

Agreement Between

Plumas Lake Elementary School District

and the

California School Employees
Association and its Plumas Lake
Chapter #861

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028

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Article I

Purpose of Agreement

This Agreement is made and entered into this 13th day of November 2025, herein constitute a binding agreement ("Agreement") by and between the Governing Board of the Plumas Lake Elementary School District ("District") and the California School Employees Association and its Plumas Lake Elementary School District Chapter #861 ("CSEA"), an employee organization.

Article II

Term of Agreement

This Agreement will be in full force and effective for three (3) years, July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, and/or until a new Agreement has been agreed to by both parties. During the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years the parties may negotiate two (2) articles in addition to salary and benefits

Article III

Duration and Completion of Negotiations

This agreement shall constitute the full and complete commitment between parties and shall supersede and cancel all previous agreements both written and oral. However, this agreement may be altered, changed, added to, deleted from, or modified through the voluntary mutual consent of the parties in a written and signed amendment to this Agreement.

Article IV

Savings

If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid either by operation of law or by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by a decision of the Public Employees Relations Board, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby. In such a case, the parties shall promptly meet and negotiate successor language.

Article V

Non-Discrimination

- 5.1 The District shall not discriminate against any bargaining unit member on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, age, marital status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition, veteran status, gender, sex, or sexual orientation, membership in an employee organization, or participation in the activities of an employee organization.
- 5.2 Classified application forms and oral interview procedures shall not refer to membership in, or preferences for an employee organization.

Article VI

District Rights

- 6.1 It is understood and agreed that the District retains all of its powers and authority to direct, manage and control to the full extent of the law.
- 6.2 The District's exercise of its powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities; the adoption of policies, rules, regulations and practices in furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith, shall be limited only by the specific and express terms of this agreement, and then only to the extent such specific and express terms are in conformance with law.
- 6.3 The District retains its right to amend, modify, or rescind policies, regulations, and practices referred to in this agreement in cases of emergency, declared by the Superintendent, designee of Superintendent, Governor, or President. For the purpose of this article, an emergency is defined as an act of God, a war, a natural or man-made disaster

Article VII

CSEA Rights

- 7.1 CSEA shall have the right of access to areas in which unit members work at reasonable times for the purposes of representing bargaining unit members on CSEA matters. CSEA will limit as much as possible the disruption with a unit member's execution of assigned duties and normal workflow. CSEA will give notice to the immediate supervisor or District Office that CSEA will be at a jobsite.
- 7.2 CSEA shall have the right to use without charge District buildings, facilities and equipment at reasonable times when not otherwise in use.
- 7.3 The district shall allow the use of without charge bulletin boards, mail boxes, and the use of the school mail system and e-mail system for the posting or transmission of information or notices concerning CSEA matters. Site representatives shall have access to mail boxes for distribution of CSEA materials. The District agrees to provide a location at the current Chapter President's work site to receive correspondence
- 7.4 Upon written request, CSEA shall be supplied with all necessary and relevant information related to CSEA's duty of representation.
- 7.5 CSEA shall be provided with two (2) full copies of all Board Agendas and Minutes at the time of their publication. Distribution of copies to be provided to the Chapter President, and Labor Relations Representative.
- 7.6 Within thirty (30) days after the ratification of this Agreement and subsequent ratified agreements, the District shall provide without charge an electronic copy of this Agreement and any ratified changes, to every bargaining unit member. If individual members would like a printed copy the District will provide one upon request. Bargaining unit members who are employed after the execution of this Agreement shall be provided a copy of this Agreement by the District without charge at the time of employment.
- 7.7 SEA will be provided a list of new contracted employees within (5) working days when such listing is requested by the chapter president.
- 7.8 The District shall provide CSEA with the following lists:
 - A. A bargaining unit list on October 1 of each year which shall include the bargaining unit member's name, classification, hours per day, days per year, site, immediate supervisor, and hire date.
- 7.9 CSEA Negotiation Team members shall be granted a reasonable period of release time without loss of compensation for the purposes of negotiations no more than one time per

month and for no more than five (5) members unless the parties agree otherwise.

- 7.10 The CSEA Chapter President or his/her designee shall be entitled up to (40) hours of paid release time per year for the purpose of conducting Chapter business; and up to (5) five days of paid release time for attendance to CSEA's annual state conference. Notice for release days must be made to the supervisor at least 48 hours in advance, and provide a description of the reason for the request. CSEA Chapter members will not be scheduled for release days for CSEA business ten work days before school starts, the week school begins or the last week of school without prior approval of the Superintendent.
- 7.11 Employee Information: Newly hired employee or new hire means any employee, whether permanent, full time, part time, hired by the District, and who is still employed as of the date of the new employee orientation. It also includes all employees who are or have been previously employed by the District and whose current position has placed them in the bargaining unit represented by CSEA 861. For those latter employees, for purposes of this article only, the "date of hire" is the date upon which the employees employee status changed such that the employee was placed in the CSEA 861 unit.
- 7.12 The District shall provide CSEA with the contact information for the entire bargaining unit. The information will be provided to CSEA electronically in a machine-readable Excel format via the CSEA-designated FTP site or service on the last day of each month. This contact information shall include the following items, with each field in its own column:
- i. First Name;
 - ii. Middle initial;
 - iii. Last name;
 - iv. Suffix (e.g. Jr., III);
 - v. Job Title;
 - vi. Department;
 - vii. Primary worksite name;
 - viii. Work telephone number;
 - ix. Work Extension;
 - x. Home street address (inc, apartment #);
 - xi. City;
 - xii. State
 - xiii. Zip Code (5 or 9 digits);
 - xiv. Home telephone number (10 digits);
 - xv. Personal cellular telephone number (10 digits);
 - xvi. Personal email address of the employee;
 - xvii. Last four numbers of the social security number;
 - xviii. Birth date;
 - xix. Employee ID;
 - xx. CalPERS status ("Y" if in CalPERS; "N" if not in CalPERS);

xxi. Hire date;

- 7.13 New Employee Orientation: "New employee orientation" means the onboarding process of a newly hired public employee, whether in person, online, or through other means or mediums, in which employees are advised of their employment status, rights, benefits, duties and responsibilities, or any other employment related matters.
- 7.14 The District will conduct a mandatory monthly group orientation for new employees CSEA shall have 30 (thirty) minutes of paid release time for one (1) CSEA representative, which can include the Chapter President of designee, to conduct the orientation session. Said release time shall not be counted against the total release time contained elsewhere in the collective bargaining agreement. The CSEA Labor Relations Representative may also attend the orientation session. The District shall inform the new employee and their supervisor the meeting is mandatory and that they are required to attend the orientation.
- 7.15 The orientation session shall be held on District property during the workday of the employee(s), who shall be on paid time. During CSEA's orientation session, no District manager or supervisor or non-unit employee shall be present.

Article VIII

Organizational Security

- 8.1 DUES: Any unit member, or employee who has applied for membership, shall sign and deliver to the District an assignment authorizing deduction of unified membership dues, initiating fees and general assessment in the Chapter.
- 8.2 Proof of payment pursuant to this article shall be made on an annual basis to the District as a condition to continued exemption. Such proof shall be in the form of receipts and/or cancelled checks indicating the amount paid, date of payment, and to whom payment has been made. Such proof shall be presented on or before October 15th of each school year. The Chapter shall have the right of inspection in order to review said proof of payment.
- 8.3 TRANSMITTAL OF DUES: All sums deducted pursuant to the Article shall be promptly remitted to the Chapter along with a list of unit members for whom such deductions have been made.
- 8.4 The Chapter agrees to furnish all information needed by the District to fulfill the provisions of the Article.

Article IX

Hours

- 9.1 **WORKWEEK:** The workweek for full-time employees shall consist of five consecutive days of eight hours per day and forty hours per week. This Article shall not restrict the District from extending the regular workday or workweek on an overtime basis.
- 9.2 **WORKDAY:** The number and length of the workday shall be designated by the District for each classified position. Each employee shall be assigned a fixed and regular minimum number of hours. Each unit member will receive a yearly calendar with the start date, end date, and scheduled workdays for the next school year. The calendar shall be provided prior to or on the last day of school for the next school year. Two weeks prior to the first day of school, unit members will receive their exact schedule of hours for the workday. If there are changes to the schedule of hours (change to start and end time) and the employee doesn't agree with the change, then the change shall be brought to CSEA for decision and effects bargaining. Any changes to work calendars, number of hours per day and work schedules that are not agreeable shall be brought to CSEA for decision and effects bargaining. The schedule must be approved by the Human Resources Department.
- 9.3 **ADJUSTMENT OF ASSIGNED TIME:** Any part-time employee who is assigned to work an average of thirty (30) minutes more per day in excess of his/her regular assignment for a period of twenty (20) consecutive working days or more shall have his/her regular assignment adjusted upward to reflect the longer hours, effective with the next pay period.
- 9.4 **LUNCH PERIOD:** Employees working 5.5 hours or more per day will be entitled to an unpaid lunch period of no longer than one hour and not less than one-half hour. Such lunch period shall be at or about the midpoint of each work shift.
- 9.5 **REST PERIODS:** Employees working more than three (3) consecutive hours, but less than four (4) consecutive hours shall be entitled to a (10) minute break. Employees working less than eight (8) hours, and more than four (4) hours will receive rest periods on a prorated share of fifteen (15) minutes per four (4) hours worked. Employees working eight (8) hours a day shall receive two (2) fifteen (15) breaks per day. Insofar as practical, breaks shall be scheduled in the middle of the work period.
- 9.6 **MULTIPLE VOLUNTEERS SHIFT CHANGES:** Absent an employee volunteer, where a permanent shift change is to occur, the person with the least seniority in that class shall be assigned to this shift. Shift change is defined as a change from either day shift to night shift or vise versa.
- 9.7 **NIGHT SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL:** Any employee in the bargaining unit whose assigned work

shift commences between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. shall receive a paid lunch.

- 9.8 **COMPENSATORY TIME OFF:** Employees who receive advanced administrative/management authorization to work additional time or overtime will be paid for this time or, when mutually agreed upon by the employee and his/her supervisor, will accumulate compensatory time off ("CTO") for such additional time or overtime. No employee may have credited to his/her account, at any time, more than two hundred (200) hours of CTO. Furthermore, CTO earned must be used by the end of the subsequent school year. For example, any CTO earned during the 2008-2009 school year, must be used by the end of the 2009-2010 school year or will be paid out.

A. CTO, if requested by the employee and approved, shall be granted at the appropriate rate of pay stipulated in this Agreement. Requests for CTO shall be submitted to the supervisor and approved prior to taking the time off.

- 9.9 **OVERTIME:** Overtime shall be compensated at time and one-half after eight (8) hours in any one day or forty (40) hours in any one week. Double time shall be compensated at two times their regular rate after more than 12 hours in one day (Labor Code 510) or any duties on Sunday. Any employee working on Sunday will receive double time. Employees working four (4) or more hours per day will receive overtime for all time worked on the sixth and seventh day. Employees working less than four (4) hours per day will receive overtime for all time worked on the seventh day.

A. OVERTIME DISTRIBUTION:

- 1) Each year employees will receive an assignment on their Notice of Employment.
- 2) By July 1 of each year the District will create seniority lists by assignment and site.
 - a. Maintenance Mechanic
 - b. Grounds Maintenance
 - c. Utility Custodian
 - d. Food Service
- 3) When overtime of two (2) or more hours becomes available the District will determine the best assignment to complete the overtime.
- 4) By July 1 of each year the District shall create a special Sunday work list by seniority for the Custodian/Bus/Maintenance/Grounds, Utility Worker and Custodian this list will be District wide.
- 5) The overtime shall first be distributed at each site by assignment in order of a rotational list created by seniority in that assignment, except for the Sunday work list which is not by site.
- 6) If no one at the site accepts the overtime, the District will then go to a master list of those employees in the assignment and will distribute overtime on a rotational basis.
- 7) The CSEA Chapter President or his/her designee will receive a copy of the list upon

request.

8) Transportation Overtime will be covered by the Transportation Article of this Contract.

B. RIGHT OF REFUSAL: An employee may refuse a request by the supervisor for overtime, call-back, or call-in. Should the request for overtime, call back or call in be of an emergency nature, called by the Superintendent, Superintendent's designee, President, and/or Governor, the employee's right of refusal shall be waived.

- 9.10 MINIMUM CALL-IN TIME: An employee called in to work on a day when he/she is not scheduled to work shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours pay at the appropriate rate of pay under this Agreement
- 9.11 CALL-BACK TIME: An employee called back to work after completion of his/her regular assignment shall be compensated for at least two (2) hours pay at the appropriate rate of pay under this agreement.
- 9.12 TRAINING: Those classified employees required to attend or receive special training by the District shall receive such training during working hours or shall be compensated at their appropriate rate of pay if the training is taken at some time other than working hours.
- 9.13 EXTRA TIME: Extra time is defined as hours in excess of an employee's regularly assigned time but less than 8 hours per day, 40 hours a week, extra time will be distributed pursuant to article 9.9 A of this agreement.
- 9.14 TRAVEL: Classified employees directed by the District and with prior approval of the supervisor to attend meetings or perform District business shall be reimbursed for lodging, meals, and mileage not to exceed the prevailing rate.

Article X

Pay and Allowances

- 10.1 The District agrees to abide by the provisions of Education Code section 45102.
- 10.2 Pay for 12 month bargaining unit members shall be computed on the following basis:
 - A. Hours worked per day x hourly rate of pay x number of days per year worked divided by 12 months.
- 10.3 Pay for less than 12 month employees shall be computed on the following basis:
 - A. Hours worked per day x hourly rate of pay x number of days worked (plus holidays and vacation days) divided by 12 months. All regular paychecks of employees in the bargaining unit shall be issued monthly.
- 10.4 Whenever it is determined that an error has been made in the calculation or reporting of any classified employee's salary which results in an under payment to the bargaining unit member, the District shall, within 5 working days following such determination, provide the employee with a statement of the correction and a supplemental payment drawn against any available funds.
- 10.5 Whenever it is determined that an error has been made in the calculation or reporting of any classified employees salary which results in an overpayment, before any attempt at recouping any overpayment, the District shall meet with the affected employee and his/her representative, provide any and all relevant information to the employee that supports the District's opinion that an overpayment has occurred.
 - A. If the employee agrees that an overpayment has occurred, the District and the Employee shall agree to a repayment plan, which shall be a written agreement and signed by both parties. If the employee does not agree that an overpayment has been made, the District shall be required to follow the applicable State and Federal laws regarding wage garnishment. In no instance will the District unilaterally attempt to recoup an alleged overpayment without meeting with the affected employee.
- 10.6 The hourly rate of pay for each classification in the bargaining unit shall be in accordance with Appendix A which is attached to this agreement. A bargaining unit member's regular rate of pay shall include any shift differential and/or longevity required to be paid under this Agreement.
 - A. Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, employees will be entitled to a 3% longevity increase after 15 years of service to the District, an additional 3% after 20 years of service to the District, an additional 3% after 25 years of service to the District, and an additional 3% after 30 years of service to the District.

10.7 **STEP PLACEMENT AND MOVEMENT**

- A. Step credit shall be given to new bargaining unit members for outside related experience. One year of outside experience shall count as 1 year of district experience. CSEA shall be notified of any newly hired bargaining unit member's placement on Step 3 or above.
- B. Step increases shall be paid at the beginning of each fiscal year. Employees must be employed by January 1st to be eligible for such step increases.
- C. In instances of a bargaining unit member being voluntarily demoted, the bargaining unit member shall retain the step placement held prior to the change on the new salary range.
- D. A bargaining unit member who resigns and is reemployed in the same classification within 30 days shall be placed at the same step on the salary schedule with all rights and privileges provided the bargaining unit member prior to his/her resignation. This provision shall apply only to bargaining unit members who were originally employed for not less than three (3) years prior to his/her resignation.

10.8 **CERTIFICATES, LICENSES AND IMMUNIZATIONS:** The District shall pay the costs of maintaining certificates, licenses and TB tests required by the bargaining unit member's current job description. A bargaining unit member who is required by his/her classification to attend trainings to maintain his/her certificates and/or licenses shall be paid for attending the training program at the appropriate rate of pay or released from duty with pay to attend the training program. All expenses to attend the training shall be advanced.

10.9 **MILEAGE:** Bargaining unit members whose work assignment requires travel and has been approved by the supervisor, will be furnished either transportation or be reimbursed for all mileage incurred other than mileage to and from home and the primary work site. Reimbursement shall be at the current established Internal Revenue Service rates.

- A. Bargaining unit members that are assigned to more than one work location shall be paid mileage for travel between work locations at the current established IRS rate.

10.10 **MEALS:** Bargaining unit members whose work assignment requires them to stay overnight shall be reimbursed in accordance with the applicable Board Policy reimbursement for meals with prior approval of the Superintendent or designee.

10.11 **LODGING:** Employees, whose work assignment must lodge away from home, shall be advanced for actual and necessary expenses as determined by the District. If the employee incurs costs above the advancement, these costs shall be reimbursed within ten (10) days after providing receipts to the District.

10.12 **TOLLS AND PARKING FEES:** Employees whose work assignment requires payment of tolls and or/parking fees shall be paid prior to departure for tolls and fees that are known. The employee shall submit receipts to the District. For tolls and fees not known at the time of

departure, bargaining unit members shall be reimbursed for these fees within ten (10) days after providing receipts to the District.

- 10.13 Classified School Employee Summer Assistance Program:** The District agrees to participate in the Classified School Employee Summer Assistance Program (“CSESAP”) established by the California Department of Education (“CDE”) pursuant to Education Code section 45500 during such time as the State provides funding for the CSESAP.

The District and CSEA will provide notice concerning the CSESAP to all unit members and share a description of the CSESAP with them, including an explanation of the terms and conditions of the CSESAP, to the extent that it is possible to do so, and assist them in fully understanding the terms and conditions of the CSESAP.

In the event that the State matching funds which are provided from the State to the District under the CSESAP are not provided on a dollar-for-dollar basis, the District shall not be liable for funding any of the State’s unmatched portion of this program. The District and the Association specifically agree that the CSESAP is solely funded by the State and that the District shall be held harmless by the Association if the CDE fails to fulfill its obligations to meet deadlines or fund the program. CSEA recognizes that the statutory benefits are paid by PLESD with no funding from the State.

- 10.14 STIPENDS:** Unit Members who perform duties outside their regular assignment—such as coaching, serving as athletic director, attending conferences, or other District-approved activities—may receive a stipend. All extra-duty assignments are entirely voluntary. The Superintendent will designate a stipend prior to the extra-duty assignment being offered to unit members. The CSEA President will be notified of all stipends being offered. Stipends are separate from regular pay and will not be used to calculate overtime or retirement benefits unless required by law.

- A. Coaches shall be paid \$1000 per sport. Starting in 2022-23 increasing \$200 per Season, that the unit member coaches the same sport, not to exceed \$1,600.
- B. Athletic Director Stipend of \$3,000 per year starting in 2022-23 increasing \$200 per year that the same athletic director is in charge of athletics not to exceed \$4000.
- C. Unit members voluntarily attending all day conferences outside of their normal work schedule and/or calendar shall be compensated with a \$100/day stipend for all days either traveling and/or attending the conference. If voluntarily attending a half day conference outside of their normal work schedule and/or calendar shall be compensated with a \$50/day stipend for all days either traveling and/or attending the conference.

Article XI

Health Benefits

11.1 HEALTH INSURANCE, DENTAL, AND VISION

- A. The District shall provide each full-time unit member and dependents, where appropriate, with a health, dental and vision insurance plan, which shall include prescription coverage. Subject to lawful rules of the insurance provider (currently TCSIG) an eligible employee may choose any of the medical plans that are currently offered by the carrier and that have been selected by CSEA.
- B. The required annual contribution on the part of the District will not exceed twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to cover Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance.

11.2 Part-time members (five and a half (5.5) or more hours per day and 50% of student attendance days) may participate in the District group health plan subject to the following condition:

- A. Upon proper application by a part time member, the District shall pay a pro-rata portion of the required monthly premium. The portion shall be based on the number of hours served in the District per day. The difference in cost shall be the obligation of the member, and shall be paid through payroll deduction each month.

11.3 Transition Coverage: Pursuant to Federal Law, upon conclusion of an employee's employment with the District, the District will inform eligible employees of available health plan coverage (COBRA).

Article XII

Evaluation Procedures and Probationary Period

- 12.1 The probationary period for new bargaining unit members is six (6) months.
- 12.2 The probationary period for a permanent employee who has been reclassified will be for 6 (six) months.
- 12.3 Probationary employees will be evaluated once before the end of month four (4) during the probationary period.
- 12.4 Permanent employees shall be evaluated by the bargaining unit member's supervisor at least once during each school year.
- 12.5 Permanent bargaining unit members who are reclassified shall be evaluated at least one time during the first three months of their new position.
- 12.6 The evaluation shall not be placed in the member's personnel file until the employee and the evaluator have reviewed and discussed the evaluation. A member shall have the right to review and have 20 work days respond to the evaluation in writing. The member shall sign and date the evaluation, but such signature shall not necessarily be deemed concurrence with the material.
- 12.7 Any unsatisfactory evaluation shall include specific recommendations for improvement.
- 12.8 The District and CSEA have agreed upon an evaluation instrument. See Appendix B.

Article XIII

Disciplinary Action

- 13.1 Discipline shall be imposed upon permanent unit members of the classified service only for cause and pursuant to this Article and pertinent law(s). No disciplinary action shall be taken for any cause which arose more than two (2) years preceding the date of filing of the notice of cause unless such cause was concealed or not disclosed by such unit member when it could be reasonably assumed that the unit member should have disclosed the facts to the employing district.
- 13.2 Probationary, temporary, substitute and short-term unit members shall be subject to termination at the discretion of the Superintendent and upon approval of the Board of Trustees.
- 13.3 Cause for Disciplinary Actions:**
- A. Incompetency or inefficiency in performance of the duties of the position.
 - B. Breaking confidentiality about students or staff.
 - C. Insubordination, including, but not limited to, refusal to do assigned work.
 - D. Discourteous, offensive, or abusive conduct or language toward or about other employees, pupils or the public.
 - E. Dishonesty.
 - F. Drinking alcoholic beverages or using any form of marijuana on the job, or reporting for work under the influence of alcohol or marijuana.
 - G. Use of narcotics on the job or reporting for work under the influence.
 - H. Repeated unexcused absences or tardiness.
 - I. Abuse of leave or absence without leave.
 - J. Absence without notification.
 - K. Falsifying any information supplied to the School District including information supplied on application forms, employment records, or any other School District record.
 - L. Willful or persistent violation of state law or policies and regulations of the District.

- M. Conviction of crimes or moral turpitude or sex offenses and/or narcotics offenses as defined in Education Code Sections 44010 and 44011.
- N. Failure to adequately care for and safeguard assigned District material, equipment or facilities.
- O. Any other action or lack of action that is detrimental to the School District and public service.

13.4 Types of Disciplinary Action That May Be Taken:

- A. Informal In-service Counseling: Whenever feasible, disciplinary action will be taken only after the unit member has been verbally warned and counseled by the unit member's supervisor or Superintendent regarding his/her unsatisfactory conduct and/or performance.
- B. Formal Discipline: Unless causes for disciplinary action results in the immediate notice of discipline to the unit member, or when a unit member's conduct and/or performance continues to be unsatisfactory after the issuance of one or more verbal warnings, the unit member may be subject to any of the following disciplinary actions:
 - 1. Written reprimand or warning notice relating to an action or lack of action may be placed in the personnel file. The unit member shall be provided a copy and notice of opportunity to reply. The unit member must exercise his/her right to reply within ten (10) working days. The unit member's written comments, if any, are to be attached to the reprimand or warning notice (Education Code Section 44031).
 - 2. The unit member may be suspended for up to thirty (30) days without pay.
 - 3. The unit member may be demoted to a lower salary classification.
 - 4. The unit member may be terminated for cause.

13.5 PROCESSING OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- A. When there is evidence of cause of disciplinary action as specified in Section 13.3 above, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall prepare a written notice to be delivered to the unit member specifying the act(s) and/or omission(s) which would be cause for disciplinary action. Unless the cause for disciplinary action is sufficient to support notice of disciplinary action without the issuance of a warning, such notice shall serve as a warning to the unit member and shall include specific recommendations for improvement. Either party may request a meeting to discuss such notice and the reasons for it. The unit member shall be entitled to CSEA representation for the meeting, if desired.
- B. When there is cause for disciplinary action sufficient to support notice of disciplinary action without the issuance of a warning, the Superintendent will prepare and serve a

written Notice of Disciplinary Action upon the unit member as follows:

1. The notice shall be personally delivered or sent by certificated mail to the last known address.
2. The notice will be based on the recommendation of the Superintendent and shall contain the following information:
 - a. The action or lack of action by the unit member including the time, place and persons involved upon which the recommended disciplinary action is based;
 - b. The cause(s) for disciplinary action;
 - c. The disciplinary action which is recommended to be taken and the proposed effective date of such action;
 - d. The right of the unit member to request a pre-disciplinary meeting to discuss such notice and the reasons for it. The unit member is entitled to CSEA representation at the meeting, if desired. Any response made by the employee shall be considered prior to issuing any final recommendation.

13.6 NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

- A. In addition to the Notice of Disciplinary Action, the unit member shall be sent in the same mailing the Notification of Employee Rights including:
 1. The right to request a hearing, in open or closed session, before the Board of Trustees within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the Notice of Disciplinary Action;
 2. The right to be represented at the hearing by representatives of his/her choice;
 3. The right to examine and have copies of all District reports relating to the recommended disciplinary action;
 4. A notice that failure to request a hearing in writing on the form provided within ten (10) calendar days, constitutes the acceptance of the disciplinary action;
 5. A copy of a "request for hearing" form that serves notice which must be delivered within ten (10) calendar days, by person or by certified U.S. mail, to the Superintendent/principal; and,
 6. A copy of the contract article relative to disciplinary action and hearing procedures.

13.7 REQUEST FOR HEARING

- A. The Board of Trustees shall hold a hearing on the recommended disciplinary action. The Board may elect to employ a hearing officer.
- B. A decision shall be rendered by the Board within ten (10) workdays of the close of the hearing or receipt of a recommendation from a hearing officer. The final decision shall be made by the Governing Board with consideration of the recommendation from a hearing officer, if any, and evidence presented at the hearing.
- C. The decision of the Board shall be made in writing and set forth the following:

1. Finding of fact on which the Board's decision was based.
2. Final order of the Board.

13.8 **IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION:** When the Superintendent determines that District personnel, students or property are endangered, the Superintendent may immediately suspend a classified unit member, with pay, and serve disciplinary action notice until a hearing by the Board may be held.

Article XIV

Personnel Files

- 14.1 **LOCATION:** Personnel files of each bargaining unit member shall be maintained in the District Office.
- 14.2 **ACCESS:** All personnel files shall be kept in confidence and shall be available for inspection only to employees of the District in the proper administration of the District's affairs or to any person who has written authorization from the bargaining unit member. The bargaining unit member shall have the right to examine and/or obtain copies from his/her personnel file.
- 14.3 **MATERIALS PLACED IN FILES:** Information of a derogatory nature shall not be entered or filed unless and until the bargaining unit member is given notice and an opportunity to review and comment. A bargaining unit member shall have five (5) working days to respond to any derogatory information entered into his personnel file. Any response shall be attached and included in his/her personnel file. Any written document placed in a unit member's personnel file shall be signed and dated by the member and the supervisor.

Article XV

Holidays

- 15.1 Classified employees who are part of the bargaining unit shall be entitled to the following paid holidays provided they are in paid status during any portion of the working day immediately preceding or succeeding the holiday:
- A. New Year's Day
 - B. Martin Luther King Day
 - C. Lincoln's Birthday
 - D. Washington's Birthday
 - E. Memorial Day
 - F. Independence Day
 - G. Labor Day
 - H. Veterans Day
 - I. Day before Thanksgiving
 - J. Thanksgiving Day
 - K. Day after Thanksgiving
 - L. Christmas
 - M. Day after Christmas
- 15.2 Holidays for employees which fall on a Saturday are taken the preceding Friday. Holidays which fall on a Sunday are taken on the following Monday.
- 15.3 Classified employees who are required to work on any holiday must be paid (or given compensating time off) at the rate of time and one-half their regular rate of pay, in addition to the regular pay received for the holiday.
- 15.4 Employees who work a full 12 month calendar shall also be granted Christmas Eve as a paid holiday.
- 15.5 Employees who are scheduled to work on June 19th or the workday preceding/succeeding when June 19th falls on a weekend, will be granted the day as a paid holiday.

Article XVI

Vacation

16.1 **ELIGIBILITY:** All employees in the bargaining unit shall earn paid vacation time under this Article. Vacation benefits are earned based on the initial hire date.

- A. Earned vacation shall not become a vested right until completion of the initial six (6) months employment.
- B. At the time of initial hiring, a classified employee must begin work on or before the first working day following the 15th calendar day of the month in order to earn vacation leave for that month. In order to earn vacation in his/her last month of service upon terminating employment, he/she must have worked at least through the 15th calendar day.
- C. Employees whose actual days worked are between 180 and 197 days will be deemed to have worked 10 months.

16.2 **RATE OF ACCRUAL**

- A. Full-time classified employees shall be entitled to .833 days of earned vacation per month worked. Regular employees working less than a full day shall earn that proportionate share of vacation benefits that the number of hours worked per day relates to eight (8) hours.
- B. After five (5) years of service, full-time classified employees shall be entitled to 1.25 days of earned vacation per month worked. Regular employees working less than a full day shall earn that proportionate share of vacation benefits that the number of hours worked per day relates to eight (8) hours.
- C. After ten (10) years of service, full-time classified employees shall be entitled to 1.667 days of earned vacation per month worked. Regular employees working less than a full day shall earn that proportionate share of vacation benefits that the number of hours worked per day relates to eight (8) hours.
- D. After fifteen (15) years a rate of accrued is 1.833 days earned vacation per month.
- E. After twenty (20) years a rate of accrued is 2.08 days earned vacation per month.

16.3 **ACCUMULATION:** Earned vacation should be used during the current school year or the following school year. When vacation is used during the current school year but before the end of the fiscal year and the employee does not complete the fiscal year, that amount of

vacation used and not earned will be deducted from the last month's salary. Employees must secure the Superintendent or designee's consent prior to accumulating excess vacation leave and may not accumulate more than ten (10) working days of vacation beyond one fiscal year's accrual rate.

- 16.4 Upon separation from service, a permanent unit member employee shall be entitled to lump sum compensation for all currently accrued and unused hours of vacation credited to their account.
- 16.5 **USE OF VACATION:** Employees shall take vacations at the convenience of the District, with specific approval of the supervisor or Superintendent. Employees should give the District five (5) days' notice.
- 16.6 Ten (10) and (11) month employees will be awarded their vacation days in addition to the contracted days. All vacation days are paid out on the monthly pay warrant and cannot be used for days off. For example, an employee contracted to work 180 days will be paid for the 180 days plus the earned vacation days. In this example the employee may not take vacation days during the scheduled 180 work days. If the employee takes a day off that does not fit into the definitions in the XVII Leaves of Absence it will be a non-paid day and the daily rate will be deducted from their paycheck.

Article XVII

Leaves of Absence

The District will implement an electronic method to report absences. Currently, this is Frontline. Unit members are responsible and required to put all absences into the electronic program. The District will provide training for all unit members on how to report absences in the Frontline system.

- 17.1 **BEREAVEMENT LEAVE:** A unit member shall be granted a leave with full pay in the event of a death in the unit member's immediate family. The leave shall be for a period not to exceed five (5) days. The immediate family is defined to include spouse, domestic partner, mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent, stepchild, foster child currently residing with the employee, grandparent, grandchild, or any relative of either spouse living in the immediate household of the unit member.
- 17.2 **JURY DUTY:** A unit member shall be entitled to leave without loss of pay for any time the unit member is required to perform jury duty. Upon notification of jury duty, it is the obligation of the employee to immediately inform his/her supervisor. The unit member will reimburse the District that amount that he/she receives for jury duty service. Any meal, mileage, and/or parking allowance provided the unit member for jury duty shall not be considered in the amount reimbursable to the District. In the event that a unit member serves duty, that member will be excused from his or her shift regardless of duty times, for every day a member serves his/her jury duty that member's shift is suspended. The employee is required to provide the District with proof of Service upon returning to work.
- 17.3 **SICK LEAVE:** Unit members shall be credited with the assigned number of hours worked per day as a month's entitlement to sick leave for each month the employee has worked for at least 50% of the working days in that month. Previous accumulated sick leave shall be computed in the same manner. Deductions from sick leave shall be computed in the same manner. Deductions from sick leave shall be computed for actual time taken rounded to the nearest 1/4 hour.
- A. At the beginning of each fiscal year, the full amount of sick leave granted under this section shall be credited to each eligible unit member with the following exception:
 - 1) A new unit member shall not be eligible to take more than six (6) days sick leave or the proportionate amount to which the unit member is entitled until the first day of the calendar month after completion of six (6) months of active service, or probationary period.
 - B. Injury or illness attributed to pregnancy shall be treated as an illness for the purpose of sick leave upon certification of an attending physician.
 - C. If a unit member does not take the full amount of leave allowed in any year under this section, the amount not taken shall be accumulated from year to year.
 - D. Any bargaining member who has used no more than two (2) days of sick leave in the

preceding school year shall be advanced an additional day of sick leave for the following year.

- E. The Superintendent reserves the right to request written verification by a medical physician of any illness that is in excess of three (3) consecutive days or in situations where the Superintendent or designee suspects abuse of sick leave.
- F. Use of Sick Leave for Family Illness: A unit member may use sick leave to care for a child, parent, spouse or domestic partner who is sick pursuant to definitions and requirements of Labor Code section 233.5.
- G. A medical physician written verification may be required for absences of more than 5 days. May be requested for any absence if requested by an administrator.

17.4 INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT AND ILLNESS LEAVE: In addition to any other benefits that a unit member may be entitled to under the Workers' Compensation laws of this state, unit members shall be entitled to the following benefits:

- A. A unit member suffering an injury or illness arising out of and in the course and scope of his/her employment shall be entitled to a leave of up to sixty (60) work days in any one fiscal year for the same accident or illness. This leave shall not be accumulated from year to year; when any leave will overlap a fiscal year, the unit member shall be entitled to only that amount remaining at the end of the fiscal year in which the injury or illness occurred.
- B. Payment for wages lost on any day shall not, when added to an award granted the unit member under the Workers' Compensation laws of this state, exceed the normal wage for the day.
- C. 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 be used. If, however, a unit member is still receiving temporary disability payments under the Workers' Compensation laws of this state at the time of the exhaustion of benefits under this section, he/she shall be entitled to use only so much of his/her accumulated and available normal sick leave and vacation pay which, when added to the Workers' Compensation award, provides for a day's pay at the regular rate of pay.
- D. Any unit member absent from duty because of an Industrial Accident or Illness Leave, who has used all available paid leave pursuant to this Agreement and is unable to return to duty, may request a leave of absence without pay for further recuperation.
- E. Any time a unit member on Industrial Accident or Illness Leave is able to return to work, he/she shall be reinstated in his/her position.
- F. A unit member may place in his/her personnel file a request that, if disabled, they wish to be treated by their own physician.
- G. The Superintendent or designee reserves the right, at District expense, to require a medical examination by a District selected physician at any stage of an Industrial Accident claim.
- H. A unit member on Industrial Accident Leave shall not leave the state without written

consent from the Superintendent of designee.

- 17.5 **ENTITLEMENT TO OTHER SICK LEAVE:** When a unit member is absent from his or her duties because of illness or injury for a period of five (5) months or less, the amount deducted from his/her salary shall not exceed the amount actually paid a substitute employee employed to fill his/her position and, in addition, when he/she has exhausted all paid leave he/she is entitled to, he/she may request an unpaid leave of absence. If at the exhaustion of all available leave, the unit member is still unable to return to work, he/she shall be placed on a reemployment list for 39 months. (Ed. Code 45196.)
- 17.6 **BREAK IN SERVICE:** No absence under any paid leave provisions of this Article shall be considered as a break in service for any unit member who is in paid status, and all benefits accruing under the provisions of this Agreement shall continue to accrue under such absence.
- 17.7 **PERSONAL NECESSITY LEAVE:** Sick leave credited under this Article may be used at the employee's election, for purposes of personal necessity, not to exceed seven (7) days in any school year. The unit member shall not be required to disclose the reason for the personal necessity leave.
- A. Under all circumstances, an employee shall submit a personal necessity form to verify in writing that sick leave for personal necessity was not used for vacation, recreation, seeking or engaging in other employment, or for concerted activities against the District.
 - B. All Personal Necessity Leave usages shall not exceed 2 consecutive workdays.

The circumstances outlined below have no restriction on usage:

- 1) Death of a member of his or her immediate family when additional leave is required beyond that provided in 17.1 Bereavement Leave.
 - 2) Accident, involving his or her person or property, or the person or property of a member of his or her immediate family.
 - 3) Appearance in any court or before any administrative tribunal as a litigant, party, or witness under subpoena or any order made with jurisdiction.
 - 4) Child Adoption procedures
- C. If the unit member has not met these criteria, the full daily rate of pay shall be deducted for the period of absence.
 - D. Deductions from personal necessity leave shall be computed for actual time taken rounded to the nearest 1/2 hour.

- 17.8 **MILITARY LEAVE:** Permanent unit members who are called to active federal or state military duty shall be entitled to an unpaid military leave mandated by Sections 389 through the California Military Code. In general, these provisions are:
- A. The right to military leave;
 - B. The payment upon commencement of military leave of thirty (30) days salary at the existing regular rate;
 - C. The return to position upon request within six (6) months following separation from service;
 - D. The rights and privileges of employment which the unit member would have possessed had the absence not occurred, except sick leave accumulation, vacation accumulation, or salary due during the period of absence.
- 17.9 **UNPAID LEAVE:** Upon request, a unit member may request an unpaid non-benefit leave for personal reasons for a period not to exceed one (1) school year. A unit member may request renewal of the leave for good cause. During this leave period, a unit member may continue insurance under provisions of the insurance provider's plan document by reimbursing the District for the full cost of such programs. Denial of unpaid leave shall not be for disciplinary reasons. It is the unit member's responsibility to inform the District of his/her intent to return by April 1 if the leave is for an entire school year or 1 month before the end of an unpaid leave for less than a full school year.
- 17.10 **PREGNANCY DISABILITY LEAVE** (Educ. Code § 44965):
- A. A female unit member who is determined by her physician to be temporarily disabled due to pregnancy, miscarriage, abortion, child birth, or recovery is qualified for pregnancy disability leave. The Superintendent may require verification of such in writing.
 - B. The length of the leave of absence, including the date on which the employee shall resume duties, shall be determined by the unit member and the unit member's physician. The unit member shall provide as much advance notice of the leave request as possible under the circumstances.
 - C. A unit member who exhausts all sick leaves while still qualifying for pregnancy disability may use extended sick leave or unpaid family care and medical leave.
- 17.11 **FAMILY CARE LEAVE ACT:**
- A. An eligible unit member shall be granted unpaid leave, upon request, for the following purposes: (1) the birth of a child or care of a newborn of the unit member; (2) the adoption or foster care placement of a child with the unit member; (3) care for a child, parent or spouse who has a serious health condition; or (4) a serious health condition of the unit member making him/her unable to perform her/her work. "Serious health condition" and other criteria are defined by federal law (29 U.S.C. §§ 2601, et. seq.) and state law (Gov. Code §§12945.1, et. seq.).
 - B. Unit members must meet the minimum hours in paid status requirements established

in state and federal law prior to be eligible for this leave.

- C. Such unpaid leave runs concurrently with any paid leave the unit member may be eligible for (e.g., sick leave, personal necessity leave) except pregnancy disability leave). A unit member who requests unpaid Family Care leave shall use all paid leave that is relevant to the absence (e.g., sick leave, extended illness leave) until such leave is exhausted during the otherwise unpaid leave period.
- D. During this leave, the District shall maintain its contribution to the unit member's health benefit coverage except that the cost of health benefits may be recovered if the unit member fails to return to work after leave for reasons within his/her control.

17.12 CATASTROPHIC LEAVE

- A. Purpose: To allow employees to donate unused sick leave hours to other employees to use when they have a catastrophic illness or injury, as defined under Education Code 44043.5.
- B. A unit member who has suffered a long term illness or disability and who has exhausted all fully paid leave including vacation, comp time, and sick leave may request the District implement the Catastrophic Leave Procedures.
- C. Catastrophic Leave Procedures:
 - 1) The District will notify all unit members that a specific unit member by name is requesting Catastrophic Leave Donations, specify a method and due date for members to donate unused sick leave, and state the Catastrophic Illness Leave Donation Program is voluntary
 - 2) Unit members will notify the District how many days up to five (5) days of accumulated and unused sick leave they would like to donate to the specific employee.
 - 3) Donations must be made in whole day increments and will be confidential.
 - 4) Donated sick leave shall be converted for utilization on an hour-for-hour basis.
 - 5) The recipient employee shall utilize donated sick leave in order donations are received, exhausting the first hour of every donation, then the second hour of every donation, etc. until the number of hours needed is reached.
 - 6) Donated sick leave not utilized by the recipient employee prior to the return to service shall be returned to the donor employee.
- D. The recipient employee shall be paid at his/her regular rate of pay.
- E. The recipient employee shall be solely responsible for any taxes on the hours received. Such taxes shall be withheld at the normal rate for the employee. In the event the State or Federal government rules that a tax liability is due other than as withheld, the recipient employee shall solely be liable.
- F. Use of donated sick leave shall be capped at no more than 50 days per individual unit member per school year.
- G. CSEA agrees that it will not file, on its own behalf or on behalf of any unit member, any grievance, claim or lawsuit of any kind related to any attempt by a unit member to retrieve donated sick leave used by another unit member pursuant to this provision.

CSEA also agrees that it will not file, on its own behalf or on behalf of any unit member, any grievance, claim or lawsuit of any kind which attempts to challenge in any way the legality or enforcement of this provision.

- H. CSEA agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the District from any loss or damages arising from the implementation of this provision.
- I. In the event of any grievance, claim or lawsuit challenging the legality or enforcement of this provision, the District may terminate this provision upon written notice to CSEA.
- J. Donation of sick leave shall have no effect on the incentive stated in Section 17.3.D of this Article.

Article XVIII

Vacancies, Transfers and Promotion

18.1 POSTING OF VACANCIES:

- A. Notice of all vacancies in classifications included in the bargaining unit shall be posted on bulletin boards at each District school site and the District Office. The notices shall also be emailed to all employees the same day they are posted.
- B. The vacancy notice shall be posted for a period of not less than five (5) full working days during the academic year and of ten (10) full working days during the summer recess.
- C. The posting shall contain: The job title, job description, the number of hours per day/days per week and months per year currently assigned by the District to the position, regular assigned work shift times, pay range, primary job site, and the deadline for filing an application to be considered for the vacancy.

18.2 APPLICATION- A permanent bargaining unit member with satisfactory performance evaluations may apply for a vacancy by completing the application process.

18.3 TRANSFERS- A transfer is a change of work site by an employee without a change in classification. A work site is defined as the school or District site to which the employee is assigned.

A. VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS: The following criteria shall be considered when a voluntary transfer is reviewed:

- 1) The needs and best interests of the District.
- 2) The contribution the bargaining unit member can make in the new position.
- 3) The qualifications, including experience and recent training of the bargaining unit member, compared to those of other candidates for the position to be filled and the position to be vacated.
- 4) The length and quality of the service rendered to the District by the bargaining unit member.
- 5) All other criteria being equal, seniority.

B. INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

- 1) A bargaining unit member may be transferred based upon the needs and best interests of the District. Such transfer shall not be arbitrary and capricious nor shall it be for the purpose of discipline.
- 2) Prior to affecting an involuntary transfer, the District shall:
 - a. first consider qualified volunteers;
 - b. second, consider the transfer of the least senior employee provided he/she has the necessary skills and abilities.
- 3) The District shall provide an effected employee with five (5) working days' notice

of an involuntary transfer, except in cases of emergency.

- 18.4 **PROMOTIONS:** A promotion is defined as the upward movement of a unit member from a position in one classification to a position in another classification with a higher salary range designation.
- A. A promotion shall result in placement on that step in the higher salary range which affords the employee a raise of not less than five percent (5%) salary increase if such step, not counting longevity steps, exists. In such a case, the employee shall be placed on the highest non-longevity step available. For the purposes of longevity on the salary schedule, the employee shall retain his/her original hire date.
 - B. An employee promoted to a higher classification shall satisfactorily complete a probationary period not to exceed six months; the employee shall be evaluated within the first six (6) months.
 - C. If the employee fails to complete the probationary period, the employee shall return to his/her former classification.
 - D. The employee retains the right to return to his/her prior position at any time during the probationary period.
 - E. Denial of Promotion: A unit member who is denied promotion may ask for a meeting with the Superintendent to discuss the reasons for the denial.
- 18.5 **INTERVIEW PANELS:** The District shall have at least one (1) CSEA bargaining member representative on interview panels for bargaining unit positions. Whenever possible, this representative shall be from the department which is hiring. The District shall provide CSEA with notice of the interview three (3) working days in advance. The unavailability of a CSEA representative will not delay the interview process.

Article XIX

Layoff and Reemployment

- 19.1 **LAYOFF DEFINED:** A layoff for the purpose of this Article shall be considered as an involuntary separation of a permanent or probationary member of this bargaining unit, because of insufficient funds, reduced workloads, combination or elimination of jobs, or when employment rights of another employee causes such an action.
- 19.2 **ORDER OF LAYOFF:**
- A. Layoffs shall be made in the reverse order of seniority in the job classification in which the layoff occurs. Seniority shall be determined by the date of initial hire by the District in the class affected by the layoff.
 - B. The employee with the least seniority in the class plus higher classes shall be laid off first.
- 19.3 **TIE-BREAKERS:** If two (2) or more employees subject to layoff have equal seniority in the class plus higher classes, the tie shall be broken based on total length of District service as a regular employee; if a tie still exists, determination shall be made by lot.
- 19.4 **NOTICE TO ASSOCIATION:** At least one (1) week prior to issuing any notice of layoffs to unit members, the District will notify the CSEA Chapter President and CSEA Labor Relations Representative. The District shall provide the Association with a seniority roster and a list of employees who have received a layoff notice.
- 19.5 **NOTIFICATION TO EMPLOYEES:** All classified employees (excluding those in specially funded programs affected will receive layoff notices on or before March 15th. Procedures for layoff notice and right to hearing are set forth in Education Code Section 45117, 45298 and 45308. Notification procedures for a reduction in hours or a demotion as an alternative to layoff are outlined in Education Code 45117. Any notice of layoff delivered to unit members shall specify the reason (s) for layoff, the identity by name and classification of the unit member designated for layoff, and information on his/her/their displacement rights if any, bumping rights and re-employment rights.

Any classified position that must be eliminated as a result of the expiration of a specially funded program, the employee to be laid off shall be given written notice not less than (60) days prior to the effective date of the layoff informing them to their layoff date and their displacement rights, if any, and reemployment rights.

Reduction in hours. CSEA reserves its right to negotiate any separate reduction in hours decision and any such proposal by the District related to any reduction in hours. I.e, if the District proposes to reduce any unit members position as part of a reduction in force or at any other time, the decision to reduce the position is negotiable. This does not impact the District's

ability to eliminate partial FTE's as part of a layoff. Partial FTE: A position that exists that is less than 1.0 FTE or 8 hours. Reduction In Hours: Reducing an existing positions hours.

- 19.6 **BUMPING:** A permanent employee in the classified service who is laid off from a class and who has previous service in an equal or lower class, shall have the right to bump an employee with the least seniority in that class. Seniority for the purpose of determining bumping rights shall include the total of previous service in the equal or lower class being bumped into, plus service in the class from which the layoff occurs, and higher classes.
- 19.7 **VOLUNTARY DEMOTION:** A permanent classified employee who will suffer a layoff for lack of work or funds despite his or her bumping rights may accept a voluntary demotion to a vacant position in a lower class provided that employee is qualified to perform the duties thereof, and provided that the governing board approved the voluntary demotion and subject to his/her seniority.
- 19.8 **PAYMENT OF VACATION ACCRUAL:** Vacation time earned and unused at the time of the layoff shall be computed and paid off with the final salary warrant due the employee.
- 19.9 **CORRECTION OF ERRORS:** Any employee who is improperly laid off and is otherwise entitled to employment shall be reemployed immediately upon discovery of the error.
- 19.10 **LEGAL RIGHTS PRESERVED:** Nothing herein provided shall preclude a layoff for lack or work or lack of funds in the event of an actual and existing financial inability to pay salaries as contemplated in Education Code 45117
- 19.11 **RE-EMPLOYMENT AND PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION PREFERENCE OF PERSONS LAID OFF, VOLUNTARY DEMOTIONS OR REDUCTIONS IN TIME:**
- A. Persons laid off due to lack of work or lack of funds are eligible for re-employment for a period of 39 months. In addition, such persons laid off have the right to participate in promotional examinations with the District during the period of 39 months.
 - B. Employees who take voluntary demotions or voluntary reductions in assigned time in lieu of lay off shall be granted the same rights as persons laid off and shall retain eligibility to be considered for re-employment for an additional period up to 24 months.
 - C. Employees who take voluntary demotions or voluntary reductions in assigned time in lieu of layoff shall be, at the option of the employee, returned to a position in their former class or to positions with increased assigned time as vacancies become available unless there is a valid re-employment list in which case they shall be ranked on that list in accordance with their proper seniority.
 - D. Employees laid off and who still have re-employment will be notified when employment or job openings exist in previously held classifications within the District. Such notice shall be sent by certified mail to the last address given by the employee. The laid off employee has 3 calendar days from receipt of the notification to respond.

- E. Laid off persons shall be re-employed in the reverse order of which they were laid off, in the classification from which they were laid off, in accordance with their seniority.
- F. Laid off persons who are qualified to perform jobs in classifications other than those from which they are laid off shall be hired into those jobs in preference to outside candidates.
- G. Reduction in hours shall be in no less than fifteen (15) minute increments.

19.12 **CONSULTATION:** Should the District propose a layoff, the Association shall have the right to negotiate with the District regarding the impact and effects of such layoff.

Article XX

Contracting Out

The District shall not contract for any services which are routinely and customarily performed by bargaining unit members, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties.

Article XXI

Out of Class Work

If a bargaining unit member is assigned to a lower classification; they shall receive their current rate of pay. If a bargaining unit member is assigned to work in a higher classification their rate of pay shall not be less than an additional five percent (5%) or step 1 of the higher classification, whichever is higher.

Article XXII

Safety Conditions of Employment

- 22.1 The unit member shall immediately notify his/her site supervisor of any abuse, assault, battery, or any threat of force or violence directed toward the unit member at any time or place which is related to school activity or school attendance. The unit member shall submit a written incident report as soon as reasonably possible (Injury/Incident Report)
- A. Immediate steps shall be taken by the site supervisor to investigate the incident. The site supervisor shall, within five (5) working days of the notification, reply to the unit member in writing.
 - B. A unit member shall be provided coverage under the terms and conditions of Workers' Compensation program and illness leave provisions of this contract for any injury or illness arising out of or in the course of his/her employment.
- 22.2 **OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY:** The District shall make every effort to comply with all health safety and sanitation requirements imposed by state or federal law regulations.
- A. Any unit member having witnessed a suspected unsafe working condition shall immediately notify his/her site supervisor in writing and will submit a copy to the Superintendent. (Report of Unsafe Conditions or Hazard)
 - B. Immediate steps shall be taken by the site supervisor to investigate the suspected unsafe condition. The site supervisor shall, within five (5) working days of the notification, reply to the unit member in writing. All unsafe conditions shall be corrected in a timely manner.
- 22.3 **NO RETALIATION:** No unit member shall be in any way retaliated against as a result of reporting any condition believed to be a violation of health, safety, and sanitation requirements imposed by state or federal law or regulations adopted under state or federal law.
- 22.4 **SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** Should the employment duties of a unit member in the bargaining unit reasonably require use of equipment or apparatus to insure the safety of the unit member or others as determined by the unit member's immediate supervisor, the District agrees to furnish such equipment or gear.

Article XXIII

Transportation

- 23.1 **BUS ROUTES:** At the beginning of the school year, the Director of Transportation shall assign bus routes to Drivers.
- 23.2 **SPECIAL TRIP ASSIGNMENTS:**
- A. Any trip of two (2) hours or less shall be considered a shuttle and not subject to the provisions of this Article. The Director of Transportation shall assign shuttles to Drivers to best meet the needs of the District.
 - B. Special Trip Assignments of over two hours are to be assigned on a rotational basis. A driver shall not be required at any time to accept a special trip assignment. The driver shall be in paid status from the time they check out the bus until the time they have completed all necessary duties as determined by the immediate supervisor.
- 23.3 In accordance with the laws and guidelines set forth by the California Department of Motor Vehicles, California Department of Education and the California Highway Patrol, The District may offer behind the wheel instruction in the following areas: Large City (San Francisco), Small City (Sacramento), Long Distance (Beyond a fifty (50) mile radius), Mountain (Mountains with different grades) and Snow Trips (Snow Driving and Chaining). Drivers are required to qualify for the areas listed above in order to take specific trips. A driver will not be penalized for failure to meet the qualifications of the trip but will be placed back on the top of the rotation lists for the next offered trip.
- 23.4 **DRIVER PREPARATION:** The development of a route by the District shall include not less than twenty-five (25) minutes added to each AM/PM run in addition to actual driving time. This additional time shall be used for check-in, check-out and clean up.
- 23.5 Fueling buses will be as needed. When buses are fueled, thirty (30) minutes time will be allowed.
- 23.6 **BUS DRIVERS' CERTIFICATION:** Bus Drivers' certification shall be performed by the District on workdays or on days designated by the District when employees will be paid. The District shall reimburse the driver for tuition paid for bus driver recertification.

Article XXIV

Grievance Procedure

- 24.1 **DEFINITIONS** (The definitions listed below pertain to and are only applicable to the Grievance Procedure as described in this Article):
- A. A “grievance” is a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of specific provisions of this Agreement
 - B. A “grievant” is any member of the bargaining unit covered by the terms of this Agreement or CSEA Chapter #861 as a whole.
 - C. A “day” is any day on which the District Office for the District is open for business.
 - D. A “supervisor” is the designated supervisory or management person, who at the lowest administrative level, assigns, directs the work of, or evaluates the grievant.
 - E. Parties mean the grievant(s) and the District.
- 24.2 **INFORMAL:** Within fifteen (15) days of the time a grievant knew or should have known of the grievance, he/she may present directly or through their representative the grievance to their supervisor. The grievance shall be presented orally.
- 24.3 **LEVEL I:** If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved at the informal level, the grievant shall within ten (10) days submit the grievance to his/her supervisor in writing. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the grievance, the immediate supervisor shall communicate his/her decision to the grievant in writing.
- 24.4 **LEVEL II:**
- A. In the event that the grievant is not satisfied with the decision at Level I or if the Supervisor fails to respond within the time limits, the grievant may appeal the decision in writing within ten (10) days to the District Superintendent.
 - B. The appeal shall include a copy of the original grievance and the decision rendered and the reasons of the appeal.
 - C. The District Superintendent shall communicate the decision in writing to the grievant within ten (10) days. Either the grievant or the Superintendent may request a personal conference within the above time limits. Any meeting shall be by mutual consent.
- 24.5 **LEVEL III:**
- A. In the event that the grievant is not satisfied with the decision at level II or if the Superintendent fails to respond within the time limits, the grievant may appeal the decision in writing to the Governing Board of the District within ten (10) days.
 - B. The Governing Board shall schedule a hearing on the grievance at its earliest convenience, but no later than 30 days after receipt of the grievance. The Hearing will be in open session unless the subject matter permits a closed session hearing. At the

hearing, both parties shall have an opportunity to testify, present evidence, and present witnesses pertaining to the grievance.

- C. Within fifteen (15) days after the hearing, the Governing Board shall deliver to the grievant, its written response to the grievance.

24.6 BINDING ARBITRATION

- A. In the event that the grievance is not satisfactorily adjusted at Level III, the Chapter may request that the matter be submitted to arbitration. The Superintendent shall with fifteen (15) days of receipt of such request, seek a list of five (5) experienced arbitrators from the California State Mediation and Conciliation Service. The Chapter and the Superintendent shall meet and strike names from the list until only one name remains. As soon as possible thereafter, the Arbitrator shall schedule a hearing and render a final and binding award in accordance with the American Arbitrator Association. The Arbitrator shall have no power to add to, subtract from, or modify the terms of this agreement. Any and all costs for services of the Arbitrator shall be paid equally by CSEA and the District.

24.7 MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Timelines as specified in the Article may be changed as mutually agreed upon by the parties.
- B. A Grievant and his/her representative shall be granted reasonable release time to process a grievance.
- C. The grievant shall have the right to representation of his/her choosing at all levels.
- D. All documents, communications and records dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed in a separate grievance file.

Appendix A
Plumas Lake Elementary School District
Classification Schedule

Classification	Range
Accounting Technician I	11
Accounting Technician II	13
After School Educator	10
CalPads/SIS Specialist	14
Campus Monitor	6
Computer Network Technician	16
Custodian	10
Custodian/Bus Driver/Maintenance I/Grounds	11
Food Services Catering Lead	11
Food Services Worker I	9
Food Services Worker II	11
Health Clerk	10
Help Desk Technician	11
Library Clerk	7
Maintenance/Grounds Support	10
Maintenance/Mechanic	13
Office Clerk	7
Office Technician	10
Paraprofessional	8
Paraprofessional - Special Education	11
Paraprofessional - Special Education (w/Signing Skills)	12
Paraprofessional Art	11
Paraprofessional Technology	11
School Site Secretary	12
Secretary I Department	12
Speech Language Pathology Aide	15
SPED Data Technician	14
Transportation Scheduler/Dispatcher	11
SPED Data Technician	14
Utility Worker	10
Van Driver	10
Yard Duty	6

Plumas Lake Elementary School District											
Classified Salary Schedule 2025-2026											
RANGE	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
6- Yard Duty,	\$18.70	\$19.64	\$20.62	\$21.65	\$22.73	\$23.88	\$25.07	\$25.81	\$26.59	\$27.40	\$28.21
7- Library Clerk, Office Clerk	\$19.35	\$20.32	\$21.35	\$22.41	\$23.54	\$24.70	\$25.95	\$26.72	\$27.53	\$28.35	\$29.20
8- Paraprofessional	\$20.03	\$21.03	\$22.09	\$23.20	\$24.35	\$25.57	\$26.85	\$27.66	\$28.49	\$29.33	\$30.22
9- Food Service 1	\$20.74	\$21.77	\$22.87	\$24.00	\$25.21	\$26.46	\$27.79	\$28.62	\$29.48	\$30.37	\$31.28
10- Utility, Custodian, Health Clerk, Office Tech, After School Educator, Van Driver	\$21.88	\$22.98	\$24.12	\$25.33	\$26.59	\$27.92	\$29.32	\$30.21	\$31.12	\$32.04	\$33.00
11- Help Desk, Accounting 1, Bus Driver etc, Para SPED, Food Service 2/Catering, After School Educator Site Lead	\$23.08	\$24.24	\$25.45	\$26.72	\$28.06	\$29.46	\$30.93	\$31.86	\$32.82	\$33.80	\$34.81
12- School Secretary, Signing Para, Secretary 1, Dispatcher	\$24.35	\$25.57	\$26.85	\$28.19	\$29.60	\$31.08	\$32.63	\$33.61	\$34.62	\$35.66	\$36.74
13- Accounting II, Maintenance Mechanic, SEL Specialist, SPED Para Mod/Sev	\$25.69	\$26.98	\$28.33	\$29.75	\$31.23	\$32.78	\$34.43	\$35.46	\$36.53	\$37.63	\$38.75
14- CalPads/SIS Specialist, SPED Data Technician	\$27.11	\$28.46	\$29.88	\$31.37	\$32.95	\$34.60	\$36.33	\$37.41	\$38.53	\$39.70	\$40.89
15- Speech Language Pathology Aide	\$28.60	\$30.02	\$31.52	\$33.10	\$34.75	\$36.49	\$38.32	\$39.47	\$40.65	\$41.88	\$43.13
16- Computer Network Technician	\$30.17	\$31.68	\$33.26	\$34.93	\$36.68	\$38.51	\$40.43	\$41.64	\$42.89	\$44.18	\$45.51
Employees will be entitled to a 3% longevity increase after 15 years of service to the District, an additional 3% after 20 years of service to the District, an additional 3% after 25 years of service to the District, and an additional 3% after 30 years of service to the District.											
Board Approved 11/13/2025											

APPENDIX B
PLUMAS LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EVALUATION REPORT FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

Name		Site				
Position		Date				Probationary Permanent

The purpose of this evaluation is to help the supervisor and employee measure how well the employee is performing and to provide a guidance tool for improvement. The employee's job description will be reviewed by the supervisor and attached to this evaluation form.

KEY: 1=Outstanding; 2=Very Good; 3=Satisfactory; *4=Improvement Needed; *5=Unsatisfactory; 6=Not Applicable

*Requires suggestions for improvement.

CHECK ONLY THOSE FACTORS WHICH APPLY TO THE EMPLOYEE'S POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS MADE BY SUPERVISOR
QUALITY OF WORK							
1. Job knowledge							
2. Accuracy							
3. Neatness							
4. Thoroughness							
5. Planning & Organizing							
6. Job Skill Level							
7. Volume of output and extent to which work schedules are met.							
WORK HABITS & ATTITUDES							
1. Dependability							
2. Punctuality							
3. Appearance of Work Station							
4. Compliance with Instructions, Rules & Regulations							
5. Accepts Responsibility							
6. Accepting Constructive Criticism from Supervisor							
7. Attendance							
8. Safety Habits							
9. Operation & Care of Equipment							

PERSONAL QUALITIES						
1. Judgment						
2. Initiative						
3. Adaptability to Emergencies						
4. Accepts Change						
5. Accepts Direction						
6. Positive Attitude						

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CHECK ONLY THOSE FACTORS WHICH APPLY TO THE EMPLOYEE'S POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS MADE BY SUPERVISOR
RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS (Employees/Students/Public)							
1. Exercising Tact							
2. Handling Difficult Situations							
3. Cooperating							
OVERALL RATING							
Overall Rating							

OVERALL WORK PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS
(Attach additional pages if desired.)

EMPLOYEE	RATING SUPERVISOR
I have reviewed this report and have had the opportunity to discuss it with my rating supervisor. My signature does not necessarily mean that I agree with the report. I understand that I may respond in writing to this evaluation within 20 working days. The response will be attached to the evaluation and placed in my personnel file.	Signature
	Print Name
Signature	Date
Date	Principal/Director's Signature of Review