TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

Between Stockton Unified School District (District) And the

National Union of Health Workers (NUHW)

June 26, 2024

This agreement concludes negotiations for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 between Stockton Unified School District and the National Union of Healthcare Workers (NUHW). The parties hereby agree to the following terms subject to the ratification of NUHW and the Board of Education for Stockton Unified School District.

Both parties have agreed to the negotiated components included herein:

For NUHW

Monica Madrid, NUHW Labor Rep

1. Language for the initial collective bargaining agreement (reference attachments)

This Tentative Agreement shall be effective upon ratification by both NUHW and the Stockton Unified School District Board of Trustees and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2027.

For District:

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PREAMBLE

Stockton Unified School District (District) and the National Union of Health Care Workers (NUHW or union), collectively referred to as "the parties," have considered their mutual interests and have agreed to enter into this Agreement to establish the first collective bargaining agreement between the parties.

RECOGNITION

Acknowledgement

The District recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative of an appropriate bargaining unit comprised of all part-time and full-time employees employed by the District in the classification of Board Certified Behavioral Analyst, Mental Health Clinician, Occupational Therapist, and Physical Therapist excluding short-term employees and substitute employees.

Non Discrimination

The Employer District and the Union agree there shall be no discrimination against any employee or applicant because of membership in the Union or lawful activities on behalf of the Union, or because of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disabilities, political affiliation, marital status, medical condition (as defined by applicable law), or veteran status.

AGREEMENT- (Duration combined)

Stockton Unified School District (District) and the National Union of Health Care Workers (NUHW), collectively referred to as "the parties," have considered their mutual interests and have agreed to enter into this Agreement to establish the first collective bargaining agreement between the parties.

This is an Agreement made and entered into between the Stockton Unified School District ("District") and the National Union of Healthcare Workers ("Union").

This Agreement, when signed ratified by the District and the Union, shall supersede all other contracts and shall represent the sole Agreement between the District and the Union.

Prior policies and practices of the District will continue during the term of this Agreement for unit members, unless they are unlawful or modified, by the express language of this Agreement.

X.1 In the event that the scope of negotiations as defined in the EERA is changed, altered or amended by action of the PERB or by legislative act, the parties agree to meet within thirty (30) days of the effective date of such action to negotiate such changes as may be required to conform the Agreement according to the legislative or administrative intent.

X.2 This Agreement shall be effective retroactive to July 1, 2023, and shall continue in effect until midnight June 30, 2026. In the last year of this Agreement, the Union shall present its full written proposal to the District no later than the first Tuesday in February. A public hearing shall be held within ten (10) working days to effectuate the purposes of Government Code Section 3547.

X.2.1 For the 23-24 school year, the NUHW contract will be closed. There will be reopeners for the 24-25 and 25-26 school years for salary and benefits and the District and NUHW will each have the right to designate two (2) additional articles each year for reopeners.

X.3 The District shall make known its proposals in a timely manner after NUHW has presented its full written proposal. Negotiations shall commence on these proposals within fifteen (15) workdays after the adoption of the proposals by the Board.

Union Shop Stewards

X.1 Periodically, At least quarterly the Union will notify the Employer District in writing the names of duly authorized Union Shop Stewards.

X.2 The Employer agrees that there will be no discrimination against the Shop Steward because of Union activity.

X.3 Shop Stewards will obtain written permission from their immediate supervisor before leaving their work area to conduct Union business. Notice to supervisor shall be given soon as possible, but in no case shall it be less than twenty four (24) hour notice when at all practical. Upon approval from supervisor the shop steward shall notify their site administrator(s) of the anticipated length of their absence in writing. If a supervisor, manager, or administrator is unavailable the show steward shall notify the Asst. Supt. HR or designee.

Stewards shall not lose pay because of their participation in activities related to grievances, investigations or disciplinary meetings.

DEFINITIONS

"National Union of Healthcare Workers Member" or "unit member" refers to any professional employee who is included in the bargaining unit as described in Article? Recognition and therefore covered by the terms and conditions set forth herein.

"Parties" refers to the entities described in the preamble.

"Working day" refers to any day the District Office of the Stockton Unified School District is open for business, 56 South Lincoln Street, Stockton, CA

"Workday" refers to the duty days of the unit member.

"Day" refers to a calendar day unless otherwise specified.

"Work week" refers to the duty week of the unit member.

"Permanent Employee" is a regular employee who successfully completes an initial probationary period of six (6) months of probationary service or 130 days of paid service in a classification, whichever is longer in a class.

"Substitute Employee" means a person employed to replace a classified employee who is temporarily absent from duty. In addition, if the school district is then engaged in a procedure to hire a permanent employee to fill a vacancy in any classified position, the governing board of the school district may fill the vacancy through the employment, for not more than 60 calendar days, of one or more substitute employees, except to the extent that a collective bargaining agreement then in effect provides for a different period of time.

"Short Term Employee" is an employee who is employed for less than one hundred and ninety five (195) working days to perform a service for the District. Upon the completion of which, the service required or similar services will not be extended or needed on a continuing basis. For purposes of such definition only, the computation of working days shall include days actually worked, vacation, holidays, and sick leave days to which the short term employee would otherwise be entitled if employed as a regular member of the classified service. Short term employees shall not be part of the classified service and are not entitled to compensation for vacation, holidays, and such leave while serving as a short-term employee.

"Designated supervisor" refers to the administrator or designee who is assigned to supervise the unit member by the Superintendent or Designee.

"Evaluator" refers to the administrator who is assigned to evaluate the unit member by the Superintendent or Designee.

"Site administrator" refers to the principal or assistant principal at a school site.

"Shop Steward" refers to a NUHW unit member who has been elected by their constituency to represent her/his/their worksite in appropriate meetings of the Union and represent the interests of the members in their absence that shall include, but are not limited to: orienting new workers to the Union, supporting the Union's efforts to process grievances and resolve worksite issues, participating in the grievance appeal process, as appropriate.

SEVERABILITY

X.1 Savings Clause

If during the life of this Agreement, there exists any applicable law or rule, regulation, or order issued by governmental authority other than the District which shall render invalid or restrain compliance with or enforcement of any provision of this Agreement, such provision shall be immediately suspended and be of no effect hereunder so long as such law, rule, regulation, or order shall remain in effect. Such invalidation of a part or portion of this Agreement shall not invalidate any remaining portions which shall continue in full force and effect.

X.2 Replacement for Severed Provision

In the event of suspension or invalidation of any Article or Section of this Agreement, the parties agree to meet within thirty (30) days after such determination for the purpose of arriving at a satisfactory determining whether it is necessary to bargain a replacement for such a Article or s Section.

UNION COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION (COPE)

The District hereby agrees to honor voluntary Committee on Political Education (COPE) contribution deduction authorizations from its employees who are Union members, and to remit such COPE contributions to the Union.

The Union agrees to reimburse, indemnify, defend and hold the District, its officers and/or agents, harmless against any and all award, compromise or damages, costs, claims, liability arising out of any court or administrative action challenging the legality of the COPE deduction provisions of this Agreement or the implementation thereof or suits instituted against the District which allege illegality or unconstitutionality arising from its compliance with any of the provisions of this Article X. The Union shall have the exclusive right to decide and determine which matters shall or shall not be compromised, resisted, defended, tried, or appealed. The Union will hold the District, its agents and representatives, harmless against any claim which may be made by any person because of the COPE deductions described herein, including the cost of defending against such claim. The Union will have no monetary claim against the District because of failure to perform under this Article.

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION

New Employee Orientation

X.1. The District will provide NUHW access and notice to the new employee orientations no less than ten (10) days' notice in advance of orientation, except that a shorter notice may be provided in a specific instance where there is an urgent need critical to the District's operations that were not reasonably foreseeable.

X.2 During new hire group orientation for new employees, the District will allow a representative of the Union up to one (1) hour thirty (30) minutes during the final period of such District group program, to discuss the Union and the terms of this Agreement. In the event the Union assigns a shop steward to attend this orientation, the steward shall be released from work without loss of pay to participate in the session.

CONCERTED ACTIVITIES

During the term of the Agreement, the Union agrees not to engage in strike, work stoppage, or slowdown. During the term of this agreement, the District agrees not to engage in a lockout.

Disciplinary Action

X.1 All disciplinary actions, reprimands, suspension without pay, demotion or discharge shall be only for just cause. Any such action by the District shall be subject to the grievance procedure herein set forth, unless specific legal procedures are available to the unit member under state law or other provisions of this Agreement, in which case the legal procedures become the exclusive system for appealing such matters. Any such action by the District shall be subject to the grievance procedure herein set forth, unless specific legal procedures are available to the unit member under state law or other provisions of this Agreement, in which case the legal procedures become the exclusive system for appealing such matters.

District striking out proposed language 05/09/2024

- X.2 All material forming the basis for disciplinary action shall be made available to the unit member subject to California's privacy laws.
- X.3 No disciplinary action shall be taken for any cause which arose prior to the bargaining unit member becoming permanent, nor for any cause which arose more than two (2) years preceding the date of the filing of the notice of cause unless such cause was concealed or not disclosed by such bargaining unit member when it could be reasonably assumed that the bargaining unit member should have disclosed the facts to the District Ed Code 45113 (d)).

As it is required under Ed Code 45113 (d) No disciplinary action shall be taken for any cause which arose prior to the bargaining unit member becoming permanent, nor for any cause which arose more than two (2) years preceding the date of the filing of the notice of cause unless such cause was concealed or not disclosed by such bargaining unit member when it could be reasonably assumed that the bargaining unit member should have disclosed the facts to the District unless Education Code section 45113(d) is amended by the legislature. Nothing in this sub-section prohibits the District from utilizing disciplinary documentation to demonstrate past notice of prohibited conduct by a bargaining unit member.

District remains status quo. Keeping proposed language. 05/09/2024

Color Key

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ARTICLE 9 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

X.1 Definitions

X.1.1 A "grievance" is an alleged violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of the express terms of this agreement which directly and adversely affects the grievant. Actions to challenge or change the terms of this agreement shall not be considered a grievance. Matters for which a specific method of review or forum is provided by law or by the terms of this agreement are not within the scope of this procedure.

X.1.2 A "grievant" is a member or members of the bargaining unit and/or the Union.

X.1.3 A "working day" is any day during which the District Office is open for business.

District agrees with language 05/09/2024

X.2 Informal Level

X.2.1 Before filing a formal written grievance, the grievant shall seek a resolution by an requesting an informal conference with the immediate supervisor or their District designee within twenty (20) working days from when the bargaining unit member knows or should reasonably have known of the occurrence which gives rise to the dispute. This informal meeting must occur within fifteen (15) ten(10) working days. from when the bargaining unit member knows or should reasonably have known of the occurrence which gives rise to the dispute.

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X.3 Formal Level 1 – Immediate Supervisor or District Designee

X.3.1 If informal discussion fails to resolve the grievance to the satisfaction of the grievant, a formal grievance may be initiated in writing. The written grievance shall be presented within fifteen (15) **working** days **after the conclusion of the informal conference.** bargaining unit member knows or should reasonably have known of the occurrence which gives rise to the dispute.

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- X.3.2 The formal document shall present a clear and concise statement of the grievance, citing specific sections of the agreement allegedly violated, misinterpreted or misapplied, the circumstances involved, and the specific remedy sought. The document shall be signed by the grievant, date and time of presentation affixed thereto and signed as received by the immediate supervisor.
- X.3.3 Within ten (10) working days after the filing of the formal grievance, the immediate supervisor or District designee shall investigate the grievance and render their decision in writing to the grievant. Either the grievant or the Superintendent/designee may request a personal conference within the above time limits.

X.4 Level 2 - District Level

- X.4.1 If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision rendered at Level I, they may appeal the decision within ten (10) working days to the Superintendent or designee. The grievant shall file a copy with the Union.
- X.4.2 The appeal shall include a copy of the original grievance, the decision rendered at Level I, and a clear, concise statement of the reason for the appeal.
- X.4.3 Within ten (10) working days after the appeal is filed, the Superintendent or designee shall investigate the grievance and give the decision in writing to the

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X.5 Level 3 – Mediation

X.5.1 Within ten (10) working days after receipt of the Superintendent/designee decision, the Union on the behalf of the aggrieved may request in writing that the grievance be submitted to mediation.

X.5.2 The Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources shall request that the **State Mediation and Conciliation Service** send a mediator to the District to attempt to resolve the disagreement.

X.5.3 Both the District and the Union shall participate in the mediation process in a good faith attempt to resolve the issue.

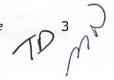
X.5.4 All costs of the mediation process shall be shared by the District and the Union equally.

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X.6 Level 4 – Arbitration

X.6.1 Within ten (10) working days after the date of mediation receipt of the Superintendent/designee decision, the aggrieved may request in writing to the Union, the grievance be submitted to advisory arbitration.

X.6.2 The Union, by written notice to the Superintendent within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the request from the aggrieved person, may submit the grievance to advisory arbitration. If any question arises as to the arbitrability of the grievance, such question will be ruled upon by the arbitrator first, prior to hearing the merits of the grievance. If the arbitrator



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determines that the grievance is not subject to the arbitration, there shall be no further hearing on the merits of the grievance.

District remains at status quo. 05/09/2024

X.6.1 If satisfactory settlement cannot be obtained at Level 3, the grievance may be referred to binding arbitration within ten (10) working days of the conclusion of the mediation or by agreement of the parties. If any question arises as to the arbitrability of the grievance, such question will be ruled upon by the arbitrator first, prior to hearing the merits of the grievance. If the arbitrator determines that the grievance is not subject to the arbitration, there shall be no further hearing on the merits of the grievance.

District striking out proposed language 05/09/2024

- X.6.3 The parties shall select a mutually acceptable arbitrator selected from a list of seven (7) arbitrators provided by State Mediation and Conciliation.
- X.6.4 The arbitrator's decision will be in writing and will set forth findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions on the issues submitted.

X.7 Powers and Limitations of the Arbitrator

- X.7.1 The arbitrator shall consider only those issues which have been properly carried through prior steps of the grievance procedure. The arbitrator shall afford district representatives, and the employee(s) or their representatives involved, a reasonable opportunity to present evidence, witnesses and arguments.
- X.7.2 The jurisdiction of the arbitrator shall be confined to a determination of the facts and the interpretation of the provisions of this agreement.
- X.7.3 The arbitrator shall have no power to disregard, add to, subtract from, or modify the terms of this agreement. However, it is agreed that the arbitrator is empowered to include in any advisory award such financial reimbursement or other remedies as are judged to be proper.



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X.8 Decisions of the arbitrator shall be advisory to the District Board of Education. The District Board of Education shall make the final decision regarding the grievance.

District remains at status quo. 05/09/2024

X.8 Decisions of the arbitrator will be submitted to the Superintendent and the Union and will be final and binding upon the parties.

District striking out proposed language. 05/09/2024

X.9 General Provisions

X.9.1 If District fails to respond to a grievance within the time limits specified for that level, grievant shall have the right to appeal to the next level.

X.9.2 Failure to appeal a decision within the specified time limits shall be deemed an acceptance of the decision. Time limits may be shortened or extended by written stipulation of both parties.

X.9.3 Grievants shall have the right to a conference with the appropriate administrator designated by the District, at each level. The failure to request a conference shall not affect the position of the grievant, the status of the grievances, or the decision rendered.

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X.9.5 An employee who wishes to have a grievance heard under this procedure shall initiate action by requesting an informal conference with the immediate supervisor or their District designee within twenty (20) working days from the time that employee had knowledge or should have had knowledge of the act or omission giving rise to the grievance.

District striking out language 05/09/2024

X.9.6 Reasonable release time to attend conferences and arbitration hearing shall be granted to a grievant.

X.9.7 All documents, communications and records dealing with the processing of a grievance will be filed separately from the personnel files of the participants.

X.9.8 All parties to the grievance will make available to other parties involved appropriate information not privileged under the law in its possession or control which is relevant to the issues raised by the grievance.

X.9.9 A grievance must be initiated prior to the termination date of the contract.

X.9.10 All costs for the services of the arbitration shall be borne equally by the District and the Union. Costs by individual parties shall be borne by the party.

X.9.11 The District shall have the right to grieve according to this procedure. District striking out language 05/09/2024

X.9.12 The parties agree that the content of evaluations, <u>unit member discipline</u> shall not be grievable.



LAYOFF AND REEMPLOYMENT

X.1 Pursuant to law, if it becomes necessary for the District to terminate the employment of any bargaining unit member because of a lack of work or lack of funds or expiration of specially funded programs, layoff procedures will be followed.

X.2 The termination date of a bargaining unit member will be the last actual working day.

X.3 Layoff Procedures

X.3.1 March 15th Notice.

In the event it becomes necessary to layoff permanent classified employees, who are not employed in a specially funded program, the District shall comply with all Education Code Section 45117(AB 438) notice and procedural requirements which includes a March 15th notice if the permanent classified employee's services will not be required for the following school year due to lack of work or lack of funds.

X.3.2 Specially Funded Program Notice.

The District shall notify the Union and the affected employees, who are unit members subject to layoff due to the expiration of the specially funded program, in writing sixty (60) days prior to the layoff.

- X.3.3 Consistent with law, seniority shall be based on date of hire in a regular classified position. The order of layoff shall be based on seniority and shall proceed as defined by law.
- X.3.4 If two (2) or more employees subject to layoff have equal seniority in the same classification, the determination of which employee shall be laid off shall be made on the basis of the first date of paid service in the classified service (excluding any substitute time) or, if that is equal, by comparing the last four digits of the employees' social security numbers, and the employee with the lower of the four digits will be laid off first.

- X.3.5 Employees subject to layoff or reduction in hours shall retain their reemployment rights as specified by law. The names of bargaining unit members laid off shall be placed on reemployment lists in the reverse order of layoff and such eligibility shall continue for thirty nine (39) months from the date of layoff.
- X.3.6 No permanent or probationary classified bargaining unit member shall be laid off from any position while employees serving under emergency or short-term employment are retained in positions of the same class. (CSEA)

District agrees with article 05/09/2024

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TRANSFER

A transfer is a lateral movement of a bargaining unit employee refers to a change of site location in which a NUHW member is relocated to another school and/or site(s) within the district.

District proposing new language 05/02/2024

X.1 Advertisement of Vacancies

X.1.1 When a vacancy occurs, an announcement of the vacancy shall be made first within the District. The announcement will be posted electronically via District email no fewer than ten (10) work days prior to the filing deadline. The electronic announcement will include all relevant information regarding the vacancy to include: location of the vacancy; description of the vacancy; and experience requirements; starting date; application deadline; interim or permanent nature of vacancy.

X.1.2 Selection from in-district applicants who meet the qualifications will be made on the basis of review including but not limited to evaluations, experience, appropriate professional course work, workshops, in-service activities, and interview, if necessary. If two (2) or more candidates are found equally qualified, the senior ranking unit member in terms of NUHW bargaining unit seniority will be selected.

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The District reserves the right to withdraw, modify, or otherwise amend its proposals in the course of the negotiations until such time as the parties reach a tentative agreement.

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X.1 Advertisement of Vacancies

X.1.1 When a vacancy occurs, an announcement of the vacancy shall be made first within District. The announcement will be posted electronically via District email no fewer than ten (10) work days prior to the filing deadline. The electronic announcement will include all relevant information regarding the vacancy to include: location of the vacancy; description of the vacancy; and experience requirements; starting date; application deadline; interim or permanent nature of vacancy.

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District strikes out proposed language 05/09/2024

X.1 X.2 Voluntary Transfers

X.1.1 When a vacancy occurs, an announcement of the vacancy shall be made during department meetings

X.1.1 X.2.1 Employees may request a transfer to or out of a school assignment for the following school year by submitting a written request to their immediate supervisor with a copy to the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources or designee.

X.1.2 X.2.2 Transfer requests will be considered in terms of three(3) two criteria in the following order:

- a) The order of their bargaining unit seniority at the time of request. The needs of students, programs and the District.
- a) b) Meeting the qualifications as outlined in the job description.



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b) c) The needs of students, programs and the District. The order of their bargaining unit seniority at the time of request.

X.1.3 X.2.3 When a transfer request does not result in a transfer, the employees in the bargaining unit may request from their immediate supervisor a written description of the specific reason(s) for the denial within ten (10) days of the denial. The immediate supervisor or designee shall provide the specific reasons within 10 days of the request.

District proposes new language 05/02/2024

X.2 X.3 Involuntary Transfers

X.2.1 X.3.1The District has the right to transfer employees from one assignment position to another for the purpose of addressing the needs of students and District programs. Such transfers shall be for the purpose of meeting the task-related needs of the District and shall not be punitive or disciplinary or disciplinary in purpose.

District striking out language 05/09/2024

X.3.2 Notification of an involuntary transfer shall be given in writing to the affected unit member prior to the transfer. A unit member shall be given at least ten (10) five (5) ten (10) working days to transition to their new assignment to support the continuity of services to students and to orient to documentation systems and programming relevant to their new assignment. The transferred unit member will continue to perform their existing job duties and complete required documentation at their current assignment during the five (5) ten (10) working day period unless otherwise directed by their supervisor.

District agrees to 10 working days with added language 05/09/2024 (Union strikes out language 05/09/24)

District proposes new language 05/02/2024

X.3.3 Training will be provided to the unit member to orient them to documentation systems and programming relevant to their new assignment.

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X.2.2 X.3.4 When employees are transferred under this section, if requested, they shall be given the reasons for such transfers in writing.

X.2.3 X.3.5 Employee preferences for assignment and school location will be considered.

X.2.4 X.3.6 Every effort will be made to keep interested employees informed of staffing decisions as they are finalized.

X.3.7 All positions filled through an involuntary transfer must remain advertised as open for application and filling by the District. Upon being filled the originally transferred member has rights to resume their previous position. This back filling provision is subject to the same seniority sequencing.

District strikes out language 05/02/2024



UNION RIGHTS

Payroll Deduction for Membership Dues

The District agrees to deduct Union dues from the wages of every union member via payroll deduction in the manner required by law.

The Union shall have the sole and exclusive right to receive the payroll deduction for regular membership dues consistent with law.

Hold Harmless

The Union shall reimburse the District, its officers and agents for reasonable attorney's fees and legal costs incurred, after notice to the Union, in defending against any court or administrative action challenging the legality of the organizational security, union dues and/or fees provision of this Agreement or the implementation thereof effective on the date that NUHW became the exclusive representative of unit members.

The Union agrees to reimburse, indemnify, defend and hold the District, its officers and/or agents, harmless against any and all award, compromise or damages, costs, claims, liability arising out of any court or administrative action challenging the legality of the union rights provisions of this Agreement or the implementation thereof or suits instituted against the District which allege illegality or unconstitutionality arising from its compliance with any of the provisions of this Article 5 or related to any unit member payments to the Union. The Union shall have the exclusive right to decide and determine which matters shall or shall not be compromised, resisted, defended, tried, or appealed.

New Employee Orientations

The parties agree that the District shall comply with the law, regarding new employee orientations and with Article ?.

At the time a new employee, who will be subject to this Agreement is hired, the District shall deliver to the employee: (1) a written notice stating that the District recognizes the

Union as the collective bargaining representative for the employees covered by the Agreement; and (2) a Union membership and/or dues authorization form, as prepared by the Union. This written notice shall quote or paraphrase the provisions of this Article of the Agreement, and its content shall be mutually-agreed upon by the Parties. The District will also provide each new employee with a list, also prepared by the Union, of current shop stewards, their departments and/or work areas, telephone numbers and personal email addresses, if available.

Deduction of Union Membership Dues

Upon receipt of an employee's signed membership or other authorization form, including an authorization consistent with the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, the District will deduct the appropriate dues from the employee's pay, as established and as may be changed from time to time by law and the Union, and remit such dues to the Union.

The District will remit the dues deducted pursuant to this Agreement promptly but not later than ten (10) days following the date of the payroll from on which they are deducted. Simultaneous with remittance of the funds, the Employer will provide electronically (by emailing a spreadsheet or by other means) supporting documentation for the funds remitted which shall include the employee's full name; employee ID number; amount remitted in each category (i.e., dues); employee status (e.g., full-time, part-time), wage rate; and number of hours worked in the pay period. If no payment is transmitted for an employee, an explanation will be included with the effective date (e.g., terminated, leave of absence, out of bargaining unit)

District strikes out language 05/02/2024

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The District shall provide NUHW with the name, job title, department, work location, work, home, and personal cellular telephone numbers, personal email addresses on file with the employer, and home address of any newly hired employee within 30 days of the date of hire or by the first pay period of the month following hire, and the public employer shall also provide the exclusive representative with a list of that information for all employees in the bargaining unit at least every 120 days unless more frequent or more detailed lists are required by an agreement with the exclusive representative.

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The District will remit the dues deducted pursuant to this Agreement promptly, and will endeavor to provide remittance but not later than ten (10) days following the date of the payroll from on which they are deducted. Simultaneous with remittance of the funds, the Employer will provide electronically (by emailing a spreadsheet or by other means) supporting documentation for the funds remitted which shall include the employee's name (first, middle and last broken up in separate fields), employee ID, amount deducted, and deduction type (Dues or COPE). If no payment is transmitted for an employee, an explanation will be included with the effective date (e.g., terminated, leave of absence, out of bargaining unit).

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Bargaining Team Attendance

The Union shall have the right to up to three (3) five (5) members on the Union negotiation team that will be excused and paid for any regularly scheduled work day that negotiations are scheduled and not canceled. The Union shall inform the District who is designated as excused and who is on release time. If there is a change in such designation, the Union shall advise the District one (1) week in advance of the session, or, in the event of an emergency for a regular team member, as soon as reasonably possible.

UNION ACCESS AND INFORMATION

X.1 Access

Authorized representatives of the Union shall be permitted to transact official Union business on District sites at reasonable times without interrupting the duty day.

X.2 Facilities

The Union and its members shall have the right to make use of District facilities at reasonable hours without interrupting the duty day and in compliance with the District's facility use protocols..

X.3 Bulletin Boards

In school sites frequented by bargaining unit members, one (1) bulletin board shall be designated as the official bulletin board available to the Union to post notices of Union concern.

X.4 Information Rights

The District shall provide the Union with contact information on the bargaining unit members. The information shall be provided to the Union in digital or electronic format once a month. The contact information shall include the following items (if provided by the employee and is readily available).

- i. Name
- ii. Home Address
- iii. Phone Numbers home and cellular
- iv. Personal (non-District) Email Address
- v. Classification
- vi. School Site
- vii. Hire Date
- viii. Seniority Date
- ix. Salary
- x. Full Time Equivalent (FTE) status
- xi. Employee ID number
- x. Employment Status (e.g., Probationary, Permanent)
- xi. An indication of whether the District is deducting dues for membership

xii. District email address

X.5 Personnel Files

The Union shall have the right to review bargaining unit members' personnel files and other records dealing with bargaining unit members when accompanied by the bargaining unit member or on presentation of a written authorization signed by the concerned bargaining unit member.

X.6 Right of Review

The Union shall have the right to review, at reasonable times, material in possession or produced by the District which is relevant and necessary for the Union to fulfill its role as the exclusive bargaining representative. The District agrees to provide the Union with copies of all public information which shall be made available upon request.

X.7 Board Agenda

The District shall place the board agenda on the District's website on the Friday before a regular board meeting. The District shall provide the Union a link to the Board's agenda when it is published. two (2) copies of the Board's agenda and two (2) copies of the agenda back-up material for each Board meeting. The materials shall be made available to the Union without cost.

X.8 Negotiation Release Time

The members of the NUHW negotiation team shall be granted reasonable release time with pay to participate in contract negotiations with District officials. The Director of Labor Relations shall authorize additional reasonable release time hours related to bargaining as required.

X.9 Contract Distribution

Within thirty (30) working days after ratification by the Union, the District shall provide a copy to the Union for review of errors. The District agrees to provide an electronic version of the contract on the District's website for easy access.

X.10 New Employee Orientation

The Union shall have the right to schedule time to meet with new hires after the new higher orientation. The Union shall be notified of scheduled orientations ten (10) working days in advance. At the orientation, the Union Organizer or his/her/their designee, shall be provided reasonable opportunity to make an introduction to the union and its benefits.

The District reserves the right to withdraw, modify, or otherwise amend its proposals in the

course of the negotiations until such time as the parties reach a tentative agreement.

X.11 District Meetings

The District will authorize release time to those unit member representatives identified by the Union when invited to attend a District sponsored meeting, including disciplinary meetings wherein the union representative is requested to provide representation. The District will initiate the invitation notice for the time and place of the meeting. The attendee(s) will be required to provide notice for the time and place of the meeting to their direct supervisor.

EVALUATION AND PROBATIONARY PERIOD/PERSONNEL FILES

X.1 Evaluations and Probationary Periods

- X.1.1 Evaluation shall be conducted by the bargaining unit member's designated supervisor within the mental health department Mental Health & Behavior Support Services or special education department. Special Education department.
- X.1.2 Evaluations shall be made based primarily upon the direct observation and knowledge of the evaluator. Any negative evaluation shall include specific recommendations for improvements and provisions for assisting the employee in implementing any recommendations made. The contents of an evaluation are not subject to the grievance article.

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- X.1.3 Bargaining unit members shall be evaluated and assessed of performance on a continuing basis as follows:
 - (a) at two (2) months and four (4) months for probationary personnel;
 - (b) annually for bargaining unit members with permanent status. not meeting the criteria below:
 - (c) every five (5) years for bargaining unit members with permanent status who have been employed at least ten (10) years with the district and whose most recent previous evaluation rated the employee a 'Satisfactory' or 'Commendable'.

When any permanent unit member has received a final evaluation of "Unsatisfactory" or "Improvement Needed", the District shall provide the member with an improvement plan, making specific recommendations as to areas of improvement in the employee's performance and endeavor to assist the employee in their performance. The District shall annually evaluate the employee until the employee achieves a satisfactory or commendable evaluation or is separated from the district.

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(c) every five (5) years for bargaining unit members with permanent status who have been employed at least ten (10) years with the district and whose most recent previous evaluation rated the employee a 'Satisfactory' or 'Commendable'.

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X.1.5 A bargaining unit member who has not yet established permanency within the district shall be provided with appropriate training and orientation tools and verbal assessments on an on-going basis, and evaluated in writing at two (2) months and four (4) months during their probationary period. In lieu of not recommending permanent status at the end of the one hundred thirty (130) days of paid service the District may, after consultation with the Union Representative and bargaining unit member, extend the probationary period up to a maximum of sixty (60) additional days with one additional evaluation. Upon mutual agreement, the District, the Union and the affected employee will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to reflect the extension of the probationary period.

X.1.51 The probationary period for new employees shall be one hundred thirty (130) days of paid service. in attendance at their designated site(s).

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X.2 Procedures

- X.2.1 Bargaining unit members shall be given the opportunity to review and comment on any evaluation before it is entered into the District personnel file.
- X.2.2 Bargaining unit members shall be required to sign all formal written evaluations; however, the signing of such evaluation shall only acknowledge that the bargaining unit member has seen the document. A bargaining unit member shall receive a copy of the evaluation.

X.2.3 If a bargaining unit member disagrees with the substance of the evaluation, the bargaining unit member shall be able to appeal the substance of the evaluation with the next higher level of supervision.

X.2.3The bargaining unit member shall have the right to initiate a written response to the evaluation. Such response shall become a permanent attachment to the unit member's evaluation and shall be included in the unit member's personnel

file.

X.3 Personnel Files

X.3.1 Bargaining unit members shall be provided with copies of any derogatory written materials and have an opportunity to comment within ten (10) working days before it is placed in the bargaining unit member's personnel file. The bargaining unit member shall be given no more than two (2) hours release time

without loss of pay to review and comment on any negative material placed in the personnel file.

X.3.2 Any person who places written material or drafts written material for placement in a bargaining unit member's file shall sign the material and signify the date on which such material was drafted. Any written materials placed in a personnel file shall indicate the date of such placement.

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X.3.3 No disciplinary action shall be taken for any cause which arose prior to the bargaining unit member becoming permanent, nor for any cause which arose more than two (2) years preceding the date of the filing of the notice of cause unless such cause was concealed or not disclosed by such bargaining unit member when it could be reasonably assumed that the bargaining unit member should have disclosed the facts to the District.

X.3.4 The personnel file of each bargaining unit member shall be maintained at the District's central administration office. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the District from maintaining the confidential personnel files electronically. No adverse action of any kind shall be taken against a bargaining unit member based upon materials which are not in the District personnel file.

X.3.5 All personnel files shall be kept in confidence and shall be available for inspection only to other employees of the District when actually necessary in the proper administration of the District's affairs or the supervision of the bargaining unit member.

X.3.6 Upon request of a bargaining unit member, derogatory written materials in the personnel file which are more than two (2) years old (other than the official evaluation) will be sealed. If there is additional derogatory material that is less than two (2) years old, the District representative and the NUHW representative will meet to determine how to handle the sealing. The file may only be opened by the Director of Labor Relations and designated management level staff in the Human Resources Department and a notation will be made upon each opening indicating the date, time, name and reason for the opening. The district shall provide a record of these notations to the Union per occurrence.

X.3.6 The employee or authorized (in writing) representative may also have access to the material. There are no restrictions placed upon the use of the material other than those otherwise imposed by law. Disputes over the application of this provision may be submitted to the contractual grievance procedure beginning at Level II.

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SAFETY CONDITIONS

- X.1 The District, in its discretion, will continue its efforts to keep facilities reasonably and properly equipped, maintained, and safe. The District also will continue its efforts to make structural and environmental improvements of the facilities where NUHW unit members are assigned.
 - X.1.1 Unit members shall report to their designated supervisor/site administrator any alleged unsafe, unsanitary condition, which they discover in or around their work areas. The designated supervisor/site administrator shall respond to the safety concern within ten (10) business days. The designated supervisor/site administrator shall take the necessary action to address the condition.
- X.2 A unit member may use such reasonable force as is necessary:
 - X.2.1 to protect oneself from attack;
 - X.2.2 to protect another person;
 - X.2.3 to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others; or
 - X.2.4 to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon the person or within the control of the student. Any time a unit member finds it necessary to use such force, they shall immediately report the incident to the immediate supervisor and site administrator and to the responsible law enforcement agency (SUSD Department of Public Safety).
 - X.2.5 In carrying out the provisions of this section, the unit member shall not risk danger to their person by taking unreasonable risks. Any time a unit member finds it necessary to use such force, they shall immediately report the incident to the immediate supervisor and site administrator. The unit member shall complete the appropriate documentation.
- X.3 When an absence arises out of an assault upon a unit member while that unit member is acting in the discharge of their duties, the District shall provide the unit member support and assistance up to:

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- X.3.1 Sixty (60) working days of industrial accident leave;
- X.3.2 Accumulated full pay sick leave.
- X.4 In the event that civil proceedings are brought against a unit member for actions which were within the course and scope of employment (X.2) the District will, upon request, furnish legal counsel.
- X.5 The District will comply with laws and board policies regarding the notification of employees as it relates to safety conditions.
- X.6 The District will provide an overview of the Comprehensive Safety and or Readiness Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Plan within the first thirty (30) days of the school year and follow all guidelines for practice drills and exercises.
- X.7 The District will fund and provide prevention and intervention training to de-escalate and mitigate crisis risk behavior.

X.8 Joint Safety Meetings

Either party may initiate joint safety meetings to discuss workplace safety concerns specific to the NUHW bargaining unit so as to provide a safe work environment for unit members and for the students receiving their services. A request to meet shall be submitted in writing and responded to by the receiving party within five (5) working days after receipt of the notice. Joint safety meetings shall convene as needed and will be attended by up to three (3) unit members identified by the Union, and up to three (3) representatives from the District. Additionally, District counsel and Union field representatives may participate in these meetings, for a maximum total of eight (8) attendees.

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Stockton Unified School District Proposal

To

National Union of Health Workers
Pay & Allowances Article Proposal

June 6, 2024

To settle the initial Pay & Allowances article for the new NUHW collective bargaining agreement and salary for the 2023-2024 school year the **District proposes the following based**

upon existing salary schedules and work year for NUHW represented employees.

parties agree to the following:

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An additional 2% 4% on-salary schedule for 2022-23. Retroactive payment on this on-schedule increase will be applied to the base salary only. No retroactive payment will be made on: timesheets, stipends, substitute timesheets, extra duty, or any extra compensation aside from base salary. This retroactive payment is based on the then applicable salary schedule for NUHW represented employees.

Effective July 1, 2023, the $\frac{2\%}{4\%}$ will be applied to all compensation, and the retroactive payments will be calculated accordingly.

Effective July 1, 2023, a 4% 3% on-schedule salary increase and an additional one-time lump sum payment of \$5,000. \$7500. The one-time lump sum payment of \$5,000 will not be available if the parties do not ratify the collective bargaining agreement on or before July 23, 2024. This retroactive payment is based on the then applicable salary schedule with the additional 4% from the 22-23 increase from above for the NUHW represented employees.

Effective July 1, 2024, a 1% on -scheduled salary increase will be applied to all compensation, and the retroactive payments will be calculated accordingly. The salary schedule shall be increased by 1% with an additional \$2,500 (this one time lump sum payment will not be available if the parties do not ratify the collective

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bargaining agreement on or before July 23, 2024), the one-time lump sum payment to close out bargaining for 2024- 2025.

If any other SUSD bargaining unit receives a total increase to their salary schedules greater than 6% 7% combined for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, the NUHW salary schedules shall be increased by the same percentage. If any other SUSD bargaining unit receives a total lump sum payment greater than \$5,000 \frac{\$7500}{} \text{for 2023-2024, NUHW and SUSD will immediately meet and confer over additional lump sum payments for the NUHW bargaining unit.

If any other SUSD bargaining unit receives an increase to their salary schedule greater than 1% for 2024-2025, the NUHW salary schedules shall be increased by the same percentage. This Me-Too language does not apply to reclassifications or salary schedule realignments.

Once the initial collective bargaining agreement is ratified, the parties will have concluded negotiations for 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25. with the exception of the Hours Article pertaining to the Work Year Calendar for 2024-2025. (Please see below for work year proposal)

Retroactive payments or other payments caused by any portion of this agreement shall be paid no later than 4 months after the ratification of this agreement. Retroactive eligibility includes all bargaining unit members who retired from SUSD or who remain in paid SUSD status (in any SUSD position) as of July 1, 2024. Those who end SUSD employment before July 1, 2024 ratification, through resignation, dismissal, or any other means besides retirement are ineligible for such retroactive compensation

OT/PT to BCBA Salary Schedule

Beginning July 1, 2024,the Occupational Therapists (OT) and Physical Therapists (PT) shall be moved to the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) salary schedule

OT/PT and MHC Work Year

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Beginning July 1, 2024 the Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists and Mental Health Clinicians will have their work year decreased by seven (7) work days in July. For the 2024-25 school year, the Mental Health Clinicians (MHC) will not work on November 1, 2024, November 25, 26, and 27, 2024, December 27 and December 30, 2024, and April 18, 2025.

For the 2024-2025 school year, the Occupational Therapists (OT) and Physical Therapists (PT), will not work on June 20, June 23, June 24, June 25, June 26, June 27, and June 30, 2025.

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X.1 2022-2023 OT and PT Salary Schedule Adjustment

X.1.1 OT,PT,BCBA Salary Schedule Adjustment: Retroactive to July 1, 2022, Column D of the salary schedule for Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists will be increased to reflect Steps 2 through 10 of the July 1, 2022 Board Certified Behavior Analysts salary schedule.

Step	Gurrent Column D	New Column D (to realign w/BCBA Salary Schedule Steps 2-11)
01	69,937	77,560

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02	74,306	81,438
03	78,677	85,510
04	83,046	89,786
05	87,418	94,275
06	91,788	98,989
07	96,162	103,938
08	100,533	109,135

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09	104,905	114,592
10	113,356	120,322 (Approximately 6% Increase for all current OT and PTs)

X.2 2022-2023 (4% On-Salary Schedule)

X.1.2 An additional 4% on-salary schedule for 2022-23. Retroactive payment on this on-schedule increase will be applied to the base salary only. No retroactive payment will be made on: timesheets, stipends, substitute timesheets, extra duty, or any extra compensation aside from base salary.

X..2.1 Effective July 1, 2023, the 4% will be applied to all compensation, and the retroactive payments will be calculated accordingly.

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X.3 2023-2024 (3% On-Salary Schedule, and \$7500 One-Time Lump Sum)

Effective July 1, 2023, a 3% on-schedule salary increase and an additional one-time lump sum payment of \$7500

X.2.1 If any other SUSD bargaining unit receives a total increase to their salary schedules greater than 7% combined for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, the NUHW salary schedules shall be increased by the same percentage. If any other SUSD bargaining unit receives a total lump sum payment greater than \$7500 for 2023-2024, NUHW and SUSD will immediately meet and confer over additional lump sum payments for the NUHW bargaining unit.

X.4 2024-2025 (1% On-Salary Schedule)

Effective July 1, 2024, a 1% on-schedule salary increase will be applied to all compensation, and the retroactive payments will be calculated accordingly.

X.3.1 If any other SUSD bargaining unit receives an increase to their salary schedule greater than 1% for 2024-2025, the NUHW salary schedules shall be increased by the same percentage.

X.5 Retroactivity

Retroactive payments or other payments caused by any portion of this agreement shall be paid no later than 4 months after the ratification of this agreement. Retroactive eligibility includes all bargaining unit members who retired from SUSD or who remain in paid SUSD status (in any SUSD position) as of July 1, 2024. Those who end SUSD employment before July 1, 2024, through

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resignation, dismissal, or any other means besides retirement are incligible for such retroactive compensation

X.6 Salary Schedules

X.6.1 The salary schedule for Mental Health Clinicians consists of 5 steps and is located in Appendix ?.

X.6.2 The salary schedule for Board Certified Behavior Analysts consists of 11 steps and is located in Appendix?.

X.6.3 The salary schedule for Occupational Therapists, and Physical Therapists consist of 10 steps and is located in Appendix?.

X.7 Longevity Increases

X.7.1 Longevity increments for Board Certified Behavior Analysts, Occupational Therapists, and Physical Therapists are as follows:

 10 - 15 years
 \$1,946.00 per year

 16 - 21 years
 \$3,895.00 per year

 22+ years
 \$5,841.00 per year

X.7.1.2 All BCBA, OT, and PT must have at least five consecutive years in the District before receiving longevity increments.

X.6.1.1 Longevity increments to commence at ten (10) years

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X.7.2 Longevity increments for Mental Health Clinicians are as follows:

2.5 percent @ 15 years of service in the District
5 percent @ 20 years of service in the District
7.5 percent @ 24 years of service in the District
10.0 percent @ 30 years of service in the District

X.7.2.1 Percentage to be Step A on the salary schedule.

X.7.2.2 All Mental Health Clinicians must have at least five consecutive years in the District before receiving longevity increments.

X.8 Degree Increments

X.8.1 Board Certified Behavior Analysts, Occupational Therapists, and Physical Therapists shall receive the following yearly increment for an earned degree from an accredited college or university

Master's Degree: \$1,630.00 Doctoral Degree: \$3,259.00

X.8.2 Mental Health Clinicians shall receive the following yearly increment for an earned degree from an accredited college or university

Master's Degree: \$3000 Doctoral Degree: \$4,250.00

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X.8.2.1 Professional development increments are not cumulative.

X.9 Salary Schedule Placement Provisions

X. 9.1 New employees with no prior experience hired into the classification of Mental Health Clinician or shall be assigned to Step 1.

X.9.2 New employees with no prior experience hired into the classification of Board Certified Behavior Analyst shall be assigned to Step 1.

X.9.3 New employees with no prior experience hired into the classification of Occupational Therapist or Physical Therapist shall be assigned to Step 1 on Column D.

X.9.4 One (1) experience step will be granted for each year in which at least 75% of the work year is completed.

X.9.5 Those unit members working less than 75% of the work days in a year will be entitled to an experience step when the total of their assignment (accumulated over the necessary years) equals 100%. If there is credit accumulated beyond the 100%, it will be banked.

Experience credit on the salary schedule for those working fewer than seventy- five percent (75%) of the days of a year will occur the July 1 following when the person accumulates the required service as indicated above.

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X.10 Educational Equipment and Materials Reimbursement

Effective beginning July 1, 2024, unit members shall be reimbursed for costs up to \$1000 each school year for out of pocket purchases of educational equipment and materials related to student services.

X.11 Mileage Reimbursement

Bargaining unit members shall be reimbursed for actual mileage for travel between school sites and district sites at the IRS rate or at the rate set by the District, whichever is higher.

X.12 Professional Development and Training Reimbursement

Effective beginning July 1, 2024, the Parties agree that the District will reimburse the costs associated with ongoing educational courses including for tuition, certification and licensure fees, meals, lodging and transportation costs up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) every three (3) years. If the Employer requires an employee to attend a specific program for specialized training, the Employer shall pay for the tuition, meals, lodging and transportation costs.

X.13 Overpayment

When a unit member is in overpayment status, the District will meet with the unit member to develop an overpayment repayment plan that proposes 15% of the unit member's gross pay be recouped over the same period as the overpayment. If the Parties are unable to mutually agree upon an overpayment repayment plan, the Parties agree that NUHW and the District will meet and confer regarding a mutually agreed upon plan.

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MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

This District possesses all of the rights, powers, privileges and authority it had prior to the execution of this Agreement; and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit the District in any way unless abridged, deleted, modified or restricted by this Agreement. in the exercise of the regular and customary functions of management in the operation of the District, except when they may be specifically relinquished or modified by express provisions of this Agreement.

National Union Healthcare Workers (NUHW) unit members may be called upon at various times to perform duties outside the NUHW service area. Normally, these duties will be performed on a rotational basis with service equal to other classified employees within the school district. Duties outside the healthcare workers—area will be by mutual agreement of the unit member and their designated supervisor.

National Union Healthcare Workers (NUHW) employees shall not be evaluated on activities outside the NUHW service area without the consent of the unit member.

HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

Healthcare Contribution Increases

The District shall pay the premium of the CalPERS Blue Shield Access PLUS plan, less one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or the full cost of Kaiser HMO, whichever is higher. The District's monthly contribution toward any plan shall be adjusted accordingly.

<u>Example</u>: Out of the approximately 47 employees who receive health care benefits currently, the new cost for insurance will be as follows for the 2024 year:

- Kaiser Family Plan free of cost
- Blue Shield (11 months) \$109.09 a month
- Blue Shield (12 months) \$100 a month

All co-pays shall be the employee's responsibility and are limited only to the co-pay amounts presented annually by the District. Each eligible bargaining unit member who selects a medical plan will be obligated to pay the full difference above the District contribution for the health benefit allowance.

Medical Rebate (Cash In Lieu of Healthcare Benefits)

Upon approval of NUHW bargaining unit members, the District shall reduce/increase the Medical Rebate to \$350 as shown below:

The "Medical Rebate" section shall be retitled "Cash In Lieu of Healthcare Benefits". The reduction/increase to the existing rebate will take effect end of month December payroll 2024 as follows:

Rebate Type	2024	2025	2026	2027
Medical Rebate - 12 month	\$797.9 5	\$648.63	\$499.31	\$350.00
Medical Rebate – 11 month	\$870.4 9	\$696.99	\$523.49	\$350.00

1. Retention Bonus/Incentive

The District shall pay a One-Time Retention Bonus of \$5,000 to NUHW bargaining unit members in two installments for 2023-24.

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- The first installment (\$2500) shall be paid to employees in paid status upon ratification by both parties. The bonus will be delivered on or upon 60 days of ratification of this agreement.
- The second installment (\$2500) shall be paid to employees in paid status as of September 1, 2024. The bonus will be delivered by end of the month payroll in September 2024.
- In addition, an exclusion applies to all NUHW Bargaining Unit members who received a 2023-24 Signing Bonus. They are not eligible for the \$5,000 one-time retention bonus.

Retirement Plan-Health-Benefits

To be eligible for consideration for the Retirement Plan, employees must:

- 1. (a) Be between the ages of fifty-five (55) and sixty-five (65)
- 2. (b) Have a minimum of ten (10) years of consecutive service with the District
- 3. (c) Have proposed the retirement voluntarily

Retirement Health Benefits

Any qualifying employee who retires under PERS regulations shall receive the following based on hired date with the District:

Employees hired after July 1, 2003, shall receive, from the District, the same medical benefit as active employees subject to the maximum health benefit allowance. The Union and the District reserve the right to mutually amend or modify this benefit in the future for current or future NUHW represented employees.

The above retirement health benefits will last for ten (10) years or until the qualifying retiree is eligible for MediCal/MediCare or until age sixty-five (65), whichever comes first.

Sick Leave Buy Back

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For those employees who prior to February 1st make a definite and irrevocable commitment of the intent to retire, the District shall, based on the request of the employee, pay for up to fifteen (15) days of accumulated sick leave using the daily rate of the employee for payment.

HOLIDAYS

Holidays

X.1 The District agrees to provide all employees in the bargaining unit the following holidays, provided they are in paid status during any portion of the work day immediately preceding or following the holiday. The following twelve SIXTEEN (16) holidays are a part of the 215 day work year described in Section (HOURS) of the collective bargaining agreement plus one (1) additional floating holiday in accordance with Section X.1.1

New Year's Day Martin Luther King Jr. Day Lincoln Day President's Day Friday of the week of Spring recess Memorial Day Juneteenth Independence Day Labor Day Veteran's Day Thanksgiving Day Day following Thanksgiving Day ChristmasEve Christmas Day Day after Christmas Day New Year's Eve

X.1.1 Floating Holiday

One (1) additional holiday designated as a Floating Holiday shall be granted to employees in the bargaining unit on a date to be selected by the employee with the approval of the supervisor. which if elected by the employee will be provided for at least three (3) consecutive days off.

X.2 Holidays on a Saturday or Sunday

X.2.1 When a holiday listed in this Article falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be deemed to be the holiday in lieu of the day observed. When a holiday listed in this section falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be deemed to be the holiday in lieu of the day observed.

X.3 Additional Holidays

X.3.1Employees are also entitled to holidays declared by the President or Governor of California or any other day designated and approved by the Board of Education.

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2024-2025

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Fall Break: Oct. 7 - 11

Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 25 - 29 Winter Break: Dec. 23 - Jan 3 Spring Break: Mar. 17 - 21

Teacher PD Days: July 29, Sept 19-20, Jan 24



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VACATION

X.1 Vacation Eligibility

- X.1.1 All bargaining unit members shall earn paid vacation time as provided under Sections
- X.1.2 The term and duration of employment to be used for determining vacation time shall be based on the time served by the unit employees during the fiscal year. For purposes of this Article, the fiscal year is defined as the period from July 1 to June 30.
- X.1.3 For vacation computation purposes, a month shall be interpreted as more than one-half (1/2) the normal working days of a regular employees' work month.

X.2 Vacation Accrual

- X.2.1 Full time unit members shall accrue one day per month that they work for a total of ten (10)days each school year. For work year scheduling purposes, credit for annual vacation days need not be accrued prior to taking vacation days each school year. Vacation days are a part of the 215 day work year described in section (HOURS) of the collective bargaining agreement.
 - X. 2.1 Full time employees in the Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) classification shall earn up to ten (10) days of vacation time per work year with one (1) day accrued in each month in which they work more than one half (½) the normal working days of a regular employees' work month
 - X 2.2 Full time employees in the Occupational Therapist and Physical Therapist classification shall earn up to eleven (11) days of vacation time per work year with one (1) day accrued in each month in which they work more than one half (½) the normal working days of a regular employees' work month
 - X. 2.3 Full time employees in the Mental Health Clinician classification shall earn up to twenty four (24) days of vacation time per work year with

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two (2) days accrued in each month in which they work more than one half (½) the normal working days of a regular employees' work month

X.2. 4 Part-time unit members shall be entitled to vacation on a pro rata basis.

X.3 Vacation Scheduling

X.3.1 Vacation shall be scheduled at the convenience of the District and as nearly as possible at times requested by the employee limited by the District's work requirements.

X.3.2 BCBA, OT, and PT shall use earned vacation during the winter and spring recesses

X.4 Other Requirements

- X.4.1 Earned vacation shall not become a vested right until completion of the initial six (6) months of employment.
- X.4.2 Subject to the terms and conditions of Article (Vacation), upon separation from service, employees shall be entitled to lump-sum compensation for all earned and unused vacation, except that employees who have not completed six months of employment in regular status shall not be entitled to such compensation.
- X.4.3 For the classifications of Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Occupational Therapist, and Physical Therapist, Aaccrued vacation shall be taken annually, within the fiscal year earned, and no part thereof shall be accumulated or carried over to a later year except if an employee is not permitted to take the employee's full annual vacation. If an employee is not permitted to take his/her/their full annual vacation, the amount not taken shall accumulate for use in the next year. In no case shall an employee be entitled to carry over more than five (5) days of vacation.

X.4.4 For the Mental Health Clinician classification, accrued vacation should be taken within the year earned. One-half of the vacation earned in one year may be carried over into the next year. In the event an employee is unable to schedule sufficient days during the year, and as a

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result has a balance exceeding 12 days on July 1, the employee
should be permitted to carry over such days. Any employee wishing
to carry over excess days would submit a written request to the
Superintendent or designee no later than June 1.

X.4.3.1 Employees, who have an accrued and unused vacation time balance on June 30, 2024, the amount not taken shall accumulate for use in the next year.

HOURS

X.1 Work Year

X.1.1 2023-2024 School Year

X.2.1.1 The Board Certified Behavior Analysts' work year shall be 215 days, which includes, one hundred eighty-nine (189) duty days, ten(10) vacation days, and sixteen (16) holidays.

X.2.1.2 The Mental Health Clinicians' work year shall be 261 days which includes MHCs, two hundred twenty-one (221) duty days, twenty-four (24) vacation days, and sixteen (16) holidays.

X.2.1.3 The Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists work year shall be 234 days which includes, one hundred eight (208) duty days, ten(10) vacation days, and sixteen (16) holidays.

X.2.1 2024-2025 School Year

X.2.1.1 The Board Certified Behavior Analysts' work year shall be 215 days, which includes, one hundred eighty-nine (189) duty days, ten(10) vacation days, and sixteen (16) holidays.

X.2.1.2 The Mental Health Clinicians' work year shall be **251** days which includes MHCs, two hundred eleven (211) duty days, twenty-four (24) vacation days, and sixteen (16) holidays.

X.2.1.3 The Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists work year shall be **224** days which includes, one hundred ninety-eight (198) duty days, ten(10) vacation days, and sixteen (16) holidays.

X.3.1 2025-2026 School Year

X.3.1.1 The work year for all bargaining unit members shall be **215** days, which includes, one hundred eighty-nine (189) duty days, ten(10) vacation days, and sixteen (16) holidays.



X.2 Workday.

The workday for all employees shall be established and regularly fixed by the District.

X.3 Work Week

The work week for all unit members shall consist of five (5) work days, normally Monday through Friday. The work week for full-time employees shall be forty (40) hours, typically rendered in units of eight (8) hours, unless the unit member's supervisor and unit member both agree to modify the number of hours worked each day, and provided that the total hours worked each work week equals 40 hours for full time employees.

X.3.1 All unit members shall work an eight (8) hour day, exclusive of an unpaid duty-free thirty (30) minute lunch period.

X.4 Lunch Period

All employees regularly assigned to work more than six (6) hours per day shall have a duty-free, unpaid lunch period of not less than thirty (30) minutes. The lunch period shall occur approximately at the midpoint of the shift.

X.5 Overtime.

Pursuant to Education Code section 45128, overtime is defined to include any time required to be worked in excess of eight hours in any one day and in excess of 40 hours in any calendar week. A unit member who works overtime shall be paid an overtime rate of not less than one and one half times his/her/their regular rate of pay.



X.5 Overtime

Pursuant to Education Code section 45127(b), bargaining unit members are exempt from compensation for overtime in excess of eight hours in one day, provided that hours worked in excess of 40 in a calendar week shall be compensated on an overtime basis. The District shall provide compensation for overtime work in excess of 40 hours in a calendar week in accordance with the applicable state and federal laws. A unit member who works overtime shall be paid an overtime rate of not less than one and one- half times his/her/their regular rate of pay. Overtime must be preapproved or ordered in advance by the employee's immediate supervisor and/or the Superintendent.



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LEAVES

X Bereavement Leave

X.1. Bargaining unit members shall be granted leave with full pay in the event of the death of any member of the bargaining unit member's immediate family or his/her/their spouse's immediate family. The leave shall be for a period of five (5) days. Immediate family shall mean the biological, adopted, or foster child, stepchild, legal ward, or a child to whom the employee or the employee's spouse or registered domestic partner stands in loco parentis, regardless of age or dependency status; an employee's or an employee's spouse/registered domestic partner's biological, adoptive, or foster parent, stepparent, or legal guardian or a person who stood in loco parentis when the employee or the employee's spouse/registered domestic partner was a minor child; a spouse; a registered domestic partner; a grandparent; a grandchild, sibling, aunt or uncle; the employee's spouse's/registered domestic partner's children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, siblings, aunts, uncles or any relative living in the immediate household of the employee.

X.1.1 The District will provide bereavement leave during the work day for bargaining unit members to attend a memorial service or funeral for a deceased staff member within the bargaining unit members' same department or for that of a student who had been enrolled with the staff member in the current term. This leave shall extend for the time necessary to attend such service in the local area.

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Bargaining unit members shall be granted leave with full pay in the event of the death of any member of the bargaining unit member's immediate family or his/her spouse's immediate family. The leave shall be for a period of:

- 3 paid days if the death is less than 250 miles away.
 - if the employee needs more days, the employee shall be entitled to an additional 2 days taken out of their leave bank.
- 5 paid days if the death occurs more than 250 miles away.

The immediate family is defined as husband, wife, domestic partner, mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandmother, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, grandfather. son-in-law, grandchild, foster parent, step-parent, step-son, step-daughter, foster son, foster daughter, aunt, uncle or any relative living in the immediate household of the bargaining unit member.

- x.1.1 The District will provide bereavement leave during the work day for bargaining unit members to attend a memorial service or funeral for a deceased staff member within the bargaining unit members' same department. This leave shall extend for the time necessary to attend such service in the local area as long as it is within Stockton City limits.
- X.1.2 When a bargaining unit member elects to use vacation leave pursuant to Article 15.1, (Vacation) the vacation leave request shall not be denied, and the request shall not be subject to the five (5) day advance notice requirement set forth in Article 12 Vacation Plan.

X. Reproductive Loss Leave

Consistent with Government Code 12945.6, five (5) days of paid leave shall be available for unit members who suffer from reproductive loss events, including

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X.1 The employer shall allow the days an employee takes for reproductive loss leave to be nonconsecutive. Reproductive loss leave shall be completed within three months of the event entitling the employee to that leave.

Bargaining unit members who have been employed for at least 30 days, will be entitled to take up to 5 days of unpaid leave (which may be paid utilizing vacation or sick leave) as a result of a failed adoption, failed surrogacy, miscarriage, still birth, or unsuccessful assisted reproduction. This leave can be taken following any related paid leaves; but must be taken within 3 months of the loss. This leave shall not exceed 20 days in a 12-month period if multiple loss events occur.

X.1.1 When a bargaining unit member elects to use vacation leave pursuant to Article (Vacation) 15.10.1, the vacation leave request shall not be denied., and the request shall not be subject to the five (5) day advance noticing requirement set forth in Article 12 Vacation Plan.

X Military Leave

X.1 A bargaining unit member shall be entitled to any military leave provided by law and shall retain all rights and privileges granted by law arising out of the exercise of military leave.

X.1.1 Veteran's Sick Leave per Ed Code 45191.5

(a) (1) In addition to any other entitlement for leave of absence for illness or injury with pay, a classified employee hired on or after, or employed on or after, January 1, 2017, who is a former active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a former current member of the California National Guard or a federal reserve component, with a connected disability rated at thirty percent (30%) or more by the United

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(2) Credit for leave of absence for illness or injury granted under this subdivision shall be credited to a qualifying classified employee on the effective date of the employee's disability rating decision from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or on the first day the qualifying classified employee begins, or returns to, employment after active duty, whichever is later, and shall remain available for use for the following twelve (12) months of employment.

X Sick Leave

- X.1 Bargaining unit members shall be granted one (1) day of sick leave credit for each calendar month in which they perform assigned duties for more than fifty percent (50%) of the regular work days in the month.
 - X.1.1 The total number of sick leave days accruing to each school year shall be credited from the first day of paid service in that school year. Unused sick leave credit may be accumulated without limit and may be transferred to any other California school district with the transferring employee pursuant to law. The unused credit at retirement age will count as service credit for retirement purposes.
 - X.1.2 Pay for any day of such absence shall be the same as the pay, which would have been received had the employee served during the day of illness.
 - X.1.3 At the beginning of each fiscal year, the full amount of sick leave granted under this section shall be credited to each bargaining unit member. Credit for sick leave need not be accrued prior to taking such

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X.1.4 Pregnancy shall be treated as an illness for the purposes of sick leave.

X Industrial Accident And Illness Leave

- X.1 A bargaining unit member suffering an injury or illness arising out of employment shall be entitled to a leave up to sixty (60) working days in any one fiscal year for any one accident or illness. This leave shall not be accumulated from year to year. The leave shall commence with the first day of absence and must be reported to the immediate supervisor within twenty-four (24) hours of the injury or illness.
 - X.1.1 When an industrial accident or illness occurs at a time when the full sixty (60) days will overlap into the next fiscal year, the bargaining unit member shall be entitled to only that amount remaining at the end of the fiscal year in which the injury or illness occurred, for the same illness or injury.
 - X.1.2 Payment for wages lost on any day shall not, when added to an award granted the employee under the Worker's Compensation laws of the state, exceed the normal salary.
 - X.1.3 The industrial accident or illness leave is to be used in lieu of normal sick leave benefits. When entitlement to industrial accident or illness leave under this Section has been exhausted, entitlement to other sick leave, vacation or other paid leave may then be used. If, however, a bargaining unit member is still receiving temporary disability payments under the Worker's Compensation laws of this state at the time of

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- X.1.3.1 During all fully paid leaves of industrial accident or illness, the bargaining unit member shall endorse to the District any wage loss benefit checks received under the Worker's Compensation Laws of this state.
- X.1.4 Any time a bargaining unit member on industrial accident or illness leave is able to return to work he/she/they shall be reinstated in his/her position without loss of pay or benefits.

X Break in Service

- X.1 No absence under any paid leave provision of this article shall be considered as a break in service for any bargaining unit member who is in paid status, and all benefits accruing under the provisions of this agreement shall continue to accrue under such absence.
 - X.1.1 No period of unpaid absence of less than one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days shall be considered a break in service for the purposes of earning seniority under this Agreement.
 - X.1.2 All time during which an individual is on an approved unpaid leave or on a thirty-nine (39) month reemployment list due to layoff shall not constitute a break in service. During such time, the bargaining unit member will not accrue vacation, sick leave, holidays, or other leave benefits.
 - X.1.2.1 If at the conclusion of all leaves of absence, paid or unpaid, the bargaining unit member is still unable to assume the duties of his/her/their position, he/she/they shall be placed on a reemployment list for a period of thirty- nine (39) months. At any time, during the prescribed thirty-nine (39)

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X Class B Absence Other Than Illness

X.1 Class B leave may be granted for an absence requested for reasons involving the bargaining unit member's professional, civic, economic, or physical well-being, or the well-being of the employee's immediate family. The Superintendent may also approve Class B leave for an employee who is obligated to be unavoidably absent for other reasons. Such leave shall not be taken for recreation however, shall include time off for religious holidays. No more than three (3) days of Class B leave may be granted in any one school year. Class B leave shall not accumulate.

X.2 Except for emergency and/or other unusual circumstances, employees should obtain advance approval for utilization of this leave.

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No more than three (3) two (2) days of Class B leave may be granted in any one school year. Class B leave shall not accumulate

6/26/24 Union strikes the Districts language above

- No more than three (3) days of Class B leave may be granted to Mental Health Clinicians in any one school year.
- No more than two (2) days of Class B leave may be granted to Board Certified Behavior Analysts, Occupational Therapists, and Physical Therapists in any one school year.
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X.2 Except for emergency and/or other unusual circumstances, employees should obtain advance approval for utilization of this leave.

X Leave for Compelling Personal Reasons

X.1 Each unit member shall be entitled to seven (7) days of his/her/their sick leave allotment during each school year for compelling personal reasons.

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X.1.1 Compelling personal reasons means any business or civic endeavor or activity which cannot be conducted before or after school and which requires the presence of the unit member. Leave for compelling personal reasons shall not be used for vacation or recreation.

X.1.2 Except for emergency and/or other unusual circumstances, employees should obtain advance approval for utilization of this leave

X Emergency Leave

X.1 The Superintendent or designee may authorize leave up to two (2) working days when an accident, sudden illness or injury of a member of the bargaining unit member's immediate household or immediate family as defined herein is hospitalized or delivered to a physician's office or treatment facility or when the identified person is in need of such emergency treatment. The circumstances of the emergency must be verified in writing to the Superintendent or designee within seventy-two (72) hours after the return of the employee to regular duties. Days of leave taken under this Section shall be deducted from the entitlement of sick leave at the rate of one-half (1/2) day per day of emergency leave.

X Maternity Leave

X.1 Any unit member who becomes pregnant shall be granted an unpaid leave of absence upon request for maternity leave purposes.

X Pregnancy Leave

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- X.1 Pregnancy leave is a leave of absence for that period of time during which a unit member is temporarily disabled from employment due to pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth or the recovery therefrom.
- X.2 Notification for leave, under this policy, shall be made to the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources in sufficient time to allow the District to arrange for a substitute. Notification shall be made no later than forty (40) days prior to the beginning date of leave requested.
- X.3 The forty (40) day notice requirement shall be waived upon medical considerations verified by the unit member's physician.
- X.4 The length of the leave of absence, including the date on which the leave shall commence and the date on which the unit member shall resume duties, shall be determined by the unit member and the unit member's physician.
- X.5 The school district reserves the right to verify the period of actual temporary disability by consultation between the unit member's physician and the District-appointed physician.
- X.6 This policy shall not discriminate against evidence of treatment and the need therefore by the practice of the religion of any well- recognized church or denomination.
- X.7 Accumulated sick leave may be applied at the unit member's discretion to the period of actual physical disability for absence made necessary by pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth or the recovery there from.
- X.8 The unit member's fringe benefits shall be maintained during such periods of actual temporary physical disability.

X Child-rearing Leave

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X.1 Upon request, the District shall provide a bargaining unit member who is a natural or adopting parent an unpaid leave of absence for the purpose of rearing his/her/their infant child. An employee shall notify the District that he/she/they intend to take such leave at least four (4) weeks prior to the anticipated date on which the leave is to commence.

X.1.1 Child Rearing Leave will be expanded to allow an employee to have the leave extended on a year-to-year basis for bona fide child rearing, not to exceed five (5) years under any circumstances.

X.1.2 Upon request, the District may extend the child rearing leave, provided, however, that at the end of the extension, if longer than one year, such employee shall be entitled to return to a position as determined by the District.

X.1.3 A bargaining unit member who is adopting a child shall be entitled to three (3) days of paid leave for the purpose of caring for the needs of the adopted child and may be given an unpaid leave of absence upon request

X Child Bonding Leave

X.*** Employees may elect to utilize up to twelve (12) weeks of child bonding leave occasioned by the birth of the employee's child, or the placement of a child with the employee in connection with the employee's adoption or foster care of the child as provided by the California Family Rights Act (CFRA)

X.*** For mothers, the twelve (12) week child bonding leave shall commence at the conclusion of any pregnancy disability leave.

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X.*** For non-birthing parents, the 12-week child bonding leave shall commence on the first day of such leave.

X.*** Pursuant to Education Code section 45196.1, if an employee exhausts their accumulated sick leave prior to expiration of the twelve (12) week child bonding leave, they shall be entitled to differential pay as defined in section X.*** for the balance of the twelve (12) week period.

X.*** Pursuant to the CFRA, child bonding leave must be completed within one year of the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a child.

X.*** The District must be provided with at least thirty (30) days prior notice of intent to take child bonding leave, except in the case of emergency.

X.***Pursuant to Education Code section 45196.1, in order to qualify for child bonding leave, employees must have completed one year (twelve months of service for the DISTRICT but are not required to have at least 1,250 hours of service during the previous one year (twelve months) period.

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X Dependent Leave

X.1 A bargaining unit member shall be entitled to one (1) day per year of paid leave to care for spouse, or child, or parent in the household; or, if living out of the household, who is primarily dependent on the bargaining unit member for care.

X Other Leave

X.1 Upon request of the bargaining unit member, the District may grant a paid or unpaid leave of absence to any employee for a purpose other than those listed above. This leave shall be granted on a year-to-year basis, not to extend beyond three (3) years except in cases of leave for educational renewal which may be extended to five (5) years. If the leave extends beyond one year the employee shall be entitled to return to a position as determined by the District.

X Verification of Illness

X.1 The District may request verification of illness any time the District has a reasonable basis to believe that the sick leave has been abused. Such verification, which is at the District Human Resources Department's discretion, may consist of a written affidavit or a physician's statement when appropriate.

X <u>Judicial Leave</u>

X.1 Each bargaining unit member shall be granted a leave of absence to appear as a

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X Failure to Return

X.1 Failure to return to the District after the expiration of an approved leave shall subject bargaining unit members to disciplinary action.

X Extended Illness Leave

X.1 All bargaining unit members shall once a year be credited with a total of not less than one hundred (100) working days of paid sick leave, including days to which s/he is entitled under Section 45191. Such days of paid sick leave in addition to those required by Section 45191 shall be compensated at not less than fifty percent (50%) of the employee's regular salary. The paid sick leave authorized under such a rule shall be exclusive of any other paid leave, holidays, vacation, or compensating time to which the employee may be entitled. This leave shall run consecutively after the use of any available industrial, holiday and vacation leave.

X Jury Duty Leave

X.1 The bargaining unit member shall be entitled to leave without loss of pay for any time the bargaining unit member is required to perform jury duty. The bargaining unit member shall be paid the bargaining unit member's regular salary less the amount received for jury duty or witness fees. Any mileage allowance provided the employee for jury duty shall not be included in the amount received for jury duty.

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X.2 The employee shall report to work immediately upon dismissal for the day if dismissed before 10:00AM during service on a jury. If excused from jury duty, an employee shall return to work directly.

X Civic/Community Offices

X.1 The District may grant paid or unpaid leaves of absence to bargaining unit members desirous of voluntarily participating in civic or community activities. Such leave requires prior approval of the District even if absence is to be day to day. Activities subject to this provision include, but are not limited to, elected office, state, county, or, city commission appointments, and Grand Jury appointments.