MASTER AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 857

Lewiston, Minnesota

And

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ARTICLE I PURPOSE

This Agreement is entered into between Independent School District No. 857, Lewiston, Minnesota, hereinafter referred to as the School District, and Education Minnesota Lewiston-Altura, hereinafter referred to as the Exclusive Representative, pursuant to and in compliance with the Public Employment Labor Relations Act of 1971 M.S. 179A.01 to M.S. 179A.25 and its amendments, hereinafter referred to as the P.E.L.R.A., to provide the terms and conditions of employment for teachers during the duration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II RECOGNITION OF EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE

Section I. Recognition: In accordance with the P.E.L.R.A., the School District recognizes

Education Minnesota Lewiston-Altura as the Exclusive Representative of all teachers employed
by the School District. The Exclusive Representative shall have those rights and duties as
prescribed by the P.E.L.R.A. and as described in the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 2. Appropriate Unit: The School District agrees not to negotiate with or recognize any
teachers' organization other than Education Minnesota Lewiston-Altura, so long as Education
Minnesota Lewiston-Altura is the duly authorized, Exclusive Representative of the teachers of
the School District.

ARTICLE III DEFINITIONS

Section 1. Terms and Conditions of Employment: The term, "terms and conditions of employment," means the hours of employment, the compensation therefore including fringe benefits except retirement contributions or benefits other than School District payments of, or contributions to, premiums for group insurance coverage of retired teachers or severance pay and the School District's personnel policies affecting the working conditions of the teachers. The term does not mean educational policies of the School District. The term is subject to the provisions of the P.E.L.R.A.

Section 2. Teacher: The term, "teacher," shall mean any person employed by the School District in a position for which licensure is required by the State of Minnesota, but shall not include Superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, and assistant principals who devote more than 50% of their time to administrative duties, confidential employees, supervisory employees, essential employees, daily substitute teachers who do not teach for more than 30 working days, and such other employees excluded by law.

Section 3. School District: For the purposes of administering this Agreement, the term, "School District," shall mean the School Board or its designated representative.

Section 4. Shared Teacher: The term, "shared teacher," shall mean any teacher contracted by the School District and assigned duties in another school district.

Section 5. Other Terms: Terms not defined in this Agreement shall have those meanings as defined by the P.E.L.R.A.

ARTICLE IV SCHOOL DISTRICT RIGHTS

Section 1. Inherent Managerial Rights: The Exclusive Representative recognizes that the School District is not required to meet and negotiate on matters of inherent managerial policy, which include, but are not limited to, such areas of discretion or policy as the functions and programs of the School District, its overall budget, utilization of technology, the organizational structure, and selection and direction and number of personnel.

Section 2. Management Responsibilities: The Exclusive Representative recognizes the right and obligation of the School Board to efficiently manage and conduct the operation of the School District within its legal limitations and with its primary obligation to provide educational opportunity for the students of the School District.

Section 3. Effect of Laws, Rules, and Regulations: The Exclusive Representative recognizes that all teachers covered by this Agreement shall perform the teaching and non-teaching services prescribed by the School Board and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota and by School Board rules, regulations, directives, and orders issued by properly designated officials of the School Board. The Exclusive Representative also recognizes the right, obligation, and duty of the School Board and its duly designated officials to promulgate rules, regulations, directives, and orders from time-to-time as deemed necessary by the School Board insofar as such rules, regulations, directives, and orders are not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement. Any provisions of this Agreement found to be in violation of any such laws, rules, regulations, directives, or orders shall be null and void.

Section 4. Reservation of Managerial Rights: The foregoing enumeration of School District rights and duties shall not be deemed to exclude other inherent management rights and management functions not expressly reserved herein, and all management rights and management functions not expressly delegated in this Agreement are reserved to the School District.

ARTICLE V TEACHER RIGHTS

Section 1. Right to Join: Pursuant to the P.E.L.R.A., the School District hereby agrees that every teacher employed by the School District shall have the right to freely organize, join, and support the Exclusive Representative for the purpose of engaging in collective bargaining or negotiation and other concerted activities for mutual aid and protection and shall have the right not to organize, join, and support the Exclusive Representative.

Section 2. Request for Dues Check-Off: Any teacher who is a member of the Exclusive Representative or who has applied for membership may sign and deliver to the School District an assignment authorizing deduction of membership dues for the Exclusive Representative, including Education Minnesota and the National Education Association. Such authorization shall continue in effect from year to year unless revoked in writing between June 1 and September 1 of any year. Pursuant to such authorization, the School District shall deduct an even portion of such dues from each regular salary check of the teacher for the duration of the individual teacher's teaching contract year beginning in September and ending in June or August of each year depending on whether the teacher is being paid over ten or twelve months. Deductions for teachers employed after the commencement of the school year shall be appropriately prorated to complete payments by the end of the annual individual teacher's teaching contract.

Section 3. Fair Share Fee: Upon written request of the Exclusive Representative, the School District shall deduct a fair share fee, as determined by the Exclusive Representative, from the pay of any teacher who is not a member of the Exclusive Representative in good standing, or who does not make application for membership within thirty (30) days from the date of commencement of teaching duties.

Subd. 1. Hold Harmless: The Exclusive Representative hereby warrants and covenants that it will defend, indemnify, and save the School District harmless from any and all actions, suits, claims, damages, judgments, and executions or other forms of liability, liquidated or unliquidated, which any person may have or claim to have, now or in the future, arising out of or by reason of the deduction of the fair share fee specified by the Exclusive Representative as provided herein.

Subd. 2. Thirty Davs' Notice: Upon thirty (30) days' notice in writing to the payroll officer of the name of the teacher and amount of the fair share fee certified by the Exclusive Representative, the School District will deduct such fair share fee in the installments from such teacher's pay check each month and will forward such fees to the Exclusive Representative. The Exclusive Representative agrees to notify the School District promptly whenever any teacher subject to a fair share fee deduction becomes a member of the Exclusive Representative, and no further fair share fee deductions for such teacher will thereafter be made. In no instance shall the required contribution exceed a pro-rata share of the specific expenses incurred for services rendered by the Exclusive Representative in relationship to negotiations and administration of grievance procedures to a maximum of 85% of the regular membership dues.

Section 4. Remittance: With respect to all sums deducted by the School District, whether for membership dues or fair share fee, the School District shall remit to the Exclusive

Representative, within ten (10) calendar days, the total amount deducted. The School District shall annually provide a list of teachers for whom such deductions have been made. The Exclusive Representative agrees to advise the School District of all members of the Exclusive

Representative in good standing and to furnish all information needed to fulfill the provisions of this article.

Section 5. Unfair Labor Practices: The School District agrees to furnish to the Exclusive Representative, upon written request, all written information concerning the unfair labor practices of the P.E.L.R.A.

Section 6: Non-Discrimination: As a duly elected body exercising governmental power under the laws of the State of Minnesota, the School Board agrees that it will not directly or indirectly discourage, deprive, or coerce any teacher in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by the P.E.L.R.A. or other laws of Minnesota or the Constitutions of Minnesota and the United States; that it will not discriminate against any teacher with respect to hours, wages, or any terms or conditions of employment by reason of his/her membership in the Exclusive Representative or collective negotiations with the School District, or his/her institution of any grievance, complaint, or proceeding under this Agreement, or otherwise with respect to any terms or conditions of employment.

Section 7. Credit Union: Upon receipt of signed authorization from any teacher requesting such service, the School District agrees to deduct a fixed amount from each check as payment to the Minnesota Education Association Credit Union.

Section 8. Mutual Funds: Upon receipt of signed authorization by September 1 and/or January 1, the School District agrees to deduct from a teacher's salary payments to mutual fund investment companies or corporations as designated by the teacher or teachers involved.

Section 9. Fair Practices:

Subd. 1. Rights of Citizenship: The teachers shall be entitled to full rights of citizenship. The private and personal life of any teacher is not within the appropriate

concern or attention of the School District so long as the teacher does not attempt to subvert the political or moral values of the students of the School District, nor so long as it does not interfere with performance of teaching duties.

Subd. 2. Political Rights: The teachers shall be guaranteed the right to be active politically except during hours of employment. Political rights shall include the following: registering, voting, political party participation, political issue discussion, campaigning for issues, and/or serving in elected offices which are not incompatible with current employment.

<u>Subd. 3. Non-Discrimination:</u> The provisions of the Agreement shall be applied equitably to all teachers without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, marital status, or place of residence.

Section 10. Personnel Files:

Subd. 1. Right to Review Files: Each teacher shall have the right, upon written request, to review the contents of his/her own personnel file. This file will be made available within twenty-four (24) hours, excluding holidays and weekends, of the request. A representative of the Exclusive Representative may, at the teacher's request, accompany the teacher in this review.

Subd. 2. Placing Material in File: No material may be placed in a teacher's personnel file without allowing the teacher an opportunity to file his/her response thereto, and said response shall become a part of said file in accordance with the procedure of MS 122A.40, Subd. 19, as amended.

<u>Subd. 3. Copying Materials:</u> Any teacher shall have the right to request a reproduction of any of the contents of his/her personnel file at the teacher's expense.

<u>Subd. 4. Right to Delete Files:</u> The School District may destroy files as provided by law.

Section 11. Teacher Evaluation:

Subd. 1. Open Evaluation Process: All monitoring or observation of the work performance of a teacher will be conducted openly. "Openly" will be defined as the appropriate evaluator discussing with the teacher the work performance in question. Teachers will be given a copy of any class visit or evaluation report prepared by their evaluators at least one (1) day before the conference to discuss it. No such report shall be submitted to the Superintendent, placed in the teacher's files, or otherwise acted upon without a prior conference with the teacher.

Subd. 2. Number of Evaluations: An appropriate evaluator will observe non-tenured teachers performing services on 120 days or more at least three (3) times each year, non-tenured teachers performing services on 60 to 119 days a year at least two (2) times a year, and non-tenured teachers performing services on fewer than 60 school days a year at least one time each year. The first observation will be announced at least 24 hours prior to the first observation.

Subd. 3. Special Education File Review: In the area of special education, one of the three observations referenced in Subd. 2. may include an open review of files.

Subd. 4. Review of Evaluation: Any negative evaluation relative to a teacher's conduct, service, character, or personality will not be placed in his/her personnel file unless the teacher has had an opportunity to review such materials by affixing his/her signature, and this in no way indicates agreement with the contents thereof. The teacher

will also have the right to attach a written answer to such material.

<u>Section 12. Sharing:</u> When the School District enters into an agreement to share a teacher with another district, the teacher shall be covered by the provisions of this Master Agreement.

Section 13. Placement on Agenda: The School Board shall place on the agenda of each School Board meeting, as an item for consideration under "new business," any matters brought to its attention by the Exclusive Representative so long as those matters are made known to the Superintendent's Office in writing at least eight days prior to the meeting as per School District policy for that subsequent meeting.

Section 14. Use of Buildings: The Exclusive Representative and its representatives shall have the right to use School District buildings for meetings provided that, when special custodial service is required, the School District may make a charge therefore. No charge shall be made for use of schoolrooms during the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. during the school day, provided that such use does not interrupt normal School District operations.

Section 15. Other Rights: Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any teacher rights he/she may have under existing laws and regulations. The rights granted to teachers herewith shall be deemed to be in addition to those provided by such laws and regulations.

Section 16. Agreement Copies: There shall be three (3) signed copies of the final Agreement for the purpose of record: one retained by the School District, one by the Exclusive Representative, and one by the Superintendent.

ARTICLE VI BASIC SCHEDULES AND RATES OF PAY

Section 1. 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 Salary Schedules: The wages and salaries reflected in Appendix A, attached hereto, shall be part of the Agreement. The salary schedules in Appendix A are based on semester credits. No additional teachers will be added to the MA+40 lane. The

MA+40 lane will be dropped when the teachers on that lane no longer work for the School District.

Section 2. 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 Extra Pay Schedules: The wages and salaries reflected in Appendixes B1 and B2, attached hereto, shall be a part of the Agreement.

<u>Section 3. Placement on Salary Schedule:</u> The following rules shall be applicable in determining placement of a teacher on the appropriate salary schedule.

Subd. 1. College Credits: College credits used to change lanes on the salary schedule must have been received from an accredited college or university. If college credits, earned by attending a workshop, are to be used for lane change credits the entire cost of the workshop, including registration fees and other expenses, except substitute teacher pay, must be reimbursed to the School district. In order to apply to salary schedule lane changes, credits must meet these criteria:

- 1. All credit must have prior written approval from the Superintendent.
- Master's program courses approved by the granting institution must be presented to the Superintendent for approval at the onset of the program.
- 3. All graduate credits must be germane to the teaching assignment or area(s) of certification, and the teacher must have received a grade of "B" or better.
 Administrative degree credits must be germane to the teaching assignment or area(s) of certification.
- 4. Acceptability of credits in question will be determined by a review committee made up of 2 teachers (neither of whom is petitioning for acceptance), the Superintendent, 1 School Board member, and 1 mutually agreed upon community member.

5. All credits beyond the master's lane must be graduate credits and be earned subsequent to the earning of the degree.

Subd. 2. Non-College Credits: Non-college credit for teacher training workshops taken outside the normal school day must be germane to the teaching assignment or area(s) of certification. Credits shall be granted at the rate of 1 credit for each 10 hours of workshop participation for workshops taken outside the school day. Any lane change may not contain more than 4 workshop credits. Teachers who choose to take workshops for credit shall reimburse the School District for all registration fees and other expenses.

Certificates for workshops to be used for lane change credit must be turned into the District Office within thirty (30) days of attending the workshop.

Subd. 3. Effective Date: Requests for changes in salary due to additional credit will require an official transcript as proof of successful completion of credit and must be submitted prior to January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. Approval of lane changes will be considered at the next regularly scheduled School Board meeting after the required official transcript of credit with final grade has been received by the Superintendent. Payment for the new lane change is effective on January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 if the request for the lane change is received prior to the respective date and the School Board approves the request even if the approval meeting comes after the designated date. If the official transcript is submitted in time for approval at the August School Board meeting, the lane change becomes effective with the beginning of the school year.

<u>Subd. 4. New Teacher Clause:</u> Previous teaching experience, up to a maximum of five years gained during the last six years before contracting with the School District will be

recognized. More years of teaching or related experience may be negotiated with the incoming teacher. A newly graduated teacher will be placed on step A of the salary schedule.

<u>Subd. 5. Substitute Teachers:</u> Rules for placement on the salary schedule shall not apply to substitute teachers. Daily substitute teachers shall be paid at a rate to be determined annually by the School Board. Long term substitute teachers, (those hired in excess of 30 days to replace the same instructor) shall be paid, on a prorated basis, based on step A of the BA lane of the salary schedule.

Section 4. Pay Period: Teachers may elect to receive their pay either twice monthly over twelve (12) months or twice monthly over ten (10) months. Payments will be the 15th of the month and the last day of the month except when those days fall on a weekend or holiday; then the payment will be made on the previous school day. Substitute teachers will be paid monthly following the regular School Board meeting.

Section 5. Deductions: All deductions for partial absences will be made on the length of the work day and week. The daily rate, for purposes of calculating deductions, is 1/185th of the annual salary of the teacher.

Section 6. Emergency Duty: In cases when a teacher is asked to substitute in a study hall or classroom during his/her preparation period, he/she will be compensated at his/her hourly rate based on his/her annual salary divided by 185 days divided by 7.5 hours.

ARTICLE VII INSURANCE

Section 1. Health, Hospitalization, and Dental Insurance: During the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years, the School District shall contract with an insurance carrier to provide health and dental protection for each teacher and others as designated in this Agreement and their

eligible dependents as long as those individuals qualify for and are enrolled in the School District's group health and hospitalization plan. The selection of the insurance carrier and policy shall be made by the School District as provided by law.

Subd. 1. Insurance: The School District will contribute an amount not to exceed \$300.00 per month for health insurance coverage for both years of the Agreement. In the event both husband and wife are employed as teachers by the School District and both are eligible to receive insurance coverage, then the husband and wife may combine and apply the two School District contributions toward one policy with dependent coverage effective September 1, 2002. Husband and wife, both employed in any capacity by the School District prior to July 1, 1999, may apply the two School District contributions toward one policy for dependent medical insurance. The dollar amount applies to health and hospitalization insurance only.

<u>Subd. 2. Hold Harmless:</u> It is understood that the School District's only obligation is to purchase an insurance policy and pay such amounts as agreed herein, and no claim shall be made against the School District as a result of a denial of insurance benefits by an insurance carrier.

Subd. 3. Part-Time Proration: Less than full-time teachers may be eligible to participate in the School District's health insurance plan. The School District's contribution will be a pro-rated amount reflecting the ratio of the teacher's assignment compared with that of a full-time teacher. Participation eligibility is contingent upon acceptance by the insurance carrier. Benefits will be pro-rated to a maximum of 1.0 FTE per year. Less than full-time teachers will receive benefits on a pro-rate basis.

Section 2. Disability Insurance: The School District shall provide disability insurance to each full-time teacher who qualifies for and is enrolled in the School District's group long-term disability insurance plan. Benefits shall be payable upon the 90th consecutive calendar day of disability.

<u>Section 3. Continuation of Benefits:</u> In the event that a teacher is absent because of illness or injury and has exhausted sick leave accrual, the above-mentioned fringe benefits shall continue throughout the balance of the school year.

<u>Section 4. Policy Copies:</u> The School District shall distribute copies of all insurance policies to each teacher covered by said insurance.

ARTICLE VIII RETIREMENT OPTION (PLAN A),

TAX-SHELTERED ANNUITY MATCHING PROGRAM (PLAN B), MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PLAN (PLAN C), AND MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PLAN - MANDATORY TEACHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Section 1. Teachers Employed Prior to the Beginning of the 1980-1981 School Year,

Retirement Plan A: Teachers hired prior to the start of the 1980-1981 school year had to choose to be in plan B within 45 days of ratification of the 1999-2001 Master Agreement or stay in Plan A. Upon submission of a written resignation accepted by the School Board on or before the April monthly School Board meeting, \$12,500 shall be placed into a Minnesota State Retirement System Health Care Savings Plan account for teachers who are at least 55 years of age before the start of the next school year and have taught a minimum of 24 years in the School District, in one payment on June 30th following the teacher's retirement. In addition, the School District will make a contribution of \$100 per year into the Minnesota State Retirement System Health Care Savings Plan until the teacher's employment is terminated.

Subd. 1. Unused Sick Leave: In addition to the amount indicated in Section 1 above, unused sick leave days may be converted into paid group health and hospitalization insurance at the following rate: for each 20 days of unused sick leave up to 200 days, the teacher shall be granted one year of paid group health and hospitalization insurance on the same basis (family or single) as at the time of his/her retirement. The School District's contribution to a retired teacher's health plan shall be limited to \$300 per month. Also, in addition to the amount indicated in Section 1 above, any unused sick leave days left over after converting into insurance will be placed into the Minnesota State Retirement System Health Care Savings Plan at the rate of \$30.00 per day. Payment of this amount shall be in one payment on June 30th following the teacher's retirement. Sick leave days for married couples will not be pooled for retirement benefits.

Subd. 2. Eligibility to Remain in Health Group: Pursuant to M.S. 471.61, teachers who retire shall be eligible to remain in the School District's group health and hospitalization insurance program. Premiums shall be paid under the provisions of Subd.

1. or at the teacher's own expense when sick leave days expire.

<u>Subd. 3. Health Benefits Cease Upon Death:</u> Benefits under this provision shall cease upon death of the teacher except when both husband and wife have been employed by the School District until retirement (and both have been eligible to receive insurance coverage), in which case the survivor will have continued coverage under the provisions of Article VIII.

<u>Subd. 4. No Duplicate Health Coverage:</u> The purpose of Subd. 1. shall not be to provide duplicate coverage. In the event that a retiring teacher obtains employment,

following retirement, that provides health and hospitalization insurance, then the School District shall no longer be required to provide that coverage.

<u>Subd. 5. Unpaid Retirement Pay:</u> If a teacher dies with a portion of his/her retirement pay unpaid, the balance due shall be paid to the teacher's beneficiary, if any, otherwise to the teacher's estate.

<u>Subd. 6. Unpaid Unused Sick Leave Pay:</u> If a teacher dies with a portion of his/her unused sick leave unpaid, the balance due shall be paid to the teacher's beneficiary, if any, otherwise to the teacher's estate.

Annuity Matching Program (Plan B): Teachers employed after the beginning of the 1980-1981 school year are not eligible to participate in Plan A. Teachers employed after the beginning of the 1980-1981 school year and those teachers hired prior to the beginning of the 1980-81 school year who are already enrolled in Plan B will be eligible to participate in the School District's tax-sheltered annuity plan based upon the following provisions:

<u>Subd. 1. Participation:</u> The School District will contribute an amount equal to one (1) percent of total compensation including the teacher's base salary, any additional earnings from co-curricular activities, extended year salary, or other sources of income not to exceed \$500 each year, toward a tax-sheltered 403b annuity if this amount is matched or exceeded by a contribution from the individual teacher. In addition, the School District will make a contribution of \$100 per year into each Plan B teacher's Minnesota State Retirement System Health Care Savings Plan.

Subd. 2. Annual Open Enrollment Dates for Plan B: The annual open enrollment dates for Plan B 403b participation shall occur from May 15 to May 31 of each respective year.

Subd. 3. Participating Companies: The teacher may select any qualified company preapproved by the School District.

<u>Subd. 4. Salary Deduction:</u> The salary deduction for participation in the 403b program will be distributed evenly for each pay period.

<u>Subd. 5. Administration of Plan:</u> The provisions of this section shall be administered in accordance with the School District policy for tax-sheltered annuities.

Subd. 6. Insurance Options for Retiring Teachers – (Plan B): Pursuant to M.S.

471.61, teachers who retire shall be eligible to remain in the School District's group health and hospitalization insurance program. Premiums shall be paid under the provisions of Section 2, Subd. 7. below or at the teacher's own expense when sick leave days expire.

Subd. 7. Unused Sick Leave: Unused sick leave days may be converted into paid group health and hospitalization insurance at the following rate: for each 30 days of unused sick leave up to 300 days, the teacher shall be granted one year of paid group health and hospitalization insurance on the same basis (family or single) as at the time of his/her retirement. The School District contributions to a retired teacher's health plan shall be limited to \$300 per month. Also, any unused sick leave days, less those days converted into insurance, will be placed into the Minnesota State Retirement System Health Care Savings Plan at the rate of \$30.00 per day. Payment of this amount shall be in one payment on June 30th following the teacher's retirement.

Subd. 8. Health Benefits Cease Upon Death: Benefits under this provision shall cease upon death of the teacher except when both husband and wife have been employed by the School District until retirement (and both have been eligible to receive insurance coverage), in which case the survivor will have continued coverage under the provisions of ARTICLE VIII.

<u>Subd. 9. Payments:</u> If a teacher dies with a portion of his/her unused sick leave unpaid, the balance due shall be paid to the teacher's beneficiary, if any, otherwise to the teacher's estate.

Section 3. Teachers Employed Beginning With The 2001-2002 School Year, Minnesota State Retirement System Health Care Savings Plan (Plan C):

Subd. 1. Participation: For all teachers beginning employment with the School District under the 2001-2003 Master Agreement, the School District will contribute an amount equal to one percent of total compensation including the teacher's base salary, any additional earnings from co-curricular activities, extended year salary, or other sources of income not to exceed \$500 each year, toward a tax-sheltered 403b annuity if this amount is matched or exceeded by a contribution from the individual teacher. New teachers must make a written election by October 1st of the first year of employment or during the open enrollment period in Subd. 2. below. In addition, the School District will make a contribution of \$400 per year into the Minnesota State Retirement System Health Care Savings Plan. Teachers beginning employment with the School District on or after the beginning of the 2001-2002 school year are not eligible to participate in Plan A or Plan B.

Subd. 2. Annual Open Enrollment Dates for Plan C: The annual open enrollment dates for Plan C 403b participation shall occur from May 15 to May 31 of each respective year.

<u>Subd. 3. Participating Companies:</u> The teacher may select any qualified company preapproved by the School District.

<u>Subd. 4. Salary Deduction:</u> The salary deduction for participation in the 403b program will be distributed evenly for each pay period.

<u>Subd. 5. Administration of Plan:</u> The provisions of this section shall be administered in accordance with the School District policy for tax-sheltered annuities.

Subd. 6. Insurance Options for Retiring Teachers: Pursuant to M.S. 471.61, teachers who retire shall be eligible to remain in the School District's group health and hospitalization insurance program. Premiums shall be at the teacher's own expense.

Subd. 7. Unused Sick Leave: Upon retirement from the School District, a teacher's unused sick leave days shall be placed into the Minnesota State Retirement System Health Care Savings Plan at the rate of \$30.00 per day. Payment of this amount shall be in one payment on June 30th following the teacher's retirement.

Section 4. Minnesota State Retirement System Health Care Savings Plan - Mandatory

Teacher Contributions: Beginning April 30, 2004, teachers will be required to contribute a set amount to a Minnesota State Retirement System Health Care Savings Plan.

<u>Subd. 1. Category 1:</u> Teachers hired before December 1, 1985, and who are married as of July 1, 2003, will contribute two hundred dollars (\$200) per month to a Minnesota Health Care Savings Plan.

Subd. 2. Category 2: Teachers hired before December 1, 1985, and who are single as of July 1, 2003, will not contribute to a Minnesota State Retirement System Health Care Savings Plan.

Subd. 2. Category 3: Teachers hired on or after December 1, 1985, and before

September 1, 1990 will contribute seventy-five dollars (\$75) per month to a Minnesota

State Retirement System Health Care Savings Plan.

Subd. 3. Category 4: Teachers hired on or after September 1, 1990 and before

September 1, 1998, will contribute fifty dollars (\$50) per month to a Minnesota State

Retirement System Health Care Savings Plan.

Subd. 4. Category 5: Teachers hired on or after September 1, 1998, and before September 1, 2001, will contribute forty dollars (\$40) per month to a Minnesota State Retirement System Health Care Savings Plan.

Subd. 5. Category 6: Teachers hired on or after September 1, 2001, will contribute twenty-five dollars (\$25) per month to a Minnesota State Retirement System Health Care Savings Plan.

ARTICLE IX LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Section 1. Sick Leave: Sick leave shall be defined as any absence due to an illness and/or debilitating condition.

Subd. 1. Number of Days per Year: All teachers shall earn ten (10) days of sick leave each year of employment in the School District. A day will be interpreted to mean the teacher's work day. One additional day shall be earned for each month employed beyond the regular school year.

<u>Subd. 2. Accumulation:</u> Accumulation of unused sick leave days shall be unlimited.

Each teacher shall receive a written notice of the total number of accumulated sick leave days in each school year.

<u>Subd. 3. Sick Leave Pay:</u> Sick leave with pay shall be allowed by the School District whenever a teacher's absence is found to have been due to an illness or debilitating condition which prevented his/her attendance at school and performance of duties on that day or days.

<u>Subd. 4. Days Used Deducted From Accrued Days:</u> Sick leave allowed shall be deducted from the accrued sick leave days earned by the teacher.

Subd. 5. Sick Leave Approval: Sick leave pay shall be approved only upon submission of a signed authorized sick leave pay request card available at the School District office.

<u>Subd. 6. Use of Sick Leave Without Salary Deduction:</u> A teacher who is absent due to an illness of a family member will be allowed to use his/her personal, accumulated sick leave without salary deduction.

Subd. 7. Medical Leave: A teacher who is unable to teach because of personal illness or disability and who has exhausted all accumulated, paid sick leave available may be granted an additional leave of absence without pay for the duration of such illness or disability, up to one (1) year. A doctor's statement may be required certifying the teacher's ability to return to work.

Subd. 8. Medical Certificate: The School District may require a teacher to furnish a medical certificate from a qualified physician as evidence of illness, indicating such absence was due to illness, in order to qualify for sick leave pay. In the event that a medical certificate will be required, the teacher will be so advised.

Subd. 9. Sick Leave Bank Committee: At the beginning of each school year, the Exclusive Representative will elect a sick leave bank committee. At that time, all nonparticipating teachers who wish to participate in the established sick leave bank will be assessed one day of sick leave. Participating teachers who exhaust their personal, accumulated sick leave allowance due to an extended illness shall be allowed reasonable and necessary withdrawals from the common bank. The sick leave committee shall have the power to accept or reject any requests for additional sick leave days. Every teacher requesting aid must wait five (5) days before receiving any days from the bank. If there are insufficient days available in the bank, each participating teacher will contribute one (1) more sick leave day at any time during the school year. A participating teacher who has utilized sick leave credit from the sick leave bank shall repay those days credited. The first year following a withdrawal, a teacher must repay four (4) days. In the following years, the indebted teacher may not accumulate more than ten (10) days until his/her debt to the bank is paid in full. A teacher may withdraw from the sick leave bank at the beginning of any school year. In case of withdrawal, a teacher's contribution of days will remain in the bank.

<u>Subd. 9. a.</u> In order to qualify for use of days from the sick leave bank, an illness must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Be a personal illness not family illness or bereavement leave.
- 2. Surgery must be of an emergency nature.
- 3. Repayment of sick leave bank days following voluntary resignations will be determined on a case-by-case basis by a committee consisting of the sick leave bank chair, the president of the Exclusive Representative and the Superintendent or their representatives.

Section 2. Workers' Compensation: Pursuant to M.S. Chapter 176, a teacher injured on the job in the employment of the School District and collecting workers' compensation insurance may draw sick leave and receive full salary from the School District, the salary to be reduced by

an amount equal to the insurance payments, and only that fraction of the days not covered by insurance will be deducted from accrued sick leave.

<u>Section 3. Bereavement Leave:</u> Bereavement leave shall be granted to all teachers without salary deduction. The absence, however, shall be deducted from the teacher's accumulated sick leave. The exact number of days will be determined by the Superintendent.

Section 4. Personal Leave:

Subd. 1. Two Days per Year: Each teacher will be granted two days of personal leave per year. Personal leave time must be taken in at least ¼ day increments.

Subd. 2. Requests Two Days in Advance: Written requests for personal leave must be submitted to the teacher's supervising administrator at least two (2) working days in advance of the leave, except in emergencies. No more than three personal leaves will be allowed each day. More leaves may be granted at the written discretion of the Superintendent.

Subd. 3. Banked Personal Leave: If personal leave days are not used by the teacher, he/she may elect to have the day(s) either banked in a personal leave account for up to a total of 5 banked days or deposited into his/her sick leave at the rate of one day per each unused personal leave day remaining. Once a teacher has banked days, he/she may take all the days in succession if he/she so chooses with the same conditions as outlined in Subds, 1. and 2. above. A teacher is limited to using five (5) consecutive days of personal leave to once every two years.

Subd. 4. No Personal Leave on Parent Conference or Teacher Workshop Days:

Personal leave will not be allowed on parent conference dates or teacher workshop dates
unless specifically approved by the Superintendent.

Subd. 5. Personal Leave Buy Back: At the teacher's request the District will buy back up to two days of unused personal leave at the end of the school year and pay the teacher at the current rate of pay for a substitute teacher per day.

Section 5. Organization Office Leave: An unpaid leave of absence of up to one (I) year shall be granted to any full-time teacher upon written application for the purpose of serving as an officer of the EM or NEA or on its staff. Upon return from such leave, a teacher shall be placed at the same position on the salary schedule and shall maintain the same fringe benefits as he/she had prior to the taking of this leave unless previously discharged or placed on unrequested leave of absence. By April 1 of the year in which the leave is being taken, the teacher must notify the School Board in writing of his/her intent to return or not to return. Failure to so notify shall constitute automatic termination; however, the Superintendent may extend the April 1 deadline.

Section 6. Public Office Leave: A leave of absence, not to exceed the term of the office, shall be granted to any full-time teacher, upon written application, for the purpose of campaigning for, or serving in, a public office. Upon return from such leave, a teacher shall be placed at the same position on the salary schedule and shall maintain the same fringe benefits as he/she had prior to taking this leave unless previously discharged or placed on unrequested leave of absence.

Section 8. Child Care Leave:

Subd. 1. Unpaid Child Care Leave: An unpaid child care leave may be granted by the School District, subject to the provisions of this section, to one (1) teacher-parent of a child, provided such parent is caring for the child on a full-time basis.

Subd. 2. Written Notice to Superintendent: A teacher making application for child care leave shall inform the Superintendent in writing of intention to take the leave at least

three calendar months before commencement of the intended leave unless otherwise approved in writing by the Superintendent.

Subd. 3. Pregnancy Leave, Use of Sick Leave: If the reason for child care leave is occasioned by pregnancy, a teacher may utilize sick leave pursuant to the sick leave provisions of the Agreement during a period of physical disability. However, a teacher shall not be eligible for sick leave during the period of time covered by a child care leave. A pregnant teacher will also provide, at the time of application, a statement indicating the expected date of delivery. Upon return from such leave, a teacher shall be placed at the same position on the salary schedule and shall maintain the same fringe benefits as she had prior to taking this leave unless previously discharged or placed on unrequested leave of absence.

Subd. 4. Child Care Leave for Adoption: The School District shall grant a child care leave of up to one year to any teacher who makes a written application for such leave for adoption. Upon return from such leave, a teacher shall be placed at the same position on the salary schedule and shall maintain the same fringe benefits as he/she had prior to taking this leave unless previously discharged or placed on unrequested leave of absence.

Subd. 5. Beginning or Ending Time Adjustments: The School District may adjust the proposed beginning or ending date of a child care leave so that the dates of the leave are coincident with the closest natural break in the school year - i.e., winter vacation, spring vacation, semester break, or quarter break, end of a grading period, end of the school year. The availability of a substitute teacher may also be considered by the School District.

<u>Subd. 6. Child Care Leave Limits:</u> In making a determination concerning the commencement and duration of a child care leave, the School Board shall not, in any event, be required to:

- 1. Grant any leave more than (12) months in duration.
- 2. Permit the teacher to return to employment prior to the date designated in the request for child care leave.

Subd. 7. Assignment upon Return: A teacher returning from child care leave shall be assigned to the position which he/she left if he/she returns during the school year in which the leave was granted unless previously discharged or placed on unrequested leave of absence.

Subd. 8. Failure to Indicate Intent to Return: Failure of the teacher to indicate his/her intent to return pursuant to the date determined under this section shall constitute grounds for termination. The School District and the teacher may mutually agree in writing to an extension in the leave.

Subd. 9. Experience Credit Maintained: A teacher who returns from child care leave within the provisions of this section shall retain all previous experience credit for pay purposes and any unused leave time accumulated under the provisions of this Agreement at the commencement of the leave. The teacher shall not accrue additional experience credit for pay purposes or leave time during the period of absence for child care leave.

Subd. 10. Reimbursement of Insurance Premiums: A teacher who takes leave under this section for the reason of caring for an infant child who exceeds six weeks of age shall reimburse the School District for the insurance premiums retroactive to the beginning of the child care leave.

Section 9. Military Leave: Military leave shall be granted pursuant to applicable law.

Section 10. Sabbatical Leave: A sabbatical leave of absence for a year or part of a year may be granted, subject to School Board approval, to teachers who are presently teaching full-time for the purpose of professional advancement or travel, subject to the following conditions:

Subd. 1. Eligibility Requirement: In order to be eligible for sabbatical leave, a teacher must have taught in the School District for at least six (6) full years.

Subd. 2. Required Credit hours: If sabbatical leave is granted for the purpose of study at the master's degree level, the teacher must complete twelve (12) credit hours of work during each semester for which the leave is granted. Work beyond the master's degree requires nine (9) credit hours each semester. The institution and courses must be approved by the School Board as a part of the advanced program.

<u>Subd. 3. Travel Itinerary:</u> If the sabbatical leave is granted for purpose of travel, the itinerary must be approved in writing by the School District before the leave is granted.

Subd. 4. Application Timeline: A written application for sabbatical leave must be submitted on or before February 1 for leave taking effect during the next school year.

The School Board will render a decision concerning the request for sabbatical leave on orbefore the regularly scheduled March School Board meeting. The applicant will receive written confirmation of the School Board's decision within three (3) working days of that decision.

<u>Subd. 5. One Teacher at a Time:</u> The number of teachers on sabbatical leave at any one time shall be limited to one.

Subd. 6. Sabbatical Leave Pay: The allowance granted to a teacher on sabbatical leave shall be one-half the rate of pay which would have been received by the teacher had he/she remained in his/her position.

Subd. 7. Criteria for Selecting Candidates: In order that all applicants be given equal consideration and in case the number of requests exceeds the limitations, the School District agrees to use the following criteria in selecting the candidates for sabbatical leave:

- A. The merit of the objectives as they relate to improving the instructional program.
- B. Years of teaching experience in the School District.
- C. Previous leaves.
- D. Reasonable distribution of applicants by schools.
- E. Evidence of acceptance of the teacher's program or project by the institution offering the advance study, research, or itinerary.

Subd. 8. Post-Leave Obligation: A teacher who is granted sabbatical leave must pledge himself/herself to return to his/her former position with the School District for a period of at least two years following termination of the leave. If the teacher's service is discontinued for any reason other than the teacher's incapacity to teach before the expiration of the two years, he/she shall pay back to the School District a pro-rata of the allowance.

Subd. 9. Experience Credit Maintained: Unless previously discharged or placed on unrequested leave of absence, a teacher, upon return from a sabbatical leave, shall be restored to his/her former position or a position of like nature and status and shall be continued at the same position on the salary schedule as if he/she had taught in the School District during such period. He/she shall maintain tenure and insurance benefits, accumulated sick leave, and all other accrued benefits provided in this Agreement.

Section 11. Exclusive Representative Leave: The Exclusive Representative shall be credited with six (6) days during the two-year Agreement term, with no more than five (5) days to be used in any one year. The number of days shall not accumulate from one two-year Agreement

term to another. The teachers who are officers or agents of the Exclusive Representative may use these days, with pay. Written request for such leave days shall be made through the president of the Exclusive Representative. The Exclusive Representative agrees to notify the Superintendent no less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of intended use of such days. Section 12. Study Leaves: An unpaid leave of absence of up to one (1) year shall be granted to any full-time teacher who has at least 5 years of service in the School District, upon written application, for the purpose of engaging in study related to his/her professional responsibilities at an accredited college or university. Upon return from such leave, a teacher shall be placed at the same position on the salary schedule and shall maintain the same fringe benefits as he/she had prior to taking this leave unless previously discharged or placed on unrequested leave of absence. Section 13. Jury Duty: Any teacher who is called to serve jury duty for a municipal, county, state, or federal court shall be provided leave with pay for each day of required jury duty service. The teacher shall notify the School District of the dates of pending absence as soon as possible following notice of jury duty, but in no event later than one week prior to commencing jury duty service. The teacher shall turn over to the School District any per diem paid by the court for jury duty service during days of actual employment, except that the teacher shall retain any mileage and meal allowance paid by the court.

ARTICLE X HOURS OF SERVICE

Section 1. Building Hours: Teachers shall be required to be in their designated workplace at least 30 minutes before the opening of the pupil's school day and shall be permitted to leave no sooner than 15 minutes after the close of the pupil's school day except on days when faculty meetings are called. On Fridays or on days preceding holidays or vacations, the teacher's day

shall close at the end of the pupil's day. Teachers will be available to students during these hours.

Section 2. Lunch Period: All teachers shall be entitled to a duty free lunch period of 30 minutes.

Section 3. Extra Time: Part-time teachers whose required attendance exceeds their contracted employment shall be compensated for the extra time at their contracted rate of pay.

Section 4. Additional Activities: In addition to the basic school day, teachers shall be required to participate, to a reasonable degree, in School District activities beyond the basic teacher's day, as is required by the School District. The normal duties for teachers include a reasonable share of extra-curricular, co-curricular, and supervisory activities, as determined by the School District.

Section 5. Special Education IEP Meetings: Special education teachers who are required to organize and write annual "Individual Educational Plans" (IEP's) and conduct annual IEP meetings out side the normal school day will receive hourly compensation up to two days of extra pay per school year.

ARTICLE XI LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

The School District and Exclusive Representative agree that the teachers' duty days for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years shall be 185. The site teams will be involved in the calendar development and any modifications that may emerge during the school year.

ARTICLE XII GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. Grievance Definition: A "grievance" shall mean any allegation by the Exclusive Representative or a teacher that there has been a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of the terms and conditions of employment insofar as such matters are contained in the Agreement.

<u>Section 2. Representation:</u> Any person or agent designated by such party to act in the party's behalf may represent the teacher, administrator, or School Board during any step of the procedure.

Section 3. Definitions and Interpretations:

<u>Subd. 1. Time Limits:</u> Time limits specified in this Agreement may be extended by mutual agreement.

<u>Subd. 2. Days Defined:</u> Reference to days regarding time periods in this procedure shall refer to working days. A working day is defined as all week days not designated as holidays by state law. Once a grievance is initiated, it shall be continued until resolved. No grievance shall be initiated after the last day of school.

Subd. 3. Computing Time Periods: In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by procedures herein, the date of the act, event, or default for which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be counted, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday.

Section 4. Time Limitation and Waiver: Grievances shall not be valid for consideration unless they are submitted in writing to the School District's designee, setting forth the facts and the specific provision(s) of the Agreement allegedly violated and the particular relief sought within twenty days after the date of the event giving rise to the grievance occurred. Failure to file any grievance within such period shall be deemed a waiver thereof. Failure to appeal a grievance from one level to another within the time periods hereafter provided shall constitute a

waiver of the grievance. An effort shall first be made to adjust an alleged grievance informally between the teacher and the School District designee.

Section 5. Procedures: It is usually most desirable for a teacher and his/her supervisor to resolve problems through free and informal communications. When requested by either party, the building grievance representative may intervene to assist in this resolution. However, should such informal processes fail to satisfy the supervisor and/or the teacher, then a grievance may be processed as follows:

Subd. 1. Level 1: If the grievance is not resolved in the informal meeting, the teacher or the Exclusive Representative must present the grievance in writing, within five (5) days, to the building principal who will then arrange a meeting within five (5) days. The Exclusive Representative or teacher and the building principal shall be present for the meeting. The principal must provide the aggrieved teacher and the Exclusive Representative with a written answer to the grievance within five (5) days.

Subd. 2. Level 2: If the grievance is not resolved in Level 1, the teacher and/or the Exclusive Representative must present the grievance in writing, within five (5) days, to the Superintendent who will then arrange a meeting within five (5) days. The teacher and/or the Exclusive Representative and the Superintendent shall be present at the meeting. The Superintendent must provide the aggrieved teacher with a written answer on the grievance within five (5) days.

Subd. 3. Level 3: If the grievance is not resolved in Level 2, then the Exclusive Representative and/or teacher shall refer the grievance to the School Board within five (5) days. A meeting shall be arranged, by the Superintendent, for a meeting between the Exclusive Representative and/or teacher and the School Board, or its representative, to

take place within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the appeal. Each party shall have the right to include in its representation appropriate witnesses and counselors to develop facts pertinent to the grievance. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the School Board will have five (5) days in which to provide its written decision to the teacher.

Subd. 4. Level 4: If either party is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level 3, or the Level 3 time limits expire without the issuance of the School Board's written answer, then the Exclusive Representative and/or teacher may submit the grievance to final and binding arbitration under the rules of the P.E.L.R.A. The arbitrator shall act as the administrator of the proceedings. If a demand for arbitration is not filed within thirty (30) days of the date for the School Board's Level 3 reply, then the grievance will be deemed withdrawn. Both parties agree to be bound by the award of the arbitrator and agree that the judgment thereon may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Subd. 5. Arbitration Expenses: Each party shall bear its own expenses in connection with arbitration including expenses relating to the party's representatives, witnesses, and any other expenses, which the party incurs in connection with presenting its case in arbitration. A transcript or recording of the hearing shall be made at the request of either party. The parties shall share equally fees and expenses of the arbitrator, the cost of the transcript or recording if requested by either or both parties, and any other expenses, which the parties mutually agree are necessary for the conduct of the arbitration.

Subd. 6. Extending Timelines: The time lines provided in this article shall be strictly observed but may be extended by written mutual agreement of the School Board and the

Exclusive Representative.

Subd. 7. Reprisals: No reprisals of any kind will be taken by the School District against any teacher because of this participation in the grievance procedure or by the teacher or Exclusive Representative against the School District or its employees.

Section 6. School Board Review: The School Board reserves the right to review any decision issued under the informal process of Level 1 and Level 2 of this procedure provided the School Board or its representative notifies the parties of the intention to review within ten days after the decision has been rendered. In the event the School Board reviews a grievance under this section, the School Board reserves the right to reverse or modify such decision.

ARTICLE XIII UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE, SENIORITY, AND SEVERANCE

<u>Section 1. Unification:</u> This Agreement shall be binding upon the School District and the Exclusive Representative.

Section 2. Unrequested Leave of Absence: The School Board may place on unrequested leave of absence, without pay or fringe benefits, as many teachers as may be necessary because of discontinuance of position, lack of pupils, financial limitations, or merger of classes caused by consolidation of School Districts.

Section 3. Assignability: In the event a teacher's assignment or responsibilities are to be changed or eliminated, efforts will be made to place that teacher in another position for which he/she is qualified. Reductions in teaching staff will be made on the basis of seniority, provided the teacher is certified for the position. Rehiring will be based on a reversal of the above procedure; i.e., the last dismissed will be the first rehired.

Section 4. Seniority List: The School District will furnish a seniority list of all tenured teachers to the Exclusive Representative on or before the first of January of each school year. The

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seniority list will then be the order in which tenured teachers are placed on unrequested leave of absence. In the case of ties the following criteria will be used:

- 1. Number of years teaching in the School District.
- 2. Full-time senior over part-time.
- 3. Number of areas of certification.
- 4. Total continuous teaching time.
- 5. Number of extra duties.
- 6. School District evaluation.

Section 5. Severance: Tenured teachers, placed on unrequested leave of absence will be offered severance pay as determined by the amount of unused sick leave with a maximum not to exceed 100 days. Those teachers who accept severance under this section are not eligible for recall from unrequested leave of absence and shall be considered terminated.

Subd. 1. Qualification. Severance pay for unrequested leave of absence referred to in Section 5. above will be paid to any tenured teacher upon acceptance of the severance pay offer.

Subd. 2. Computation. Payment for each unused sick day will be based upon 1/185th of the teacher's annual salary per day of qualifying sick leave.

<u>Subd. 3. Payments.</u> If a teacher dies with a portion of his/her severance pay unpaid, the balance due shall be paid to the teacher's beneficiary, if any, otherwise to the teacher's estate.

ARTICLE XIV PROFESSIONAL VISITATION

Upon written request and approval by the School District, teachers shall be allowed up to two days of release time for classroom visitation and school observation. This leave is directed toward the examination of special types of programs in operation. Upon written request,

teachers shall be reimbursed for appropriate expenses. Substitutes, when necessary, shall be provided by the School District.

ARTICLE XV EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION TEACHERS

Section 1. Statutory Considerations: Pursuant to M.S. 122A.26, an Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) teacher who teaches in an early childhood and family education program which is offered through a community education program which qualifies for community education aid or ECFE aid must meet licensure requirements as a teacher. However, M.S. 122A.26 specifically provides that such licensure shall not be construed to bring such ECFE teacher within the definition of a teacher for purposes of M.S. 122A.40, Subdivision 1. or M.S. 122A.41, Subdivision 1.

Section 2. Application of Agreement: The employment of ECFE teachers is unique and market driven and, accordingly, requires particular consideration in the Agreement because of this unique employment relationship.

Section 3. Probationary Period: The probationary period of ECFE teachers shall be three (3) school years of continuous service. During the probationary period, the School District shall have the unqualified right to suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline an ECFE teacher, and the ECFE teacher shall have no recourse to the grievance procedure. Upon completion of the probationary period, an ECFE teacher may be suspended or discharged only for just cause, and such ECFE teacher shall have access to the grievance procedure.

Section 4. Layoff and Recall: ECFE teachers shall have seniority only as an ECFE teacher and shall have a separate seniority list consisting only of ECFE teachers. An ECFE teacher shall not have any rights to any other teaching position in the School District. ECFE teachers shall be laid off and recalled within order of seniority with other ECFE teachers.

<u>Section 5. Compensation:</u> ECFE teachers shall be compensated pursuant to the teacher salary schedule, Attachment A, on a prorated basis.

<u>Section 6. Applicable Sections of the Master Agreement:</u> ECFE teachers shall be covered by the following sections of the Master Agreement:

Article I, Purpose

Article II, Recognition of Exclusive Representative

Article III, Definitions

Article IV, School District Rights

Article V, Teacher Rights

Article IX, Leaves of Absence

Article XII, Grievance Procedure

Article XVI, Duration.

<u>Section 7. Sections of the Master Agreement not Applicable:</u> ECFE teachers shall not be eligible for the following articles of the Master Agreement, which apply only to regularly licensed, continuing contract teachers:

Article VI, Basic Schedules and Rates of Pay

Article VII, Group Insurance

Article VIII, Retirement Options

Article X, Hours of Service

Article XI, Length of the School Year

Article XIII, Unrequested Leave of Absence and Seniority Agreement.

Article XIV, Professional Visitation

Appendixes B1 and B2, Extra pay Schedules

Section 8. Hours of Service, Duty Day, Duty Week, and Duty Year: Recognizing the unique, changing, and irregular nature of the ECFE program, hours of service, duty day, duty week, and duty year shall be as assigned by the School District and modified from time to time based upon the needs of the program.

ARTICLE XVI DURATION

Section 1. Term and Reopening Negotiations: This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for a period commencing July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007, and thereafter until

modifications are made pursuant to the P.E.L.R.A. If either party desires to modify or amend conditions of the Agreement commencing on July 1, 2007, it shall give written notice of such intent no later than May 1, 2007. Unless otherwise mutually agreed, the parties shall not commence negotiations more than 90 days prior to the expiration of this Agreement.

Section 2. Effect: This Agreement constitutes the full and complete Agreement between the School District and the Exclusive Representative. The provisions herein relating to terms and conditions of employment supersede any and all prior Agreements, resolutions, practices, and School District policies, rules, or regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment inconsistent with these provisions.

Section 3. Finality: Any matter relating to the current Agreement term, whether or not referred to in this Agreement, shall not be open for negotiations during the term of this Agreement unless both parties mutually agree to such a reopening. If the Agreement is reopened the discussion will not include fringe benefits or any other provision for the renegotiations of the teachers' compensation.

<u>Section 4. Severability:</u> The provisions of this Agreement shall be severable, and if any provision thereof or the application of any such provision under any circumstances is held invalid, it shall not affect any other provisions of this Agreement or the application of any provision thereof.

APPENDIX A

2005-2006 Salary Schedule

						M.A.	M.A. + 10	M.A. + 20	M.A. + 30	M.A. + 40		
		B.A.	B.A. + 10	B.A. + 20	B.A. + 30	B.A. + 40	B.A. + 50	B.A. + 60				
1	Α	30,400	30,910	31,420	31,930	32,440	32,950	33,460	33,970	34,480		
2	В	31,200	31,710	32,360	32,880	33,240	33,750	34,260	34,770	35,280		
3	C	32,000	32,510	33,300	33,830	34,040	34,550	35,060	35,570	36,080		
4	D	32,800	33,310	34,240	34,780	34,840	35,350	35,860	36,370	36,880		
5	E	33,600	34,110	35,180	35,730	35,740	36,250	36,760·	37,270	37,780		
6	·F	34,400	34,910	36,120	36,680	36,915	37,150	37,660	38,170	38,680		
7	G	35,200	35,710	37,060	37,630	37,800	38,050	38,560	39,070	39,580		
8	Н	36,000	36,510	38,000	38,580	38,640	39,150	39,660	40,170	40,680		
9	1	36,800	37,310	38,940	39,530	39,740	40,250	40,760	41,270	41,780		
10	J	37,600	38,110	39,880	40,480	40,840	41,350	41,860	42,370	42,880		
11	K	38,400	38,910	40,820	41,430	41,940	42,450	42,960	43,470	43,980		
12	L		39,710	41,760	42,380	43,040	43,550	44,060	44,570	45,080		
13	M				43,330	44,140	44,650	45,160	45,670	46,180		
14	N					45,240	45,750	46,260	46,770	47,280		
15	O					46,340	46,850	47,360	47,870	48,380		
16	P						47,950	48,460	48,970	49,480		
17												
18												
19												
	ongevity	•	41,510	43,560	45,130	48,140	49,750	50,260	50,770	51,280		
Γ	eachers v	who have	taught 20 y	ears in the	School Dist	rict, and are	at the top of	of their lane,	are eligible	for longevity		
S	ten 20 the	e followir	og vear.	step 20 the following year:								

step 20 the following year.

2006-2007 Salary Schedule

						M.A.	M.A. + 10	M.A. + 20	M.A. + 30	M.A. + 40
		B.A.	B.A. + 10	B.A. + 20	B.A. + 30	B.A. + 40	B.A. + 50	B.A. + 60		
1	Α	31,775	32,275	32,775	33,275	33,775	34,275	34,775	35,275	35,775
2	В	32,500	33,000	33,650	34,150	34,550	35,050	35,550	36,050	36,550
3	C	33,225	33,725	34,525	35,025	35,325	35,825	36,325	36,825	37,325
4	D	34,025	34,525	35,375	35,875	36,175	36,675	37,175	37,675	38,175
5	E	34,825	35,325	36,275	36,775	37,075	37,575	38,075	38,575	39,075
6	F	35,625	36,125	37,175	37,675	37,975	38,475	38,975	39,475	39,975
7		36,425	36,925	38,075	38,575	38,875	39,375	39,875	40,375	40,875
8	H	37,225	37,725	38,975	39,475	39,975	40,475	40,975	41,475	41,975
9	I	38,025	3 8,525	39,875	40,375	41,075	41,575	42,075	42,575	43,075
10	J	38,825	39,325	40,775	41,275	42,175	42,675	43,175	43,675	44,175
41	K	39,625	40,125	41,675	42,175	43,275	43,775	44,275	44,775	45,275
12	L		40,925	42,575	43,075	44,375	44,875	45,375	45,875	46,375
13	M				43,975	45,475	45,975	.46,475	46,975	47,475
14	N				•	46,575	47,075	47,575	48,075	48,575
15	0					47,750	48,250	48,750	49,250	49,750
16	P				,		49,450	49,950	50,450	50,950
17										
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19										
20	Longevity	41,600	42,725	44,375	45,775	49,550	51,250	51,750	52,250	52,750

Teachers who have taught 20 years in the School District, and are at the top of their lane, are eligible for longevity step 20 the following year.

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		APPENDIX	B1			
	EXTRA PAY SCHEDULE 2005-2006	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH
		YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR
A.	Head Coach					
	Football	3,020	3,120	3,330	3,435	3,670
	Volleyball	3,020	3,120	3,330	3,435	3,670
	Basketball, Girls' and Boys'	3,020	3,120	3,330	3,435	3,670
	Wrestling	3,020	3,120	3,330	3,435	3,670
B.	Head Coach *					
	Cross Country	2,710	2,860	3,120	3,230	3,435
	Baseball	2,710	2,860	3,120	3,230	3,435
	Boys' Golf	2,710	2,860	3,120	3,230	3,435
	Girls' Golf	2,710	2,860	3,120	3,230	3,435
	Boys' Track	2,710	2,860	3,120	3,230	3,435
	Girls' Track	2,710	2,860	3,120	3,230	3,435
	Softball	2,710	2,860	3,120	3,230	3,435
	Dance line	2,710	2,860	3,120	3,230	3,435
C.	Assistant Coach, Varsity, B Squad, 9th					
	Football	1,770	1,955	2,130	2,290	2,500
	Volleyball	1,770	1,955	2,130	2,290	2,500
	Basketball, Girls' and Boys'	1,770	1,955	2,130	2,290	2,500
	Wrestling	1,770	1,955	2,130	2,290	2,500
D.	Assistant Coach					
	Cross Country	1,695	1,870	2,030	2,215	2,390
	Baseball	1,695	1,870	2,030	2,215	2,390
	Boys' Golf	1,695	1,870	2,030	2,215	2,390
	Girls' Golf	1,695	1,870	2,030	2,215	2,390
	Boys' Track	1,695	1,870	2,030	2,215	2,390
	Girls' Track	1,695	1,870	2,030	2,215	2,390
	Softball	1,695	1,870	2,030	2,215	2,390
E.	Play Director 9-12	1,300	1,410	1,510	1,640	1,745
	Musical Director	1,300	1,410	1,510	1,640	1,745
	School Yearbook Advisor	1,300	1,410	1,510	1,640	1,745
	Cheer leading Advisor	1,300	1,410	1,510	1,640	1,745
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lleyball, Jr. High Coach, 7th & 8th	1,300	1,410	1,510	1,640	1,745
sketball, Coach G and B, 7th & 8th	1,300	1,410	1,510	1,640	1,745
estling, Jr. High Coach, 7th & 8th	1,300	1,410	1,510	1,640	1,745
oss Country, 7th & 8th	1,225	1,325	1,410	1,535	1,640
seball, 7th & 8th	1,225	1,325	1,410	1,535	1,640
ys' Golf, 7th & 8th	1,225	1,325	1,410	1,535	1,640
ls' Golf, 7th & 8th	1,225	1,325	1,410	1,535	1,640
ys' Track, 7th & 8th	1,225	1,325	1,410	1,535	1,640
ls' Track, 7th & 8th	1,225	1,325	1,410	1,535	1,640
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Dance Line Assistant

Football, Jr. High Coach, 7th & 8th

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	EXTRA PAY SCHEDULE 2005-2006	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH YEAR	5TH YEAR
Ġ.	Junior High Play Director 7-8	1,065	1,150	1,250	1,325	1,410
	One Act Play Director	1,065	1,150	1,250	1,325	1,410
	Speech Director	1,065	1,150	1,250	1,325	1,410
	Future Leaders of America	1,065	1,150	1,250	1,325	1,410
	Future Farmers of America	1,065	1,150	1,250	1,325	1,410
	Musical - Orchestra	1,065	1,150	1,250	1,325	1,410
	Musical - Vocal	1,065	1,150	1,250	1,325	1,410
	Knowledge Bowl	1,065	1,150	1,250	1,325	1,410
	Per Event Fees					
	Band Activity Events	42.00	47.00	52.00	57.00	62.00
	Ticket Selling		Per Event			
	Head Supervision (money person)		Per Event			
	Supervision/bus Chaperones		Per Event			
	Time Keeping (Varsity and B Squad equal one event.)	29.00	Per Event			
	Officiating Single Event	24.00		This school	lule is for the	a following:
	Officiating 2nd Event	19.00			ootball 7th	
	Officiating 3rd Event	15.00			9th Grade B	
		10.00			9th Grade V	
	Hourly Rates				B and A Vo	
	Summer School Instruction	25.00		_	all & Baseba	_
	Home Bound Instruction	25.00				
	Curriculum Development	16.25				
	Academic Competitions	13.50				
	(i.e. Math Master, Academic Triathlon)					
	Senior Class Advisors		to be divide			
	Prom Advisors		to be divide	_		
	Student Council Advisor		to be divide	-		
	National Honor Society Advisor		to be divide	_		
	Musical - Choreography	520.00	to be divide	ed among a	dvisors.	

Extended employment when contracted ahead of time will be pro-rated based on nine month salary.

^{*} In the case of combined boys' and girls' teams the head coach will be paid as a fall head coach (A).

APPENDIX B2

		APPENDIX	BZ			
	EXTRA PAY SCHEDULE 2006-2007	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH
		YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR
A.	Head Coach					
	Football	3,080	3,185	3,395	3,505	3,745
	Volleyball	3,080	3,185	3,395	3,505	3,745
	Basketball, Girls' and Boys'					
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3,080	3,185	3,395	3,505	3,745
	Wrestling	3,080	3,185	3,395	3,505	3,745
В.	Head Coach *					
	Cross Country	2,765	2,920	3,185	3,295	3,505
	Baseball	2,765	2,920	3,185	3,295	3,505
	Boys' Golf	2,765	2,920	3,185	3,295	3,505
	Girls' Golf	2,765	2,920	3,185	3,295	-
	Boys' Track		•			3,505
		2,765	2,920	3,185	3,295	3,505
	Girls' Track	2,765	2,920	3,185	3,295	3,505
	Softball	2,765	2,920	3,185	3,295	3,505
	Dance Line	2,765	2,920	3,185	3,295	3,505
Ç.	Assistant Coach, Varsity, B Squad, 9th					
	Football	1,805	1,995	2,175	2,335	2,550
	Volleyball	1,805	1,995	2,175	2,335	2,550
	Basketball, Girls' and Boys'	1,805	1,995	2,175	2,335	
	Wrestling					2,550
	Wiesung	1,805	1,995	2,175	2,335	2,550
D.	Assistant Coach					
	Cross Country	1,730	1,910	2,070	2,260	2,440
	Baseball	1,730	1,910	2,070	2,260	2,440
	Boys' Golf	1,730	1,910	2,070	2,260	2,440
	Girls' Golf	1,730	1,910	2,070	2,260	2,440
	Boys' Track	1,730	1,910	2,070	2,260	2,440
	Girls' Track	1,730	1,910	2,070	2,260	2,440
	Softball	1,730	1,910	2,070	2,260	2,440
	on built	1,700	1,510	2,010	2,200	2,440
E.	Play Director 9-12	1,325	1,440	1,540	1,675	1,780
	Musical Director	1,325	1,440	1,540	1,675	1,780
	School Yearbook Advisor	1,325	1,440	1,540	1,675	1,780
	Cheer leading Advisor	1,325	1,440	1,540	1,675	1,780
	Dance Line Assistant	1,325	1,440	1,540	1,675	1,780
	Football, Jr. High Coach, 7th & 8th	1,325	1,440	1,540	1,675	1,780
	Volleyball, Jr. High Coach, 7th & 8th	1,325	1,440	1,540	1,675	1,780
	Basketball, Coach G and B, 7th & 8th	1,325	1,440	1,540	1,675	1,780
	Wrestling, Jr. High Coach, 7th & 8th	1,325	1,440	1,540	1,675	1,780
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F.	Cross Country, 7th & 8th	1,250	1,350	1,440	1,565	1,675
	Baseball, 7th & 8th	1,250	1,350	1,440	1,565	1,675
	Boys' Golf, 7th & 8th	1,250	1,350	1,440	1,565	1,675
	Girls' Golf, 7th & 8th	1,250	1,350	1,440	1,565	1,675
	Boys' Track, 7th & 8th	1,250	1,350	1,440	1,565	1,675
	Girls' Track, 7th & 8th	1,250	1,350	1,440	1,565	1,675
	Softball, 7th & 8th	1,250	1,350	1,440	1,565	1,675
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EXTRA PAY SCHEDULE 2006-2007	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH YEAR	5TH YEAR
G. Junior High Play Director 7-8	1,085	1,175	1,275	1,350	1,440
One Act Play Director	1,085	1,175	1,275	1,350	1,440
Speech Director	1,085	1,175	1,275	1,350	1,440
Future Leaders of America	1,085	1,175	1,275	1,350	1,440
Future Farmers of America	1,085	1,175	1,275	1,350	1,440
Musical - Orchestra	1,085	1,175	1,275	1,350	1,440
Musical - Vocal	1,085	1,175	1,275	1,350	1,440
Knowledge Bowl	1,085	1,175	1,275	1,350	1,440
Per Event Fees					
Band Activity Events	43.00	48.00	53.00	58.00	63.00
Ticket Selling	17.00	Per Event			
Head Supervision (money person)	42.00	Per Event			
Supervision/bus Chaperones	28.00	Per Event			
Time Keeping	29.00	Per Event			
(Varsity and B Squad equal one event.)					
Officiating Single Event	24.00		This schedu	le is for the	following:
Officiating 2nd Event	19.00		B Squad Fo	otball 7th &	8th FB
Officiating 3rd Event	15.00		7th, 8th & 9		
			7th, 8th & 9		
Hourly Rates			Line Judge		
Summer School Instruction	25.00		JH B Softba	ıll & Basebal	l
Home Bound Instruction	25.00				
Curriculum Development	16.25				
Academic Competitions	13.50				
(i.e. Math Master, Academic Triathlon)					
Senior Class Advisors	520.00		ed among adv		
Prom Advisors	520.00		ed among adv		
Student Council Advisor	520.00		ed among adv		
National Honor Society Advisor			ed among adv		
Musical - Choreography	520.00	to be divide	d among advi	isors.	

Extended employment when contracted ahead of time will be pro-rated based on nine month salary.

^{*} In the case of combined boys' and girls' teams the head coach will be paid as a fall head coach (A).

AUTHORIZATION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as follows:

FOR: Education Minnesota Lewiston-Altura

President

Secretara

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Dated this 9th day of January, 2006

FOR: Independent School District #857

Champerson

Chief Board Negotiator

Dated this 9th day of January, 2006