

OAKRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**OAKRIDGE PARAPROFESSIONAL/CLERICAL
ASSOCIATION, MEA/NEA**

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

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General Agreement

Preamble

This Agreement is between the Oakridge Public Schools, hereinafter referred to as the "Board" or "Employer" and the Oakridge Paraprofessional/Clerical Association MEA/NEA, hereinafter referred to as the "Association" or "Union".

Nondiscrimination and Harassment Policy

It is the policy of the Oakridge Public School District that no employee shall on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed or ancestry, political belief, sex, disability, religion, age, height, weight, or marital status, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity and in employment. Further, no employee shall be subjected to any harassment on the basis of his/her race, color, religion, sex, national origin, creed, ancestry, political belief, age, height, weight, disability, marital status and other categories protected by state and federal law.

It is understood that all gender specific terms such as "he/she, his/her" mean employee.

ARTICLE 1 - Recognition

A. Collective Bargaining Unit

The Employer recognizes the Association as the exclusive bargaining representative with respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment or other conditions of employment in the following bargaining unit: All full-time and regular part-time aides, paraprofessionals and hall monitors and office/clerical employees employed by the Employer, excluding supervisors, substitutes, confidential employees and all other employees.

B. Paraprofessionals Department

For purposes of this Agreement, the following will be recognized as the paraprofessional classifications:

- Classroom Aide (may include but not limited to Title I, computer, community education, interpreters, art and alternative education)
- Mandated Special Education Aide
- Library Aide
- Monitor (may include but not limited to bus, hall, lunch, playground, suspension room)
- Production Assistant

C. Office/Clerical Employees Department

For purposes of this Agreement, the following will be recognized as the Office personnel classifications in order from highest to lowest classification:

1. Head Secretary
2. Assistant Secretary
3. Attendance Clerk
4. Receptionist
5. Dispatcher

D. Positions Excluded

The term "Employee" or "Employees", when used in this Agreement, shall mean and include only those described and defined in Sections A through C of this Article as being represented by the Association, and shall not include the following:

1. Students hired on a cooperative basis with educational programs.
2. Casual or irregular persons who are called in to work on a temporary basis.
3. Persons hired for a fixed period of time not to exceed ninety (90) consecutive calendar days.

Such persons described in D1 through D3 above shall not be covered by this Agreement.

- E. The Employer agrees not to negotiate with any employees' organization other than the Association as long as the Association is recognized as the Bargaining Agent. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent any individual employee from presenting a grievance and having the grievance adjusted without intervention of the Association, if the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, provided that the Association has been given opportunity to be present at such adjustment. The decision to pursue arbitration shall be exclusive to the Association and Employer.
- F. This Agreement shall supersede any school District rules, regulations, or practices, which are found to be inconsistent with the specific provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2 - Management Rights

- A. The Employer retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Michigan and of the United States, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the exclusive right:
1. To determine the number, size and location of its facilities and departments, the equipment, machines, technology, material, information, data, systems, supplies and procedures to be utilized in such buildings or branches and to change or discontinue the location or use thereof.
 2. To make all financial decisions including, but not limited to: the setting, fixing, levying, collection and administration and control of all funds; the financing and borrowing of funds; the annexation, consolidation or other reorganization of the District: the right to maintain accounts and financial records.
 3. To determine the organization of management and administration and the selection of employees for promotion to supervisory and other management functions.
- B. Except as expressly restricted by this Agreement, the Employer retains the right to manage the academic and business affairs of the District and to direct the working forces of the District, including, but not limited to, the right:
1. To determine methods and schedules of work, including technological alterations, the transfer or subcontracting of work, locations of work, the procedures and processes to be used.
 2. To determine the basis for selection of employees for hiring and the basis for their retention or dismissal.
 3. To maintain discipline of employees including the right to make reasonable rules and regulations for the purpose of efficiency, safe practice and discipline.
 4. To generally direct the work of the employees, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including the right: to hire, discharge, suspend or otherwise discipline employees, assign employees or transfer them to particular jobs, duties or locations either on a temporary or permanent basis; determine the amount of work needed and job content; lay employees off as determined by the Board; and to determine work standards and the quality and quantity of work to be assigned; and to make such studies as it shall require in connection therewith.

The exercise of the foregoing power, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities of the Employer, 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 hereof are in conformance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan and the Constitution and laws of the United States.

ARTICLE 3 - Association and Employee Rights

- A. Pursuant to Act 379 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended, the Employer hereby agrees that every employee of the Employer shall have the right freely to organize, join and support any Association for the purpose of engaging in collective bargaining or negotiation and other concerted activities for mutual aid and protection.
- B. As a duly elected body exercising governmental power under color of law of the State of Michigan, the Employer undertakes and agrees that it will not directly or indirectly discourage or deprive or coerce any employee in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by Act 379 that it will not discriminate against any employee with respect to hours, wages, or terms or conditions of employment by reason of his/her membership in the Association or collective professional negotiations with the Employer, or his/her institution of any grievance, complaint or proceeding under this Agreement. It is agreed by the Association that this does not give employees the right to perform duties of the Association during work hours except as otherwise provided herein.
- C. Both parties specifically recognize the right of the other appropriately to invoke the assistance of the Michigan Employment Relations Commission, or a mediator from such public agency.
- D. No employee shall be prevented from wearing insignia, pins or other identification or membership in the Association, which are in good taste, and are not considered to impair the normal educational climate of the school. Bulletin boards, in the employees' lounge or general offices shall be made available to the Association. The Association or any employee shall conduct no Association business during normal working hours except by permission from the administration or as otherwise provided herein. However, the Association President, Grievance Chair and Chief Negotiator may conduct official business without individual situation permission, provided the activity does not interfere with his/her employment assignment.
- E. Freedom of Information Request. The Employer is subject to and will abide by the provisions of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, PA 442 1976, as amended. The Employer agrees to furnish to the Association in response to reasonable requests from time to time information concerning the financial resources of the District, tentative budgetary requirement and allocations.
 - 1. Upon request and during normal business hours, the Association shall have the right to examine time sheets and other records pertaining to the computation of compensation of any employee whose pay is in dispute or any other records of the Employer pertaining to specific grievances of employees within the bargaining unit, but this right of examination shall not permit the Association to remove any such time sheets or other records from the Employer's premises. Copies of such records shall be provided to the Association upon request at the Association's expense at the cost to the Employer for labor and copies.

2. Upon reasonable written request and unless restricted by law, the Employer shall make available to the Association such information necessary to assist it in the processing of grievances, administration of the Agreement and the negotiation of successors to this Agreement.
- F. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any employee rights he/she may have under the Michigan General School Laws.
- G. No bargaining unit member shall be disciplined without just cause.
- H. The termination of a probationary employee shall not be subject to Section G above and shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.
- I. If an employee is to be disciplined by an administrator, he/she may have a representative present from the Association.
- J. Discipline Procedures. The Employer agrees to provide the employee with written notification of a disciplinary document that is to be made a part of the employee's personnel file. In instances where the Employer desires to conduct an investigatory interview with an employee, the employee shall be entitled upon request to have an Association representative present at the interview. A copy of all disciplinary actions involving suspension or discharge will also be provided to the Association, unless the employee requests that the matter be kept confidential.
- K. Personnel Files. The Employer is subject to and will abide by the provisions of the Bullard-Plawecki Employee Right to Know Act, Act 397, 1978, as amended. Employees will be required to sign any material of a disciplinary nature or involving complaints against the employee that are to be placed in their personnel file; provided, however, that the refusal of an employee to sign any material shall not prevent its inclusion in the personnel file. An employee's signature on disciplinary material or complaints shall not be interpreted as agreement with the disciplinary action or complaints. A statement to this effect shall precede the employee's signature. A bargaining unit member, with or without his/her representative(s), will be allowed to review his/her official personnel file under the supervision of the Superintendent or his/her designee.
- L. Assaults. An employee who is assaulted while in the performance of assigned duties shall promptly report the assault to the Employer. The Employer shall promptly investigate the incident and render such assistance as necessary under the circumstances, including reporting and cooperating with law enforcement authorities.
- M. Complaints Against Employees. All complaints to be included in the employee's disciplinary file must be in writing. In the event a complaint or charge is made by the person or group, against any employee, the employee shall be given a copy of what is to be included in the employee's file.

- N. Whenever an employee is requested by the Employer to perform duties of the Association during regular school hours, the employee shall be released from regular duties without loss of pay.
- O. Building Representative's Duties. Duties or activities of the building representative shall not be performed during work hours, except with supervisory approval, including, but not limited to, the following:
1. To attend grievance meetings mutually scheduled to occur during work hours; or as otherwise agreed to in advance by their supervisor.
 2. The presentation of grievances according to the grievance procedure established in this Agreement.
 3. The transmission of messages and information, which shall originate with and are authorized by the Local Association or its officers.

Other than during scheduled break and lunch periods or with the prior written permission of the Employer, the Association, its representatives, including Building Representatives, may not transact Association business on school property during work hours. The Association agrees that such business shall not interfere with the operations of the Employer and the work being performed by the employees.

- P. Identification of Association Officers and Representatives. The Employer shall be informed in writing of the names of Association officers and representatives or any changes therein.
- Q. Use of Employer Facilities and Equipment. The Association shall have the right to use the Employer's premises outside of regular school hours for Association meetings in accordance with the Employer's normal scheduling practices upon advance notice to the Administration. Any use of Employer equipment or supplies shall be upon advance approval of the Employer and reimbursement for costs.
- R. Association Communication. The Association shall have the right to distribute Association material to employees as long as the distribution does not interfere with the operations of the Employer and the work being performed by the employees. This includes the right to place Association communications in designated employee mailboxes, to utilize District e-mail (subject to District use policy), and to post notices on bulletin boards in each of the buildings.

ARTICLE 4 - Grievance Procedure

A. Definitions:

1. A "grievance" is an alleged violation of the express provisions of this Agreement.
2. The "aggrieved person" is the employee or employees making the claim.
3. The "employee" includes any individual or group who is a member of the bargaining unit or the association covered by this Agreement.
4. A "party of interest" is the person or persons who might be required to take action or against whom action might be taken in order to resolve the problem.
5. "Days" for this article shall exclude Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and days when the District does not normally conduct business.

B. The primary purpose of this procedure is to provide a means for securing, at the lowest level possible, equitable solutions to grievances, which may arise from or bearing on this Agreement.

C. The number of days indicated at each level should be considered as maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process. The time limits in this Grievance Procedure are mandatory but may be extended by mutual consent. Any complaint or grievance not initiated or appealed, within the time limits provided, shall be considered as withdrawn. Any grievance not responded to by the Board or its representatives within the time limits provided may be appealed to the next step.

Informal Step

1. An employee(s) having a grievance shall, within ten (10) days from the date on which action or lack thereof gave cause for the grievance, contact the immediate supervisor, stating that she has a grievance, what the grievance is about and the alleged violation of the Agreement, for mutual consideration of the claim on an informal basis. If a grievance arises in more than one building the written grievant shall be filed as set forth below. Mutual efforts shall be for a solution of the problem.

1st Formal Step (See Grievance Form, Appendix B)

2. Providing the aggrieved employee(s) does not consider the informal grievance under (1) above to be resolved, he/she may file within five (5) days of the informal meeting a formal written grievance with his/her immediate supervisor using Appendix B. Such written grievance shall include pertinent information and follow a format mutually acceptable to the Association and the Board. A copy may be filed with the Association Representative.

3. Within five (5) days of receipt of the written grievance, a representative of the Employer (who will normally be the employee's immediate supervisor), will meet with the aggrieved and his/her Association Representative in an effort to resolve the grievance. Within five (5) days of the meeting, the Supervisor shall issue a written disposition.

2nd Formal Step

4. If the grievance remains unresolved, the Association shall have five (5) days after the receipt of the immediate Supervisor's written disposition to appeal the grievance to the Superintendent in writing who shall have ten (10) days after receipt of the grievance appeal to do one of the following:
 - a. present a written disposition of the grievance to the Association Representative and grievant, or
 - b. present a written notice to the Association Representative and grievant that the grievance will be presented to the Board for investigation or hearing as deemed appropriate by the Board for final determination. The Board's determination shall be made not more than thirty (30) days after delivery of notice to the Association that the grievance has been referred to the Board.
5. In the event the disposition of the Superintendent or his/her designee or the Board (as is applicable) is not satisfactory to the Association, then, within thirty (30) days, or forty-five (45) days if the Board decision is in July with advance notice by the Association, following the date of receipt of the written disposition, the Association only, and not an individual employee, may file a demand for arbitration of the dispute with the American Arbitration Association with a copy of the demand delivered to the office of the Superintendent within the same time period, all pursuant to the following rules and conditions:
 - a. The grievance shall relate solely to the application and interpretation of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
 - b. The arbitrator shall have no authority to add to, subtract from modify, change, alter or amend the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
 - c. The arbitrator shall have no authority to hear or rule nor will there be any grievance upon any matter pertaining to the following:
 - (i) If the employee or Association has filed a complaint, grievance or claim with a state or federal agency or legal forum on a matter factually or legally related. It is the parties intent that there be an election of remedies.
 - (ii) The termination of or decision not to re-employ or decision to continue on probation any probationary employee.
 - (iii) The content of the evaluation of an employee.
6. The decision of the arbitrator, if within the scope of his/her authority as above set forth shall be final and binding.

7. The arbitrator's fee and other expenses of the arbitration shall be shared equally by the parties.
 8. Individual employees may not proceed to arbitration, only the Association may arbitrate a grievance.
- D. Either party shall be permitted representation of choice in the formal grievance process, including Association or Board representative. The advisability of representatives shall be to serve interests of both parties in an effort to reach an appropriate solution to the problem.
- E. A grievance may be withdrawn at any level.
- F. Decisions rendered at all levels on a formal written grievance shall be recorded in writing and promptly transmitted to parties of interest.
- G. All documents, communications, and records dealing with a grievance shall be filed separately from the personnel files of the participants.

ARTICLE 5 - Seniority

- A. Definition. Seniority shall be computed from the most recent date of hire and shall be defined to mean the amount of time continuously employed as a member of the bargaining unit in a department. Time spent on leave or on layoff shall not be construed as a break in continuous service.
1. The seniority list shall be compiled in the order of the bargaining unit member with the greatest number of years seniority to the one with the least years of seniority, it shall include members on leave and layoff with such status and effective date of the same.
 2. The District shall prepare and present to the Association a current seniority list of bargaining unit members prior to October 15th of each year. Accompanying the name of each member on the list shall be the date of most recent hire and each member's department and classification. No person other than a member of the bargaining unit shall possess, retain, or accrue seniority within the bargaining unit.
 3. A copy of the posted seniority list and all subsequent updates shall be provided to the Association.
 4. Within 15 days of the posting of the seniority list; objections to the list shall be filed. Thereafter, the list shall be final and conclusive.

- B. Probationary Period. An employee upon hire shall be regarded as a probationary employee until the employee completes ninety (90) days of work in a bargaining unit position. Administrators may add an additional thirty (30) days of work after the employee and Association representative are notified. Any days missed during the probationary period shall extend the probationary period by that number of days. Upon completion of the probationary period, seniority shall be retroactive to the date of hire and the employee will be eligible for placement upon the seniority list. A probationary employee may be disciplined, discharged, laid off or otherwise terminated without any obligation of re-employment and there shall be no recourse to the grievance procedure for such action.
- C. Loss of Seniority. An employee shall lose seniority and have the employment terminated for the following reasons:
1. If the employee quits or retires;
 2. If the employee is discharged and the discharge is not reversed through the procedure set forth in this Agreement.
 3. If the employee is absent for two (2) consecutive workdays without notifying the Employer, the Employer will send notification by certified mail to the employee at the last known address that the employee has lost seniority, and her employment will be terminated unless the employee contacts the Employer within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt or five (5) days of mailing providing a showing of good cause. Any disagreement with the termination may be processed under Grievance Procedure.
 4. If the employee fails to return to work at the expiration of a leave of absence or upon notice of recall from layoff. The Employer will send notification by certified mail to the employee at the last known address as shown by the employment records that the employee has lost seniority, and such employment has been terminated. Any disagreement with the termination may be processed under Grievance Procedure. Employees on Employer-approved leaves of absence shall continue to accrue seniority during the period of their leave of absence.
 5. If the employee is on layoff for a period of one (1) year or the length of his/her seniority, whichever is less.

ARTICLE 6 - Hours of Work

- A. Work Schedules. All employees will be assigned to a regular work schedule at the commencement of the school year. Any changes by the Employer in an employee's starting and ending time will be made upon five (5) work days' advance written notice to the employee. The Employer reserves the right to make adjustments in work hours as to the days of the week, the daily start and quit times and the amount of hours in any work day or work week.

Unless changes to reporting days are mutually agreed upon by the Administration and employee, reporting days shall be the following: the head secretary shall report 202 work days as scheduled by the Employer, the assistant building secretary and the paraprofessional production assistant shall report 192 work days as scheduled by the Employer.

- B. Pay Period. The regular pay period for compensation purposes shall be a two-week pay period beginning on a Monday and ending the following second Sunday. The regular work week shall be Monday through Friday. Employee shall submit time worked as scheduled and Administrators shall forward time worked to ensure prompt payment at regular pay period. If time worked is not timely submitted through no fault of the employee, a pay check shall be issued within three (3) business days of the employee notifying the Employer of the matter.
- C. Break Periods. Full-time employees are entitled to a 15-minute paid duty-free break during the first half of their work day and a 15-minute paid duty-free break during the second half of their work day and an unpaid duty-free lunch break for a period of time of at least 30 minutes with both scheduled at a time as determined by the supervisor in consultation with the employee. Regular part-time employees with a regular schedule of four (4) or more consecutive work hours will receive one (1) fifteen (15) minute duty-free break at a time to be arranged with the Supervisor.
- D. Overtime. Time and one-half the employee's regular rate of pay will be paid for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a work week. Employees are expected to work a reasonable amount of overtime as may be required by the Supervisor. To the extent possible, the Employer will attempt to equalize overtime over a school year within the classification in each building. Except in emergency situations, employees must secure the prior written approval of their Supervisor before working overtime.
- E. Collaboration Time. The District shall provide a minimum of ten (10) minutes of time for elementary classroom paraprofessionals and the teacher to whom the paraprofessional is assigned, to confer prior to the start of the school day. If it is not possible to schedule 10 minutes prior to the start of the day, the District will attempt, if possible, to schedule 10 minutes at the end of the school day. The parties understand that if neither of the options listed above is possible to schedule, the parties involved shall work out a mutually agreeable alternative time.
- F. Scheduling parent-teacher conferences. It is agreed that the Oakridge Public Schools will allow work-release time for elementary office personnel to collaborate for the purpose of scheduling parent-teacher conferences in advance of scheduled conference times for no more than eight (8) hours. The Employer will determine the scheduling of the day and provide ten (10) days advance notice.
- G. Professional development. Provided the professional development is relevant to their current job classification, as determined by the immediate Supervisor, it is agreed that the Oakridge Public Schools will allow a minimum of nine (9) hours for office personnel to attend professional development opportunities.

Paraprofessionals may attend professional development opportunities at the discretion of the immediate Supervisor. Employees will be compensated for the attendance time in professional development.

The employee will be expected to incorporate and utilize new skills or practices outlined from the professional development.

- H. First-aid and CPR training shall be provided annually to all paraprofessionals and office personnel as required to keep certification current.

I. Definitions

1. Full-time Paraprofessional Employee: Paraprofessional who is on a regular assigned schedule of thirty (30) or more hours in a work week for the designated work period in the school year.
2. Regular Part-time Paraprofessional: Paraprofessional who is on a regular assigned schedule of less than thirty (30) hours in a work week for the designated work period in the school year.
3. Full year Office/Clerical: An office/clerical employee who works twelve (12) months a year, for thirty (30) or more hours in a work week.
4. School year Office/Clerical: An office/clerical employee who works ten (10) months, for thirty (30) or more hours in a work week.
5. Part-time Office/Clerical: An office/clerical employee who works less than ten (10) months per year and/or less than thirty (30) hours in a work week.

- J. Working in more than one Department. With Employer approval, employees may work in more than one Department so long as the assigned work days/hours do not conflict and do not result in overtime. The Employer, at its sole discretion, may allow an employee to work in more than one Department when the assigned work days/hours do conflict. Approval or denial will not constitute a precedent or past practice. Approval or denial will not be subject to the grievance process. Upon approval, the Employer shall determine, in writing, which assignment the employee shall report to when assigned work days/hours do conflict and assign a substitute to the temporary unfilled work duties.

ARTICLE 7 - Layoff & Recall

A. Layoff and Recall.

1. **Indefinite Layoff Defined.** A layoff is any reduction in hours of thirty (30) minutes or more per day for employees who work six (6) or more hours per day or where a change in insurance benefits would result; or fifteen (15) minutes per day for employees who work less than six (6) hours per day with no change in insurance benefits, for twenty one (21) or more consecutive workdays or for an indefinite period of time.

Where an indefinite layoff is to occur, the affected employee will receive written notice thereof five (5) work days in advance of the layoff.

2. **Temporary Layoff Defined.** A layoff or a reduction in hours of twenty (20) consecutive workdays or less is regarded as temporary and may be made without regard to the provisions of Paragraph (3) below.

3. **Indefinite Layoff Procedure**

- a. Whenever an indefinite layoff is to occur, the affected employee in the affected classification shall be laid off first; provided however, that a less senior employee may be retained if a more senior employee does not meet the qualifications and ability necessary to perform the duties of that position, as determined by the Employer, in accordance with the job description.
- b. A paraprofessional so laid off, may bump a paraprofessional with less seniority in the same classification provided the paraprofessional demonstrates the necessary qualifications and ability, as determined by the Employer, in accordance with the job description. If no positions are available in the current classification, the paraprofessional may then bump into another classification where her seniority allows, provided the paraprofessional demonstrates the necessary qualifications and ability, as determined by the Employer, in accordance with the job description. The paraprofessional may not bump or be recalled into a position that results in increased insurance benefits.
- c. A secretary so laid off, may bump any secretary with less seniority in the same classification provided the secretary demonstrates the necessary qualifications and ability, as determined by the Employer, in accordance with the job description. If no positions are available in the current classification, the secretary may then bump into a lower classification where her seniority allows, provided the secretary demonstrates the necessary qualifications and ability, as determined by the Employer, in accordance with the job description. The secretary may not bump or be recalled into a higher classification than the employee was working prior to the layoff.

4. An employee who displaces an employee in a different pay grade shall be assigned a rate at the same step the employee was at prior to the displacement.
5. Employees with seniority shall be recalled in order of seniority within the former department provided they possess sufficient ability and experience to perform the available work, as determined by the Employer, in accordance with the job description.

The Employer's obligation with respect to recall shall be to send a letter, certified mail, addressee only, return receipt requested, to the last address on the employee's record. It shall be the responsibility of the employees to keep the Employer notified of any change in address.

Laid off employees shall lose the right of recall one (1) year after the effective date of layoff or the length of the employee's seniority, whichever is less.

ARTICLE 8 - Vacancies and Transfers

A. Vacancy.

1. A vacancy shall be defined as a newly created bargaining unit position or a present bargaining unit position that is not filled and is intended to be filled on a permanent basis and has not been eliminated by Board action within forty-five (45) days.
2. All job vacancies shall be posted for a period of not less than five (5) workdays. The posting shall include the qualifications and background needed. Vacancies will be posted on the District's website.
3. Any person interested in the position may apply for the vacancy by completing an application by the end of the posting period.
4. All applicants will be considered for the vacancy and the vacancy shall be awarded to the most senior qualified applicant as determined by the Employer and in the event that no applicant is qualified then the position may be filled from non-employee applicants.
 - a. Applicants will be reviewed according to their experience, training, educational background and demonstrated skills and other relevant factors as determined by the Employer.
 - b. No consideration need be given to any applicant who is on probation or who has been awarded a job pursuant to this Article within the preceding twelve (12) months unless the Employer approves otherwise.
5. The applicant selected shall be given a trial period of up to thirty (30) work days on the job to determine if the requirements for the job can be met and if not, the

employee shall be returned to the former job at the former rate and with no loss of seniority. During the trial period the Employer may fill the selected applicant's former position pursuant to (B)(1) of Temporary Vacancies.

6. Summer Work. In the event that summer work within the bargaining unit is available, such work will be awarded to the person who regularly performs those duties. If the employee declines the work or if the work is not associated with an existing position such work will be posted for bidding by employee applicants. The position will be awarded to the most qualified applicant as determined by the Employer and in the event the qualifications are equal the most senior qualified applicant will be selected. If there are no qualified applicants, the Employer may hire from other sources.

B. Scheduled/Unscheduled Leaves of Absences, Temporary Vacancies, and Involuntary Temporary Transfers.

1. Scheduled Leaves of Absences less than 60 work days. If the job to be filled is caused by a leave of absence scheduled and approved in writing at least five (5) work days in advance of the leave, the Supervisor in charge will fill the job in the following order:
 - a. the temporary call-in of a qualified employee from within that Department on layoff;
 - b. the assignment of a qualified employee from within that Department who has signed a scheduled leave of absence posting and who has the available hours to fill the scheduled leave of absence. The employee must be able to do her current job Classification and then work the hours needed for the scheduled leave of absence, provided it does not result in overtime;
 - c. the call-in of a qualified substitute personnel, as determined by the Supervisor;
 - d. If the job cannot be filled by (a), (b), or (c) above, the Supervisor will fill the scheduled leave of absence as the Supervisor determines appropriate.

Any scheduled leave of absence assignment that is extended beyond sixty (60) consecutive work days shall be posted pursuant to A.2 above.

2. Temporary Vacancies. If a temporary vacancy occurs, the employee must be able to do her current job Classification and then work the hours needed for the temporary vacancy, provided it does not result in overtime. The Supervisor may fill the temporary vacancy as the Supervisor determines appropriate.

3. Unscheduled Absences. If the job to be filled is caused by the unscheduled absence of an employee, the Supervisor in charge may fill the job pursuant to the following order:
 - a. the temporary call-in of a qualified employee from within that Department on layoff; or
 - b. the voluntary transfer of a qualified employee from within that Department who has the available hours to fill the unscheduled absence. The employee must be able to do her current job Classification and then work the hours needed for the unscheduled absence, provided it does not result in overtime; or
 - c. the call in of qualified substitute personnel, as determined by the Supervisor; or
 - d. If the job cannot be filled by (a), (b), or (c) above, the Supervisor will fill the unscheduled absence as the Supervisor determines appropriate.
 4. Involuntary temporary transfers may be made to a different job, duties, location or Classification for which the employee is qualified and may be made for such reasons as deemed essential by the Employer to meet the demands of the operation of the District. The employee transferred shall be returned to the prior position at the conclusion of the temporary vacancy.
- C. Substitute List. An employee who is on layoff, upon request, will be placed on any one or all of the substitute lists maintained. Such employee shall be paid at the substitute pay rate; shall have the right to refuse the assignment without loss of recall rights and shall be considered as on layoff status while working as a substitute.

ARTICLE 9 - No Strike - No Lockout

- A. Association/Employee Application. During the life of this Agreement, the Association agrees on behalf of itself and the employees that there will be no concerted absence from work, cessation or interruption of work or strikes or picketing of the Employer's buildings or premises. The Association agrees it will take all reasonable affirmative action to prevent or stop any or all such activity above mentioned by notifying the employees that it disavows these acts.
- B. Employer Application. The Employer, for its part, agrees that there shall be no lock-out during the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 10 - Miscellaneous

- A. Address and Telephone Changes. It is the responsibility of the employee to keep the Employer advised of his/her current name, address and telephone number.
- B. Work Days. Work days shall be defined as days the Central Administration Office is open.
- C. Veteran's Employment Rights. Subject to the applicable eligibility requirements, the Employer shall abide by the provisions of the Federal Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act of 1994 and the Michigan Veteran's Re-employment Act.
- D. Copies of Agreement. The Employer shall post a copy of this Agreement to the website after it has been executed by all parties.
- E. Severability. During the term of this Agreement, if any of the provisions herein contained are rendered or declared invalid by operation of law or by decree of a court of competent jurisdiction the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the Agreement.
- F. Complete Agreement. The provisions of this Agreement represent the complete agreement between the parties. The provisions of this Agreement can be amended, supplemented, rescinded, or otherwise altered only by mutual agreement in writing signed by both parties.
- G. An Emergency Manager appointed under the Law is authorized to reject, modify, or terminate this Agreement as provided in the Law.

ARTICLE 11 - Paid Leaves of Absence

- A. Sick Leave.
 - 1. All the full-time and regular part-time employees with seniority shall earn sick leave at the rate of one (1) day per full calendar month of paid work. The unused sick leave days can be accumulated to 115 days for the duration of continuous employment, provided that employees will not be paid for a day of sick leave before they have earned it. Employees with more than 115 accumulated sick days as of October 1, 2002, shall not have those days reduced other than through the use of sick days but shall not be allowed to accumulate days so long as the employee has more than 115 days.
 - 2. Proration for sick days (hours) earned will be based on the number of hours worked during a normal full work week without regard to varying hours worked on any given day. Example: Total hours worked per week divided by the number of work days regularly assigned per week.

3. Such employees may utilize accrued paid sick leave when they are unable to work due to a personal illness, injury, or other disability including a disability associated with pregnancy, miscarriage or childbirth. Employees may also use accrued paid sick leave for illnesses of any immediate family member residing in their home that necessitates the employee's presence with that individual. The immediate family is defined in Section B below. Employees using more than ten (10) days shall provide a medical statement confirming that the employee is medically needed.
4. An employee shall notify the Employer of the need to utilize paid sick leave as far in advance as reasonably possible.
5. Such leave shall be with pay and benefits until such time as the employee has exhausted all accrued paid sick leave benefits and thereafter may be extended in writing at the discretion of the Employer, without pay or benefits, but for no longer than twelve (12) additional weeks, except as may otherwise be required by the Family & Medical Leave Act.
6. All employees returning to work from a disability leave of absence may be required to present a physician's certificate indicating the employee is medically able to return to work.
7. A physician's verification of illness or disability may be required in order to receive credit for pay purposes when an illness or disability exceeds three (3) consecutive work days' duration or where the employer suspects misuse or abuse of leave; the verification must be furnished within four (4) work days of the first day of absence, if requested by the immediate supervisor.
8. Any employee who retires under the Michigan Public Schools Employee Retirement System shall be paid \$9.50/day for any accumulated sick leave the employee has earned.

Any employee with ten (10) or more years of service with the District who provides written notice of his or her retirement ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of retirement shall receive \$20.00 per day for accumulated sick days upon his or her retirement from the District.
9. In accordance with the Michigan Paid Medical Leave Act ("PMLA"), MCL 408.961 et seq., an eligible non-exempt (hourly) employee may use up to 40 hours of paid medical leave, provided above, for the following absences per fiscal year:
 - a. Mental or physical illness, injury or health condition, including related medical diagnosis, care, treatment, or preventative medical care of the employee or family member.
 - b. For a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault, any related medical care or counseling; victim services or legal services; judicial proceedings, or relocation.

- c. For closure of the employee's primary workplace by order of a public official; for an employee's need to care for a child whose school or place of care has been closed by order of a public official; or a determination by health authorities that the presence of the employee or family member in the community would jeopardize the health of others due to exposure to a communicable disease.

A family member includes a child, parent, spouse, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling as defined by the PMLA. This provision shall be interpreted and applied consistent with the PMLA and shall not provide greater benefits than that allowed by the statute. PMLA leave time runs concurrently with other leave available to the employee and does not provide additional leave time. To be eligible, the non-exempt (hourly) employee must be employed for more than 25 weeks in a calendar year, worked an average of at least 25 hours per week during the immediately preceding calendar year. Leave time must be taken in increments of 0.25 hour (15 minutes).

- B. Bereavement Leave. Employees shall be granted the number of bereavement days listed below for the applicable-named parties per incident.
 - 1. (a) Five (5) consecutive work days, one of which will be the date of the funeral for the death of an immediate family member, not chargeable to sick leave. Immediate family shall include spouse, child, step-child, grandchild, mother, father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother, sister, brother or sister-in-law, son or daughter-in-law, or any minor child assigned by the court to the employee.
 - (b) Up to three (3) consecutive work days, for the death of a relative not chargeable against the employee's accumulated sick leave. Relative shall include grandparents, nieces, nephews, first cousins, uncles and aunts.
- 2. Such days shall be paid for on the same prorated basis as set forth in Section A(2) above.
- C. Jury Duty Leave. An employee summoned by a court to serve as a juror shall be given a leave of absence for the period of her jury duty. For each day that an employee serves as a juror when the employee otherwise would have worked, the employee shall receive the employee's regular pay and the amount the employee received from the court shall be paid over to the Employer.

- D. Subpoena Leave. An employee who is subpoenaed to give testimony in any judicial matter involving the Employer by any party other than the Association shall be given a leave of absence for the period of attendance required by the subpoena. For each day that an employee is required to be in court pursuant to the subpoena when the employee otherwise would have worked, the employee shall receive the employee's regular pay and the amount the employee received from the court shall be paid over to the Employer.
- E. Personal Business Day.
1. An employee with seniority is eligible for two (2) paid days of business leave in each school year, July 1 to June 30. Such days shall be paid for on the same prorated basis as set forth in Section A(2) above. An employee may not take a personal day on a day that is not a scheduled work day.
 2. A request for such leave must be made in writing at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance; not more than three (3) employees will be allowed to be absent on the same day, and no business day will be granted the day before or the day after a holiday unless the employee proves that the business cannot be delayed to some other day. Such time must be taken in at least three (3) hour increments. A personal business day can only be used for business that cannot be done at any other time. To use the personal business days, the employee will submit to the supervisor a personal business day request form. Personal business days will not be charged against sick time. If unused, these personal days would become part of the employee's accumulated sick leave.
- F. Union Leave. Up to three (3) days per year, July 1 to June 30, may be used for Union business including participating in negotiations or attending Union meetings or conventions. The Union and employer shall share the cost of the employee's wages, retirement and substitute costs, if any. Union leave requests shall be made five (5) business days in advance to the Superintendent's office except in case of emergency. The Superintendent may grant up to three (3) employees Union leave for any particular day.
- G. Return from Leave of Absence. Subject to the requirements of the Family & Medical Leave Act, an employee returning from a leave of absence granted pursuant to this Agreement within twelve (12) months from the date the leave commenced shall be returned to the former position if available or to a comparable position for which the employee is qualified and has the greater seniority. An employee returning from a leave of absence of more than twelve (12) months shall be restored to a comparable position that is open or if none, the employee may displace the least senior employee, if he/she has more seniority, in a classification for which he/she is qualified.
- H. Schedule Cancellation. In the event an employee's scheduled work day is canceled because of conditions not within the control of school authorities, such as severe storms, fire, epidemics, utility power unavailability, water or sewer failure, or health conditions (as defined by city, county, or state health authorities) and the employee would otherwise have worked, the employee shall be paid for such day. If the day is to be made up, the employee

will not be paid for the make-up day, unless the employee elects to use an available personal day for such pay.

Pay for such day shall be calculated on the same formula as set forth in Section A(2) of this Article.

In the event such incident occurs and the employee is directed to leave work prior to the end of the work day, the employee will be paid for the balance of the assigned hours in the day.

One secretary per building, chosen at the Supervisor's discretion, may be required to report for two (2) hours of work on days school is cancelled due to conditions not within the control of school authorities and shall be paid for such time in addition to their regular day's pay at her regular hourly rate. This is an exception to Article 7.D – Overtime.

ARTICLE 12 - Unpaid Leaves of Absence

- A. A maximum leave of absence of one (1) year without pay shall be granted an employee desiring to further his/her education, providing said education is in a field of study related to the employee's current assignment. When the employee provides evidence of completion of the educational experience for which the leave was given, the regular step increment for this year shall be allowed. An increment will not be given to the employee who does not complete a full year of additional educational experience as prescribed in the request for said leave which has been approved by the Board.
- B. Military leave of absence without pay shall be granted according to the provisions of Michigan and federal law. An employee shall be entitled to the step increments and seniority for military service time as required by law. Employees required to fulfill annual training duty with reserve units, which conflict with the school calendar, shall be given leave without pay.
- C. Employees who are elected offices of the State or National Association shall be given a leave of absence without pay for purposes of performing duties of the Association. Employees given such leave of absence shall not be given credit for annual step increment. Such leave shall not exceed the term of office held by the employee.
- D. With at least thirty (30) days written notification to the Board (shorter notice will be accepted where the need for leave is not foreseeable) stating the nature of the child care or emergency situation, any employee who has at least one (1) year of employment will be given a maximum unpaid leave of absence of up to one (1) year for personal disability, for child care or immediate family emergencies.
- E. An employee who has been employed five (5) years in the Oakridge Public Schools can request a one (1) year unpaid leave of absence if the certain criteria and procedures outlined below have been met. Each request for the unpaid leave of absence will be considered on its individual merits. The applications shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions

of this Article. The particular circumstances surrounding each leave will be reviewed by the Board with the understanding that its decision will in no way establish a precedent. The decision of the Board as to whether such leave shall be granted is final.

The employee can request only one such leave every seven (7) years and not consecutive. The number of employees who can be on leave during any one year shall be determined by the Board.

F. The following conditions shall apply to all of the above unpaid leaves of absence referred to in this Article:

1. Step increment shall not accrue (except as required by law for military leaves and FMLA leaves) but position on the wage schedule shall be retained. Position shall be determined as that held by the employee at the time the leave was granted.
2. Sick leave shall not accrue, but unused sick leave days held at the start of the leave shall be reinstated upon return.
3. Other fringe benefits shall not be paid, except as otherwise required by law.
4. Time spent on an unpaid leave cannot be added to the employee's seniority, except as required by law.
5. Requests for unpaid leaves shall be in writing at least sixty (60) calendar days preceding the start of the leave, except for leaves taken under the Family and Medical Leave Act where thirty (30) days' notice is required for foreseeable leaves.
6. The employee on leave must give written notice that he/she desires to return to work fifteen (15) work days prior to the end of the leave of absence and may return at the beginning of the school year or at the beginning of the second semester unless agreed otherwise by the employee and the Superintendent.
7. Said employee will forfeit all rights to re-employment if he/she accepts other employment during the leave of absence.
8. Employees returning from leave under this Article shall be entitled to the following reinstatement rights:
 - a. An employee returning from military leave or leave taken under the Family and Medical Leave Act will be reinstated to their former Classification at the conclusion of those leaves, to the extent required by those statutes if a position for which he/she is qualified exists.

- b. An employee returning from a medical leave of 18 months or less will be reinstated to the position she held at the time the leave was granted, if available, provided the employee can still satisfactorily perform the functions of the position as determined by the Employer. If the position is no longer available or after 18 months, the employee may bump an employee with less seniority in the same Classification provided she can perform the functions of the position as determined by the Employer.
- c. An employee returning from leaves longer than ninety (90) days, other than military and FMLA leave(s), shall be reinstated to a position held by the least senior member within the employee's classification with the same hours and benefits assuming that the returning employee has more seniority if a position for which he/she is qualified exists.

ARTICLE 13 - Holidays and Vacations

- A. Recognized Holidays. The following days are recognized as holidays for all full-time and regular part-time employees with seniority:

Friday before Labor Day for paraprofessionals
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Friday After Thanksgiving
Christmas Day
New Year's Day
Good Friday
Memorial Day
July 4th (if the employee works the day before and the day after)
Floating Holiday for secretaries

- B. Holiday Eligibility. In order to be eligible for holiday pay, an employee must satisfy all of the following conditions and qualification:

- 1. The employee must work on the last work day before the holiday and the first work day after the holiday.
- 2. The employee must be on the active payroll as of the date of the holiday. For purposes of this section a person is not on the active payroll of the Employer during an unpaid leave of absence, layoffs, when receiving workers' compensation or on a disciplinary suspension without pay.

- C. Holiday Pay. Eligible employees shall receive holiday pay for each recognized holiday in an amount equal to the number of hours worked per day in their normal work week schedule. All holiday pay shall be at the employee's straight-time regular rate of pay. Eligible employees required to work on a recognized holiday shall receive holiday pay in addition to pay at their straight-time regular rate of pay for all work performed on the holiday.

D. Secretary Vacation.

1. Full year secretaries shall be granted vacation time of fifteen (15) vacation days per year, July 1 to June 30. Vacation days will increase one (1) day per year after the first satisfactory year of employment and each satisfactory year of employment thereafter up to a maximum of twenty (20) days of vacation. Full year secretaries hired prior to May 13, 2022, shall maintain their vacation time of 25 days per year. When earning 18 or more vacation days, ten (10) of those vacation days must occur during summer when school is not in session.
2. Vacations will be approved by the supervisor. Vacation time is non-accumulative and is intended to be taken within the year of eligibility. One exception is, upon request, up to forty (40) hours may be carried into the following year with the permission of the Superintendent.
3. If a Full Year Office/Clerical employee is not employed the full year, July 1 to June 30, the number of vacation days will be prorated.

ARTICLE 14 - Wage Schedules and Rates

The salary schedules are attached as Appendix A.

2024-25

- Appendix A – Wage Schedule shall increase 3.1% for employees in the Clerical Classification. Employees shall advance one step over their prior year step.
- Appendix A – Wage Schedule shall increase 3.9% for employees in the Paraprofessional Classification. A step 9 shall be added to the wage schedule. Employees shall advance one step over their prior year step. Steps 1 shall be eliminated from the wage schedule. Employees who were on the eliminated step 1 shall be placed on step 2.
- Wage advancements based on academic attainment shall occur.

2025-26

- Wage opener
- Wage advancements based on academic attainment shall occur.

2026-27

- Wage Opener
- Wage advancements based on academic attainment shall occur.

A. Wages.

1. A newly hired employee or a current employee who has earned a minimum of an Associated Degree specifically preparing her for her assigned job Classification, as determined by the Employer, shall be placed by the Employer at a wage rate of \$1.04 above her assigned step level rate. Employees who were being compensated for having earned an Associated Degree prior to March 21, 2013 shall be placed by the Employer at a wage rate of \$1.04 above her assigned step level rate or maintain her current wage rate above her assigned step level rate, whichever is the higher amount.

2. New hires may be placed on an appropriate step on the wage schedule at the discretion of the Employer. Thereafter, such employee will progress in accordance with the schedule.
3. At such time as the Employer shall establish a new classification within the bargaining unit, the Association will be notified of the wage rate assigned. Such rate will be considered permanent unless a written request for a meeting on the rate is filed with the Employer within thirty (30) calendar days after such notice. Such rate will then be subject to negotiations by the parties.
4. It is mutually agreed that a Paraprofessional assigned to a GSRP classroom shall be compensated \$1.04 per hour in addition to their regular hourly rate when they have been assigned by their supervisor to fill the role of an absent GSRP lead teacher.

B. Pay Periods

1. Full Year Secretaries will receive compensation for regularly assigned hours of work as set forth in Appendix A over 26 pays from July 1 through June 30, to the extent permitted by law.
2. School Year Secretaries and Paraprofessionals eligible for Plan A Medical Insurance will receive compensation for regularly assigned hours of work as set forth in Appendix A over 26 pays from September 1 through August 31, to the extent permitted by law.
3. Employees eligible for Plan B Ancillary Insurance, at least two weeks prior to the first day of work each school year, shall notify the payroll office in writing of their selection for 26 pays and shall receive compensation for regularly assigned hours of work as set forth in Appendix A over 26 pays (September 1 – August 31), to the extent permitted by law. Employees shall not alter the number of pays once selected. Such employees not making this selection shall be paid during the corresponding pay period in which the hours were worked.
4. Employees not eligible for Plan A nor Plan B Insurance will receive compensation set forth in Appendix A in the corresponding pay period in which the hours were worked.
5. Overtime pay for all employees will be paid during the corresponding pay period in which overtime is worked.
6. Unpaid days shall be accounted in the corresponding pay period for which the unpaid day occurred.

C. Longevity Payment.

Longevity is defined as the length of continuous service with the Oakridge Public Schools, irrespective of job classification.

Longevity will be prorated as follows:

First payment to be made last pay in June following 10th anniversary date.

Anniversary Date - July 1 - Jan. 30 = full year earned

Anniversary Date - Jan. 30 - June 30 = 1/2 year earned

10 to 15 years of service ---- 4%
16 to 20 years of service ---- 4.5%
21 years and over ----- 5.25%

Longevity will be computed on an individual's base rate, (hourly wage) x total number of regular hours worked, including holidays and vacations, per year x appropriate percentage listed above. (2,080 hrs. = 12 month sec. and actual hours worked for a 10 month sec.)

In the event of termination (re: illness, retirement) the employee's longevity will be figured on the employee's base rate x the number of hours earned to date of termination x the longevity percentage of the agreement. The school fiscal year of July 1 to June 30 will be used with payment in the last paycheck in June. Individuals will become eligible for longevity payment the year following the completion of ten (10) years of service. To qualify for a year's experience, a person shall have worked a minimum of six months.

- D. Employees chaperoning school field trips shall have their admission costs reimbursed.
- E. Direct Deposit. All payments of wages shall be made via Direct Deposit to the bank of the employee's choosing or via pay card.

ARTICLE 15 - Insurance

The Board shall provide the insurance selection as described below for a full twelve (12) month period. The Employer shall sign an Employee participation agreement.

- A. **Medical Benefit Plan Coverage Year (MBPCY) and Treasury Hard Caps**
The Employer's annual contribution for medical benefit plan costs (including annual costs or illustrative rate and any payments for reimbursement of co-pays, deductibles, or payments into health savings accounts, flexible spending accounts, or similar accounts used for health care costs) for health insurance shall be the hard cap rates set by the Michigan Department of Treasury for a MBPCY.

Bargaining Unit employees shall be responsible for all medical benefit plan costs in excess of the Employer's contribution, as designated in this Article, which will be obtained through payroll deduction. Employee payroll deductions will occur during the first and second pay periods of each month.

The District will continue to adopt the hard cap rates determined by the Michigan Department of Treasury for medical benefit plan coverage years beginning on or after January 1 of each year unless the contract.

In the event that this arrangement is found to violate PA 152, bargaining unit employees shall be responsible for all medical benefit plan costs in excess of the Board's hard cap contribution, which will be obtained through payroll deduction.

Before adjusting a bargaining unit employee's payroll deduction, the Superintendent will provide reasonable notice to the employee.

B. Plan A – Medical Insurance for eligible employees

The Association and the Employer agree to open this article for negotiations prior to the 2025 medical benefit plan year to allow for mutual consideration of an alternate provider or benefit package.

The following insurance options will be available effective January 1, 2022:

Option 1	Option 2
MESSA Choices (9u) \$500/\$1,000 in-network deductible 10% in-network co-insurance \$20/\$20/\$20 OL/OV/SV copay \$25/\$50 UC/ER copay Rx coverage: SRX mail Riders: None	MESSA ABC Plan 1 (AI) \$1,400/\$2,800 in-network deductible 10% in-network co-insurance \$0/\$0/\$0 OL/OV/SV copay \$0/\$0 UC/ER copay Rx coverage: ABC mail Riders: HEQ

New eligible employees electing Plan A or employees switching to Plan A shall enroll in Medical Insurance Option 1. Such employees may only elect to switch to the Medical Insurance Option 2 effective January 1 of a calendar year.

The Board shall also provide:

- Dental - 100% Diagnosis & Preventative, 80% basic services (x-rays), 80% major services, \$3,000 annual max; 80% orthodontics, \$1,300 lifetime max, riders – 2 cleanings, AO; plan year – July-June
- Vision - VSP 3 Plus P 250CL
- Life - \$45,000
- AD&D - \$45,000
- LTD - 66-2/3% Max \$5,000; maximum monthly benefit \$7,500; waiting period - 60-day CDMF, Alcohol/Drug Mental/Nervous (same as any other illness); Soc. Sec. Offset (primary); Own-occupation (2 years); pre-exist condition (waived); No COLA; SS freeze (yes)

Employees selecting Medical Insurance Option 2 shall elect, during the corresponding open enrollment period, to have the Board either:

- Option (A): fund the employee's individual HSA Health Equity account in the amount of 1/12th of the deductible in Medical Insurance Option 2 on the first business day for each month of the plan year; or
- Option (B): allocate the employer's monthly contribution of the prorated statutory hard cap to the medical benefit plan costs for the medical insurance product (the premium) and allocate any remaining amount toward funding the HSA deductible.

Employees may change the above election annually during the corresponding open enrollment period only. Employees not notifying the district of their selection during the open enrollment period shall default to Option (A).

The parties understand that in the event the minimum deductible necessary for the Medical Insurance Option 2 to comply with HSA eligibility is adjusted from the current deductible level, the deductible will automatically adjust to meet the federal minimum requirement on the next January 1.

Employees may contribute, through payroll deduction and electronic transfer, additional money towards their Health Savings Account (HSA) up to the maximum amount allowed by Federal law.

Full time employees not electing a Plan A Medical Insurance Option will select the Plan B Ancillary Insurance.

C. **Plan B – Ancillary Insurance for eligible employees**

The Board shall provide eligible employees NOT electing a Plan A Medical Insurance Option for Part-Time Employees, as defined in this contract, with the following Plan B coverage with the premium fully paid by the Board:

The following ancillary insurance will be available effective January 1, 2022:

- Dental - 100% Diagnosis & Preventative, 80% basic services (x-rays), 80% major services, \$3,000 annual max; 80% orthodontics, \$1,300 lifetime max, riders – 2 cleanings, AO; plan year – July-June
- Vision - VSP 3 Plus P 250CL
- Life - \$45,000
- AD&D - \$45,000
- LTD - 66-2/3% Max \$5,000; maximum monthly benefit \$7,500; waiting period - 60-day CDMF, Alcohol/Drug Mental/Nervous (same as any other illness); Soc. Sec. Offset (primary); Own-occupation (2 years); pre-exist condition (waived); No COLA; SS freeze (yes)

D. **Full-Year Secretaries** are eligible for Plan A based on employee status – single, two-person, family.

E. **School Year Secretaries and Paraprofessionals** working thirty (30) or more hours per week are eligible for Plan A based on single only employee status.

F. **Part-Time Employees** who are assigned a regular schedule of work of more than 20 but less than 30 hours per week are eligible for Plan B only, with the premium fully paid by the Board.

G. **Election in Lieu of Health Insurance**

A full time employee not electing Plan A shall elect Plan B and One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120) per month, which under the Employer's Section 125 Plan, the employee may elect to:

1. be added to the regular payroll check; or
2. be utilized to purchase benefits under the plan.

A full year secretary shall receive One Hundred Seventy-Five dollars (\$175) per month in lieu of taking the insurance.

Cash in lieu of Health Insurance is only available to eligible unit members who voluntarily and in writing opt out of health benefits coverage offered under Plan A and who provide documentation to the Board that the employee is enrolled in other health coverage that meets the minimum value and coverage requirements of state and federal law. This paragraph will not be enforced if no longer required by law.

H. The Board shall provide a Section 125 Plan to allow employees to purchase insurance benefits and pay contributions for health insurance with pre-tax dollars.

I. **General Provisions Relating to Insurance Coverage.**

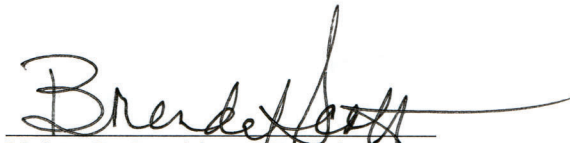
1. It shall be the responsibility of the employee to meet the insurability requirements of the insurance carrier and to properly fill out all necessary forms that the insurance carrier may require. Failure of an employee to fill out the necessary insurance forms, required by the carrier or to meet the carrier's insurability standards shall not be the responsibility of the Employer.
2. All insurance benefits for which the Board is obligated to contribute shall be subject to the underwriting rules, regulations and limitations as set forth by the respective insurance carrier.
3. The Board, by payment of the premiums set forth herein, shall be relieved from all liability with respect to the benefits provided by the insurance carriers or their underwriters. The failure of the insurance carriers or their underwriters to provide any of the benefits for which they have contracted shall not result in any liability to the Board, nor shall such failure be considered a breach of any obligation by the Board.
4. Disputes between employee(s) or beneficiaries of employee(s) and the insurance carriers or their underwriters shall not be subject to the grievance procedure established in this Agreement.
5. New employees to the bargaining unit who are eligible for the above insurance shall be provided the insurance beginning with the first full month after the month in which they became an employee. In the event an employee is on indefinite layoff, the above insurance shall be continued through the month following the month in which their layoff was effective conditioned on employee paying their employee contribution for health insurance prior to the beginning of the last month of insurance. Such employee may be eligible for COBRA.

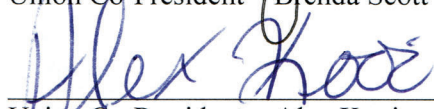
6. In the event an employee resigns, their insurance will terminate at the end of the month of resignation. Employee shall pay employee contribution for health insurance through payroll deduction.

ARTICLE 16 - Term of Agreement

Effective/Expiration Dates. This Agreement shall become effective upon ratification, and shall remain in full force and effect through June 30, 2027, at 11:59 p.m, except "Article 14 - Wage Schedules and Rates" which shall be open for negotiation for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years as stated in Article 14. The parties agree to meet within a reasonable time to commence negotiations.

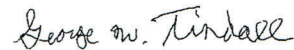
Signed and ratified this 30th day of October 2024.


Union Co-President - Brenda Scott


Union Co-President - Alex Kooi



Board President – Jeff Kartes



Board Secretary – George Tindall

APPENDIX A – Wage Schedules

See Article 14 - Wage Schedules and Rates for step, wage, and longevity language applying to all Departments and Classifications in this Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Head Secretary - Wages

Step	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
1	21.93		
2	22.33		
3	22.71		
4	23.08		
5	23.49		
6	23.91		
7	24.24		
8	24.66		
9	25.00		
10	25.43		

Head Secretary - Associate's Degree Wages

Step	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
1	22.97		
2	23.37		
3	23.75		
4	24.12		
5	24.53		
6	24.95		
7	25.28		
8	25.70		
9	26.04		
10	26.47		

Assistant Secretary - Wages

Step	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
1	19.14		
2	19.54		
3	19.93		
4	20.30		
5	20.72		
6	21.09		
7	21.50		
8	21.90		
9	22.27		
10	22.71		

Assistant Secretary – Associate’s Degree Wages

Step	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
1	20.18		
2	20.58		
3	20.97		
4	21.34		
5	21.76		
6	22.13		
7	22.54		
8	22.94		
9	23.31		
10	23.75		

Paraprofessional - Wages

Step	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Eliminate Step 1	-	-	-
2	14.30		
3	14.83		
4	15.37		
5	15.90		
6	16.43		
7	16.96		
8	17.49		
9	18.03		

Paraprofessional - Associate's Degree Wages

Step	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Eliminate Step 1	-	-	-
2	15.34		
3	15.87		
4	16.41		
5	16.94		
6	17.47		
7	18.00		
8	18.53		
9	19.07		

APPENDIX B – Grievance Form
OAKRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GRIEVANCE FORM
(See Article 4 of Contract)

Grievance: _____
(year) (number)

(Name of Grievant)	(Position)	(Building)	(Immediate Supervisor)
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INFORMAL STEP (SECTION C 1)

(Date Grievance Occurred) (Date of informal meeting with Immediate Supervisor)

1st FORMAL STEP (SECTION C 2)

(Date formal written grievance filed with Immediate Supervisor) (Signature of Immediate Supervisor)

Statement of how the Agreement is claimed to be violated:

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Articles and Sections of Agreement claimed to be violated:

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Relief sought:

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(Date) _____

(Signature of Grievant)

(Date received by Immediate Supervisor)
1st FORMAL STEP (SECTION C 3)

(Signature of Immediate Supervisor)

(Date of meeting)

Disposition of Immediate Supervisor:

(Date of Disposition)

(Signature of Immediate Supervisor)

(Date received by Grievant)

(Signature of Grievant)

(Date received by Assoc. representative)

(Signature of Assoc. representative)

Position of Grievant:

(Date)

(Signature of Grievant)

Position of Assoc.:

(Date)

(Signature of Assoc. representative)

2nd FORMAL STEP (SECTION C 4)

(Date received by Superintendent)

(Signature of Superintendent)

Disposition by Superintendent:

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(Date of disposition by Superintendent)

(Signature of Superintendent)

(Date of receipt by Grievant)

(Signature of Grievant)

(Date of receipt by Assoc. representative)

(Signature of Assoc. representative)

Position of Grievant:

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(Date)

(Signature of Grievant)

Position of Assoc:

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(Date)

(Signature of Assoc. representative)

(Date received by Superintendent)

(Signature of Superintendent)

OPTIONAL (SECTION C 4 b) IF SUBMITTED TO BOARD

Position of Board:

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(Date)

(Signature of Board President)

(Date received by Grievant)

(Signature of Grievant)

(Date received by Assoc. representative)

(Signature of Assoc. representative)

Position of Grievant:

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(Date)

(Signature of Grievant)

Position of Assoc:

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(Date)

(Signature of Assoc. representative)

(Date received by Superintendent)

(Signature of Superintendent)

APPENDIX C – Letters of Agreement

Letter of Agreement- 27L

In consideration of the mutual covenants below, this Letter of Agreement (LOA) is entered into by and between the Oakridge Education Association (OEA), the Oakridge Educational Support Personnel Association (OESPA), and the Oakridge Paraprofessional/Clerical Association (OPCA), and the Oakridge Public Schools (District) Board of Education (Board), concerning State funding available under State School Aid Act Section 271, MCL 388.16271(section 271). This LOA is an amendment to the current collective bargaining agreement between the Association and the District, if any (CBA).

Background:

1. Section 271 allocates one-time funding to districts to provide educator compensation.
2. The parties agree that bargaining unit employees are "educators" as currently defined by section 271.
3. The parties have collectively bargained section 271 compensation and desire to distribute section 271 funds to the Association's bargaining unit members pursuant to the provisions below. The parties agree that, by entering into this LOA, the District has satisfied its obligation to bargain section 271 funds.

The Parties Agree:

1. Qualifying Criteria. The District will make a one-time payment from section 271 funds received by the District to each eligible Employee by August 14, 2026 (Payment Date). An Employee is eligible for payment if the Employee:
 - a. is actively employed by the District during the May 22, 2026, payroll period, and
 - b. is contributing to the state retirement system, and,
 - c. is not a Board Member, substitute, or Superintendent.
2. Payment Allocation. Each eligible Employee, who worked the entire 2025-26 school year, will receive a one-time payment, less customary employer and employee withholdings (including taxes and retirement contributions) in an off-schedule payroll period as presented in the attached spreadsheet. Each Employee who worked less than the full school year will receive a prorated one-time payment based on a calculation of the percentage of the school year employed (PSYE) rate, less customary employer and employee withholdings (including taxes and retirement contributions) in an off-schedule payroll period as presented in the enclosed spreadsheet.
3. Liability Limitation. Grievances related to section 271 funds shall be limited to non-payment of section 271 funds under this LOA, as is consistent with the terms of this LOA. The Association shall not file or assist in any other claim (including an unfair labor practice charge or a court complaint) related to section 271 funds.
4. Effective Date and Expiration. This LOA will be effective upon signature by both parties below. This LOA shall expire on September 30, 2026.

5. Board Approval. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this LOA, this LOA is contingent on the Board approving it before the Payment Date, as reflected in a Board resolution or Board meeting minutes.
6. Effect. This LOA shall not set a precedent and shall not be used as evidence of a policy or practice.

Oakridge Education Association (OEA)

Nathan Danicek

Nathan Danicek, President

29/07/2026

Date

Oakridge Board of Education

Doug DeWitte

Doug DeWitte, President

vice

8-3-2026

Date

**Oakridge Paraprofessional/Clerical
Association (OPCA)**

Brenda Scott

Brenda Scott, President

30/07/2026

Date

**Oakridge Educational Support Personnel
Association (OESPA)**

Barb Chase

Barb Chase, President

29/07/2026

Date

APPENDIX D – 2025-26 and 2026-27 Wage Opener

Letter of Agreement (LOA)

between

**Oakridge Board of Education
and
Oakridge Paraprofessional/Clerical Association**

This LOA made and entered into by and between the Oakridge Public Schools, hereinafter referred to as the “Board”, “Employer”, or “District” and the Oakridge Paraprofessional/Clerical Association, hereinafter referred to as the “Association” or “OPCA”.

It is mutually agreed that Article 14 – Wages Schedules and Rates, Sections 14.A and Appendix A shall be amended in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. This wage increase shall occur prospectively beginning with the February 27, 2026, pay period, pending Board approval on Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

A retroactive payment for the agreed upon increased wages for the hours worked July 1, 2025, up to the February 6, 2026, will be issued to employees on February 20, 2026, pending Board approval on Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

This letter of agreement shall be attached to the collective bargaining agreement.

 Brenda Scott (Feb 21, 2026 10:36:02 EST)	02/21/2026	 Alex Kooi (Feb 23, 2026 07:36:40 EST)	02/23/2026
Brenda Scott – OPCA President	Date	Alex Kooi – OPCA President	Date
 Doug DeWitte (Feb 26, 2026 14:45:56 EST)	02/26/2026		02/20/2026
Doug DeWitte – Board President	Date	Tom Livezey, Superintendent	Date

ARTICLE 14 - Wage Schedules and Rates

The salary schedules are attached as Appendix A.

2024-25

- Appendix A – Wage Schedule shall increase 3.1% for employees in the Clerical Classification. Employees shall advance one step over their prior year step.
- Appendix A – Wage Schedule shall increase 3.9% for employees in the Paraprofessional Classification. A step 9 shall be added to the wage schedule. Employees shall advance one step over their prior year step. Steps 1 shall be eliminated from the wage schedule. Employees who were on the eliminated step 1 shall be placed on step 2.
- Wage advancements based on academic attainment shall occur.

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- **2025** Appendix A – Wage Schedule shall increase 3.2% for employees in the Clerical Department. Step 1 shall be eliminated from the wage schedule. A step 11 shall be added to the wage schedule as presented in Appendix A. Employees shall advance one step over their prior year step.
- Appendix A – Wage Schedule shall increase 1.5% for employees in the Paraprofessional Department. A step 10 shall be added to the wage schedule as presented in Appendix A. Employees shall advance one step over their prior year step.
- Wage advancements based on academic attainment shall occur.

2026-27

- Appendix A – Wage Schedule shall increase 3.2% for employees in the Clerical Department. Employees shall advance one step over their prior year step.
- Appendix A – Wage Schedule shall increase 1.5% for employees in the Paraprofessional Department. Employees shall advance one step over their prior year step.
- Wage advancements based on academic attainment shall occur.

A. Wages.

1. A newly hired employee or a current employee who has earned a minimum of an Associated Degree specifically preparing her for her assigned job Classification, as determined by the Employer, shall be placed by the Employer on the Associates Degree Wage Schedule in Appendix A. Employees who were being compensated for having earned an Associated Degree prior to March 21, 2013 shall be placed by the Employer on the Associates Degree Wage Schedule or maintain her current Associates Degree wage rate, whichever is the higher amount.
2. New hires may be placed on an appropriate step on the wage schedule at the discretion of the Employer. Thereafter, such employee will progress in accordance with the schedule.
3. At such time as the Employer shall establish a new classification within the bargaining unit, the Association will be notified of the wage rate assigned. Such rate will be considered permanent unless a written request for a meeting on the rate is filed with the Employer within thirty (30) calendar days after such notice. Such rate will then be subject to negotiations by the parties.
4. It is mutually agreed that a Paraprofessional assigned to a classroom shall be compensated \$2.00 per hour in addition to their regular hourly rate when they have been assigned by their supervisor to fill the role of an absent lead teacher.

APPENDIX A – Wage Schedules

See Article 14 - Wage Schedules and Rates for step, wage, and longevity language applying to all Departments and Classifications in this Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Head Secretary - Wages

Step	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
1	21.93	Deleted	Deleted
2	22.33	23.05	23.78
3	22.71	23.44	24.19
4	23.08	23.82	24.59
5	23.49	24.24	25.01
6	23.91	24.67	25.46
7	24.24	25.01	25.81
8	24.66	25.45	26.27
9	25.00	25.80	26.63
10	25.43	26.25	27.09
11		26.70	27.55

Head Secretary - Associate's Degree Wages

Step	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
1	22.97	Deleted	Deleted
2	23.37	24.12	24.89
3	23.75	24.51	25.30
4	24.12	24.90	25.69
5	24.53	25.31	26.12
6	24.95	25.75	26.57
7	25.28	26.09	26.92
8	25.70	26.52	27.37
9	26.04	26.88	27.74
10	26.47	27.32	28.20
11		27.77	28.66

Assistant Secretary - Wages

Step	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
1	19.14	deleted	deleted
2	19.54	20.16	20.81
3	19.93	20.57	21.23
4	20.30	20.95	21.62
5	20.72	21.39	22.07
6	21.09	21.77	22.47
7	21.50	22.18	22.89
8	21.90	22.60	23.32
9	22.27	22.98	23.72
10	22.71	23.44	24.19
11		23.90	24.66

Assistant Secretary – Associate’s Degree Wages

Step	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
1	20.18	deleted	deleted
2	20.58	21.24	21.92
3	20.97	21.64	22.33
4	21.34	22.02	22.73
5	21.76	22.46	23.18
6	22.13	22.84	23.57
7	22.54	23.26	24.00
8	22.94	23.67	24.43
9	23.31	24.06	24.83
10	23.75	24.51	25.30
11		24.97	25.77

Paraprofessional - Wages

Step	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Eliminate Step 1	-	-	-
2	14.30	14.51	14.73
3	14.83	15.05	15.27
4	15.37	15.60	15.83
5	15.90	16.14	16.38
6	16.43	16.67	16.92
7	16.96	17.21	17.47
8	17.49	17.75	18.01
9	18.03	18.30	18.58
10		18.86	19.14

Paraprofessional - Associate's Degree Wages

Step	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Eliminate Step 1	-	-	-
2	15.34	15.58	15.82
3	15.87	16.12	16.36
4	16.41	16.67	16.92
5	16.94	17.21	17.47
6	17.47	17.75	18.01
7	18.00	18.28	18.56
8	18.53	18.82	19.10
9	19.07	19.39	19.67
10		19.93	20.23