

**AGREEMENT**

**Between the**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL INSPECTORS  
of  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 86  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**and**

**COUNCIL # 86 OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION  
OF TEACHERS – LOCAL 604  
of  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 86  
JOLIET, ILLINOIS**

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**JPS DISTRICT 86/ AFT Local 604 Teachers**  
**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**  
**2022-2025**

**ARTICLE I – Recognition**

**Section 1.1 Recognition**

The Board of School Inspectors of School District No. 86, Will County Illinois (hereinafter referred to as the BOARD) recognizes Council # 86 of the American Federation of Teachers – Local 604 (hereinafter referred to as the UNION) as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for all licensed teaching personnel, including social workers, supportive learning specialists, nurses, school psychologists, psychologist assistants, librarians, band and orchestra teachers, teachers in Title One programs, consultants, and physical therapists (hereinafter referred to as TEACHERS) on matters directly affecting wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment. Excluded shall be the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Principals, Assistant Principals, other Supervisory or Administrative Personnel, Coordinators, Directors, short term employees, and all non-licensed personnel, including the attendance officer.

**Section 1.2 Agreement**

Both the Board and the Union agree to abide by the provisions of this Agreement.

**Section 1.3 Information for Negotiations**

The Board and Union agree that accurate information is important to the effective resolution of differences and the effective conduct of negotiations. It is therefore mutually agreed that both parties shall make available such reasonably available and non-privileged information, statistics, and records as may be mutually agreed to be necessary for future negotiations.

**Section 1.4 Changes in Terms, Benefits, and Conditions of Employment**

No changes in the terms, benefits, and conditions of employment that directly affect teachers shall be made without prior notice to and negotiation with the Union. In an emergency situation the Board may make a change to temporarily solve a problem in a manner that is consistent with the best interest of the teacher(s) and the district but long term solution of that problem shall be negotiated.

**Section 1.5 Labor Management Building Meetings**

On a monthly basis the Principal and his/her designees shall, at a mutually agreed time, meet with the appropriate Union building representative to discuss school operations and questions relating to the implementation of this Agreement. Proposed changes in existing policies and procedures shall be subjects for discussion at such meetings. Such policies adopted or maintained shall be in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Each party shall submit written agenda items to the other party at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. These meetings shall not constitute negotiations for the purpose of altering the Agreement. The parties may mutually agree to cancel any meeting.

**Section 1.6 Labor Management Meeting**

On a monthly basis, the Superintendent and his/her designees shall meet, at a mutually agreed time, with the Union Executive Committee (not to exceed 6 members), to discuss matters of educational policy and

development and/or matters relating to the administration of the Agreement. Whenever possible, such meetings will take place during school hours with substitutes provided by the District and no loss of pay incurred by the teachers. Each party shall submit written agenda items to the other party at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. These meetings shall not constitute negotiations for the purpose of altering the Agreement. The parties may mutually agree to cancel any meeting.

### **Section 1.7 Release Time For Union Officials**

The Union President, or designee, subject to administrative approval, may be allowed released time for the investigation of grievances or other appropriate activities relating to school or teacher welfare.

Under no circumstances shall representatives of the Union, at local, state, or national levels, by their actions in investigations, visitations, or study, interfere with the normal and effective operation of the schools. All such visitations shall be coordinated by proper notice to the building principal.

### **Section 1.8 Meetings on School Time**

Whenever members of the bargaining unit are mutually scheduled by the parties to participate during working hours in conferences, meetings, or in negotiations, they will suffer no loss in pay.

### **Section 1.9 Payroll Deductions of Union Dues**

The Board shall, upon the written request of an employee, withhold from the compensation of that employee any dues, payments or contributions payable by such employee to the Union. Individual payroll deduction authorizations must be filed in the Business Office, by the Union Treasurer, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the first deduction.

The dues deductions shall be made each pay day beginning with the second pay in the new school year and continuing for twenty-one (21) consecutive pay days. A list of employees with information showing amount deducted from each, as authorized, with explanatory reason if and when no deduction was made, shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Union each pay day together with payment for such deductions. Payroll deductions shall continue unless and until the authorization is withdrawn by the individual teacher by written notice, through the Union Treasurer, to the Business Office.

The Union shall indemnify and hold harmless the Board, its' members, officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, complaints, suits, costs, losses and expenses or other forms of liability including, but not limited to, the cost of defense thereof and attorney's fees therewith in any manner resulting from or arising out of this Article or the consequences therefore or that shall arise out of or by reason of action taken by the Board for the purposes of complying with the above provisions of this Article, or in reliance on any list, notice, certification, affidavit, or assignment furnished under any of such provisions.

### **Section 1.10 Placement on Board Meeting Agenda**

The Union shall have reasonable access to a place on the agenda of meetings of the Board of School Inspectors, providing that such request shall be submitted in writing not less than seven (7) school days prior to the date of the meetings, such notice to include notice of the general topic or area to be presented in reasonable substance.

**Section 1.11 Union Use of Designated School Equipment**

Insofar as no cost to the District is incurred, or no removal of equipment or property from the premises of the District is allowed, it is recognized that reasonable use of school computer printers, copiers, typewriters, single room amplifying systems, mail systems, or their equivalents, is desirable to enhance effective communications between staff members, such use is authorized and shall be coordinated at the direction of the appropriate building administrator. Nothing included herein shall authorize the utilization of school equipment in such a way as to impede or impair the regular operation of the schools, and first priority for equipment use shall be the needs of the instructional program.

**Section 1.12 Union Bulletin Board**

Each building principal shall designate bulletin board space of at least 2'x3' for the posting of Union notices and information. In such space as designated, no person other than the Union designee, shall add or remove material from such bulletin board.

**Section 1.13 Board Agenda and Minutes for Union**

Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meeting Act (5 ILCS 120/1 *et.seq.*), the Board agenda and approved minutes of open sessions are posted on the District's web site.

The President of the Union shall be notified as soon as possible of all special meetings of the Board.

**Section 1.14 Union Meetings**

Listing of Union meetings and other scheduled activities shall, upon reasonable advance request, be incorporated with and published in the Superintendent's Bulletin. Additionally, for the purpose of internal communication with its members of Union meetings and other scheduled activities, the Union may use the District email system. Notice of the dates of such meetings shall be supplied to the Superintendent prior to the opening of school each year. No meetings of teachers shall be scheduled simultaneously with the regular monthly Union meeting.

**Section 1.15 Printing of Agreement**

The cost of printing this Agreement shall be borne equally by the Board and the Union. The Agreement will be printed in small booklet size form by either the District print room or by a Union print shop.

**Section 1.16 School Day**

The school day shall be 6 hours and 50 minutes in length, plus whatever additional time as is necessary to perform the duties and responsibilities of teachers.

Each teacher shall have a duty free lunch, the same length of lunch hour as the students, but in no case, less than 35-40 minutes for all elementary teachers.

If circumstances warrant a 35 minute lunch period, then the school day shall be 6 hours 45 minutes in length, plus whatever additional time as is necessary to perform the duties and responsibilities of teachers.

The day shall start and end at a time appropriate to the local conditions or transportation.

Each teacher shall be provided with a minimum of 200 minutes of plan time during each full week of student attendance. Within the 200 minutes, a total of 25 minutes during each full week of student attendance shall be identified as unassigned time to be used by the teacher to accomplish individual work tasks. If meetings are scheduled during these periods, prior notice will be given to the teachers, except in an emergency situation.

Principals shall not schedule mandatory meetings for all teachers in a given building more than once every two weeks (unless emergency circumstances dictate otherwise), provided that this limitation shall not be applicable during the first and last month of the school year.

In an attempt to keep the number of mandatory meetings to a minimum, whenever feasible, information for teachers will be incorporated into a written bulletin.

Every effort will be made to keep the number of additional staff meetings with directors, consultants, coordinators, and other non-building administrative personnel to a minimum.

In addition, the Union shall be authorized to make brief announcements at faculty meetings and other meetings conducted with teachers, if reasonable advance notice is given to the administration.

Elementary school recess time will be handled on a school by school basis by the principal and the teaching staff.

### **Section 1.17 Fair Practices**

1. No teacher shall be prejudiced in his/her employment because he/she has joined or failed to join any lodge, political party, religious group, employee's association, union or other lawful organization, provided no such activities interfere with the instructional program.
2. The Union agrees to fulfill its duty to fairly represent all teachers covered by this Agreement. The Union further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Board from any and all liability, including monetary damages, which result from any failure on the part of the Union to fulfill its duty of fair representation.
3. No claim alleging a violation of this Section for which there is another procedure or adjudication established by law or rule or regulation having the force of law shall constitute a grievance under the terms of this Agreement.

### **Section 1.18 School Year, School Calendar**

The school year for all teachers, with the exception of school psychologists, shall consist of 176 actual pupil attendance days, although the school calendar may provide 185 or more days, of which there may be four (4) institute days. Sufficient holidays will be given to insure 176 teaching days will not be exceeded. The school year for school psychologists shall be 185 days.

In the event that the Board of Education seeks and receives a waiver to eliminate Lincoln's Birthday as a school holiday, President's Day (the third Monday of February) will be observed as a holiday.

If the Board of Education does not receive a waiver for the elimination of Lincoln's Birthday, in those years when Lincoln's Birthday does not fall on a school day (Monday through Friday) President's Day (the third Monday of February) will be observed.

### **Section 1.19 Institutes**

Union representatives will be afforded a reasonable time on the agenda of one Teacher Institute in order to present a program provided that a request for such time is made six (6) weeks prior to such Institute. The Union will be given a reasonable time at each Institute for the purpose of making statements or announcements relating to the Union.

### **Section 1.20 Professional Meetings**

Absences may be approved by the Superintendent, or his/her designee, to permit teachers to attend professional meetings, if the Superintendent or his/her designee concludes such attendance contributes to the professional growth and development of the teacher. The grant, duration, and reimbursement for the expenses for such absences shall be within the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee. Such absences shall be without loss of pay or reduction in personal leave.

## **ARTICLE II - Teacher Evaluations and Personnel File**

### **Section 2.1 Evaluations**

1. All evaluations of teachers shall only be conducted by qualified evaluators as defined by state law and state regulations.
2. All evaluations of teachers shall be conducted pursuant to state law and state regulations and the District's evaluation plan.
3. Each teacher not in contractual continued service shall be evaluated at least once every school year.
4. Each teacher in contractual continued service shall be evaluated at least once in the course of every 2 school years. However, any teacher in contractual continued service whose performance is rated as either "needs improvement" or "unsatisfactory" must be evaluated at least once in the school year following the receipt of such rating.
5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or the Evaluation Instrument, a principal shall not be prohibited from evaluating any teachers within a school during his or her first year as principal of such school.
6. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or the Evaluation Instrument, any teacher may be evaluated more often than the minimum requirements.

### **Section 2.2 Evaluation Procedures**

All evaluations shall be conducted in conformance with state law, state regulations and the District's Evaluation Plan. In the event of a conflict between the Evaluation Plan and the state law or state regulations, the provisions of state law and state regulations shall govern.

No Formal Observation or Informal Observation intended to be used to formulate a teacher's performance evaluation shall be conducted during the first five (5) days and/or last five (5) days of the school year, during times of statewide testing that directly and specifically affect the teacher's class, or during the five (5) days prior to Winter and/or Spring break unless requested by the teacher.



### **Section 2.3 Adverse Observations and/or Accusations by Non-school Personnel**

The evaluation shall not be predicated in whole, or in part, upon adverse observation and/or accusations by non-school persons or be made part of the teacher's record unless the name(s) of such person(s) and the nature of such observations or accusations are made known to the teacher and the teacher is given a reasonable opportunity to refute the statement. If the adverse observation is disproved and there is not justification with respect to the adverse observation or accusation, all materials concerning the issue will be removed from the teacher's record.

### **Section 2.4 Evaluation Plan**

The evaluation plan shall be developed in cooperation with the Union. The form shall provide for a rating of each teacher's performance as "excellent", "proficient", "needs improvement" or "unsatisfactory" or such other ratings as may be required by law. The evaluation process shall be conducted in accordance with state law and the District's evaluation plan.

### **Section 2.5 Classroom Visitation and Monitoring**

Nothing in this Article shall preclude the right of the administration to visit classrooms unannounced or enter into online platforms used for instruction for purposes of observation leading to the improvement and/or maintenance of existing standards.

The use of public address and audio systems, online live platforms or other devices for the monitoring of work performance will be conducted openly and with the full knowledge and freely given consent of the teacher at least 24 hours in advance.

### **Section 2.6 Personnel File**

1. Nothing derogatory is to be added to or deleted from a teacher's personnel folder without notification to the teacher. However, this does not include school or job references of a privileged or confidential nature.
2. At the teacher's request, his/her personnel folder will be opened in the normal course of the business day. If a meeting with the appropriate administrator is necessary, the teacher, together with the Union Representative, if requested, will meet at a mutually agreeable time. Materials of a privileged or confidential nature as set forth in paragraph A above, will not be reviewed by the teacher.
3. All official teacher records shall be maintained in the Human Resources Office under the following circumstances:
  - a. Only one (1) official file shall be kept for each teacher by anyone anywhere, in or outside the schools. Buildings may however, keep basic data files of an unofficial nature subject to the same rights of access as provided herein.
  - b. Each teacher will have access at a mutually agreeable time to his/her files and will have the right to insert materials relevant to his/her service in the school, and accurate information relative to his/her qualifications in general.
  - c. Neither a teacher's file, nor any of its contents, shall be copied or made known to anyone, other than future employers or appropriate District officials, without his/her permission either

during or after his/her service in the schools, except if either party may need such data in any court proceeding or in any arbitration hearing conducted under the provisions of this Agreement.

- d. No derogatory material will be added to or removed from a teacher's folder unless the actual copy to be filed has been made available for signature and dated by the teacher. The signature merely signifies that the teacher has read the material and does not indicate agreement with its content.
- e. The teacher will have the right to attach dissenting or explanatory material to any item in his/her file.

### **ARTICLE III - Grievance Procedure**

#### **Section 3.1 Definition**

A grievance for the purpose of this Agreement shall be defined as any dispute or difference of opinion between the Board and the Union, or between the Board and any of its teachers covered by this Agreement involving the meaning, interpretation, or application of the provisions of this Agreement.

#### **Section 3.2 Statement of Basic Principles**

1. Any teacher or group of teachers may at any time present grievances through the grievance procedure and have them adjusted without the intervention of the Union, as long as the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, provided that the Union has been given an opportunity to be present at such adjustment.
2. If any such grievance arises, there shall be no stoppage or suspension of work on the part of the teacher(s) or Union because of such grievance.
3. A teacher who participates in these grievance procedures will not be subjected to discipline or reprisal because of such participation.
4. The failure of a teacher or the Union to act within the time limits will act as a bar to any further appeal and an administrator's failure to give a decision within the time limits shall permit the grievant to proceed to the next step. The time limits, however, may be extended by mutual agreement in writing.
5. The grievant has a right to be present and to be represented. If the teacher elects to be represented under the formal grievance procedures, his/her representative will not be from any organization other than the local Union.
6. Hearings and conferences held under this procedure shall be conducted by mutual agreement at a time and place which will afford a fair and reasonable opportunity for all persons, including witnesses entitled to be present, to attend. When such hearings and conferences are during school hours, employees whose presence is required shall be excused without loss of pay, for that purpose.
7. Under the following procedure, it is agreed that no grievance will be suspended or delayed by the summer vacation.

### **Section 3.3 Procedure**

Before a grievance is filed, a sincere attempt should be made to resolve any grievances by oral interview between the grievant and the principal before differences become formalized as grievances. At this meeting, the Union Representative may attend at the request of the grievant.

For purposes of this Article, a “business day” is defined as any day the District Office is open to the public.

#### **FIRST STAGE:**

The filing of the grievance at the first stage must be within ten (10) business days of either the occurrence of the grievance, or the Union becoming aware of the grievance. However, the initial filing must be no later than six (6) months following the occurrence. The meeting with the principal, or appropriate District representative, will take place within five (5) business days of the receipt of the written grievance. The principal, or appropriate District representative, who has authority to make a decision on the grievance, shall make such decision and communicate it in writing within five (5) business days after the meeting to the grievant, Superintendent, the Union President and Grievance Committee Chairperson.

#### **SECOND STAGE:**

In the event a grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved at the first stage, the grievant, or his/her Union designee, will file, within five (5) business days of the receipt of the principal's written decision or answer at the first stage, a letter to the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources requesting a meeting.

Within five (5) business days after such written grievance is received by the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, or appropriate District representative, the grievant, the Union Grievance Committee, not here or hereafter to exceed six (6) members, the principal and the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, or appropriate District representative, will meet to resolve the grievance. The Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, or appropriate District representative, will file an answer within five (5) business days of the second stage grievance meeting, and communicate it in writing to the grievant, principal, Union President and Grievance Committee Chairperson.

#### **THIRD STAGE:**

In the event a grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved at the second stage, the grievant, or his/her Union designee, will file, within five (5) business days of the receipt of the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources' written decision or answer at the second stage, a letter to the Superintendent, or appropriate District representative, requesting a meeting time for all parties involved. The Superintendent or appropriate District representative, the grievant, and a Union representative shall meet within ten (10) business days after receipt of said letter. The Superintendent or appropriate District representative shall submit a written answer to the grievant and the Union within ten (10) business days following the meeting.

#### **FOURTH STAGE:**

If the grievance cannot be settled at the third stage, the grievance shall be submitted to the Board of School Inspectors no later than seven (7) business days before its next regularly scheduled meeting unless an earlier or later date is agreed to by all parties. At this stage, the Union shall have the opportunity to present the grievance to the Board.

#### **FIFTH STAGE:**

If the grievance is not resolved satisfactorily to the Union after the hearing before the Board-(Fourth Stage), there shall be a fifth step of impartial arbitration. The Union may submit in writing, within ten (10) business days of the Board hearing and/or decision, a request to enter into such arbitration.

The parties shall jointly request the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) to submit to them a list of seven (7) arbitrators and their qualifications. Either party may reject one list in its entirety and request that another list be submitted. From such list, the parties shall alternately strike names with the party requesting arbitration making the first strike. The person whose name remains shall be the arbitrator. The arbitrator selected shall be jointly notified of his selection and requested to contact the parties with respect to setting up a time for a hearing.

All expenses incurred shall be shared equally by the Board and Union. It is understood that such expenses will be limited to the arbitrator's fee. Any legal expenses incurred should be paid for by the party engaging the legal counsel.

Insofar as such arbitration is limited solely and singly to interpretation and implementation of the terms of this contract, both parties agree to abide by the results of the findings of the arbitrator.

Nothing herein shall, however, be construed to abrogate or deny any of the legal responsibilities of the Board of School Inspectors as required by City, State or Federal laws or regulations, including the right not to re-employ non-tenure teachers for any reason subject only to the specific terms of this contract relating to teacher evaluation procedures and fair practices and any legal statutes applicable.

The arbitrator shall not have the power to add to, subtract from, alter, or modify in any way any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE IV - Teaching Conditions and Professional Policies**

##### **Section 4.1 Pupil Evaluations**

It is agreed that pupil evaluations shall be given and finalized by the teacher.

##### **Section 4.2 Health Services**

It is agreed that a health service room or rooms, adequately equipped and adequately staffed, is a desirable adjunct to the educational program in buildings throughout the district. It is agreed that the Board will continue, where practicable, to seek and provide such services to a degree consistent with the Board's determination of the objectives and resources of the district.

##### **Section 4.3 Contingency Fund for Classroom Expenses**

The Board agrees to the necessity of a contingency fund and if, in their judgment, money is available every building will receive a contingency fund in order to provide teachers some coverage of incidental classroom expenses for materials, supplies or special program resources. Lists of catalogues of instructional supplies or materials will be available in the building.

##### **Section 4.4 Classroom Interruptions**

Repeated and unreasonable interruptions of classrooms should be avoided.

##### **Section 4.5 Discipline of Students**

The Board and Union agree that the students' right to an education shall be zealously protected. It is also agreed that reasonable conditions for learning and protection of the rights of others must be maintained for the welfare of all. In cases of serious disruption(s) by children, the teacher will have the right to temporarily

transfer such child or children to the care of the principal or other competent school authority. The teacher shall be required to notify the principal in writing of the reasons for referring the student to the principal's office. The teacher shall have the right to request an immediate conference and consultation as soon as practicable between the teacher, principal, and where appropriate, other staff and/or parents to determine the proper course of action thereafter. Principals and other administrators shall continue to have further rights of suspension as provided by law and the policies and regulations of the District. The principal or principal's designee shall indicate the disposition of the referral on the same notice received from the teacher and return the notice of disposition to the teacher prior to or at the time of re-admission of such child or children to the class.

#### **Section 4.6 Class Size**

The Board agrees to continue to make maximum efforts to hold average class sizes at the level of 28 to 1 and to continue to make reasonable effort to provide special programming and lower class sizes to meet special needs (particularly with respect to economically disadvantaged children) wherever in its judgment such action is practicable and feasible.

#### **Section 4.7 Athletic Meetings**

Junior High school principals, or his/her designee, and coaches of individual sports shall hold up to three (3) meetings a year by request of either group, with additional meetings by mutual agreement to discuss matters of mutual concern.

#### **Section 4.8 Transfer-Assignment Policies**

##### **A. Notice of Vacancy**

Notice of a vacancy in any position covered by this Agreement shall be posted on the District's website throughout the entire year in order to provide teachers an opportunity, if desired, to make known to the Administration their availability for such position.

##### **B. Voluntary Transfer**

A teacher requesting a transfer in order to fill an existing vacancy, which has been posted in accordance with this section, shall make his/her request known in writing to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and complete all designated forms. Such requests shall include the building and position desired. If a District 86 teacher does not receive the transfer requested, the teacher may request a conference with the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources at which time the reasons will be stated and discussed as to why the teacher did not receive the transfer.

##### **C. Involuntary Transfer**

1. When dictated by the needs of the District or when there is a reduction in the number of teacher assignments, teachers may be transferred to another building and/or position. The teacher shall receive rationale for the transfer.
2. Prior to making involuntary transfers for the upcoming school year, for two consecutive weeks starting in the month of March, for existing staff, the District shall post a list of available specific upcoming assignments. During said two-week posting period teachers interested in applying for these assignments, may apply by following the procedures of Subsection B.

3. Teachers who are involuntarily transferred shall be paid for up to a maximum of eight (8) hours to pack their room in June and up to six (6) hours to unpack their room in August. Requests for payment shall be made using approved forms and shall be paid at a rate of \$32.50 per hour.

**D. Notice of Tentative Building Assignment**

The District will endeavor to provide all nurses, social workers, school psychologists, speech/language pathologists and behavior interventionists with a written notice of their tentative building(s) assignment at least fourteen days before the first day of student attendance each school year.

**E. Policy Support**

It is further agreed that implementation of the District's and Union's policy of nondiscrimination in assignment and their policy of actively seeking racially integrated faculties in all schools will be fully supported by both parties. The Union agrees to recognize implementation of the policy as a priority factor in assignment and transfer and agrees to assume active responsibility for encouraging applications for assignment and/or voluntary transfer as a means of implementation.

**Section 4.9A Elementary Team Leaders**

"Team Leaders" in each school and/or area of academic discipline shall be selected by the teachers who comprise each team, provided that final approval of such designation shall remain vested in the school principal.

**Section 4.9B Junior High Department Leaders**

Department leaders in each junior high school will be chosen by area academic discipline, by the teachers who comprise each academic team, provided that final approval of such designation shall remain vested in the school principal.

**Section 4.10 Seniority**

1. That principle of employment policy which accords certain benefits and privileges among employees on the basis of length of service is accepted and endorsed by the parties hereto. However, it is understood that there are no seniority rights afforded to non-tenured part-time teachers or short term teachers.
2. District seniority is defined as the length of continuous service as a teacher in the District, and shall begin on the date that the teacher was officially employed by the Board of School Inspectors - when the Board acted on the hiring or the first day of service, whichever occurred first.
3. Under no circumstances shall any teacher newly employed into the District be placed higher on the District seniority lists than a teacher already having seniority in the District.
4. Should a conflict arise concerning two or more teachers with identical seniority, ties shall be broken by date of application. In the event that the date of application does not break the tie, then the tie shall be broken (in the following order) by:
  1. Total number of years of public school teaching
  2. Highest degree attained.

5. Each year, in accordance with law, the Board, in consultation with the Union, shall establish a sequence of honorable dismissal list categorized by positions and the groupings defined in Section 24-12 of the School Code.
6. Seniority shall only be used in circumstances specifically provided in this Agreement and where permitted by law.

#### **Section 4.11 Curriculum Committees**

The administration will publish the need for district wide curriculum committees, including textbook committees, with the intention that teachers will actively participate in writing the curriculum. Volunteers will be solicited and names will be selected from the entire list of volunteers. Generally, all committees referred to in this provision shall meet during the regular school day. When such meetings are scheduled during the school day, teachers will be released without loss of pay. When such meetings are scheduled outside the school day, teachers will be paid a stipend in accordance with the rate provided in Section 6.10B.

#### **Section 4.12 Honorable Dismissal – Reduction in Force**

1. In the event of honorable dismissal and recall of teachers as the result of a reduction in force the Board shall follow the provisions of Section 24-12 of the School Code and any applicable State Administrative Regulations.
2. It shall be the responsibility of teacher's subject to recall to inform the Human Resources Office, in writing, of any change of address to provide the necessary means to be informed by certified mail that they have been recalled.
3. In the event of a recall, failure by a teacher to respond in writing, by certified mail, to a notice of recall to the Human Resources Office, within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice of recall, shall constitute a resignation by the teacher. In the event of any dispute as to a teacher's response, it shall be the duty of the teacher to provide a receipt of the certified mail response by the teacher. Failure to provide said receipt shall be conclusive proof of a failure to respond to the recall and shall constitute a resignation by the teacher.
4. The recall period shall be as set forth in the Section 24-12 of the School Code.

### **ARTICLE V - Leave Policies**

#### **Section 5.1 Special Leave Policy**

1. Whenever an employee covered by this Agreement is absent from school as a result of a personal injury caused by a willful act of violence committed upon the employee, arising out of and in the course of his/her employment, he/she shall be paid his/her full salary for the period of such absence up to the end of the current school year without having such absence charged to the annual sick leave or accumulated sick leave. Such leave may be extended for a period of up to one calendar year from the date of the original injury in question upon examination, written recommendation, and documentation by the individual's personal physician and/or any other doctor deemed necessary by the District.
2. At any time for which compensation is paid under this section, the Board may order, at the expense of the Board, physical or medical examinations of the injured person to determine the degree of disability and continued eligibility for said compensation.

3. During this period of leave, the employee shall not be engaged in any work in any other manner, with or without monetary compensation. Any employee who is so engaged in violation of this paragraph forfeits the compensation under this Section.
4. Any salary compensation due the injured employee from worker's compensation or any salary due the employee from any type of insurance which may be carried by the Board shall revert to the Board during the time for which compensation is paid to the employee under this Section.
5. The Section shall not be applied so as to result in a pyramiding of compensation or benefits.

### **Section 5.2A Sick Leave**

A teacher shall be granted fifteen (15) days annually with full pay cumulative to 340 days for the following reasons:

1. Personal illness
2. Quarantine at home
3. Serious illness or death in the immediate family or household
4. Birth, adoption, or placement for adoption

For purposes of this section, "immediate family" shall include parents, spouse, domestic partners, brothers, sisters, children, grandparents, grandchildren, parents-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and legal guardians. In addition to the foregoing, sick leave shall be granted in the event of the death of a son-in-law, daughter-in-law, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, stepchild or stepparent.

If an employee does not serve the full term of his/her first year, the absence allowance shall be pro-rated in proportion to time served. Unused portions of time allowed for sick leave and absence from duty with pay shall accumulate to 340 school days.

If the absence for personal illness exceeds three (3) consecutive days in any one year, then the employee shall, upon request, furnish a physician's statement attesting thereto. An employee requesting sick leave at any of the following time periods shall, upon request, furnish a physician's statement attesting thereto: contiguous to a holiday; contiguous to a holiday weekend; on the day of any teacher workshop, in-service training or similar activity; or a parent-teacher conference day. Excessive or improper use of sick leave may result in the teacher being required to obtain a doctor's statement.

A statement of accumulation of sick leave shall be given to each teacher by the first paycheck of each school year.

If the annual allotment of sick days for any school year shall cause a teacher to exceed his/her maximum accumulation of sick leave days for that school year, the teacher shall be permitted to receive the annual allotment for use during that school year. Any unused sick days from the annual allotment shall not be carried over to exceed the maximum accumulation for the following year.

### **Section 5.2B Sick Leave Reimbursement**

Only employees who were employed at the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year, who have elected the 220 day sick leave maximum and who begin each school year with 220 accumulated sick leave days, shall have a sick leave reimbursement fund of \$500 available for the school year. A sum of \$50 will be deducted



from this bank for each sick leave day used during the year. Thirty (30) days after the end of the school year, each employee shall receive a payment equal to the balance remaining in his/her fund.

### **Section 5.3 Personal Leave**

All teachers shall be granted a maximum of three (3) days for personal business during each school year without loss of pay. Personal business is defined as business of a personal nature which cannot be conducted at a time not in conflict with the teacher's regular school day, or an emergency over which the teacher has no control which requires immediate attention. Personal leave, absent approval by the Superintendent or designee as an emergency, shall not be permitted at the following times: contiguous to a holiday; contiguous to a holiday weekend; on the day of any teacher workshop, in-service training or similar activity; or a parent-teacher conference day. Notice of such leave shall be given at least 5 working days prior to the use of the day.

In giving notice of such leave, or immediately upon return to school from the leave, if the leave was for an emergency, the teacher shall complete the form required by the Board, in which he/she shall indicate the specific purpose for which the leave was taken.

The intent of personal leave is not to extend vacation or holiday periods.

All decisions approving such leaves will be made by the Superintendent, or his/her designee.

Personal leave is cumulative to four (4) days. All unused personal days, beyond that day which is cumulative, will be added to the teacher's accumulated sick leave at the end of each school year.

### **Section 5.4 Jury Duty Leave**

The teacher shall not suffer loss of compensation for jury service, provided that it shall be a condition of this benefit that the teacher tender to the District the sum received by such teacher from the court for such duty, excluding any sum received for mileage, meals and lodging.

Teachers shall not be prevented from performing jury service or from fulfilling their civic responsibilities during the school year, however, teachers shall be encouraged to perform such duties in the summer.

### **Section 5.5 Professional Improvement Leave**

All tenured teachers shall be eligible for a one-year leave of absence, without pay, for professional improvement. The applicant for such leave shall show a program of formal study, research work, or travel, either foreign or domestic. This type of leave of absence may be granted to a maximum of six (6) teachers per school year. All requests for such leave must be submitted in writing prior to March 1.

A Professional Improvement Leave Committee will be formed to work out details of leave and to recommend such leaves to the Superintendent. This committee will consist of the Superintendent's designee, one elementary and one junior high school principal, and two elementary and two junior high school teachers, said teachers to be appointed by the Union. The Superintendent's designee will chair the committee.

### **Section 5.6 Child Care Leave**

Child care leave shall be defined as a leave granted for maternity, paternity, foster, or adoptive parenthood. It is understood that foster parenthood will apply to cases involving children under the age of fourteen (14) years.

A teacher covered by this Agreement shall be permitted a leave of absence without compensation, without loss of tenure, or position on the salary schedule under the following conditions:

1. If a child care leave is desired, the teacher shall arrange for a meeting with the building principal at least 120 calendar days prior to the anticipated leave. The purpose of this meeting shall be to work out the period of such leave subject to the provisions of this section.

In the case of foster or adoptive parenthood, notification of anticipation of a leave shall be given to the building principal at the time the teacher has been notified of eligibility. Such notification of anticipated leave shall be placed on file with the Human Resources Office for a period of one year and renewable each succeeding year.

2. In order to preserve continuity of instruction, it is agreed that a child care leave shall, if at all possible, begin and/or end at a natural break in the quarter or semester.

Notification of a teacher's intent to return shall be given to the Superintendent of Schools, or his/her designee, at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the date his/her leave expires.

3. A child care leave shall not exceed one year, unless mutually extended. A request for extension of a child care leave shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools, or his/her designee, at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the expiration date of the leave.
4. Upon returning from child care leave, a teacher shall be placed in the position he/she held at the time the leave commenced, if such position still exists, or a position for which he/she is qualified, if such is available.

### **Section 5.7 Family and Medical Leave (FMLA)**

The Board agrees to comply with the applicable provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act and the applicable federal regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Labor.

### **Section 5.8 Use of Sick Leave During Workers Compensation Leave**

For employees who are receiving worker's compensation temporary disability pay, the District will use the employee's accumulated sick leave at a rate of 1/3 sick day per day absent until all earned sick days have been exhausted in order to supplement the employee's temporary disability pay.

### **Section 5.9 Illness and Injury Leave**

After one year of full-time service, Employees who have utilized all of their accumulated sick leave days and all other leaves, whether paid or unpaid, and are unable to report to work due to the start of or continuance of a disability, may request an unpaid Disability Leave. Prior to requesting said leave, the employee shall inform the Superintendent or his/her designee of the nature of the disability and the approximate length of time needed for said leave. The employee shall provide written medical verification

which shows the diagnosis, prognosis, and duration of the disability. A one-time leave of absence shall be granted for a period of up to twelve months for a serious health condition. Such leave may not be taken on an intermittent or reduced time basis.

## **ARTICLE VI - Compensation**

### **Section 6.1 Salary Compensation**

#### **A. Compensation Schedules for Teachers**

The salary schedules for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years are attached as Appendix A.

#### **B. Pension Pick-Up**

From the listed compensation set forth in the 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 compensation schedules, the Board shall pay the entire portion of the 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Teachers' Retirement System obligation for those teachers covered by this Agreement.

In the event there is additional compensation paid to a teacher covered by this Agreement such as, but not limited to, extracurricular assignments, internal subbing, such compensation shall be subject to TRS withholding paid by the individual.

#### **C. Step Movement Upon Lane Movement**

When lane movement from the BA or BA+15 lane is approved, the teacher will advance one vertical step on the appropriate lane.

#### **D. Step Advancement Limits**

1. These limitations are applicable to Schedule A employees in the BA+15 Lane. Any employee who has not reached Step 10 of the BA+15 Lane of the 2001–02 Schedule A as of the 2001–02 school year shall not advance beyond new Step 15 of the BA+15 Lane of Schedule A as revised for the 2002–03 school year. (Note: The shaded portion of Salary Schedules A, Lane BA +15, is intended to identify the group of employees who are eligible for step movement beyond Step 15 of the lane.) It is contemplated that additional steps shall be added to the shaded portion of the BA+15 lane, the MA/BA+36 lane, and the MA+30 lane up to Step 35.

#### **E. Initial Placement Salary Schedule Credit**

A maximum of ten (10) years' credit shall be allowed for previous teaching experience. Credit shall be allowed for military service or Peace Corps duty, when the service time follows full-time employment in District 86. Because of the alteration of the steps of the 2002–03 salary schedule, it is understood that newly hired teachers for the 2019-2020 school year through 2021-2022 school year shall be placed no higher on the salary schedule than if he/she had all of the related experience in District 86.

## **F. Purpose of Salary Schedules**

The sole purpose of the foregoing teacher compensation schedules is to permit each faculty member to ascertain what his/her salary is for the 2022-2023 through 2024-2025 academic years. These compensation schedules shall only be in effect for the 2022-2023 through 2024-2025 academic years and shall have no force and effect thereafter.

## **G. Hold Harmless Teacher Retirement**

1. The salary schedules for the 2022-2023 through 2024-2025 school years shall be as set forth in Appendix A of the collective bargaining agreement. It is expressly understood that figures appearing on these schedules include sums equal to the teacher's portion of the Teachers' Retirement System obligation paid by the Board. The teacher shall have no claim upon this money except as such may arise upon retirement or upon severance from the retirement system. All individuals covered by the Agreement must accept the compensation according to this Agreement.
2. The Union agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Board, individual members thereof and its agents and employees from any and all claims, including but not limited to the cost of the defense thereof, resulting from any action taken to effect compliance with this section, provided the Union is served promptly with notice of any such claim and that defense thereof is surrendered to the Union and to Counsel of its choosing.
3. The parties understand that, should the Internal Revenue Service or any court of competent jurisdiction declare failure to withhold Federal or Illinois income taxes on amounts paid by the Board to the Retirement System in accordance with this section counter to law, the Board shall reserve the right to bring its practices in this regard into conformance with law, the above language notwithstanding.

## **H. Salary Lane Change**

Wherever possible, horizontal advancement on the salary schedule will be allowed immediately upon proof of completion of course work. All salary changes will become effective as of the date of the District's form and the proof of completion are received, except in that salary change requests received after May 1 will be processed for the next school year.

All transcripts required below must be submitted directly by the employee in an envelope sealed by the college or university. Proof of completion shall be required as follows:

1. Employees applying for lane movement to the master's lane must provide an official transcript which includes the date upon which the Master's Degree was conferred/awarded.
2. Employees applying for lane movement to Bachelor's+15 semester hours of approved graduate work must provide an official transcript.
3. Employees applying for lane movement to Bachelor's+36 semester hours of graduate work in an approved advanced degree; or Master's+30 semester hours graduate work in an approved advanced degree program must submit documentation, on the District form, from the college/university verifying that they are currently enrolled in an advanced degree program and that the hours submitted are credited toward the advanced degree, along with an official transcript.

**Section 6.2 Extracurricular Activity Compensation**

**A. Extracurricular Compensation Schedules for Teachers**

The extracurricular compensation schedules the 2022-2023 through 2024-2025 school years are attached as Appendix B and shall be effective for the 2022-2023 through 2024-2025 school years.

**B. Extracurricular Schedule Service Credit**

Absence on a leave pursuant to Article V of this Agreement shall not constitute an interruption of years of service in a given activity; provided, however, such absence shall not count towards movement on this schedule.

If an employee is re-employed in the same activity, then they will be given credit for all years of previous service in the district in that activity. Credit for past non-consecutive experience shall be retroactive to the 1980-81 school year.

**Section 6.3 Reimbursed Tuition**

The Board shall reimburse the teacher for tuition up to the following amounts, calculated from each September 1st through the following August 31st:

2022-2023	\$1000.00
2023-2024	\$1050.00
2024-2025	\$1100.00

Such payment will be made for pre-approved courses:

1. Taken in the area of the teacher’s instructional assignment or taken in pursuit of additional endorsements (may include undergraduate as well as graduate level courses).
2. Taken in pursuit of an advanced degree in the field of education or educational administration (includes Certificate of Advanced Study).

The employee shall submit for approval, any course for which the employee seeks reimbursement prior to commencing the course work. All course work submitted for reimbursement must be taken from an accredited college or university as verified by the Will County Regional Office of Education. It is recommended all junior high teachers take three graduate hours of reading and elementary teachers take six graduate hours of reading. Reimbursement for such courses will be made when teacher shows evidence of satisfactory completion.

**Section 6.4 Extra Duty**

The assignment of non-classroom duties, such as, but not limited to, bus duty, playground duty, hall duty, and any other duty as may be deemed necessary by the building administrator will be assigned to teachers.

The building administrator will assign the above duties on an equitable basis unless the building administrator finds it impracticable to do so.

Any teacher not otherwise compensated for extra duties who is required to perform bus duty twenty-five (25) minutes past the end of a school scheduled day shall be reimbursed at the following per hour rate for each hour or fraction thereof:

2022-2025      \$19.50

**Section 6.5      Teacher Substitutes**

The District will maintain a list of qualified substitutes who shall be called for absent teachers. When no substitutes are available, volunteers will be solicited from available teachers for the areas of instruction that requires the substitute. If there are no volunteers, teachers may be assigned on an involuntary basis. Classroom teachers who substitute for absent teachers will be reimbursed on the following basis:

Junior High – Teachers will be paid:

2022-2025      \$30.00

for each class period of substitute teaching.

Elementary – Except as otherwise provided below, ordinarily classes of absent teachers will be apportioned between not more than three (3) nor less than two (2) teachers. In extraordinary circumstances the class of an absent teacher will be entirely taken by one (1) other teacher. Teachers will be paid as follows when classes are apportioned between three (3) teachers, two (2) teachers, or when an entire class is given to one (1) teacher:

	<u>3 teachers</u>	<u>2 teachers</u>	<u>1 teacher</u>
2022-2025	\$56.67	\$85.00	\$170.00

Elementary physical education teachers, and elementary art and music teachers, when they are required to assume additional students from a classroom teacher who is operating as an internal substitute, shall receive the following stipend for each class period in which additional students are received:

Original Class Divided Between:

Three (3) teachers - \$5.15  
Two (2) teachers - \$7.73  
One (1) teacher - \$15.45

As a statement of current practice: When elementary physical education teachers or elementary art and music teachers have an open period with no students as a result of the absence of that period’s classroom teacher and the redistribution of those students to internal substitutes, said physical education teachers or elementary art and music teachers shall be available for alternate duties.

Teachers will be paid as soon as practicable after the end of each quarter for the substitute duty performed pursuant to the above conditions.

**Section 6.6      Insurance**

Teachers shall be covered under the District 86 self-insured Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) health insurance program that is administered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The PPO includes physicians and hospitals.

**A. Hospitalization and Surgical Allowance.**

	<u>In Net coverage</u>	<u>Out of Net coverage</u>
Hospitalization	90%	60%
Surgical	90%*	60%**

\*based on schedule of Maximum Allowances

\*\*based on usual and customary charges

**B. Diagnostic Benefits.**

<u>In Net coverage</u>	<u>Out of Net coverage</u>
100%	60% after deductible is satisfied

There is no cap on diagnostic benefits.

Mammograms and Pap smear applies to both single and family coverage.

Mammogram coverage shall follow the American Cancer Society guidelines unless more frequent mammograms are deemed medically necessary by a doctor.

**C. Major Medical.**

	<u>In Net coverage</u>	<u>Out of Net coverage</u>
Deductible		
Individual	\$300	\$750
Family	\$900	\$2250
(maximum of 3 individual deductibles)		

**D. Dependent Coverage.** From birth to age 19, or 26 as required by law.

**E. Single Coverage.** For the length of this Agreement, the Board shall pay 95% of the premium equivalent for single coverage and the employee shall pay 5% of the premium equivalent for single coverage.

**F. Dependent (Family) Coverage.** For the length of this Agreement, the Board shall pay 95% of the premium equivalent for family coverage and the employee shall pay 5% of the premium equivalent for family coverage.

**G. Term Life and AD and D.** The Board will provide term life and AD and D in the amount of one (1) times the teacher's annual salary with a minimum of \$35,000 and a maximum of \$50,000 for the length of this agreement.

**H. Dental Insurance.** The Board shall provide dental benefits for bargaining unit members as follows: \$25 deductible, 100% preventative, 100% routine, 50% major restorative. The type and kind of dental benefits and coverage shall be subject to mutual agreement between the parties; provided that the Board reserves the right to choose its own insurance carrier or otherwise provide for dental coverage as long as employee benefits are not less than those mutually agreed to by the parties.

Commencing on January 1, 2018, a bargaining unit member may elect to have family dental coverage under the Board's plan by paying a premium equivalent that is equal to the family coverage premium equivalent, minus the employee single premium equivalent.

- I. Vision Insurance.** The Board shall provide vision benefits for bargaining unit members as follows: One eye exam every twelve (12) months covered at 100% less a \$10.00 co-pay in-network, and out-of-network exams will be covered up to \$25.00. Lens replacement every twelve (12) months covered at 100% less a \$20.00 co-pay in-network, and out-of-network services are covered according to the following schedule: single vision up to \$30.00, bifocal lenses up to \$35.00, trifocal lenses up to \$45.00, and lenticular lenses up to \$60.00. One pair of frames every twenty-four (24) months covered at 100% when selected from plan approved frame style. The cost for frames selected outside of the plan's approved styles will be the difference between a non-approved frame and the plan allowance. Frames selected from an out-of-network service provider will be paid up to \$45.00. Contact lenses when selected lieu of a complete set of prescription glasses that are medically necessary are covered at 100% less a \$20.00 materials co-pay in-network, and out-of-network are covered up to \$210.00. Contact lenses that are elective are covered up to \$125 both in an out-of-network.
- J.** The Board reserves the right to choose its own insurance carrier, or to continue the District self-insurance program, as long as employee benefits are not less than those currently provided under the present policy.
- K. Prescription Drug Card.** Teachers shall pay the following for prescription drugs:
- \$5.00 – generic
  - \$30.00– brand preferred
  - \$50.00– brand non-preferred
- Prescription Drugs: Prescription drug benefit paid at 100% after co-payment at participating pharmacy. Drugs purchased at a non-participating pharmacy are paid at 75% after co-payment.
- Mail Order Prescription Maintenance Drugs: Employee pays two prescription card co-payment amounts for a 90 day supply. Drugs must be purchased through the approved pharmacy.
- L. Out of Pocket Limitation.** Under the in-network coverage, there is a maximum of Out of Pocket expenses of \$1500 per person. Under the out of network coverage, there is a maximum Out of Pocket expense of \$4500 per person. Both coverage's have a limit of three limits per family. The out of pocket expenses do not include the payment of deductibles.
- M. No Lifetime Maximum.** There is no lifetime maximum per person for all covered expenses.
- N. Emergency Room Co-pay.** There is separate \$150 emergency room co-pay for each emergency room visit under both PPO and non-PPO coverage. Co-Pay is waived if the individual is admitted to the hospital directly from emergency room treatment.

Employees may obtain a Blue Cross/Blue Shield PPO Directory of Hospitals and Physicians by accessing the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois website at [www.bcbsil.com](http://www.bcbsil.com).



## **Section 6.7 Insurance for Retirement**

Upon retirement, eligible teachers may make a one-time election to participate in one of the following insurance plans but may not participate in both:

### **A. Option 1**

Upon retirement from the District with 20 years of service, a teacher may elect to remain in the group hospitalization plan of District 86 until age 70. The cost of remaining in the District's plan will be paid by the teacher.

### **B. Option 2**

Upon retirement from the District with at least 20 years of service, "Salary Schedule B" teachers in lieu of Option 1 insurance coverage and in lieu of any retirement benefit insurance coverage as identified in Section 6.8 may elect to participate in the state's TRIP insurance plan (if eligible for said plan) and receive a Board contribution of \$250.00 per month for TRIP coverage up to the age of 65. To be eligible for this option, teachers shall not have made an election to remain in the District's group hospitalization plan at retirement, and cannot be a participant in the District's group hospitalization plan after retirement. By electing the TRIP option, a teacher irrevocably waives their option to remain in the District hospitalization plan until age 70.

## **Section 6.8 Retirement**

### **A. Retirement-No Employer Penalty**

#### **1. Retirement Benefit.**

##### **a. Salary Enhancement**

##### **1) April 1, 2013-April 1, 2023 (Historical Note)**

The benefits of this subsection shall be in effect for all teachers who make the retirement election from April 1, 2013 through April 1, 2022 and are in compliance with this Section. Teachers who qualify for under this plan, may elect salary enhancement for a minimum of one (1) year to a maximum of four (4) years. For teachers who qualify under this plan, the annual salary enhancement shall be four percent (4%) over the previous year's salary.

Said amounts shall be prorated over the remaining normal pay periods. Said amounts shall include all wage schedule increases, occurring during this period, which may have been applicable to the retiring teacher.

##### **2) After April 1, 2023**

The benefits of this subsection shall be in effect for all teachers who make the retirement election after April 1, 2023 and are in compliance with this Section. Teachers who qualify under this plan, may elect salary enhancement for a minimum of one year to a maximum of four years. For teachers who qualify under this plan, the annual salary enhancement shall be six percent (6%) over the previous year's salary. Additionally, with respect to this retirement incentive, bargaining unit members who filed their retirement letter under the 2019-2022 contract, but whose retirement date extends into the term of this contract (2022-

2025), will be awarded a 6% retirement incentive from beginning of 2022-2023 school term until the date of their retirement.

Said amounts shall be prorated over the remaining normal pay periods. Said amounts shall include all wage schedule increases, occurring during this period, which may have been applicable to the retiring teacher.

**b. Hospitalization Insurance**

Qualifying participants will be allowed to enroll in hospitalization insurance coverage for which they are eligible. The retiree will be responsible for the full amount of the cost applicable to the particular coverage and will be responsible for payment of the premium in accordance with District requirements.

**2. Qualifications and Limitations.**

To be eligible for this benefit a teacher must comply with all of the foregoing requirements and limitations.

- a. The teacher must be eligible to retire under the Illinois Teacher's Retirement System and immediately receive a retirement annuity.
- b. The teacher must have completed a minimum of 15 years of full-time employment with Joliet Grade School District No. 86 immediately preceding retirement.
- c. To participate in this benefit the teacher must submit, to the Superintendent or designee, an irrevocable letter of retirement by April 1 of the school year prior to the commencement of the salary increase provisions. The letter shall identify the year of retirement.
- d. No teacher may participate in this program unless they have sufficient service credit, and/or age credit with the Illinois Teacher's Retirement System to exempt the employer from the payment of any penalty or other additional amount, to the Teacher's Retirement System.
- e. The Board may, in its sole discretion, limit the number of teachers who retire under this plan in any year to 30% of those teachers who are eligible for this benefit. In the event of any limitation in the program, the teacher with the greatest District seniority shall have the participation option.
- f. Any teacher who commences participation in this benefit, and fails to comply with the provisions herein, shall reimburse the District for any increased salary benefit granted under this provision, including tax and pension withholdings. Upon complete reimbursement, the teacher shall be entitled to any general wage increase, which would have been applicable during this period.

**B. Intentionally left blank.**

**C. Retirement Benefit Limitations**

The retirement benefits provided in this Section are intended to supersede any retirement benefit previously granted under this Agreement, cannot be pyramided, supplemental to, or used in

conjunction with any other retirement benefit whether offered under this Agreement or by state law.

**D. Board Right to Terminate Program**

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in this Section, the Board of School Inspectors reserves the right to terminate this retirement at any time, with respect to persons who are not participating in the retirement program, in the school year when the termination becomes effective. For such employees already on retirement, provisions of the retirement program shall continue despite the termination of the program with respect to all other employees.

**Section 6.9 Severability**

At such time as any Illinois court of law indicates that health recognition and service recognition, agreed by the Board and Union as being known as severance or retirement payments, are deemed illegal, those sections 6.9.A and 6.9.B, will not be in force or effect, provided the case is not under appeal.

**Section 6.9A Health Recognition**

For a teacher who retires from District 86, with a minimum of 20 years of service to the District, and immediately takes his/her retirement pension benefits, the Board of School Inspectors will reimburse an accumulation of unused sick leave days up to 220 days at \$25.00 per day 2022-2023 through 2024-2025 school years providing the teacher notifies the Superintendent or his/her representative, in writing by July 1 prior to the start of the next school year, and providing only that portion of sick leave days not used for retirement purposes will be calculated in the total amount.

The following will disqualify a teacher from eligibility:

1. Any teacher who is dismissed by the Board of School Inspectors.
2. Any teacher who has previously received this benefit from the Board of School Inspectors.
3. Any teacher who leaves the system contrary to the provisions of the Illinois State Tenure Act or contrary to the terms of his/her employment contract.

**Section 6.9B Service Recognition**

Upon retirement, with a minimum of twenty (20) years of service to the District, a teacher will be rewarded for service to the District at the rate of \$86.00 per each year of service for 2022-2023 through 2024-2025 school years, provided the teacher notifies the Superintendent or his/her representative, in writing by July 1 prior to the start of the next school year, unless there are extraordinary circumstances beyond the teacher's control which prevents the giving of such notice.

**Section 6.10A Extended School Programs**

All academic positions in the extended school programs shall be filled by regularly appointed teachers in the school district. In the event that there are no district personnel available for these positions, the Board may use out-of-district persons. In filling such positions when all other factors and qualifications are nearly equal, seniority shall be the deciding factor as to who is hired. The rate of pay shall be:

2022-2025      \$35.00

**Section 6.10B Stipends**

When a teacher receives a stipend for authorized participation in district approved activities, the teacher will be paid at the rate of:

2022-2025      \$29.00

**Section 6.11 Mileage Reimbursement**

Teachers are allowed to claim mileage reimbursement in the performance of their duties when personal automobiles are used. Mileage to and from work at the beginning and end of a school day is not claimable. All mileage claims must be filed in accordance with District regulations on forms provided by the District. The rate of reimbursement will be the IRS rate.

**Section 6.12 Pay Periods**

The District’s payroll is based on an annualized 26 period schedule. Paychecks are generally issued every other week on Friday, with the exception of holidays. When a pay period falls at the beginning or during a holiday, paychecks are issued on the last working day prior to the start of the holiday period.

Nine and ten month employees have the option, upon written request submitted no later than May 1, to receive all of their remaining paychecks normally paid during the summer months to be paid in a lump sum. Those checks will be issued as part of the last payroll of the school year in June.

**Section 6.13 Payroll Deductions**

The District shall permit payroll deductions for IRS qualified retirement plans. Deductions and participation in such plans shall be subject to IRS regulation, plan administration regulation and the District’s regulations.

The District shall permit payroll deductions to one District authorized credit union.

**Section 6.14 Maximum Compensation Increase Limitation**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the parties agree that any bargaining unit member who is within four (4) years of being eligible for either early or regular retirement under the Illinois Pension Code/ Teachers Retirement System (TRS) is limited to a maximum aggregate annual increase of 6% in TRS credible earnings under this Agreement.

Additionally, after submitting letter of retirement, a bargaining unit member cannot have creditable earning exceeding a maximum aggregate annual increase of six percent (6%) that, as a result of such increase, would obligate the Board to pay an additional contribution /penalty to TRS. If a teacher received more than a six percent (6%) increase in his/her creditable earnings in any of the years used to determine a teacher’s final annual salary, the teacher will not be eligible for the retirement incentives in this article.

This provision is based on current TRS statutory and regulatory provisions that provide for a penalty to be paid by the Employer for a retiring teacher, whose annual creditable earnings used for determining retirement benefits, exceed 6% over the prior year. If the Illinois Pension Code/ Teachers Retirement

System or any regulations adopted there under are changed to alter the 6% penalty provisions, this Section is subject to renegotiations.

## **ARTICLE VII - Agreement**

### **Section 7.1 No Strike Provision**

Recognizing that adequate means are made available by this Agreement for the resolution of teachers' grievances and/or complaints, neither the Union nor the teachers covered by this Agreement will promote, sponsor, engage in or condone any strikes, concerted stoppages of work, or any other interruptions of educational duties for the duration of this Agreement. It is understood and agreed that any teacher violating this provision of the Agreement shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board. The Board agrees that it will not conduct nor condone any lockout of teachers due to a labor dispute for the duration of this Agreement. This no strike provision is null and void at such time when there is an economic or salary re-opener.

### **Section 7.2 Management Rights**

The Board, pursuant to the authority and responsibilities vested in it by the State of Illinois, must retain the right effectively to conduct a responsible and efficient school system for School District No. 86, which at all times recognizes as paramount the interests of the students therein. It is the intention of this Agreement to provide an effective and continuing means of communication between the teachers and the Board through the Administration, as well as to provide for the salary structure, fringe benefits and employment conditions of the teachers. It is recognized that, except as stated herein, the Board shall retain whatever rights and authority are necessary for it to carry out effectively functions under the laws of the State of Illinois, which shall include, but not be limited to, all rights exercised by the Board prior to inception of this Agreement. The Board now has in existence and may revise from time to time, a manual of policy for its teachers. Nothing in this Agreement shall deprive the Board of its responsibilities delegated to it by the laws of the State of Illinois. The Board shall not abrogate its responsibility to any individual or group of individuals, and therefore, its decisions shall become final upon any subject under its jurisdiction.

### **Section 7.3 Severability**

If any provision of this Agreement is subsequently declared by the proper legislative or judicial authority to be unlawful, unenforceable or not in accordance with the minimum standard of the School Code, all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the Agreement.

### **Section 7.4 Effective Date**

This Agreement shall be in full force and effect from September 1, 2022 and shall remain in effect to and including August 31, 2025 and shall automatically be renewed from year to year thereafter unless written notice of desire to terminate, modify or amend this Agreement is served upon the other party prior to May 1 in the year in which this Agreement expires or prior to May 1 in any year subsequent thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized representatives on this 14th day of December, 2022.

FOR THE BOARD OF SCHOOL INSPECTORS,  
DISTRICT NO. 86, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

/s/ Erick Deshaun Dorris  
Erick Deshaun Dorris, President

/s/ Stephanie H.T. Phelan  
Stephanie H.T. Phelan, Secretary

FOR COUNCIL NUMBER 86 OF THE AMERICAN  
FEDERATION OF TEACHERS-LOCAL 604

/s/ Therese Skwarczynski  
Therese Skwarczynski, President

/s/ Lisa Kreml  
Lisa Kreml, Secretary

**APPENDIX A**  
**Compensation Schedule for Teachers**

<b>Compensation Schedule for Teachers 2022-2023</b>				
	<b><i>BA</i></b>	<b><i>BA + 15</i></b>	<b><i>MA or 36</i></b>	<b><i>MA + 30</i></b>
0	\$47,593	\$50,505	\$52,494	\$54,496
1	\$48,649	\$51,629	\$53,662	\$55,707
2	\$49,706	\$52,751	\$54,831	\$56,919
3	\$50,762	\$53,873	\$55,999	\$58,129
4	\$51,819	\$54,996	\$57,167	\$59,339
5	\$52,878	\$56,121	\$58,332	\$60,552
6	\$53,935	\$57,244	\$59,498	\$61,764
7	\$54,992	\$58,364	\$60,668	\$62,976
8	\$56,051	\$59,488	\$61,837	\$64,185
9	\$57,117	\$60,618	\$63,013	\$65,410
10	\$58,161	\$61,609	\$64,074	\$66,537
11		\$62,891	\$65,452	\$68,017
12		\$64,172	\$66,832	\$69,494
13		\$65,452	\$68,215	\$70,973
14		\$66,736	\$69,596	\$72,454
15		\$68,017	\$70,973	\$73,932
16			\$72,847	\$75,903
17			\$74,719	\$77,874
18			\$76,591	\$79,845
19			\$78,465	\$81,817
20			\$80,340	\$83,789
21			\$82,211	\$85,759
22			\$84,084	\$87,732
23			\$85,957	\$89,704
24			\$87,830	\$91,674
25			\$89,587	\$93,508
26		\$85,532	\$91,379	\$95,377
27		\$87,244	\$93,205	\$97,285
28		\$88,987	\$95,070	\$99,233
29		\$90,768	\$96,971	\$101,217
30		\$92,583	\$98,911	\$103,242
31		\$94,434	\$100,889	\$105,306
32		\$96,324	\$102,907	\$107,412
33		\$98,250	\$104,965	\$109,560
34		\$100,215	\$107,064	\$111,751
35		\$102,219	\$109,205	\$113,986

<b>Compensation Schedule for Teachers 2023-2024</b>				
	<b>BA</b>	<b>BA + 15</b>	<b>MA or 36</b>	<b>MA + 30</b>
0	\$48,992	\$51,990	\$54,037	\$56,098
1	\$50,079	\$53,147	\$55,240	\$57,345
2	\$51,167	\$54,302	\$56,443	\$58,592
3	\$52,254	\$55,457	\$57,645	\$59,838
4	\$53,342	\$56,613	\$58,848	\$61,084
5	\$54,433	\$57,771	\$60,047	\$62,332
6	\$55,521	\$58,927	\$61,247	\$63,580
7	\$56,609	\$60,080	\$62,452	\$64,827
8	\$57,699	\$61,237	\$63,655	\$66,072
9	\$58,796	\$62,400	\$64,866	\$67,333
10	\$59,871	\$63,420	\$65,958	\$68,493
11		\$64,740	\$67,376	\$70,017
12		\$66,059	\$68,797	\$71,537
13		\$67,376	\$70,221	\$73,060
14		\$68,698	\$71,642	\$74,584
15		\$70,017	\$73,060	\$76,106
16			\$74,989	\$78,135
17			\$76,916	\$80,163
18			\$78,843	\$82,192
19			\$80,772	\$84,222
20			\$82,702	\$86,252
21			\$84,628	\$88,280
22			\$86,556	\$90,311
23			\$88,484	\$92,341
24			\$90,412	\$94,369
25			\$92,221	\$96,257
26			\$94,066	\$98,181
27		\$89,809	\$95,945	\$100,145
28		\$91,603	\$97,865	\$102,150
29		\$93,437	\$99,822	\$104,193
30		\$95,305	\$101,819	\$106,277
31		\$97,210	\$103,855	\$108,402
32		\$99,156	\$105,932	\$110,570
33		\$101,139	\$108,051	\$112,781
34		\$103,161	\$110,212	\$115,036
35		\$105,224	\$112,416	\$117,337



<b>Compensation Schedule for Teachers 2024-2025</b>				
	<b>BA</b>	<b>BA + 15</b>	<b>MA or 36</b>	<b>MA + 30</b>
0	\$50,315	\$53,394	\$55,496	\$57,613
1	\$51,431	\$54,582	\$56,731	\$58,893
2	\$52,549	\$55,768	\$57,967	\$60,174
3	\$53,665	\$56,954	\$59,201	\$61,454
4	\$54,782	\$58,142	\$60,437	\$62,733
5	\$55,903	\$59,331	\$61,668	\$64,015
6	\$57,020	\$60,518	\$62,901	\$65,297
7	\$58,137	\$61,702	\$64,138	\$66,577
8	\$59,257	\$62,890	\$65,374	\$67,856
9	\$60,383	\$64,085	\$66,617	\$69,151
10	\$61,488	\$65,132	\$67,739	\$70,342
11		\$66,488	\$69,195	\$71,907
12		\$67,843	\$70,655	\$73,468
13		\$69,195	\$72,117	\$75,033
14		\$70,553	\$73,576	\$76,598
15		\$71,907	\$75,033	\$78,161
16			\$77,014	\$80,245
17			\$78,993	\$82,327
18			\$80,972	\$84,411
19			\$82,953	\$86,496
20			\$84,935	\$88,581
21			\$86,913	\$90,664
22			\$88,893	\$92,749
23			\$90,873	\$94,834
24			\$92,853	\$96,917
25			\$94,711	\$98,856
26			\$96,606	\$100,832
27			\$98,536	\$102,849
28		\$94,076	\$100,507	\$104,908
29		\$95,960	\$102,517	\$107,006
30		\$97,878	\$104,568	\$109,146
31		\$99,835	\$106,659	\$111,329
32		\$101,833	\$108,792	\$113,555
33		\$103,870	\$110,968	\$115,826
34		\$105,946	\$113,188	\$118,142
35		\$108,065	\$115,451	\$120,505

**APPENDIX A**

**Compensation Schedule for School Psychologists**

<b>Psychologists 2022-2023</b>	
<b>Step</b>	<b>Salary</b>
0	\$55,846
1	\$56,928
2	\$58,838
3	\$60,746
4	\$62,654
5	\$64,560
6	\$66,466
7	\$68,370
8	\$70,281
9	\$72,187
10	\$74,127
11	\$76,203
12	\$78,335
13	\$80,531
14	\$82,782
15	\$85,103
16	\$87,485
17	\$89,937
18	\$92,455

<b>Psychologists 2023-2024</b>	
<b>Step</b>	<b>Salary</b>
0	\$57,521
1	\$58,638
2	\$59,774
3	\$61,780
4	\$63,783
5	\$65,787
6	\$67,788
7	\$69,789
8	\$71,789
9	\$73,795
10	\$75,796
11	\$77,833
12	\$80,013
13	\$82,252
14	\$84,558
15	\$86,921
16	\$89,358
17	\$91,859
18	\$94,434

<b>Psychologists 2024-2025</b>	
<b>Step</b>	<b>Salary</b>
0	\$59,103
1	\$60,253
2	\$61,423
3	\$62,613
4	\$64,715
5	\$66,813
6	\$68,912
7	\$71,008
8	\$73,104
9	\$75,199
10	\$77,300
11	\$79,396
12	\$81,530
13	\$83,814
14	\$86,159
15	\$88,575
16	\$91,050
17	\$93,603
18	\$96,222

**APPENDIX B**  
**Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule**

2022-2025

		1st Step	2nd Step	3rd Step	4th Step	5th Step	6th Step	7th Step	8th Step	9th Step	10th Step
Athletic Director		\$4,443	\$4,621	\$4,806	\$4,998	\$5,198	\$5,406	\$5,622	\$5,847	\$6,081	\$6,324
Basketball		\$3,014	\$3,134	\$3,260	\$3,390	\$3,526	\$3,667	\$3,813	\$3,966	\$4,125	\$4,290
Wrestling		\$3,014	\$3,134	\$3,260	\$3,390	\$3,526	\$3,667	\$3,813	\$3,966	\$4,125	\$4,290
Soccer		\$1,989	\$2,068	\$2,151	\$2,237	\$2,326	\$2,420	\$2,516	\$2,617	\$2,722	\$2,831
Volleyball		\$2,764	\$2,875	\$2,990	\$3,110	\$3,234	\$3,363	\$3,498	\$3,638	\$3,783	\$3,935
Cross Country		\$1,989	\$2,068	\$2,151	\$2,237	\$2,326	\$2,420	\$2,516	\$2,617	\$2,722	\$2,831
Cheer Jr. H.		\$1,989	\$2,068	\$2,151	\$2,237	\$2,326	\$2,420	\$2,516	\$2,617	\$2,722	\$2,831
Choir		\$3,232	\$3,361	\$3,496	\$3,636	\$3,781	\$3,932	\$4,090	\$4,253	\$4,423	\$4,600
Scholastic Bowl		\$1,989	\$2,068	\$2,151	\$2,237	\$2,326	\$2,420	\$2,516	\$2,617	\$2,722	\$2,831
Band		\$5,252	\$5,462	\$5,681	\$5,908	\$6,144	\$6,390	\$6,645	\$6,911	\$7,188	\$7,475
Orchestra		\$4,949	\$5,147	\$5,353	\$5,567	\$5,790	\$6,021	\$6,262	\$6,513	\$6,773	\$7,044
All City Director		\$2,222	\$2,311	\$2,403	\$2,499	\$2,599	\$2,703	\$2,812	\$2,924	\$3,041	\$3,163
Mariachi Director		\$2,222	\$2,311	\$2,403	\$2,499	\$2,599	\$2,703	\$2,812	\$2,924	\$3,041	\$3,163
Student Council Jr. High		\$1,515	\$1,576	\$1,639	\$1,704	\$1,772	\$1,843	\$1,917	\$1,994	\$2,073	\$2,156
Club 1	10-20 SCH/Yr	\$470	\$481	\$493	\$506	\$518	\$531	\$545	\$558	\$572	\$587
Club 2	21-30 SCH/Yr	\$783	\$802	\$822	\$843	\$864	\$886	\$908	\$930	\$954	\$978
Club 3	30+ SCH/Yr	\$939	\$963	\$987	\$1,012	\$1,037	\$1,063	\$1,089	\$1,117	\$1,144	\$1,173

\* Plus \$194.83 for school hosting District speech contest, to be divided among speech teacher(s) responsible for hosting the contest.