).

11.2 ACCUMULATED VACATION DAYS AND ANNUAL ALLOTMENT

Eligible Employees shall be entitled to vacation days, with pay, as follows:

- A. During the first fiscal year of employment, an Employee shall accrue one (1) day of vacation for each month worked, up to a maximum of ten (10) days. Employees who do not satisfactorily complete their probationary period during the fiscal year in which they were hired will not receive the vacation entitlement set forth above.
- B. After the first fiscal year of employment, eligible Employees shall be entitled to vacation as follows, to be taken during the next fiscal year:

*After the passage of July 1 the first time.

| Year | Accrue | Available |
|------|--------|-----------|
| 1 | 10 | <=10 |
| 2 | 10 | 10 |
| 3 | 10 | 10 |
| 4 | 10 | 10 |
| 5 | 15 | 10 |
| 6 | 15 | 15 |
| 7 | 15 | 15 |
| 8 | 15 | 15 |

| Year | Accrue | Available |
|------|--------|-----------|
| 9 | 15 | 15 |
| 10 | 16 | 15 |
| 11 | 17 | 16 |
| 12 | 18 | 17 |
| 13 | 19 | 18 |
| 14 | 20 | 19 |
| 15 | 20 | 20 |

A maximum of ten (10) vacation days may be carried over at June 30th, but by the ensuing September 1st, vacation days may only equal those additional days awarded on July 1st of that year. Upon termination of employment, an Employee shall be paid for earned but unused vacation time at his or her current rate of pay.

- C. In the event a full-time school term Employee is permanently transferred to a twelve-month position his/her placement on the vacation schedule pursuant to Section 11.2 B above, shall be determined by dividing the actual number of months worked by such Employee since date of hire by twelve.

ARTICLE 12

EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

12.1 EVALUATIONS

- A. Prior to completion of the 60 day probationary period, a form shall be completed (See Article 7.1.B). A copy of the completed form will be provided to the Association.
- B. Thereafter, employees shall be evaluated at least yearly for the first three (3) years of employment. Thereafter evaluations will be conducted as needed; not less than once every three (3) years. Evaluations shall be conducted by supervisory personnel no later than May 15 for school term Employees and June 15 for twelve month Employees. The primary purpose of evaluations shall be the improvement of Employee skills and performance, and to that end the evaluation will seek to identify Employee strengths and weaknesses, areas to be improved, and suggestions for improvement. Except in

instances where there is a blatant abuse of sick days, attendance shall not be part of the evaluation process.

Employees shall be given copies of all written evaluations. Within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of a written evaluation, an Employee may respond to or comment on such evaluation in writing. Copies of evaluations and of all Employee responses thereto shall be kept in the Employee's personnel file.

ARTICLE 13

PERSONNEL FILE

13.1 CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR PLACEMENT OF MATERIALS IN FILE

There shall be only one (1) official personnel file for each Bargaining Unit Member. The Employee shall be given a copy of all evaluations or disciplinary materials which are placed in his/her personnel file. An Employee will have the opportunity to reply in writing to all evaluations or disciplinary notices within 15 calendar days after receipt thereof, and all such written replies will be placed in the Employee's personnel file. No discipline materials shall be made public except as required by law.

13.2 RIGHT TO EXAMINE AND REPRODUCE MATERIALS IN FILE

An Employee shall have the right to review his/her personnel file, with or without a representative of the Union at the Employee's choosing, once every three (3) months. Upon the Employee's request and at the Employee's expense, the Employer will reproduce one (1) copy of any materials in the Employee's personnel file, but not more often than once every six (6) months.

13.3 OFFICIAL FILE

Only materials in the official personnel file shall be used by the Board to support disciplinary action against the Employee.

13.4 SEPARATE FILE

Nothing contained herein shall limit the Employer's right to maintain separate files for materials investigatory in nature, used for overall planning purposes, or for materials relating to the Employee's initial hiring. Further, the Employer shall not be obligated to disclose such documents to the Employee.

ARTICLE 14

EMPLOYEE PROTECTION

14.1 ASSAULT ON EMPLOYEES - PROCEDURES

- A. When a physical assault occurs, the Employee has the right to defend himself/herself and/or obtain assistance.
- B. The principal or designee should be immediately notified of the incident and take appropriate action. If the principal is not available, the Employee may call on the assistant principal and/or administrative designee.
- C. The School District shall fully investigate the incident and support the Employee who acted in good faith in the performance of their responsibility.

14.2 HARASSMENT

A. SEXUAL

See Board Policy available in each building.

14.3 SUBPOENA, SUMMONS OR LEGAL COMPLAINT

Any Employee who is served with a subpoena, summons or legal complaint on a matter relating to her or his employment in District 303 shall notify Human Resources in a timely manner. The Employee shall receive appropriate consultation regarding the matter at no cost to the Employee. The Employee will be compensated at her/his normal rate (plus overtime, if applicable) for time required by the employer or the court spent on such a matter.

ARTICLE 15

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

15.1 DISCIPLINE POLICY

Written reprimands, suspension without pay and dismissal from employment shall be for just cause. This provision shall not apply to dismissal or change in employment status, which occurs for non-disciplinary reasons, such as because of a reduction in the workforce, nor

shall the provision apply to probationary employees. Verbal warnings shall be for cause. Employee discipline shall, in the usual case, follow progressive discipline concepts, with the disciplinary steps being:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Written Reprimand
3. Suspension Without Pay
4. Discharge

Where, in management's judgment, the circumstances of a particular case and/or the seriousness of a particular offense make the application of progressive discipline inappropriate, the appropriate disciplinary step to be used will be determined by management. Suspension without pay and discharge are subject to the grievance procedure, except that the first step in such procedures shall be the Superintendent's step, or the Board step where management and the Association so agree.

15.2 SUSPENSIONS

An Employee may be suspended, at the District's sole discretion, with pay, pending an investigation or determination concerning disciplinary action. Such investigation or determination shall be completed by the District within five (5) school days of the suspension. If the District's investigation discloses that no disciplinary action should be taken against the suspended Employee, such Employee shall be allowed to return to work.

ARTICLE 16

JOB DESCRIPTION AND CLASSIFICATION

16.1 JOB DESCRIPTIONS DEVELOPED AND DISTRIBUTED

Official job descriptions for each position within the Bargaining Unit shall be maintained at the Personnel Office and shall be available for inspection by Bargaining Unit Employees upon request. Copies of all job descriptions and revisions thereto when made will be given to the Association President.

A written job description for a newly created or modified position will be given to the Association President no later than 30 days after such position is filled or changed. The District and the Association will review existing job descriptions at least every second year.

It is agreed between the Employer and the Union that the parties will establish a joint committee to review existing job descriptions and to recommend necessary revisions thereto. The committee will be comprised

of four (4) persons, two (2) of whom shall be selected by the Union and two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the Superintendent. The committee shall attempt to reach agreement by consensus; however, it is understood that the final decision as to the content of each job description shall remain vested in the Employer.

ARTICLE 17

SUBCONTRACTING

17.1 TEMPORARY USE OF NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL

The Employer agrees that supervisors or non-unit personnel shall not be used at any time to displace Bargaining Unit Members regularly employed in the Bargaining Unit, except in emergencies when Bargaining Unit Members are not available or have refused to do the work.

17.2 SUBSTITUTES

- A. The Employer may use at its discretion substitutes for an absence of two (2) or more days of a regular Bargaining Unit Member.
- B. Should a certified teacher assistant be asked to fulfill the position of another certified teacher they shall be compensated at the substitute's rate of pay or their regular pay whichever is higher.
- C. If one (1) or more teacher assistant(s) is/are absent in a classroom with students present, any remaining teacher assistant who assumes the absent teaching assistant's duties working in that room will be paid at the then current certified substitute rate of pay.

ARTICLE 18

SENIORITY

18.1 DEFINITION OF SENIORITY

Seniority shall be defined as the length of continuous service within the District as a member of the Bargaining Unit. Accumulation of seniority shall begin from the Bargaining Unit Member's first working day. A paid holiday shall be counted as the first working day in applicable situations. In the event that more than one individual Bargaining Unit Member has the

same starting date of work, position on the seniority list shall be determined by drawing lots.

18.2 PART-TIME SENIORITY

Part-time Bargaining Unit Members employed for at least 800 hours per year shall accrue one year seniority. A member working less than 800 hours per year shall accrue one-half year seniority. Probationary Bargaining Unit Members shall have no seniority until the completion of the probationary period at which time their seniority shall revert to their first day of work.

18.3 MAINTAINING AND POSTING OF SENIORITY LISTS

The Board shall prepare, maintain, and post the seniority list. The initial seniority list shall be prepared and posted conspicuously in all buildings of the District within thirty (30) work days after the effective date of this Agreement with revisions and updates prepared and posted semi-annually thereafter. A copy of the seniority list and subsequent revisions shall be furnished to the Association/Union.

18.4 LOSS OF SENIORITY

- A. Resignation
- B. Dismissal for Cause
- C. Retirement
- D. Being on layoff for a period of time equal to seniority at the time of layoff or for one (1) year, whichever is greater.
- E. Employment in a position excluded from the bargaining unit for a period greater than six months, unless such period is extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

ARTICLE 19

REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL, LAYOFF, AND RECALL

19.1 LAYOFF FOR CAUSE

For the purpose of this section, Teaching Assistants will be further classified as: Early Childhood Assistants, Partners in Reading, Instructional (Enrollment) Assistants and Special Education Assistants.

- A. Layoff shall be defined as a necessary reduction in the work force beyond normal attrition due to lack of funds or lack of work.

B. In the event the Board determines the need for a reduction in force, the administration shall meet with the Association to discuss the following:

1. Reasons for need to have layoff.
2. Review of seniority list.
3. Review of layoff and recall procedures.

19.2 PROCEDURE FOR LAYOFF

For the purpose of this section, Teaching Assistants will be further classified as: Early Childhood Assistants, Partners in Reading, Instructional (Enrollment) Assistants and Special Education Assistants.

Reductions in force shall be accomplished based upon seniority within affected classifications. In the event of a necessary reduction in force, the Employer shall first lay off probationary Employees within the affected classification; further reductions shall take place in inverse order of seniority within the affected classification. Non-probationary Employees thus reduced shall have the option of displacing the least senior Employee within the Bargaining Unit, provided that such reduced Employee is qualified to perform the job. If the reduced Employee does not exercise this option or is not qualified to perform the job held by the least senior Employee, he or she will be laid off.

19.3 LAID OFF EMPLOYEE/SUBSTITUTION

A laid off Employee shall, upon application and at his/her option, be granted priority status on the substitute list according to his/her seniority with the District, provided such Employee is fully qualified to perform the job in question.

A. FRINGE BENEFITS/LAID OFF EMPLOYEES

Laid off Employees may continue group insurance benefits in accordance with the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reform Act of 1996.

B. RECALL RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

Any subsequent increase in the affected classification shall follow the reverse order of the reduction so that the last to be reduced within the affected classification are the first to be recalled in that classification.

C. EMPLOYEE'S OBLIGATION TO RESPOND TO RECALL

It shall be the Employee's responsibility to keep the Employer notified as to his/her current mailing address. Notices of recall shall be sent by

registered or certified mail to the Employee's address shown on the Employer's records, and shall state the time, date and place to which the Employee is to report back to work. A recalled Employee shall be given three (3) working days to report to work. An Employee who fails to report within such time Period shall forfeit his/her seniority rights and shall be deemed a voluntary quit.

ARTICLE 20

VACANCIES

20.1 VACANCIES

For the purpose of this section, vacancies within the Bargaining Unit shall mean any position which needs to be filled to maintain District operations. In the event a vacancy should arise the District shall post a notice on the District website. The notice shall include the job title, whether ten (10) or twelve (12) months, the number of hours to be worked, and date of posting. Qualified Employees shall submit to the Assistant Superintendent or his designee their desire to apply for such vacancy within five (5) working days of said notice being posted. Employees shall be given first consideration over applicants from outside the District. Where qualifications are equal the Employee with the greatest seniority shall be awarded the position.

20.2 POSITION CHANGE

Members of the Bargaining Unit who apply for and are awarded a different position will be subject to a 60 day trial period. During this trial period the member will continue to receive all benefits to which they are entitled. If it becomes evident during the 60 day trial period that a member is unsuccessful in the new position and has been offered documented remediation by the supervisor and no other appropriate position is available for the member to move to, separation from the District may occur without access to the Grievance procedure.

20.3 TRANSFER TO ANOTHER JOB CLASSIFICATION

Any Bargaining Unit Member who has been incapacitated at his/her regular work by injury or compensable occupational disease while employed by the Employer may be employed at other available work which he/she can do.

ARTICLE 21

COMPENSATION AND RELATED PROVISIONS

21.1 LIFE INSURANCE

A \$25,000 term life insurance policy shall be provided for all Bargaining Unit Members employed more than thirty (30) hours weekly during the school year; beyond age 65, the amendments as approved shall determine the limitation. Initial eligibility date of new employees is the first day of the month following the completion of one (1) month of continuous active service.

21.2 INSURANCE

The Board shall contribute approximately 90% of the cost of Employee coverage and approximately 80% of the cost of the dependent coverage (effectively, approximately 85% of the total cost) of the hospitalization and major medical group insurance in effect within the District for all Bargaining Unit Members whose position is scheduled to work 30 hours or more per week. Initial eligibility date of new employees is the first day of the month following the completion of one (1) month of continuous active service.

Employees employed more than thirty (30) hours weekly during the school year have insurance coverage until August 31. Coverage for any eligible participant who is hired on a ten (10) month work year basis who terminates employment at the end of the ten (10) month term will remain eligible to continue coverage through the months of July and August, subject to the provisions of the Plan. Premiums are automatically taken out of the June payroll check for the extended time unless the payroll office is otherwise notified.

Monthly insurance premiums are deducted in advance and paid in advance. Coverage extends through the last day of the month in which the employee resigns.

The right to convert these benefits to a private insurance plan shall continue during this Agreement, for employees enrolled in Blue Cross-Blue Shield HMO.

For spouses both employed by the District, both desiring full medical and dental coverage, one spouse shall be considered taking the full family coverage, receiving the 80% Board contribution toward the premium for family coverage. The other spouse will be considered taking the full single coverage, receiving the 90% Board contribution toward the premium for

single coverage, thereby having their joint premium costs fully covered by the Board.

Retirees shall be included in the Plan effective on the first day of the month that falls on or next follows the date of retirement if the retiree enrolls on or before the date of retirement or the date the retiree enrolls, if the retiree does so within 31 days after her/his retirement date. If the retiree has not enrolled within 31 days after retirement, he/she will not be eligible for this coverage. Retirees shall be included in the Plan until Medicare eligible by paying the premiums as prescribed by the carrier.

The Board shall contribute \$6.00 per month toward the individual coverage for each Employee under a dental program; any premium for individual coverage above this amount and all dependent coverage cost will be borne by the Bargaining Unit Member. Employees must work more than thirty (30) hours weekly during the school year to qualify for dental coverage. Initial eligibility date of new employees is the first day of the month following the completion of one (1) month of continuous active service.

21.3 FLEXIBLE SPENDING

1. The Board shall maintain a cafeteria plan and flexible spending account which meets the requirements of Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Service Code. If at any time, such Section 125 or related regulations are amended, the parties shall promptly revise the plan to comply with the amendment. The parties agree that such plan will be implemented by October 1, 2005 for the remainder of 2005.
2. An Employee may annually elect to participate by choosing to receive benefits not to exceed \$7,500 in any plan year. The amount elected shall be deducted from the Employee's compensation. The plan year shall start on January 1 and end on December 31. Prior to the beginning day of the plan year, each Employee shall, in writing, designate the dollar amount(s) elected for that year for each of the following benefits:
 - a. Premiums for group medical, dental or other insurance, single or dependent coverage, to the extent such premiums are not paid by the Board.
 - b. Reimbursement for the amount of the deductibles on the group insurance and for any other qualified unreimbursed medical care as defined by the Internal Revenue Code.
 - c. Reimbursement for qualified dependent care assistance as defined and allowed in the Internal Revenue Code.

3. The amounts designated may not be changed during the plan year except if there is a change in family status or other circumstance provided in the Regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service. Any amount designated for which valid reimbursement claims are not made on a timely basis will be forfeited and not otherwise paid to the Employee during the succeeding plan year, and such amounts shall become the property of the Plan.
4. The dollar total of the designated benefits elected pursuant to the Plan will be deducted in equal amounts from the Employee's salary payment during the Plan year.
5. Claims for reimbursement must be for services received during the Plan year.
6. The Board does not guarantee or, in any way, warrant that the salary reductions are non-taxable, said determination to be made by each individual Employee.

21.4 INSURANCE COMMITTEE

An Insurance Committee composed of the SCEA, SCESP, SCT&M, TASC and Administration shall monitor the insurance program to provide the best possible health benefits at a reasonable cost. Recommendations shall be made as necessary to the Superintendent of Schools.

21.5 LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Board shall provide liability insurance coverage to protect all Employees in fulfillment of their duties under the law of the State.

21.6 WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Worker's Compensation insurance coverage shall be provided to protect all Bargaining Unit Members injured in fulfillment of their duties.

21.7 INSURANCE AFTER RETIREMENT

Retired Employees may continue group insurance benefits in accordance with the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reform Act of 1986, or as allowed under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

ARTICLE 22

COMPENSATION

22.1 COMPENSATION

Salary schedules will be revised to reflect the following increases for members:

| | |
|-----------|-------|
| 2005-2006 | 5.25% |
| 2006-2007 | 5.25% |
| 2007-2008 | 5% |

22.2 A. LONGEVITY

Employees must be hired prior to November 1 to receive credit for longevity for that fiscal year.

| | |
|--|-------|
| (Starting) 4 th year through 5 th year | \$.20 |
| (Starting) 6 th year through 9 years | \$.25 |
| (Starting) 10 th year through 13 years | \$.35 |
| (Starting) 14 th year through 19 years | \$.40 |
| (Starting) 20 + years | \$.50 |

B. SENIORITY

1. Automatic step increase for each year of additional experience unless frozen for performance reasons (which may be challenged through grievance procedures).
2. In order to achieve a step-up on the salary schedule a Bargaining Unit Member must be employed prior to January 1 preceding the July 1 effective date.

22.3 ENTRY LEVEL SALARIES

New employees may receive credit for each year of comparable work experienced outside the District to a maximum of three (3). Exceptions may be granted (and higher beginning salaries set) for individuals in the following job titles when they hold more comparable work experience. The Association President will be consulted prior to any exceptions being granted.

- Accounting Clerk Business Office
- Data Processing Clerk
- Payroll Clerk Business Office
- Secretary to Principal

Student Activities Treasurer
Registrar / Middle school Guidance Secretary
Computer Lab Assistant (bachelor's degree)

22.4 ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO IDENTIFIED TEACHER'S ASSISTANTS

A \$.50/hour additional compensation to teacher assistants whose assignment requires them to work directly with:

1. Identified Behavioral Disordered students in self-contained classrooms,
2. Multiple or profoundly handicapped students requiring diapering or other invasive care responsibilities and/or,
3. Early Childhood students.

22.5 STIPENDS

If work is done during regular contract work hours no stipend will be paid. If additional hours to an Employee's contract are needed, overtime will be paid.

22.6 DISTRIBUTION OF PAYCHECKS

- A. Paychecks will be distributed on the 15th and 30th of each month. If the 15th or 30th falls on a weekend or holiday, pay day will be the prior business office workday.
- B. School Term Employees will be able to elect pay over a 12 month period.

ARTICLE 23

CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

23.1 NO STRIKE PROVISION

- A. During the terms of this Agreement, neither the Association or its agents nor any Employee for any reason will authorize, institute, aid, condone or engage in a slowdown, work stoppage, strike, or any other interference with the work and statutory functions or obligations of the Board. Any Employee who engages in any activity prohibited by this section shall be subject to immediate discharge. The Association

reserves the right to demand arbitration concerning the discharge, it being understood that the only issue to be decided by the arbitrator will be whether or not the Employee engaged in such prohibited activity.

- B. The Association agrees to notify all local officers and representatives of their obligation and responsibility for maintaining compliance with this article including their responsibility to remain at work during any interruption which may be caused or initiated by others. The Association shall be subject to the liabilities imposed by law if it engages in an activity prohibited by this section.

ARTICLE 24

EFFECT OF AGREEMENT

24.1 COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING

The terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement represent the full and complete understanding and commitment between the parties.

24.2 CONTRACTUAL AMENDMENTS

This Agreement shall constitute a binding obligation of both the Employer and the Association and for the duration hereof may be altered, changed, added to, deleted from, or modified only through the voluntary, mutual consent of these parties in written and signed amendment to this Agreement.

24.3 INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS

Any individual contract between the Employer and an individual Bargaining Unit Member heretofore executed shall be subject to and consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Any individual contract hereafter executed shall be expressly made subject to and consistent with the terms and conditions of this or subsequent agreements to be executed by the parties. If the individual contract contains any language inconsistent with the Agreement, this Agreement, during its duration, shall be controlling.

24.4 SAVINGS CLAUSE

If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any Bargaining Unit Member or Employee or group of Bargaining Unit Members or Employees is held to be contrary to law, then such provision or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting, except to the extent permitted by law; but all other provisions or applications shall be continued in full force and effect.

- A. Until all appeals are exhausted with respect to the legality, validity or enforceability of such provision, the provision shall remain in full force and effect.
- B. Within ten (10) days of such final determination, the parties shall meet to renegotiate the terms and conditions affected.
- C. If within twenty (20) days after negotiations have begun, no agreement has been reached, the matter will be submitted to final and binding arbitration. If within fifteen (15) days of the deadline for the completion of negotiations the parties cannot agree on an arbitrator, a request shall be submitted to the American Arbitration Association which shall act as administrator of the proceedings.
- D. In any event should the affected provision subsequently become legal, valid, or otherwise enforceable, it shall remain a part of this Agreement unless the parties agree otherwise.

ARTICLE 25

DURATION

25.1 DURATION

This Agreement shall be effective on the first Employee work day of the 2005-2006 school term, or the date on which full agreement was reached subject to final ratification by both parties, whichever shall last occur, and shall continue in effect until 11:59 p.m., on the day preceding June 30, 2008.

ST. CHARLES EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BY: _____
President/Negotiating Chair

President

BY: _____
Negotiating Team Member

BY: _____
Negotiating Team Member

BY: _____
Negotiating Team Member

Date: _____

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

JOB DESCRIPTIONS DEVELOPED

The District and the SCESP agree that the joint committee defined in Section 16.1 of the Agreement between the Parties will be convened by October 1, 2005. The Report of the Committee will be given to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and the President of the SCESP no later than June 1, 2006.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

NCLB PROCEDURES

An Employee hired prior to July 1, 2005, who is subject to the provisions of the Illinois School Code or the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 2001 and is unable to meet the requirements by March 1, 2006, shall be transferred to another Bargaining Unit position of equal pay and benefits for the 2006-07 school year, subject to the availability of such a position. If no such position is available, the Employee will be laid off at the close of the 2005-06 school year and will retain recall rights to a position for which he/she is qualified for a period of one year.