

**2015-2016  
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT  
between Millard Public Schools  
and the Millard Education Association**

**THIS AGREEMENT** made and entered into this 2nd day of February, 2015 by and between School District Number 17, Douglas County, Nebraska, also known as the Millard School district (hereinafter called "District"), and the Millard Education Association (hereinafter called "Association").

**WHEREAS**, the parties have from time to time met and negotiated the terms and conditions of employment for teachers for the 2015-16 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have reached an agreement with respect to the terms and conditions of the employment for teachers for the 2015-16 school year;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the covenants and conditions as hereinafter set forth, the parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I  
RECOGNITION**

For the purpose of negotiating collectively on those terms and conditions of employment required by law, the District hereby agrees to recognize the Millard Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for employees certificated by the Nebraska Department of Education and employed by the District. This definition specifically does not include persons employed as Administrators or Nurses by the District.

**ARTICLE II  
PROCEDURE AND PROTOCOL**

The parties hereby agree that negotiation shall be commenced, conducted and completed according to the procedure and protocol set forth and described in Appendix A, which is attached hereto and made a part of this agreement.

**ARTICLE III  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**I. Term of Contract:**

The term of the contract shall begin on August 1, 2015 and terminate on July 31, 2016. In each contract year, the contract shall consist of 192 teacher days for returning teachers and 194 days for new teacher hires. The District may require any new teacher hire to work day 193 and day 194 of his or her contract without compensation, provided days 193 and 194 are scheduled after the commencement of the regular teacher work calendar. Each new teacher hire who attends new teacher workshops before the commencement of the regular teacher work calendar shall be compensated for each day of attendance at a rate of \$200 per day. New teacher hire workshop compensation shall be rendered as a stipend and tracked separately from

total salary for the purposes of calculating the new teacher hire's daily rate of pay. In addition, the District may require any teacher covered by this agreement to work up to two additional days (e.g. 194 days for returning teachers and 196 days for new teacher hires), provided that the teacher is compensated at his or her daily rate and given a minimum of 90 days' advance notice. A teacher's daily rate of pay is his or her annual salary divided by the total number of paid contract days in the corresponding contract year. A teacher may be excused without pay from working the additional day(s) by providing good cause; good cause shall include any of the leave of absence reasons set forth in Board Policy and Rule. Failure to show good cause may result in disciplinary action.

If upon the expiration of this agreement on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2016, the parties hereto have not agreed to a collective bargaining agreement for the school year 2016-17, the terms of this agreement shall continue in full force and effect so long as the parties are continuing to engage in good faith collective bargaining.

## **2. Salary / Compensation:**

**Formula Salary Methodology:** The salary will be adjusted proportionately according to changes in the individual teacher's full-time equivalency (F.T.E.) and / or number of contract days. For the 2015-16 school year, each teacher's pay shall be as set forth in Appendix B, subject to the following limitations:

- a) A returning teacher's salary shall be the greater of: (i) his or her formula salary in Appendix B; or (ii) the same salary as his or her 2014-15 salary, prorated for f.t.e. or extended contracts;
- b) Any teacher employed in December who has at least 25 years of credited service, which includes at least 20 years of credited service with the District, shall receive a one-time payment of \$500 in December of 2015. This provision shall not continue beyond July 31, 2016. The payment under this paragraph shall be rendered as a stipend and tracked separately for purpose of calculating the teacher's daily rate of pay. Part time years of service shall be counted for purposes of this paragraph in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute § 79-825;
- c) Any teacher newly hired to the District for the 2015-16 school year shall receive a salary as set forth in Appendix B; and
- d) Any error found in salary shall only be corrected retroactive to the beginning of the year in which the error was discovered or the year in which the specific error was brought to the attention of Human Resources in writing (e.g. a salary error discovered in January of 2016 will be corrected retroactively to the September of 2015 pay period). The District may (but shall not be required) to delay the correction of errors that decrease a teacher's salary until the next contract year.

**Additional Days:** Each teacher who is required to work extra days beyond the contracted days specified in this agreement will be compensated at his or her regular daily rate of pay,

provided, however, that the District may set pay rates without reference to salary per diem under any of the following conditions:

- a) when a new teacher hire works extra days as provided for in Article III, Section I of this agreement;
- b) when non-teaching duties are offered and accepted during non-contract days (e.g. painting, maintenance, moving furniture, configuration and setup of computers, etc.), the rate of pay shall be at the sole discretion of the District;
- c) when non-required direct delivery of instruction is offered and performed as additional days (e.g. summer school), the District may set a rate of pay which shall not be less than \$250 per day;
- d) when non-required duties related to teaching are offered and performed as additional days (e.g. curriculum writing, required staff development, assessment development), the District may set a rate of pay which shall not be less than \$200 per day; and
- e) supervision duties during the year shall be at the extra duty rate provided in Appendix C.
- f) the District may offer optional staff development during off-contract time. Optional staff development may be offered with or without a monetary incentive (or other incentive), as offered by the District, for the employee to participate.
- g) in the event duties are performed for less than a full day, the District may set a comparable hourly rate by dividing the daily rate by eight (8) or a one-half daily rate set by dividing the daily rate by 2. In no event shall the totals an hourly rate or a one-half daily rate exceed the daily rate for any one day worked.

All salary will be adjusted proportionately according to the individual teacher's full time equivalency status (F.T.E.) and / or the teacher's total number of paid contract days.

**Critical Shortage Program:** The District may determine critical shortage teaching areas and may determine a stipend to be offered to candidates who accept job offers in those areas. Eligible stipend recipients shall include any teacher employed by the district in a non-critical shortage area who is selected to fill a critical shortage area position. The stipend will be distributed over a one-year period providing the recipient remains employed by the district in the critical shortage area during the entire one-year period. Recipients who cease to be employed by the District in the critical shortage area shall forfeit all future stipend payments on the day their assignment ends. The policies, procedures, implementation and all decisions related thereto shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided however, the District will review the program with the Association prior to implementation.

**Extra Duty Compensation:** The schedule for extra duty compensation is attached hereto as Appendix C and by reference incorporated and made a part of the contract. Extra duty may be paid proportionately over the remaining contract beginning when the extra duty is assigned and when the District Human Resources office is notified of the extra duty assignment and ending in

August. In the event a teacher is permitted to withdraw from an extra duty assignment, any payments previously paid will be deducted from the employee's compensation.

**National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards (NBCPTS):** Each teacher holding an unexpired NBCPTS certificate issued prior to July 31, 2014 shall be paid a stipend of \$2,000 by the District for the time remaining on that teacher's certification.

### **3. Insurance:**

**Benefits and Coverage, Premiums:** The District shall provide each full-time teacher with health, dental, life, and long-term disability coverage and benefits. Health Plan benefits are outlined in Appendix F, which is attached hereto and by reference incorporated in and made a part of this Contract. The multiple plans listed in Appendix F are available to employees at the employee's option during open enrollment or other qualifying event changes. The employee may choose only one plan.

The District may, under the terms of this agreement, set or negotiate the benefit premiums for current employees and adopt, at its sole discretion, a distinct rate schedule and benefits calendar for qualifying retirees. The amounts of the District's premium contributions shall be made available to the Association and teachers upon request.

**Benefits and Coverage, Health and Benefit Design:** The Association abjures the right to negotiate changes to plan design effective from September 1, 2014 to January 1, 2017. The District shall disclose plan design provisions, or changes to those provisions, to the Association. Until January 1, 2017, the District at management's discretion may alter or amend health and dental plan provisions through the adoption of a fully funded plan or by changing the terms of a self-funded insurance plan. Those health or dental plan design provisions so maintained or amended under this Agreement may include the auditing of dependent eligibility, adjusting lists of drug formularies, adopting mandatory generic drug programs, revising the dollar amounts associated with emergency room or urgent care co-pays, changing drug co-pay amounts, limiting the number of certain enumerated medical procedures, determining the medical necessity of procedures (including whether a procedure is deemed experimental or investigational), revising the list of authorized network providers, instituting a multi-tiered network for the health plan, setting dental coverage parameters, and other plan changes not specifically contained in Appendix F.

The only limitations on the District's discretion to manage and institute the benefit plan design changes described above shall be: (1) the District may not unilaterally alter those terms specifically set forth in Appendix F of this Agreement; (2) the discretion shall not be construed to empower the District to alter the qualified dependents (spouses and children) currently provided coverage under the plan; and (3) the District may not eliminate the insurance plan.

**Employee Health Insurance Premium Contributions:** For each eligible full-time teacher, monthly health insurance premiums paid by the employee shall be as follows:

COVERAGE TIER	CONVENTIONAL DEDUCTIBLE		HIGH DEDUCTIBLE	
	for wellness participants	for non-participants	for wellness participants	for non-participants
EMPLOYEE ONLY	\$0.00	\$51.04	\$0.00	\$43.06
EMPLOYEE + CHILDREN	\$28.33	\$122.74	\$0.00	\$79.67
EMPLOYEE + SPOUSE	\$32.16	\$139.33	\$0.00	\$90.43
EMPLOYEE + SPOUSE + CHILDREN	\$43.17	\$187.07	\$0.00	\$121.42

The District may deduct an employee's premium share contribution beginning in September for each full time employee who elects health coverage but did not participate in the wellness plan in the prior year, or who did not meet the criteria of the wellness plan in the prior year.

**Health Insurance for New Teachers:** Premium contribution levels for each eligible full-time teacher newly hired to the District shall be calculated as a non-wellness amount, unless the teacher participated as a spouse of another District employee in the prior year.

**Wellness Program:** The District may continue to develop and amend the wellness program, provided that the District seeks input from the Association. The policies, procedures, implementation, amendments to, and all decisions related to the wellness program shall be the responsibility of the District; subject only to the following limitations:

- a) In each year, the District shall provide the Association with a written description of the terms and conditions of the wellness program including: (i) enrollment procedures; (ii) minimum participation criteria; (iii) scoring methodology; (iv) any appeals process; and (v) a list of all laboratory tests used as a part of the health screening;
- b) The District shall communicate annually to the Association: (i) the number of teachers enrolled in the wellness program; (ii) the number of teachers not meeting the participation criteria; and (iii) aggregate data setting forth the reasons the teachers did not meet the participation criteria;
- c) The District and the District's agent(s) shall maintain the confidentiality of all private health information in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws;
- d) Employee participation in the wellness program shall be voluntary. The wellness program shall provide an alternative participation standard in compliance with applicable law for any employee who, due to a medical condition and / or disability, is unable to meet the wellness program's criteria. Any employee

completely exempted from any participation in the wellness program, including inability to meet any alternative participation standard, due to requirement of law (e.g. Americans with Disabilities Act), will not be charged designated premium amounts for non-participation or failure to meet the criteria of the wellness plan;

- e) In the 2015-16 school year, the District may:
  - i. maintain a health screening and individual health survey requirement for the premium incentive; or
  - ii. discontinue the wellness program (if the District discontinues the wellness program, premiums shall be calculated as if the teacher had completed the wellness program);

**Dental Insurance:** The District shall pay the full cost of single dental coverage; the teacher may purchase additional dental coverage by paying the additional premium through payroll deduction.

**Life Insurance:** The District shall pay the full cost of \$50,000 term life coverage.

**Long-Term Disability Plan:** Each full-time teacher shall participate in the long-term disability plan and the teacher shall pay the full premium through payroll deduction; the premium shall not be paid through the District's Section 125 plan.

**Married Employees both Employed by the District:** When two District employees are married to each other and each qualifies for District paid family health insurance, the District shall provide and pay the premium for one family health plan as set forth above, and the District shall not provide multiple health plans or multiple HSA contributions. When employees are married to each other and each would otherwise qualify for full District benefits, the District shall waive the \$28.33, the \$32.16, and the \$43.17 employee premium share listed above; provided that neither of the employees elects to participate in "cash option." Also, the District shall provide and pay the premium for one family dental plan; provided neither of the employees elects to participate in "cash option."

**Part-time teachers:** The District shall provide the same health, and dental insurance coverage and benefits for part-time teachers (who are employed as one-half F.T.E. or more, defined as at least 20 hours per week) as for full-time teachers. The District shall contribute an amount equal to one-half of the amount it contributes on behalf of a full-time teacher; provided, however, that the part-time teacher elects coverage and pays the balance of the premiums for such coverage through payroll deduction. The District shall provide each part-time teacher with a \$50,000 term life insurance policy and will pay the full premium. Additionally, each part-time teacher who is employed at least 20 hours per week or more shall participate in the District's long-term disability plan and the teacher shall pay the premium.

**Cash Option:** Each full-time teacher who was employed by the District during the 1996-97 school year and who has been continuously employed by the district thereafter, shall be eligible to exercise a cash option of \$325.28 per month in lieu of health and dental insurance in accordance with the cash option plan adopted by the District. Any such teacher electing cash

option may purchase single or family dental coverage. Any such teacher electing cash option may, at his or her option, receive a reduced cash option of \$157.40 per month and the district will pay the premium for single health and dental. Continuous service shall include school-years during which a teacher was on an approved leave of absence. Any teacher who does not receive cash-option as of January 1, 2013 shall not be allowed to elect cash-option at a later date, even if the teacher was continuously employed from the 1996-97 school year. Any teacher who elects cash-option of \$157.40 per month as of January 1, 2013 may not elect cash option of \$325.28 at a later date even if the teacher was continuously employed from the 1996-97 school year.

**Direct Bill:** In order to be eligible for the Direct Bill Plan as an early retiree, the employee must be at least 55 years old with at least 20 years of service. In addition, to be eligible, the employee, the spouse and dependents each must have had a minimum number of months of continuous coverage under the District's Health and/or Dental Plan at the time continued coverage begins. The minimum number of months of continuous coverage required is 60 months.

#### 4. Leaves of Absence:

**Paid Leave:** During each school year covered by this contract, each full-time teacher shall receive twelve (12) days leave, and further be allowed any unused and accumulated leave from the previous year to a maximum total of ninety-two (92) days of leave at full pay. Such leaves shall be taken only for reasons of: personal illness, family illness, family death, and business and emergency. The rules for use of leave are established in Board Policy and Rule.

**Business and Emergency Leave:** Up to three days of a teacher's accumulated paid leave per year may be used for business and emergency leave; and a maximum of one business and emergency leave day per year may be taken for any or no reason whatsoever; subject to limitations on permissible dates of leave, limitations on number of teachers eligible for leave on any given day, and application procedures developed by the District. In addition to the sufficient grounds currently listed in Board Rule, Business and Emergency Leave may be approved for: (a) District approved college course work; (b) graduations, college visits, or competitions in which the employee's children participate; (c) serious illness of a friend or non-immediate family member; and (d) weddings of a friend or non-immediate family member (subject to single day restrictions in Board Rule). Additional clarification of business and emergency leave consistent with these parameters may be established in Board Policy or Rule.

Part-time teachers shall be allowed leave on a prorated basis equivalent to that portion of the total of twelve (12) days leave which is, equal to the proportion of his or her hours of part-time employment to the total regular employment hours per school year, and further be allowed any unused and accumulated leave from the previous school year to an equivalent total not to exceed what that proportion is to the ninety-two (92) days for regular full-time employees. Use of paid leave by part-time teachers shall only be allowed on a prorated basis. Effective August 1, 1994, a teacher whose employment status changes from full-time to part-time and whose accumulated leave is greater than the maximum allowable prorated amount shall have the excess amount placed in reserve until such time that the employee's full-time equivalency increases. When the employee's full-time equivalency increases, some or all of the reserve leave shall again be part of the accumulated leave up to the maximum allowable prorated amount.

**Extended Personal Illness Leave:** Extended paid leave shall be provided to teachers as follows:

- a) **Borrowed Personal Illness Leave:** Each eligible teacher who has used his or her current and accumulated paid leave may borrow up to ten (10) days from the next school year's paid leave allotment. If the teacher resigns before receiving sufficient additional paid leave days during the succeeding year(s) to repay the borrowed leave, the teacher shall be required to repay the District for the salary received for the borrowed leave. The salary repayment will be at the teacher's daily rate at the time of repayment for each borrowed day of paid leave and shall, if possible, be deducted from the employee's last paycheck. Should personal illness be the reason leading to resignation or termination of the teacher, the teacher shall not be required to pay back the salary for the borrowed days.
- b) **Substitute Deduct Pay:** A teacher who will qualify for long-term disability and who has fully used all of his or her paid leave and any applicable borrowed personal illness leave, as identified in Paragraph (a) above, prior to being eligible to receive long-term disability benefits, will be eligible for substitute-deduct leave. During substitute-deduct leave, the teacher shall continue to receive his/her salary reduced by the cost to the District of the substitute employed to replace the teacher.

In the event the District and the teacher, after receiving any information which determines that a teacher may qualify for long-term disability (and the teacher elects substitute-deduct leave prior to being approved for long-term disability) and the insurance carrier subsequently denies the long-term disability request, the teacher will be responsible for reimbursing the District the total amount of payments made to the teacher during the substitute-deduct leave. Such reimbursement will be through payroll reduction, if possible.

- c) **Procedures:** The procedures and rules for administration of extended personal illness leave shall be established by the District.

**Reimbursement for unused Paid Leave:** At the conclusion of each school year covered by this agreement, each full-time teacher shall receive reimbursement for each unused day of accumulated paid leave in excess of eighty (80) days and further shall have his or her accumulated paid leave allotment reduced to eighty (80) days. Each part-time teacher shall receive reimbursement for each unused day of accumulated paid leave in excess of that portion of eighty (80) days which is equal to the proportion of his or her hours of part-time employment to the total regular employment hours per school year and further shall have his or her accumulated paid leave allotment reduced by the number of reimbursed leave days. The rate of reimbursement shall be \$100 per day. The District shall establish procedures for payment of the leave reimbursement program.

**Association President Leave:** The President of the Association representing the majority of the teachers, at the request of the Association, will be given leave with pay during such President's term of office; provided however, the Association shall reimburse the District the full cost of salary and fringe benefits of the Association President. The leave shall be for no less than one semester. The Association must provide the District a ninety (90) day notice in advance of such leave request. Upon returning to employment as a teacher, reasonable efforts will be made by the District to place the President in the same or comparable position held



when the leave commenced. The President will be advanced on the salary schedule as other teachers and without any limitation because of the leave granted.

### **5. Voluntary Separation Program:**

Each teacher who has completed the equivalent of twenty (20) or more full-time years of consecutive service in the District as a full-time or part-time certificated employee may participate in the Voluntary Separation Program (VSP) if the teacher is at least fifty-five (55) years of age; provided, however, that any teacher so electing to participate shall be required to complete the school year before separation from employment with the District commences.

VSP payments represent the purchase of a teacher's "permanent certificated/tenure rights." The procedures to administer this Program shall be established by the District. The schedule of payments to be made under this Program is as shown in Appendix E, which is attached hereto and by reference incorporated in and made a part of this agreement. VSP payments shall be paid into a 403(b) retirement account, unless the District determines with the consent of the Association, that payments shall be made in cash.

Each teacher separating service after at least 20 consecutive years of service in the District and who is at least 55 years of age, shall receive \$100 per day for each day of unused accumulated paid leave at separation from the District. To the degree permitted by law, payment for unused paid leave at separation may be paid as "employer contributions" to a 403(b) / TSA account established for the employee by the District, unless the District decides, at its sole discretion, to pay said amounts as cash. The policies, procedures, implementation and all decisions related thereto shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided however, the District will review the program with the Association prior to implementation.

### **6. Elementary Planning Time:**

Elementary teachers shall have a minimum of 300 minutes, during student contact time, of preparation/conference/planning time during a two-week instructional period. Elementary teachers include all teachers who work in an elementary building.

### **7. Compensation for Lost Planning Time:**

A teacher covered by this agreement shall not be required to cover a class for another teacher during his or her personal planning time when a substitute is authorized and available. In an emergency situation a teacher having personal planning time may be required by his or her principal or designee to cover a class. The teacher losing the personal planning time shall be paid for each clock hour (or portion thereof, rounded to the nearest one-fourth hour) at the rate of \$25 per hour. If no teacher with planning time is available students may be reassigned to other teacher's classes, such reassignment shall be divided equally among all teachers in the building over the course of the year.

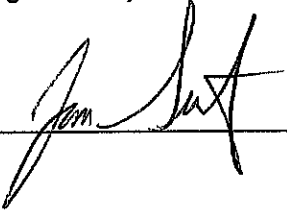
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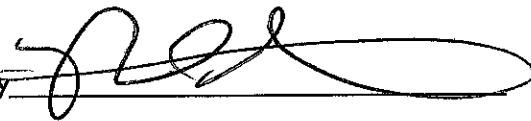
The Association shall be permitted to place in mailboxes provided for individual staff members MEA/NSEA newsletters, circulars, notices and other materials relating to the Association and its operations. The Association shall be permitted to post or place any material relating directly to Association business on the bulletin boards located in faculty lounges. No local, state or national political campaign material for public office or any other material which violates the Policies or Rules of the District will be permitted to be either distributed through the staff mailboxes or placed on faculty lounge bulletin boards.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have duly executed this agreement as of the day and year first above written.

Millard School District  
School District No. 17  
Douglas County, Nebraska

Millard Education Association

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by  \_\_\_\_\_

**Appendix A**  
**Procedure and Protocol of Contract Negotiations**

1. Upon notice by either party to the other, the parties agree to enter into negotiations for the purpose of entering into a contract and agreement for teacher salaries and terms and conditions of employment which are either required by law or made the subject of negotiations by agreement of the parties.
2. Either party, upon giving notice to the other party, may include with such notice its proposals to be included in the contract to be negotiated by the parties.
3. The parties shall conduct negotiations in such a manner as to permit each of the parties to provide the other party with an explanation of its proposals, presentation of relevant data, dialogue and exchange of points of view.
4. Each of the parties may make proposals and counter proposals during the negotiations.
5. Either party may utilize the services of outside consultants to assist in negotiations.
6. Both parties shall designate and appoint representatives of that party for the conduct of negotiations.
7. Unless otherwise agreed upon, the negotiations shall be conducted in closed sessions and no releases shall be made to any of the news media as to the progress of negotiations until the contract has been accepted by both parties, whereupon the media will be given a joint statement.
8. If the parties fail to reach an agreement after good faith negotiations, the parties shall proceed in accordance with law.
9. If the representatives of the parties reach an agreement, the agreement shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the Board of Education of the District and to the membership of the Association for approval and acceptance and as approved and accepted by both parties, the Agreement shall be signed by the duly authorized officers of both parties.
10. The agreement shall constitute the full and complete agreement between the parties. If any of the specific terms or conditions of this agreement conflict with the policies, rules, regulations, procedures, or practices of the District's Board of Education, the Agreement shall take precedence. Any policies, rules, regulations, procedures, or practices of the District that are not specifically covered by this agreement may be established, amended, superseded, or changed at the discretion of the District.
11. If any provision of the contract or any application of the contract to any employee or groups of employees shall be found to be contrary to law, then such provisions shall not be in effect but all other terms and conditions shall continue in full force and effect.
12. If Federal or State action, legislative, administrative, or judicial; results in material changes to health care benefits that have the potential to be detrimental to the District or Employees, either party may request that the other open the Agreement to deal only with those legislative, administrative, or judicial changes. The other party shall not unreasonably withhold consent to reopen the Agreement upon request pursuant to this paragraph.

**Appendix B**  
**TEACHER SALARY CALCULATION**

I. Salary shall be calculated as follows for a teacher holding a Bachelor's degree:

The Base Bachelor's (BA) Salary shall be \$36,485;

Each Year of Experience at the BA level shall add \$310 to the teacher's salary up to a maximum of ten (10) years. The current year of the teacher's contract shall equal a year of experience; and,

Subject to the terms and conditions described in Appendix D, each Approved Graduate Credit Hour shall add \$200 to the teacher's base salary, up to a maximum of 36 hours (or 39 hours if a District-approved course or program).

II. Salary shall be calculated as follows for a teacher holding a Master's degree:

The Base Master's (MA) Salary shall be \$43,685 (the total of the Bachelor's Base and the value of 36 BA+ credit hours at \$200 each);

Each Year of Experience shall add \$620 to the teacher's salary up to a maximum of twenty-seven (27) years. No MA teacher shall be credited for more than thirteen (13) years of experience outside the District. The current year of the teacher's contract shall equal a year of experience; and,

Subject to the terms and conditions described in Appendix D, each Approved Graduate Credit Hour shall add \$271 to the teacher's base salary, up to a maximum of 36 hours (or 39 hours if a District-approved course or program).

III. Salary shall be calculated as follows for a teacher holding an Educational Specialist's degree:

The Base Educational Specialist's (EdSpec) Salary shall be \$53,441 (the total of the Bachelor's Base and the value of 36 BA+ credit hours at \$200 each and the value of 36 MA+ credit hours at \$271 each);

Each Year of Experience shall add \$651 to the teacher's salary up to a maximum of twenty-seven (27) years. No EdSpec teacher shall be credited for more than thirteen (13) years of experience outside the District. The current year of the teacher's contract shall equal a year of experience; and,

Subject to the terms and conditions described in Appendix D, each Approved Graduate Credit Hour shall add \$271 to the teacher's base, up to a maximum of 3 additional hours if the final 3 credits are earned through a District-approved course or program.

IV. Salary shall be calculated as follows for a teacher holding a Doctoral degree:

The Base Doctoral Degree (Doctorate) Salary shall be \$53,441 (the total of the Bachelor's Base and the value of 36 BA+ credit hours at \$200 each and the value of 36 MA+ credit hours at \$271 each);

Each Year of Experience shall add \$682 to the teacher's salary up to a maximum of twenty-seven (27) years. No doctoral teacher shall be credited for more than thirteen (13) years of experience outside the District. The current year of the teacher's contract shall equal a year of experience;

Subject to the terms and conditions described in Appendix D, each Approved Graduate Credit Hour shall add \$271 to the teacher's base, up to a maximum of 3 additional hours if the final 3 credits are earned through a District-approved course or program.

V. For the purposes of salary calculation, a "credited year of experience" shall be calculated in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute § 79-825.

**APPENDIX C  
COMPENSATION STIPENDS FOR EXTRA DUTIES**

**HIGH SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC STIPENDS**

**FOOTBALL**

Head Coach	\$8,600
Assistant Varsity	\$5,590
Assistant Coach	\$4,558
[boys]	

**BASKETBALL**

Head varsity	\$7,740
Varsity Assistant	\$5,031
J.V. Coach	\$5,031
Assistant Coach	\$4,102
[boys and girls]	

**TRACK**

Head Coach	\$6,880
Assistant Coach	\$3,784
[boys and girls]	

**WRESTLING**

Head Coach	\$7,740
Assistant Coach	\$4,257
[boys]	

**BASEBALL**

Head Coach	\$6,880
Assistant Coach	\$3,784
[boys]	

**SWIMMING**

Head Coach	\$7,740
Assistant Coach	\$4,257
[boys and girls combined]	

**VOLLEYBALL**

Head Coach	\$7,740
Assistant Coach	\$4,257
[girls]	

**SOFTBALL**

Head Coach	\$6,880
Assistant Coach	\$3,784
[girls]	

**SOCCER**

Head Coach	\$6,880
Assistant Coach	\$3,784
[boys and girls]	

**GOLF**

Head Coach	\$3,870
[boys and girls]	

**TENNIS**

Head Coach	\$3,870
Assistant Coach	\$2,516
[boys and girls]	

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Head Coach	\$3,870
Assistant Coach	\$2,516
[boys and girls combined]	

**INTRAMURAL SUPERVISOR**

Per Season	\$1,300
Aquatics Director	\$10,140
Strength and Conditioning	\$8,600
Weight Room Supervisor	\$5,200
Assistant Activities Director	\$8,750

**OTHER HIGH SCHOOL  
EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS**

Annual (Yearbook)	\$4,370
Assistant Band Director	\$4,500
Assistant Debate	\$3,780
Assistant Forensics	\$3,780
Assistant Musical Director	\$1,520
Assistant Vocal Music Director	\$3,400
Band Director	\$7,560
Cheerleading [varsity]	\$4,120
Cheerleading [junior varsity]	\$2,820
Cheerleading [freshman]	\$2,820
Class board sponsor [senior]	\$870
Class board sponsor [junior]	\$1,300
Club sponsor	\$580
Color Guard	\$1,450
Dance Team	\$2,820
Debate	\$7,560
DECA	\$1,520
Drama Director	\$6,750
FBLA	\$1,110
FCCLA	\$1,110
FinishLynx System Operator	\$580
Forensics	\$7,560
Literary Magazine	\$870



Musical Director	\$3,030
National Honor Society	\$1,450
Newspaper	\$3,780
Orchestra (strings) Director	\$3,780
PAYBAC Liaison	\$580
RTI+I Consultant	\$800
Student Council	\$1,450
VICA	\$1,110
Vocal Music Director	\$6,800

**MIDDLE SCHOOL  
EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS**

**BASKETBALL**

Head 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,850
Assistant 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,575
C Team 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,275
[boys and girls]	

**WRESTLING**

Head 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,850
Assistant 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,575
[boys]	

**TRACK**

Head 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,850
Assistant 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,575
[boys and girls]	

**VOLLEYBALL**

Head 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,850
Assistant 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,575
[girls]	

<b>FOOTBALL</b>	\$1,850
[boys]	

Intramural Boys Basketball	\$750
Intramural Girls Basketball	\$750
Intramural Girls Volleyball	\$760

<b>ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR</b>	\$6,660
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**OTHER MIDDLE SCHOOL  
EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS**

Annual (Yearbook)	\$1,740
Assistant Musical	\$1,150
Club Sponsor	\$580
Drama / Musical	\$1,300
Instrumental (Band) Director	\$1,740
Newspaper	\$730
Orchestra (Strings) Director	\$1,160
PAYBAC Partner Liaison	\$580
RTI+I Consultant	\$800
Student Council	\$1,010
Vocal Music Director	\$1,740
Volunteer Coordinator	\$290

**ELEMENTARY  
EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS**

Club Sponsor	\$580
PAYBAC Partner Liaison	\$580
RTI+I Consultant	\$680
Safety Patrol	\$1,310
Student Council	\$730

**DISTRICT  
EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS**

Building Web Page Initiator	\$1,500
Building Wellness Coordinator	\$580
Computer Initiator (Elementary, Middle, High)	\$2,370
Crisis Team Member	\$290
Department Head [*]	\$2,320
IB Extended Essay Supervisor / Mentor	\$360
Instrumental Music Department Head (4-12)	\$2,750
Mentor	\$400
New Staff Induction (Peer Coaching and Productive Approaches)	\$290
Staff Development Facilitator	\$860
Supervisor (paid per supervision assignment)	\$25
TEAMMATES Sponsor	\$580

\*Buildings with Instructional Team Leaders and Facilitators in lieu of Department Heads split building's allocated Department Head salaries

**Appendix D**  
**Salary Schedule – College Credit Courses for Salary Placement**

The following terms and conditions shall apply for salary range placement:

1. For purposes of determining placement on the salary range, a teacher must have each college graduate course approved by the Building Principal and the Human Resource Office prior to taking the course. In making the approval / non-approval determination the District will consider: the individual teacher's assignment, the type and level of college accreditation, and the individual course.
2. Each teacher who has been accepted into and is working on a degree program may submit his or her program to the Building Principal and Human Resource Office for approval. If approved it will be placed on file in the Human Resource Office and each individual course listed in the program will automatically be approved for future salary range placement.
3. Application forms for approval of college graduate hours are available in the Principal's office or from Human Resources.
4. Procedure for placement on the salary range:
  - a. Placement on the salary range will be determined annually based upon the teacher's status at the commencement of the school year.
  - b. Placement determinations will be based upon the teacher's official college transcript filed with the Human Resource Office. A transcript must be on file prior to December 15 of the school year in order for courses to be considered in placement on the salary range for the current school year.
  - c. Only those courses completed prior to September 1 of the current school year, as evidenced in the official college transcript, will be considered for placement on the salary range for the current school year.
  - d. Any payment due as a result of a change in placement on the salary range will be retroactive to the beginning of the school year.
5. Maximum credit hours:
  - a. Bachelor's: The maximum number of credit hours recognized for additional salary payment above a Bachelor's degree shall not exceed 39; provided however, the last 3 credit hours must have been earned after the second semester of 2006-07 and are from a list of courses specifically approved by the Superintendent (or designee).
  - b. Master's: The maximum number of credit hours recognized for additional salary payment above a Master's degree, shall not exceed 39; provided however, the last 3 credit hours must have been earned after the second semester of 2006-07 and are from a list of courses specifically approved by the Superintendent (or designee).
  - c. Educational Specialist: The maximum number of credit hours recognized for additional salary payment above an Educational Specialist degree, shall not

exceed 3; provided however, the 3 credit hours must have been earned after the second semester of 2006-07 and are from a list of courses specifically approved by the Superintendent (or designee).

- d. Doctorate: The maximum number of credit hours recognized for additional salary payment above a Doctorate degree, shall not exceed 3; provided however, the 3 credit hours must have been earned after the second semester of 2006-07 and are from a list of courses specifically approved by the Superintendent (or designee).
- e. Calculation Restrictions: In all salary ranges, (Bachelor's, Master's, Educational Specialist, and Doctoral), credit hours used for salary determination must not have previously been used to calculate salary. Credit hours used for salary determination must have been obtained after the date the preceding degree was earned as evidenced by the official college transcript.

**Graduate Hours and Alternative Compensation:** The MEA and the District shall establish a study committee for the purposes of evaluating the approval and compensation for completion of graduate credit hours, as well as investigating the possibility of establishing an alternative compensation stipend(s). The advisory study committee shall submit its recommendations to the MEA and the District for consideration.

**Appendix E (continued)**  
**Schedule of Payments - Voluntary Separation Program**

An eligible employee who has been approved by the Board for participation in the Voluntary Separation Program shall receive a total benefit equal to the lesser of: (1) his or her final salary times years of credited service times the salary factor indicated in the table below; or (2) \$20,000 per year. The total benefit shall be divided into equal monthly payments as indicated in the table below:

Year of Plan Eligibility	Total Benefit Formula	Number of Equal Monthly Payments
1	Salary x Years x .070	60
2	Salary x Years x .060	60
3	Salary x Years x .050	60
4	Salary x Years x .030	60
5	Salary x Years x .010	60
6	Eligibility Ends	

**Definitions:**

Salary shall mean the employee's final school-year annual salary including longevity pay but not including payments for extra-duty, performance bonus, cash-option or hourly paid work.

A year of credited service shall mean:

- (a) any school year in which the employee is paid by the district for at least 135 days of full-time work; or
- (b) any two school years in which the employee is paid for the equivalent of at least 135 days of part-time work each year; or
- (c) any two school years in which the employee is paid for the equivalent of at least 67.5 days of full-time work each year.

Years of employment as a substitute shall not be counted toward years of service under this plan.

Monthly Payment Amount is the total benefit divided by the number of monthly payments.

Age shall mean an employee's age on June 1 of any given school year.

Year of Plan Eligibility is determined by the school year when the employee is first eligible to participate. When an employee first meets the qualifications described in the eligibility section of this agreement, the employee is in year one (1) of his or her eligibility. The following school year is the employee's second year (2) of eligibility; this pattern continues until the employee elects to participate or until the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) year when the employee is no longer eligible to participate.

**Appendix F  
MPS Health Plan**

Notwithstanding the term of the contract set forth in this Agreement, the provisions contained in this Appendix F of this Agreement shall become effective on January 1, 2016 and continue until December 31, 2016.

Benefit Overview	MPS Plan #1	MPS Plan #2 (non-embedded)	MPS Plan #3
Annual Deductible In-network Individual Family	\$750 \$1,500	\$3,100 \$6,200	District Discretion
Co-insurance % In-network	80%	n/a	District Discretion
Out-of-Pocket Max, including deductible In-network Individual Family	\$4,250 \$8,500	n/a	n/a
Health Savings Account District contribution:	n/a	Single : \$1,550 Family : \$3,100	n/a

Health Savings Account contributions made by the District, when applicable, shall be contingent upon the employee qualifying for a tax free HSA contribution under applicable laws.

Two-thirds of the District Health Savings Account contribution, when applicable, shall be made with the first payroll in January of 2016 for qualifying employees actively employed on that date. One-third of the District Health Savings Account contribution, when applicable, shall be made with the first payroll in September of 2016 for qualifying employees actively employed on that date. Therefore, a qualifying teacher separating from employment at the end of the 2015-16 year will not receive the final one-third contribution in September of 2016 and a qualifying teacher starting at the beginning of the year will get an initial one-third contribution in September of 2016.