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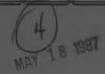
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### AGREEMENT Between

# THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

And

THE PALM BEACH COUNTY
CLASSROOM TEACHERS
ASSOCIATION



JULY 1, 1985 — JUNE 30, 1988

#### PREAMBLE

This comprehensive agreement has been negotiated by and between the School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida and the Palm Beach County Classroom Teachers Association. The agreement was ratified by the Association on November 6, 1984, and subsequently ratified by the School Board on November 7, 1984.

This agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 1985, and shall continue in effect through June 30, 1988, except that during each intervening year, either party may reopen Article VIII and two (2) additional Articles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the aforesaid parties have hereunto executed this agreement on the 7th day of November, 1984.

PALM BEACH COUNTY
CLASSROOM TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Director

Superintendent.

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in refe	following list of terms will be used frequently this agreement and whenever they are used will er to the definitions described below unless erwise stipulated.	5 6 7 8 9	
1.	"EMPLOYEE" All certificated personnel approved by the Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC) to be members of the bargaining unit.	10	
2.	"ASSOCIATION" The Palm Beach County Classroom Teachers Association, the bargaining unit and its duly authorized representative(s) or agent(s).	14	
3.	"SUPERINTENDENT" The Superintendent of Schools of Palm Beach County, Florida, or his/her designee.	19	
4.	"PRINCIPAL" The teacher's school principal or other immediate supervisor, as applicable, or his/her designee.		
5.	"BOARD" The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida, its administrative officers or agents.	27	
6.	"SCHOOL SYSTEM" or "DISTRICT" or "COUNTY" The School District of Palm Beach County, Florida.	31 32	
7.	"PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RELATIONS ACT (PERA)" Florida Statutes, 447, Part II Ch. 74-100.	33 34 35 36	
8.	"PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RELATIONS COMMISSION (PERC)" The PERC Commission created under F.S. 447.205.	37 38 39 40	
9.	"DAY" Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, "day" shall mean teacher work day.		
10.	"FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE (FMCS)"		
SECT	SECTION B - RECOGNITION 4		
1.	The Association recognizes the Board as the elected representatives of the people of Palm Beach County and the legally constituted authority responsible for the operation of the County School System.	50 51	

2. The Board recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive negotiations representative of all certificated nonadministrative personnel as defined herein. The bargaining unit shall 4 5 be defined as set forth by the Public Relations Commission in Case #8H-RA-754-1063, Certificate 6 7 #24, Certification of Representative Following Recognition Acknowledgment, and Order to Nego-tiate, issued by the Public Employees Relations 9 Commission on April 24, 1975, as modified by 10 PERC Order #82M-373 dated November 17, 1982, to 12 wit: 13 14 INCLUDED: 15 Area Primary Specialist 16 Area Primary Diagnostician 17 Bilingual Coordinating Teacher 18 Coordinating Teacher 19 Coordinating Teacher - Title XX 20 Audiologist, Special Education 21 Specialist, Physical/Occupational Therapy 22 Special Education Staffing/IEP Specialist 23 Educational Diagnostician 24 Permanent Substitute Teacher 25 Central Media Specialist/Professional Librarian 26 Senior High Counselor 27 Junior High/Middle School Counselor 28 Elementary Counselor 29 Specialist for Student Activities 30 Primary Resource Teacher 31 Program Specialist, Florida Diagnostic/Learning 32 Resource System 33 Special Education Resource Teacher/Parent Liaison 34 Specialist in School Psychology 35 Dean 36 Human Relations Counselor I 37 Human Relations Counselor II 38 Area Mathematics Consultant 39 Reading Consultant 40 Reading Clinician 41 Teacher Coordinator, Executive High School 42 Internship Program 43 Media Specialist 44

#### EXCLUDED:

Central Primary Specialist
Curriculum Development and Implementation
Specialist
Specialist in Accountability
Specialist in Evaluation and Test Development
Specialist in Testing
Specialist-Statistician
Specialist, Special Education
Adult Basic Education Specialist

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Resource Specialist for Exceptional Adult Education Community Instructional Services Specialist Coordinator of Guidance Services Specialist in Health Services Specialist in Affective Education Media Specialist-Processing Instructional Support Specialist, Fine Arts ITV Programming Specialist/Manager Specialist, Agriculture and Part-time Programs Specialist, Home Economics and Health Occupations Specialist, Manpower Occupational Training Specialist, Vocational Education (Staff Development) Specialist, Vocational Education Specialist in Special Education Vocational Services Special Education Area Coordinator Community Resources Specialist ESEA Title I Regular/Title I Migrant Consultant Specialist, ESEA Title I Regular/Title I Migrant Project.

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3. The Board and the Association subscribe to the 24 principle that differences shall be resolved by 25 peaceful and appropriate means.

#### SECTION C - DISCRIMINATION

The parties agree that, consistent with past 30 practice, the provisions of this agreement 31 regarding such items as training, assignment, 32 promotion, transfer, discipline or termination 33 shall be applied without regard to race, creed, 34 color, religion, national origin, age, sex, 35 domicile, marital status, or membership in the 36 Association.

#### SECTION D - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

The Board hereby retains and reserves unto itself, 41 the Superintendent, the principals and other 42 administrative personnel of the School System, all 43 powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibil- 44 ities, and the exercise thereof, as conferred upon 45 and vested in them by the Constitution and the Law 46 and the Regulations of the United States and of the 47 State of Florida, and the Policies of the School 48 Board of Palm Beach County, without any such 49 exercise being made the subject of a grievance or 50 arbitration except as such exercise may be contrary 51 to the express provisions of this agreement.

If any section of this agreement is invalidated by statutes or court order, then only said section shall be invalidated. At the request of either party, such invalidated section shall be reopened for negotiations. If the parties are unable to resolve the invalidated section(s) within twenty (20) days of the commencement of negotiations and such section(s) is a mandatory subject for bargain- 10 ing, the parties agree to abide by the provisions 11 of Chapter 447, F.S., concerning said invalidated 12 section(s).

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#### SECTION F - NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURE

- Representation (a) Members of the Board or 17 l. their designated representatives and repre- 18 sentatives named by the Association shall meet 19 for the purpose of negotiating an agreement. 20 Neither party will attempt to exert any control 21 over the other's selection of its representa- 22 tives.
  - (b) Consultants may be called upon by either 25 party at their own expense and utilized in the 26 negotiations of any matter being considered by 27 the representatives of the parties.
  - No action of any kind shall be taken by 30 the Board or by any members of the Administra- 31 tion against any employee, or by the Associa- 32 tion or any employees against the Superinten- 33 dent or the Board, by reason of participation 34 in negotiations.
- 2. Requests for Negotiations - (a) The parties 37 agree that negotiations shall take place begin- 38 ning April 15, in any year the contract is to 39 expire or there are reopeners. However, if the 40 revenue picture is unclear for the coming 41 school year, the negotiations shall be extended 42 for that period of time necessary to receive 43 reasonably accurate data for revenue projec- 44 tions and to reach agreement on salaries and 45 other cost items.
  - (b) A list of all items to be negotiated shall 48 be submitted by each party to the other by 49 April 15. At the meeting immediately following 50 submission of items, both parties shall submit 51 complete written proposals for their items.
  - items in the current comprehensive 54 All

agreement shall automatically be considered as items on the table. Items on which the parties continue to agree shall be initialed as tentative agreement. Meeting times shall be agreed upon by the negotiating teams as may be necessary to complete negotiations on matters under consideration. An unreasonable delay by either party shall be considered a breach of good faith. Meetings, by mutual agreement, shall be scheduled during the normal work day whenever possible; and released time, without loss of pay, shall be arranged when meetings are held 12 while school is in session.

- Administration of this Agreement The parties 15 3. agree that the President of the Association or 16 his/her designee and the Superintendent or 17 his/her designee, will develop a schedule to 18 meet at reasonable times and frequency, not 19 less than once each month, to review problems 20 which may arise out of the administration of 21 this agreement, or changes in program which 22 call for procedures or policy(s) in conflict 23 with this agreement. Upon advising and receiv- 24 ing approval of their constituency, legislative 25 or authoritative bodies, the Association and 26 the Superintendent may, by mutual agreement, 27 alter in writing the terms of this agreement.
- Exchange of Information The parties agree to 30 4. furnish to each other, upon reasonable request, 31 at least one copy of such information as is 32 requested by the other for developing intelligent, feasible and constructive proposals in 34 behalf of teachers, students and the school 35 system. Likewise, this information shall 36 include but not be limited to, complete and 37 accurate financial reports, individual and 38 group insurance premiums and experience figures, budgets for the past three years which 40 indicate the tentative budget for the next 41 school year at the time which the Board re- 42 ceives it. In addition, the Board will furnish 43 information on the number and level of teachers 44 on the salary schedule and their matching bene- 45 fits, on request of the Association.
- Authorization Both negotiating teams involved 48 5. in negotiations shall be empowered to reach 49 tentative agreement without having to refer 50 each proposal back to the Association or the 51 Board. Not being able to negotiate in this 52

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#### ARTICLE II - TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS

#### SECTION A - RESPONSIBILITIES

- Teachers are expected to serve on school committees, self-evaluation and accreditation committees, attend meetings and workshops, and assist in the smooth functioning of a school center in compliance with F.S. 231.09 dealing with the duties of instructional personnel. Such service, except as otherwise noted in this agreement, shall be on a voluntary basis if it extends beyond the normal workday, unless compensated, compensatory time is given, or salary supplement is received.
- Employees shall assume reasonable responsibility for the safe return of all school property. Nothing herein shall be construed to require unreasonable record-keeping or to require unreasonable accountability, particularly where students use and may damage equipment, when adequate secure storage is not available, where several persons may utilize the same room, and 27 similar circumstances. Any charge made for lost or damaged items shall be at appropriate depreciated value. Accidental damage and theft shall be excluded from charges. Any employee who believes he or she is charged for a lost or damaged item unjustly may appeal the charge through the normal grievance procedure.
- 3. Teachers shall use diagnostic test results, along with other pertinent information, assist in planning an instructional program.
- Upon appropriate written authorization from the employee, the Board shall deduct from the salary of any employee and make appropriate remittance for approved annuities, teacher credit union, United Fund, District insurance plans, and other deductions as approved by the Board.
  - 5. Teachers shall normally restrict their use of the telephone. Only in emergency situations shall they make or receive telephone calls 50 while in charge of students. Teachers may make 51 other calls when they are on release time, planning time, or other times when not in 53

charge of students. The principal shall designate a telephone(s) and line(s) that may be used by teachers according to guidelines established by the principal.

- Teachers shall be permitted, when they are not 6. scheduled for a prior specific activity, to leave school at the time their students do in order to receive medical or dental treatment. Prior arrangements shall be made with the prin- 10 This provision shall be used by teach- 11 ers only when other arrangements are not pos- 12 sible.
- The teacher shall have the right and responsi- 15 bility to determine grades within the grading 16 policy of Palm Beach County School District 17 based upon his/her professional judgment of 18 any given 19 available criteria pertinent to subject area or activity to which he/she is 20 responsible. Only in justified cases shall a 21 principal change a mark without teacher consent 22 and only then with the approval of the Area 23 Superintendent based on such justification. In 24 either case, any mark change requires two sig- 25 natures on a form indicating the change and the 26 If initiated by a 27 reason for the change. teacher, approval of the principal must be 28 obtained. If initiated by the principal, 29 approval of the teacher or the Area Superin- 30 tendent must be obtained. Except during those 31 times when the teacher is not on duty (between 32 school sessions), the teacher shall be con-33 sulted prior to the initiating of any grade 34 change by the principal. 35 36

#### SECTION B - PERSONNEL FILES

- No item except standard forms of the personnel 39 and business offices shall be placed in the 40 employee's personnel file in the central office 41 unless the employee receives a copy of the 42 All such documents placed in the 43 document. employee's file shall be identifiable as to 44 source. No item shall be placed in an employ- 45 ee's personnel file more than one year after it 46 has been brought to the attention of the prin- 47 cipal, without concurrence of the employee.
- 2. An employee may, within fifteen (15) days after 50 receipt of such document, file a statement of 51 reaction to that item. The employee shall 52 provide a copy to the originator of the 53

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document and a copy to the personnel office, and such copy shall be placed in the employee's personnel file. The Personnel Department shall acknowledge in writing receipt of such statements of reaction.

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- The college placement folder and recommenda-3. tions received while considering a person for employment shall be the only confidential contents of the personnel file. These shall not be disclosed to the employee or his/her representative at any time.
- 4. Except for the confidential contents therein, an employee at any reasonable time may examine 15 his/her personnel file. An administrator must be present when the file is reviewed. An employee may request and receive at his/her An 17 expense a reproduction of any item, exclusive 19 of the confidential contents, in his/her 20 personnel file.
- The employee may request that a representative of the Association accompany him/her any time 24 the file is being reviewed by the employee. On 25 notarized authorization, the employee may permit any designated person to examine the file.
- 6. Unless an employee leaves without notice, no documents or other material may be added to an employee's personnel file after the last day of employment, except for regularly required forms and records that might be connected with termination.
- The employee may request the removal of any item after five (5) years.

#### SECTION C - TEACHER FACILITIES

Each school shall have, or shall have on priority one (1) requisition, the following equipment and facilities:

- 1. A bookshelf or cabinet in each classroom or office for the exclusive use of each employee, where teachers may store instructional materials and supplies.
- A furnished room which shall be reserved for 50 the use of employees as a faculty lounge. Although employees shall be expected to exercise reasonable care in maintaining the appear- 53 ance and cleanliness of said lounge, it shall 54

	be regularly cleaned by the school's custodial staff.	1 2 3
3.	Where space is available, a room or area furnished with tables and chairs shall be provided for use as a workroom.	4 5 6 7
4.	A serviceable desk, chair, and filing cabinet in each regular classroom.	8 9 10
5.	Copies, exclusively for each teacher's use, of all texts used in each of the courses he/she is to teach for that period of time that the text is in use by the students in his/her class.	11
6.	Chalkboard space in every regular classroom and a portable chalkboard for use in other than regular classrooms.	16
7.	A dictionary in every classroom where requested.	20 21 22
8.	A "regular classroom" shall be interpreted to exclude shops, laboratories, gymnasiums, cafeterias, field houses, and similar rooms and spaces. Teachers using these spaces shall be provided with the items in paragraph four (4) if they have no regular classroom assigned to them.	23 24 25 26 27
9.	Each floating teacher (teacher with no exclusively assigned regular classroom) shall be provided a desk, file cabinet, and suitable storage space to the extent available. Where this is not possible, definite sharing arrangements will be made by the principal.	31 32 33 34 35 36
SEC	TION D - VENDING MACHINES IN EMPLOYEES' LOUNGES	37
maj for emp acc emp exp	a faculty meeting during the preschool period, a ority of employees shall determine the purposes which any profits from vending machines in loyees' lounges and workrooms will be spent. An ounting of such funds shall be made available to loyees for this purpose. Employees shall be ected to maintain such machines.  TION E - PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	41 42 43 44

1. The Board and the Association agree that pay- 50 roll deduction services which are within the 51 control of the Board and accruing to employees, 52 shall continue through this contract. The 53 specific deduction types are: Credit Union, 54

Tax Sheltered Annuities, Health Insurance, United Fund, Income Protection and additional Life Insurance.

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- Unless stated to the contrary in other sections 2. of this agreement, the amount deducted from the employee's salary shall be voluntary and no charge shall be made to the individual employee for these payroll deduction services.
- Payroll deduction for Association dues is provided for under "Association Rights and Privi- 12 leges".

#### SECTION F - EMPLOYEE AUTHORITY AND PROTECTION

- Discipline is the responsibility of all admin- 17 1. istrators, teachers, and other personnel in the 18 school. The Board recognizes its responsibil- 19 ity to give support and assistance to teachers 20 with respect to the maintenance of control and 21 discipline in the classroom. No employee, with 22 the exception of deans, shall be required to 23 administer corporal punishment.
- Student discipline is based upon the premise 26 that students must adhere to the Student Code 27 of Conduct of their respective school, to con- 28 form to other regular and special rules and 29 regulations of their school, and to comply with 30 instruction consistent with school routine from 31 all adult school employees.
- The Student Code of Conduct and disciplinary procedure shall be made available to all 35 employees during the pre-school period by 36 school center principals. Employees shall be 37 afforded an opportunity to participate in an 38 evaluation of the school center disciplinary 39 program each year and propose revisions there- 40 Principals shall give consideration to 41 employee proposals in updating the program for 42 the ensuing year.
- Employees assume the responsibility for taking 45 a positive approach to discipline and to main-An emtain constructive classroom control. ployee may impose prudent classroom discipline 48 consistent with the school's Student Code of 49 Conduct and disciplinary procedure and may take 50 other prudent actions as may be necessary to 51 protect himself/herself from attack or to pre- 52 vent injury to another student. Any discipline 53 imposed by an employee must be consistent with 54

Board Policy and State and Federal Law.

5. Employees and other school authorities will endeavor to achieve correction of student misbehavior through counseling, interviews, and conferences, which, when warranted, shall be extended to include the student's parents or guardians.

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- facilitate better coordination 10 6. In order to between the principal and the teacher regarding 11 disciplinary action taken by the teacher and 12 the principal, each school shall use a Student 13 Conduct Report. The teacher shall use this 14 report to maintain an adequate record of class- 15 room discipline. The principal shall use this 16 report to advise the teacher of the action 17 taken. When completed, the Student Conduct 18 Report will show all information relative to 19 the discipline problem including its disposi- 20 tion. In those cases where the teacher feels 21 that a parent/quardian conference would be 22 helpful prior to final disposition of a disci-23 pline case, he/she will so note on the Student 24 Conduct Report. If the principal concurs, he/ 25 she shall schedule the requested conference as 26 soon as feasible. If the principal does not 27 concur, he/she will consult with the teacher 28 before the final disposition. 30
- A teacher may temporarily exclude a student 31 from his/her class when the grossness of the 32 offense, the persistence of the misbehavior, or 33 the disruptive effect of the behavior makes the 34 continued presence of the student in the class-35 room intolerable. Such student shall be sent 36 to the principal. In such cases the teacher 37 shall furnish in writing to the principal as 38 promptly as his/her teaching duties will allow, 39 but no later than the end of the work day, full 40 particulars on the problem or incident includ- 41 ing a request for teacher/principal consulta- 42 tion regarding the date and conditions of the 43 student's return, if the teacher deems such 44 consultation to be in the best interests of the 45 student or class. If consultation is requested 46 by a teacher at the secondary level, a confer- 47 ence shall be held prior to the child's return 48 to the classroom. If consultation is requested 49 by a teacher at the elementary level, a confer- 50 ence may or may not be held prior to the 51 child's return depending on the availability of 52 administrative personnel. However, a confer- 53 ence shall be held at the earliest possible 54

opportunity. The final determination of when and under what conditions the student will be readmitted to the classroom shall be determined by the principal after the foregoing conditions have been met.

- Any case of assault upon an employee which occurs in the line of duty shall be promptly reported to the principal. The Board shall provide legal advice to the employee concerning 10 his/her rights and obligations with respect to 11 such assault and shall render all reasonable 12 assistance to the teacher in connection with 13 handling of the incident by law enforcement and 14 judicial authorities. In such event, the fol- 15 lowing shall apply:
  - In case of temporary disability, employee shall have full benefit of this agree- 19 ment, and any days lost up to twenty (20) days 20 due to the resultant disability shall not be 21 deducted from any previously accumulated sick 22 leave.

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- Time for appearances before a judicial 25 body or legal authority shall result in no loss 26 of salary or reduction of accumulated leave.
- (c) In case of injury to the employee, the 29 Board will pay all medical and dental costs 30 above that covered by all insurances covering 31 the employee, whether personal or paid by the 32 Board. The injured employee shall fully coop- 33 erate with the Board in the determination of 34 the amount of any claim. Liability for each 35 individual case shall not exceed a cumulative 36 total of \$5,000.
- Where an employee is found guilty of a 39 criminal charge related to the incident by a 40 court of competent jurisdiction, the Board 41 be immediately released from further 42 shall responsibility to the employee.
- No action shall be taken against an employee on 45 the basis of a complaint by a parent/guardian 46 or student or other individual, nor any notice 47 thereof shall be included in an employee's per- 48 sonnel file unless the matter is first reported 49 to the teacher in writing. The employee shall 50 have the right to attach a statement to the 51 written complaint. Once the investigation has 52 been conducted, the employee shall be advised 53

of any valid complaint.

10. The Board shall reimburse teachers for reasonable cost of clothing or other personal property damaged or destroyed as a result of an assault which occurs while the teacher is acting in the discharge of his/her duties within the scope of his/her employment. The teacher shall be responsible for establishing the relationship between the damage and performance of 10 teacher's responsibility before becoming 11 eligible for reimbursement under this section. 12 The total liability of the Board for each 13 occurrence shall be Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) 14 less any amount reimbursed by insurance.

#### SECTION G - EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

First year regular employees, except employees adjudged by the State to be beginning teachers, 20 employed for the first time in the Palm Beach 21 County Schools for the entire school year, shall be 22 evaluated once each semester. Evaluation shall 23 include, as a minimum, that employees be observed 24 by the principal in the classroom for a period of 25 at least twenty (20) minutes prior to each written 26 evaluation.

All annual contract employees, other than first 29 year employees, shall be evaluated at least once 30 annually prior to the date recommendations for 31 reappointment are made to the Board.

Continuing contract employees shall have an eval- 34 uation once every three years as a minimum. How- 35 ever, to conform to Florida Statutes relating to 36 continuing contract personnel, a signed statement 37 by both the principal and the continuing contract 38 employee shall be filed in the employee's personnel file on other years, and such statement shall indi- 40 cate whether or not continuing satisfactory service 41 has been rendered by the employee.

Employees shall be provided a copy of their written 44 evaluation within ten (10) days after the evalua- 45 tion and be given an opportunity to discuss their evaluation with the person completing the evalua- 47 tion. Employees shall have the right to respond in 48 writing within ten (10) days to their written evaluation. All written evaluations and any written 50 responses to evaluation(s) shall be made a part of 51 the employee's official personnel file.

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All employees shall be provided a copy of the evaluation form to be used. No bargaining unit member shall evaluate another member of the bargaining unit.

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When changes in employee evaluation are being considered, opportunity for input from the Association shall be provided prior to the implementation of the changes.

#### SECTION H - SAFETY

The Board will make reasonable effort to provide and maintain safe working conditions in the physical plants under control of the School Board. this end the Association will cooperate and make a 16 reasonable effort to encourage the employees to 17 work in a safe manner.

#### SECTION I - TUBERCULIN TEST

The Board shall not require a tuberculin test or 22 negative chest X-ray after initial employment 23 unless tuberculosis is suspected in the employee or 24 employee contacts, in which case the Board shall 25 select the physician(s) and will pay for the costs 26 incurred.

#### SECTION J - PUPIL DETENTION, SEARCH AND SEIZURE

#### Non-directed

Pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, Chapter 71-828, whenever any employee encoun- 34 ters any student on the school grounds of the 35 school under circumstances which reasonably 36 indicate that such student has committed, is 37 committing, or is about to commit a violation 38 of the laws, he may temporarily detain and 39 question the student for the purpose of ascer- 40 taining the circumstances surrounding the pres- 41 ence of the student detained which led the 42 employee to believe that he had committed, was 43 committing, or was about to commit a violation 44 of the law.

If, at any time after the onset of the tempo- 47 rary detention, probable cause arises that the 48 detained student is unlawfully concealing, or 49 has unlawfully concealed, stolen or illegal 50 property on his person or within his locker, 51 said employee may search the temporarily 52 detained student and his locker only to the 53 extent necessary to disclose, and for the 54 purpose of disclosing, the presence of such stolen or illegal property. If the search discloses stolen or illegal property, it may be seized.

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No student shall be temporarily detained longer than is reasonably necessary. Such temporary detention shall not extend beyond the place where it was first effected, or the immediate vicinity thereof.

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Any requirement of an employee other than deans 14 to search or seize any locker or other personal 15 possession of any student shall be made in 16 writing to the employee prior to the required 17 search and seizure. Deans, when specifically 18 directed by the principal to make a search or a 19 seizure, shall be given such written authoriza- 20 tion by the close of the school day in which 21 the requirement was placed upon the dean. 22 Through such written authorization, the Board 23 assumes all liability for the search and sei- 24 zure made by any employee or dean carrying out 25 the written direction of the principal, and 26 such employee or dean shall be totally indemni- 27 fied.

#### SECTION K - PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- As provided by the statutes, the personal life 33 of an employee is not an appropriate concern or 34attention of the Board except as it may direct- 35 ly interfere with the employee's performance of 36 his/her assigned duties and functions.
- Employees shall be entitled to full rights of 39 2. citizenship, and no religious or political 40 activities of any employee or the lack thereof 41 shall be grounds for any discipline or dis- 42 crimination with respect to the professional 43 employment of such employee, providing said 44 activities do not violate any local, state or 45 federal law.
- In the spirit of academic freedom, employees 48 3. will create a classroom atmosphere which in- 49 vites in-depth study of the critical issue(s) 50 of the day. The classroom environment shall be 51 conducive to investigation, interpretation, 52 analysis and evaluation of data on all sides of 53 The 54 the critical issue(s) under study.

employee is responsible for exercising sound judgment in selecting for discussion those issues which are relevant to the maturity and understanding of the students involved.

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The Board and the Association agree that academic freedom is essential to the fulfillment of the purpose of the Palm Beach County School District. Accordingly, the parties agree that employees shall be guaranteed freedom in class- 10 room presentations and discussions, and may 11 introduce politically, religiously, or other- 12 wise controversial material, provided that such 13 material is relevant to the course content, 14 appropriate to the student group, and presented 15 in such a way as to inculcate higher personal 16 and moral standards in the students. When a 17 claim is made that this provision has been 18 violated, the principal shall make a careful 19 review with the employee prior to rendering a 20 decision on the matter.

#### SECTION L - TUTORING

- Every effort shall be made by the principal and 25 employee to help the child with his difficulties at school before recommending that parents engage a tutor. The cases where individual 28 tutoring is recommended and a fee is to be 29 assessed for such services, compliance with the 30 following provisions shall be observed.
  - An employee shall not tutor any student 33 enrolled in his/her classes.
  - (b) Tutoring for which an employee receives a 36 fee shall not be conducted on school facilities 37 or on school time.
  - Employees who accept outside tutoring 40 (C) engagements must make their own arrangements 41 with the parents for the fee to be assessed.
- This provision is not applicable to Board 44 approved summer tuition programs.

#### SECTION M - EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION AND DISMISSAL

Any employee may be suspended without pay at 49 any time during the school year for just cause 50 which includes but shall not be limited to the 51 following: immorality, misconduct in office, 52 incompetency, gross insubordination, willful 53 neglect of duty, drunkenness, or conviction of 54

	a crime involving moral turpitude (FS 231.36).	2
2.	A statement of the charges lodged against an employee must be provided to the employee in accordance with applicable Florida Statutes and due process requirements.	3 4 5 6 7
3.	Any suspended employee shall have the right to Association representation at all proceedings subsequent to the initial notice of suspension.	8
4.	Final action on the recommendation to dismiss requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the full Board.	12
5.	Further, processes guaranteed in FS 231.36 shall be included herein and guaranteed to all employees.	16
6.	Only the Board's adverse action under this section shall not be grievable.	20 21 22
SEC	TION N - AUTHORIZED TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	23 24 25
1.	All travel for employees must be authorized by the Superintendent prior to departure and incurrence of expenses.	26
2.	Authorized mileage for in-county and out-of-county travel, including per diem, shall be reimbursed at the rate provided by Florida Statute and State Board Administrative Rule. In the event that there is a change in Statute or State Board Rule, payment will be retroactive to the effective date of the Statute or State Board Rule.	30 31 32 33 34 35
3.	Meetings for which the traveler will be reimbursed by another agency, organization or institution shall be excluded from these provisions.	39 40
SEC	TION O - WITHHOLDING OF INCREMENTS	44
Superfront any the prefol fai	n recommendation of the Principal and the Area erintendent, the Superintendent may withhold, m an annual contract employee, any increment or part of an increment, or an adjustment or part reof, for cause. "For cause" shall be interted as failure on the part of the employee to low district and individual school regulations, lure to carry out assignments, failure to assume /her responsibilities in enforcing school	46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

regulations, failure to receive a satisfactory rating on the evaluation of the employee, and/or as any of the causes for termination of a contract. Before an increment or a part of an increment is withheld, the Superintendent shall meet with the employee for the purpose of "warning" him/her by March 1. At the time of such meeting, at least one other administrator shall be present and the Association shall be notified of the meeting and given an opportunity to be present. If subsequent to 10 this meeting, the cause of unsatisfactory service 11 is not removed, in the opinion of the administra- 12 tors, the employee must be notified in writing 13 prior to July 1 as to why the increment or portion 14 of the increment to which the employee would be 15 entitled under the salary schedule in effect will 16 not be granted. An employee who has had one or 17 more increments or portions of increments withheld 18 shall become eliqible for future increments when 19 the Superintendent places the employee so affected 20 at the experience level the employee would have 21 achieved had the increment not been withheld. 22 However, salary increments to which the employee 23 would have been eligible had his/her increments not 24 been withheld, will not be restored. 25 26

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#### ARTICLE III - WORKING CONDITIONS

#### SECTION A - CONTRACT YEAR

- The employee contract year shall be 196 days 31 1. and is a ten (10) month contract. During the 32 term of this agreement, the Board shall provide 33 six (6) paid holidays annually. Employees new 34 to Palm Beach County shall have two (2) addi- 35 tional inservice days prior to the regular 36 school year.
- Extended days shall be granted at the discre- 39 tion of the Board.
- Any extension of the regular 196 day contract, 42 3. as approved by the Board, shall be compensated 43 at the employee's daily rate as determined by 44 dividing 196 days into the annual salary of the 45 employee.

#### SECTION B - TEACHING HOURS AND CONDITIONS

#### Duty Hours -

51 (a) Except for faculty or professional meet- 52 ings, the duty day shall be a maximum of seven 53 (7) hours and 30 minutes consecutively, pro- 54 vided that this shall not apply to those employees contracting for less than full-time dutv.

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- (b) The work day for all employees assigned to a school center during pre-school, post-school, and all planning days during the regular school year shall be from 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., with one hour for lunch; otherwise, the work day shall be as modified by the principal.
- 2. Leaving the Building At times when an employee does not have scheduled instructional responsibilities, conferences, or other assigned duties, the employee may, upon approval of the principal, leave the school building for personal reasons. Such approval shall be equitably applied. Any employee who is away from the building under this provision shall not be considered to be carrying out the re- 20 sponsibilities of his/her position, and the Board shall not be liable for injury to the employee or damage to the employee's property.
- Check-In Procedure -- Employees shall not be 3. required to "clock in" or "out" by hours and minutes.
- 4. Planning Periods - Planning periods are provided for the purpose of instructional planning. Teachers in the middle schools, junior high schools and high schools shall be given a planning period equal to one class period each Except when faculty meetings or other professional responsibilities prevent, elementary teachers shall have a non-student-contact planning period of 45 consecutive minutes. Such planning period shall be scheduled before or after the student day at the determination of the principal. Whenever possible, principals shall refrain from scheduling meetings during planning time which require teacher attendance in the same week as faculty meetings are scheduled.
- 5. Relief Time for Elementary Teachers -Elementary teachers shall be provided, as a minimum, a 15-minute break during the school Where resources and the instructional plan permit, principals may schedule a 15minute break in both the morning and afternoon periods.

- 6. Meetings (a) Faculty Meetings -- In addition 1 to the regular workday, employees may be re- 2 quired to spend time before or after the regu- 3 lar workday without additional compensation or 4 compensatory time for the purpose of attending 5 faculty staff development, school self study, 6 and principal approved departmental meetings 7 for an average of two (2) days each month. 8 Faculty meetings shall be consecutive with the 9 regular workday. Employees shall not be re-10 quired to remain longer than 60 minutes beyond 11 the regular workday for such meetings.
  - (b) Meetings prior to and on Holidays and 14 Weekends -- Except in the best interests of the 15 school, a meeting which takes place after the 16 regular work day and which requires attendance 17 shall not be called on any day immediately 18 preceding nor on a day which does not require 19 employee attendance.

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(c) Notice of meetings -- The notice of any 22 meeting shall be given to the employees in-23 volved at least two (2) days prior to the 24 meeting, except in extenuating circumstances. 25

## SECTION C - PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. Teachers shall be given an opportunity to ex-30 press their preference of grade and subject 31 taught. The principal, however, shall have 32 complete authority for the assignment of 33 teachers within a school.
- 2. A teacher should not be assigned to teach in a 36 grade level and/or subject area that is not 37 within the scope of his/her teaching certifi- 38 cate or of his/her major or minor field of 39 study, except in extenuating circumstances.
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- 3. Secondary teachers shall not normally be as-42 signed to teach in more than two (2) distinct 43 academic fields or be assigned to more than 44 three (3) distinct preparations that can be 45 distinguished by obvious and clearly recognized 46 differences in content and that require signif-47 icant preparation and considerable time.
- 4. The parties agree that enrollment shifts and 50 other extenuating factors may prevent the 51 finalization of teaching assignments prior to 52 the opening of school. The parties also recog-53 nize that it is desirable for teachers to know 54

their teaching assignments as soon as possible. Accordingly, each teacher shall be given a tentative teaching assignment for the next school year prior to the last day of duty for the 5 current year. 6 SECTION D - TEACHER ASSIGNMENT DURING PLANNING 7 8 PERIOD 9 Except in extenuating circumstances, a teacher 10 1. who covers another teacher's class during his/ 11 her planning period, shall not be requested to 12 waive another planning period for this purpose 13 until all available teachers have waived the 14 15 same. 16 A teacher who has covered another teacher's 17 class during his/her planning period shall be 18 as 19 compensated for the lost planning time follows: 20 21 (a) The teacher shall be given compensatory 22 time or an additional uninterrupted planning 23 time. 24 25 (b) The taking of this time shall be deter-26 mined by mutual consent of the teacher and 27 28 principal. 29 Such time shall be taken in blocks of no 30 less than twenty minutes. 31 32 SECTION E - SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS 33 34 It is the intent of the Board that substitutes 35 will be provided when the regular teacher is 36 absent. However, in emergency situations, a 37 teacher may be assigned to cover another teach- 38 er's classes during their planning period. 39 40 The employee who must be absent will notify the 41 2. principal as soon as the need for the absence 42 becomes known. This notice shall be given no 43 later than one (1) hour before the beginning of 44 the work day, except in extenuating circum- 45 46 stances. 47 In each school the principal will develop a 48

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process for securing substitute teachers. This 49 process will provide that no teacher shall be 50 required to obtain his/her own substitute. 51 However, the teacher and the principal may 52 agree to an alternative whereby the teacher 53

calls his/her own substitute. It is recommended that such agreement be reduced to writing.

The teacher shall be responsible for the preparation of daily lesson plans to be made available to a substitute in the absence of the teacher. Such plans shall be made in advance at all times. Lesson plans shall be prepared in such a way as to enable a substitute teacher to carry on the teaching assignments with con- 11 tinuity in the educational program.

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It is the employee's responsibility to notify 5. the principal of the time of his/her return to service. If possible, notice should be given prior to the close of the school day before expected return so that the substitute can be notified not to return. If an employee returns 19 to school without providing adequate notice of his/her return, he/she will have deducted from 21 his/her salary any loss suffered by the district for failure to notify the substitute not 23 to report, or the employee may take a day of 24 his/her personal leave.

#### SECTION F - SCHOOL CENTERS

- 1. Distribution of School Center Procedures -Each employee shall be provided at the beginning of the school year with a copy of the 31 school's Teacher Handbook describing the basic 32 operating procedures of the school. The Asso- 33 ciation's faculty representative chairperson 34 will be provided with two additional copies 35 upon request. While it is recognized that pro- 36 cedures may change at any time at the discre- 37 tion of the principal or as a result of the 38 Superintendent's Administrative Directives, any 39 such changes should be reduced to writing as 40 soon as the principal's duties will permit. No 41 such change shall violate Board Policy or the 42 provisions of this Agreement. Such written 43 changes should be distributed as provided 44 above.
- School Budget Committee -- The Superintendent shall provide a procedure whereby employees, elected by their colleagues in each school cen- 49 ter, may provide input to the principal in the 50 development of the annual budget for the school 51 center. The majority of employees at a school 52 center may request the Superintendent to review 53 the proposed school center budget along with 54

the concerns of the employees prior to inclusion of the budget in the Comprehensive Plan. This request shall be accomplished by secret ballot.

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- Class Sanctity -- The Association and 3. Board recognize the importance of uninterrupted classroom instruction and agree that interruptions shall be kept to an absolute minimum. Except for instances in the best 10 interest of the school, the following guide- 11 lines shall apply:
  - Intercom announcements shall be made dur- 14 ing homeroom periods or during other specially 15 designated periods.
  - Announcements to individual employees 18 shall be placed in employees' mailboxes or made 19 before the instructional period begins.
  - (c) Students will be called only by the administrative or counseling staff or for other school activities with prior approval of the 24 principal.
  - (d) Routine announcements will be distributed 27 by daily bulletin or made during homeroom or 28 other designated periods.
  - Telephone calls identified as being of an (e) emergency nature which affect the health, safety, and welfare of an employee or his/ her immediate family, shall be immediately trans- 34 mitted to the employee.
- Special activities in secondary schools will be scheduled on a rotating basis or class schedules will be adjusted to insure that the amount of time spent away from any class will not be 40 inequitable. Exception to this procedure may 41 be made when the procedure is impractical.

#### SECTION G - EMPLOYEE/PRINCIPAL COMMUNICATION

Employees will be provided reasonable opportu- 46 1. nity to meet with the principal at least one (1) time each semester during the school year 48 on school time to review and discuss local 49 school problems and practices, and be involved 50 in the revision or development of building 51 policies.

Areas for consideration shall include, but not 2. limited to, such matters as curriculum, textbooks, distribution of materials and supplies, staffing, discipline and parent visitation.

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SECTION H - RELEASING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

Employees shall not release a child from the school without written authorization of the principal.

#### SECTION I - MONEY LEFT IN SCHOOL AFTER HOURS

- The principal shall make provisions for funds collected during the early part of the school day. The principal shall also make provisions for funds collected during late afternoon or evening activities so that these can be placed in a night depository. Employee sponsors of activities, or any individual employee, should not be expected to safeguard funds but shall place these funds in a night depository.
- 2. Employees charged with the responsibility of depositing funds shall be reimbursed mileage at the rate provided by Florida Statute and State Department Rules.

#### SECTION J - ITINERANT TEACHERS AND ADULT EDUCATION 29 TEACHERS

arranging schedules for teachers who In are assigned to more than one school, an effort shall be made to limit the amount of inter-school travel. Such teachers shall be notified of any changes in their schedules two (2) days prior to such changes 35 except in extenuating circumstances.

#### SECTION K - STAFF DEVELOPMENT (IN-SERVICE TRAINING)

- 1. In compliance with the law, a staff development program for employees will be provided each year by the Board.
- The purpose of staff development programs is to 2. improve the quality of instruction in the schools, to enhance and expand the qualifications of employees, and to provide teachers alternative ways to update their certification.
- Employees shall participate in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the staff development program when applicable.

#### SECTION L - PAYCHECKS

Each employee shall be paid in twenty-four (24) 1. equal installments to be issued on the 15th and the last day of each month, except that the June 15 pay check shall be paid to employees on their last duty day of the school year.

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- Employees shall receive their checks at their 2. regular building on regular school days except 10 when the pay period falls during summer or 11 holiday periods, in which case, checks shall be 12 mailed to the employee's home address.
- All accrued pay with the exception of one final 15 3. check, not to exceed one twenty-fourth (1/24) 16 of the employee's annual salary by more than 17 5%, shall be paid on June 30. The final check 18 shall be paid no later than July 10. Employees 19 may have their final check sent to a special 20 address by furnishing a self-addressed envelope 21 to the principal.
- When the pay day as described in (1) above 24 4. falls on a weekend or holiday, checks will be 25 issued on the last duty day prior to the week- 26 end or holiday if the last duty day precedes, 27 by no more than two (2) days, the weekend or 28 29 holiday. 30
- A schedule of summer school pay dates shall be 31 posted in each summer school center.

#### SECTION M - DUTY-FREE LUNCH

- All employees in secondary schools shall have a 36 duty-free lunch period equal to the regular 37 student lunch period.
- 39 All employees in the elementary schools shall 40 have a duty-free lunch period equal to the 41 regular student lunch period 80% of the time. 42

#### SECTION N - EXTRA DUTY ASSIGNMENT

Employees will not be assigned to extra duty as- 46 signment(s) in conflict with previously assigned 47 duties.

#### SECTION O - PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The work year for permanent substitute teachers 52 shall be 184 days. Permanent substitutes shall be 53 paid in accordance with Appendix F. The teacher payday schedule shall not apply to permanent substitutes.

The work day for permanent substitutes shall be seven (7) hours per day, excluding a lunch period equivalent to the student lunch period. 4

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Permanent substitutes are classified as noninstructional employees and will not receive increments 10 for experience, paid holidays, nor will service as 11 a permanent substitute be counted toward continuing 12 contract or professional service contract. Sick 13 leave shall be earned in the same manner as other 14 noninstructional personnel.

Permanent substitute teachers may be allowed four 17 (4) days paid leave for personal reasons each year 18 to be charged against accrued sick leave and pro- 19 vided that such leave shall not be cumulative. 20 Except in emergency situations, employees shall 21 Per- 22 request such leave one (1) week in advance. sonal leave may be authorized in the event of an 23 emergency (the nature of which shall be identified) 24 or for other essential matters which cannot be 25 accomplished during non-working hours, provided 26 such leave shall at no time be granted for purposes 27 of recreation, job interviews, any form of job 28 action, activities which will result in taxable 29 income to the employee, or to attend association 30 business. Personal leave requests shall not be 31 made for any day immediately preceding or following 32 a Board approved holiday or the first or last week 33 of the school year when students are in attendance. 34

When a permanent substitute is not filling in for 36 an absent teacher, the permanent substitute will perform other duties as directed by the principal.

All newly hired permanent substitute teachers shall 40 be subject to a probationary period of ninety (90) work days. Probationary employees may be dismissed 42 without recourse. Probationary employees shall not 43 be eligible for any type of leave, except accrued 44 sick leave or short term unpaid leave not to exceed 45 five (5) days due to illness only.

Permanent substitutes shall be evaluated once annu- 48 ally and shall be given a copy of the written eval- 49 A permanent substitute who has not been 50 recommended to the Superintendent for reappoint- 51 ment shall be notified in writing by the principal 52 at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date the 53Superintendent submits his recommendations to the 54 Board for noninstructional personnel.

#### ARTICLE IV - VACANCIES, TRANSFERS AND REASSIGNMENTS

#### SECTION A

The Board and the Association agree that, except as specifically modified by this agreement, the Board has and retains unaltered, its legal right to select, assign, reassign, or relocate any of its employees as it deems appropriate to carry out its mission under the law and State Board of Education Regulations.

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#### SECTION B - VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

- Employees desiring to voluntarily transfer to 1. another school of the district shall make a request to the Division of Personnel Relations on 18 a Transfer Request form to be provided by the Such request shall be submitted no district. later than March 1. The Division of Personnel Relations shall acknowledge receipt of Transfer Request form.
- In order to receive active consideration for 25 2. transfer for the next school year, a vacancy must exist at the transferring school; the vacancy must be in the teacher's area of certification; and the transferring teacher must be in 29 his/her 3rd year in the district or be on continuing contract or professional service con- 31 tract at the time of the request for transfer.
- Vacancies resulting from additional teacher al-3. locations, retirements, resignations, transfers, etc., shall be advertised in the "Employee Focus." Employees who meet the criteria 37 for transfer as noted above shall contact the 38 principal at the transferring school within 39 five days of being advertised in the Employee 40 Focus" and request an interview. The principal 41 shall interview all eligible transfer appli- 42 cants before filling each position.

The Board shall provide the "Employee Focus" to all teachers and shall provide five (5) copies to the Association. Copies of the summer is- 47 sues of "Employee Focus" will be mailed to the 48 homes of employees requesting transfers.

All transfer applicants who seek a particular position shall be notified when the position is filled.

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- August 1 shall be the normal cutoff date for voluntary transfers. However, a voluntary transfer may be made after the cutoff date providing both principals are in agreement and is approved by the Superintendent.
- In order to insure active consideration, an employee must reapply for transfer each year.
- 7. Employee transfer applicants who do not receive 14 transfers may discuss any concerns they may 15 have regarding their non-transfer with repre- 16 sentatives of the Division of Personnel 17 Relations.
- Selection of teachers for new schools shall be 20 made prior to August 1.

#### SECTION C

Involuntary Transfers -- Transfers will be on a 25 voluntary basis, whenever possible. However, cor- 26 rect and proper operation of the school district 27 will necessarily require that involuntary transfers 28 be made. In making involuntary transfers, the convenience and wishes of the individual employee will 30 be considered to the extent that these considerations do not conflict with instructional requirements and best interests of the school district and 33 the pupils. Involuntary transfers deemed necessary 34 by the Superintendent will only be made after the 35 principal has conferred with the teacher.

#### SECTION D

New Employee Transfers -- An employee newly employed who has begun working at a specific school shall not be transferred during the first school year. The only exceptions shall be those due to 43 loss of teacher units or those deemed by the Superintendent to be in the best interest of the school 45 or teacher.

Reduction-in-Work Force -- In the event that reduction-in-work force (RIF) becomes necessary due to declines in enrollment, budgetary restrictions, reorganization, or other cause as determined by the reduction-in-work force Board, the following provisions shall apply:

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- The Board shall determine the specific work locations and areas of certification and specialty or the specific positions to be eliminated. Once the specific areas of certification, specialty, or position have been determined, reduction shall be made on a county-wide 15 basis unless contrary to the Board's Compre- 16 hensive Plan (Budget), and shall be based upon 17 seniority and certification as further defined 18 in this section.
- For the purposes of this agreement, seniority 21 2. shall be defined as length of continuous service including approved leaves from the last 23 date of employment within the county. When 24 ties occur in determination of seniority, they 25 will be broken by the date on which employment 26 was offered by the Division of Personnel Rela- 27 tions or the date of the principal's recommendation, whichever is the earliest date. If  $_{29}$  ties remain, the decision as to who shall be  $_{30}$ released shall be made by random selection.
- Reductions-in-work force based upon areas of certification shall be governed by the following specific provisions:
  - (a) In elementary schools, teachers shall be considered to be at two levels and shall possess appropriate certification for that level.
    - Early Childhood -- Kindergarten
    - Elementary -- Grades One through Six 43 (except that elementary teachers may not be 44 involuntarily reassigned to middle schools.)

- (b) In the secondary schools, areas of certi- 1 fication shall be deemed to be areas for which the employee holds certification and in which the employee has worked within the last five years (however, a sixth grade teacher at the middle school level shall not be involuntarily reassigned to an elementary school).
- Once specific positions and/or areas of certification and levels are determined, reduction 10 shall be made on a county-wide basis as fol- 11 lows, unless contrary to the Board's Compre- 12 hensive Plan (Budget):
  - Employees holding temporary or provisional 15 certification will be the first released. 16
  - certificated annual/probationary 18 (b) Fully contract employees, the next released.
  - 20 (c) Continuing/professional service contract 21 employees will be the last released. 22
  - Within each of items (a) through (c), 24 reductions shall be made such that the persons in those areas having the least seniority will 26 be the first released. Further reductions at 27 each level shall be in ascending order of 28 seniority.
- 5. An employee whose job is to be eliminated by 31 county-wide reduction shall be notified by 32 certified mail.
- Once reductions have been made on a county-wide 35 basis, then the reductions shall be made in the 36 specific schools identified by the Board. The 37 affected employees shall be reassigned to the 38 open positions created by the county-wide 39 reductions. Where possible, employees should 40 be permitted to volunteer for the open posi- 41 tions; and in such reassignment, consideration 42 should be given to such items as proximity to 43 the employee's home, the teacher's certifica- 44 tion and experiences, and other relevant fac- 45 Where possible, employees shall be 46 tors. reassigned to the same school. However, both 47 parties recognize the right of the Board to 48 final approval of all assignments.
- Employees whose positions have been eliminated 51 shall be considered first for positions for 52

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which they hold certification as defined in Section F,3. Such employees shall be recalled in descending order of seniority, with continuing contract employees being called first and then fully certificated annual contract employees. Such recall requirements shall not extend beyond the end of the fiscal year in which the reduction occurred or six months, whichever is greater.

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- Employees being recalled shall be notified by 11 certified mail and shall have ten (10) working 12 from the date of receipt to respond 13 affirmatively. It shall be the employee's 14 responsibility to make appropriate arrangements 15 for forwarding or receipt of mail if he/she 16 will be away from his/her mailing address for 17 more than three (3) days.
  - If the employee fails to respond in the 20 affirmative, he/she shall be removed from the recall list and the Board shall have no further 22 obligation to him/her.
  - If the recall notice is returned and not 25 receipted, the employee shall retain his/her 26 place on the recall list for the next job open- 27 ing for which he/she is qualified. However, 28 after the second returned notice, the employ- 29 ee's name will be dropped from the recall list 30 and the Board shall have no further obligation 31 to the employee.
- Notwithstanding anything contained in this 34 agreement to the contrary, the Board shall have 35 complete and final authority to assign or 36 reassign any employee to any school so as to 37 maintain a racial balance within the school 38 system.

#### SECTION F - CONTINUING CONTRACT THROUGH CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- 1. Any employee who is otherwise entitled to a 44 continuing contract shall not be deprived of 45 same because of a voluntary or involuntary 46 reassignment.
- After June 30, 1982, only employees who have 49 worked a minimum of 99 days in the district 50 will have expectation of receiving a continuing 51 contract as a teacher. Deans and counselors 52 who worked a minimum of 99 days in that posi- 53 tion in FY 82 and who were properly certifi- 54

cated in that position on June 30, 1982, will have expectation of receiving a continuing contract in that position. An employee hired subsequent to July 1, 1982, who holds a regular certificate as described by F.S. 231.17, and Rules of the State Board of Education, has completed three (3) years of probationary service in the district, such service being continuous except for leave duly authorized and granted, and has been recommended by the Superintendent 10 professional service contract, and 11 reappointed by the School Board based on suc- 12 cessful performance of duties and demonstration 13 of professional competence, shall be issued a 14 professional service contract as a teacher in 15 such form as may be prescribed by Rules of the 16 State Board.

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#### SECTION G - SUMMER SCHOOL TEACHERS

- The Board will publish each year by approximately March 15 a list of anticipated summer school teaching vacancies, together with the 23 necessary forms and instructions for submitting 24 applications.
- 2. Teachers who wish to teach in the summer school program shall submit applications so as to 28 arrive at the Personnel Office by approximately 29 April 15. Applications must show the schools 30 in which the teacher will accept employment.
- 3. The Superintendent shall announce summer school 33 The 34 appointments by approximately May 15. official appointment shall be made in writing.
- Nothing herein shall preclude an earlier schedule if summer school plans are finalized 38 earlier.
- Qualified teachers who have applied for summer school assignment, employed at the time of publication of summer school vacancies, shall be 43 appointed before hiring any new staff.
- 46 Summer school employees shall be paid as shown in Appendix D
- SECTION H VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, ADULT EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY SCHOOL PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT
- All qualified employees may apply for employ- 53

ment as vocational education, adult education, and community school part-time employees for evening classes.

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- Appointments for these positions shall be open 2. to all qualified employees of the school system.
- The Board will publish a list of anticipated 3. vocational education, adult education, and 10 community school part-time vacancies for the 11 next school year in the Employee Focus by May 12 15. Appointment to these positions shall not 13 occur until two (2) weeks after the May 15 14 15 publication of these vacancies. 16
- Qualified applicants who are employees of the 17 school system shall be appointed to these posi- 18 tions prior to qualified applicants who are not 19 employed by the school system. In addition, 20 those persons who have held or hold these posi- 21 tions, and have performed satisfactorily shall 22 be considered prior to other qualified appli- 23 24 cants as described heretofore. 25
- Evening employment will be limited to two (2) 26 nights a week unless additional evening employ- 27 ment is approved by the director of the respec- 28 tive program.
- In Vocational Education and Adult Education 31 where programs operate beyond the regular 196 32 day calendar, teachers of the program shall 33 have right of refusal to the additional employ- 34 35 ment.

#### ARTICLE V - LEAVES PAID AND UNPAID

#### SECTION A - PAID LEAVES - GENERAL PROVISIONS

41 Paid leaves are provided for illness of employee (including childbirth), illness or death 43 of a family member, personal business, vacation 44 leave, injury or illness in line of duty, profes- 45 sional leave, jury duty, witness duty, temporary 46 military leave, and temporary duty elsewhere leave. 47 Prior and sufficient notification shall be given 48 where possible. The following general provisions 49 apply to all paid leaves: 50

Accumulation of Sick Leave - Sick leave days 52 are accumulated as follows:

(a) Permanent Full-Time Employees - An employee employed on a full-time basis shall be entitled to four (4) days of sick leave as of the first day of permanent employment of each 4 appointive year, and shall thereafter earn one (1) day of sick leave at the end of each calendar month; provided the employee has been on duty or compensable leave a minimum of eleven (11) days within the month; and provided further, that the employee shall be entitled to 10 earn a maximum of one (1) day of sick leave 11 times the number of months of employment during the year of employment. Sick leave shall not 13 be used prior to the time it is earned and 14 credited to the employee.

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- Part-Time Employees Permanent An employee employed on a permanent part-time basis (4 hours or more per day) shall be entitled to four (4) part-days of sick leave as of the first day of permanent employment of each appointive year, and shall thereafter earn one 22 (1) part-day of sick leave at the end of each 23 calendar month; provided the employee has been 24 or compensable leave a minimum of 25 on duty eleven (11) days within the month; and provided 26 further, that the employee shall be entitled to 27 earn no more than one (1) part-day of sick 28 leave times the number of months of employment 29 during the year of employment. Sick leave 30 shall not be used prior to the time it is 31 earned and credited to an employee. An 32 employee whose duty day basis changes shall have his/her sick leave balance as a permanent 34 part-time employee converted at the rate of two 35 (2) part days of sick leave to one (1) full day 36 of sick leave. The same principle applies to a 37 permanent full-time employee whose duty day 38 credited sick leave at the time of change is 39 one (1) full day of credited sick leave to two 40 (2) part days of sick leave.
- Method of Accumulation Sick leave shall (c) be cumulative from year to year, and there shall be no limit on the number of days of sick 45 leave an employee may accrue.
- Credit for Out-of-County Sick Leave (d) 48 Employees shall be entitled to transfer sick 49 leave credit from other Florida school systems 50 and state agencies which are participants in 51 any of the Florida Retirement Systems, provided 52 that at least one-half (1/2) of this cumulative 53 leave must be established within the Palm Beach 54

County School District. An employee returning to the system after a leave of absence or resignation shall be entitled to the accrued balance credited at time of such leave or resignation.

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- 2. Verification of Illness - The Superintendent may require a doctor's statement of verification of illness of greater than three (3) days, or whenever an employee is absent the day 10 before or after a holiday or vacation period. 11 However, when misuse of sick leave is sus- 12 spected, the Superintendent shall investigate 13 and require satisfactory verification of ill- 14 ness.
- Employment While on Sick Leave An employee 17 may not engage in employment during his/her 18 19 normal duty hours while on compensated leave.
- Leave Authorization All absences of employees 21 4. from duty shall be covered by leave applica- 22 tions which are duly authorized and granted, a 23 copy of which shall be provided employees upon 24 request. Leave for sickness or other emergen- 25 cies may be deemed granted in advance, if 26 prompt report is made to the proper authority. 27 28

## SECTION B - SPECIFIC PAID LEAVES

- Sick Leave Sick leave claims shall be honored 31 as submitted by the employee for his/her own 32 personal illness, as well as illness or death 33 of father, mother, brother, sister, husband, 34 wife, child, other close relative, or member of 35 the employee's own household. 36
- Personal leave Four (4) days paid leave shall 38 2. be allowed for personal reasons each year to be 39 charged against accrued sick leave, provided 40 that such leave be noncumulative.
  - extenuating circumstances, 43 in (a) Except employees shall request leave for personal 44 reasons 48 hours in advance.
  - (b) Personal leave requests shall not be made 47 for any day immediately preceding or following 48 a holiday, except in emergencies.
- Injury or Illness in-the-Line-of-Duty Leave 51 An employee who is absent due to injuries or 52 illnesses clearly received in the discharge of 53 his/her duties shall be entitled to additional 54

sick benefits provided such claim is reported to the principal/department head within three (3) days of the time of occurrence. Except in extenuating circumstances, failure to make such report within the prescribed time limits above 5 shall result in the claim being denied, unless 6 otherwise approved by the Superintendent.

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- An employee who is injured in the line of duty shall be entitled up to ten (10) noncumu- 10 lative additional days which shall not be 11 charged against the employee's sick leave bal- 12 ance. Additional emergency sick leave may be 13 granted by the Board at the request of the 14 All claims for such leave must 15 employee. clearly substantiate an injury received in 16 carrying out assigned duties. Additionally, 17 such paid leave shall only be awarded for the 18 duty days for which the employee has been 19 employed. An employee who can clearly demon- 20 strate the contracting of an infectious or 21 contagious disease for which inoculations are 22 not available, and exclusive of upper respira- 23 tory infections or complications therefrom, at 24 the school center to which they are assigned, 25 shall qualify for up to a maximum additional 26 ten (10) days of noncumulative sick leave if 27 the disease requires the employee to use 28 more than five (5) days of his/her sick leave 29 balance. If the employee does not have five 30 days of accumulated sick leave, this leave 31 shall begin immediately after the use of the 32 last sick leave day. At the request of the 33 employee, additional sick leave may be granted 34 by the Board.
- In cases of unusual illness or injury in 37 the line of duty, an employee may make a re- 38 quest to the Superintendent for additional com- 39 pensated leave days. If the Superintendent is 40 satisfied that the condition warrants, he/she 41 shall recommend additional compensated leave to 42 the Board.
- Any employee who has a claim for compen- 45 sation while absent because of illness con- 46 tracted or injury incurred as prescribed herein 47 shall notify his/her principal as soon as such 48 illness or injury is apparent and shall file a 49 claim by the end of each month or pay period as 50 requested during which such absence has 51 The School Board shall satisfy 52 occurred. itself that the claim correctly states the 53 facts that such claim is entitled to payment. 54

- (d) Workers Compensation Any Workers Compensation payments received by the employee while injury or illness-in-line-of-duty leave shall be reimbursed to the Board.
- Leave While Quarantined When an employee has been placed in quarantine by constituted medical or legal authority, he/she shall remain away from regularly assigned duties for the duration of such quarantine. He/she shall continue to receive his/her salary during a quar- 11 antine period. Such payments shall not be 12 charged against other compensable leave.

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- Professional Leave Professional leave may be 15 4. granted to an employee to engage in activities 16 which will result in his/her professional bene- 17 fit or that will contribute to the profession. 18 Any employee may be granted a maximum of three 19 (3) consecutive weeks of professional leave 20 during any fiscal year with compensation on 21 duty days when school is not in session; such 22 leave shall be cumulative to a maximum of 23 thirty (30) working days.
  - employee may not engage in compensated activity during normal duty hours 27 while on such leave.
  - (b) This leave will not be granted where the 30 time granted will be utilized for enrolling in 31 and completing entire courses of study.
  - (c) An employee who otherwise qualifies may 34 apply for and receive uncompensated profes- 35 sional leave as provided in the unpaid leave 36 section of this article.
- Jury Duty If an employee is under subpoena 39 5. for jury duty during the time he/she is engaged 40 in regular professional duties, he/she may make 41 application for temporary duty elsewhere. 42 He/she shall receive regular pay while on jury 43 duty and shall remit to the Finance Department 44 in check or money order the amount of fees, 45 less travel allowance and other expense allow- 46 ances, received during jury duty.
- Witness Duty When an employee is under sub- 49 poena as a witness in connection with his offi- 50 cial duties or is under subpoena as a witness 51 in a court proceeding in which he/she is not a 52 party to the litigation, he/she shall be eli- 53

gible for Temporary Duty Elsewhere leave and shall receive regular compensation while on witness duty and shall remit to the Board in check or money order (no cash) the amount of fees, less travel allowance and other expense allowances, received for witness duty.

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- Temporary Military Leave If the temporary 7. military service cannot be met outside of that time of contractual employment, temporary leave 10 for military service with the United States 11 Armed Forces or Florida National Guard will be 12 granted with pay not to exceed seventeen (17) 13 days of compensation as provided in Section 14 115.07, Florida Statute, or the employee may 15 request uncompensated personal leave. If tempo- 16 rary military leave is used, the Board shall be 17 responsible only for the difference between the 18 pay for military service and the employee's 19 regular salary if the employee's regular salary 20 is greater. All efforts shall be made to pre- 21 vent such leave being taken during the time 22 school is in session. Requests for temporary 23 military service leave shall be made by letter 24 and shall be filed with the Superintendent for 25 the Board action. If possible, this shall be 26 done prior to the Board meeting preceding the 27 date of leave.
- Sabbatical Leave After each six (6) consecu- 30 tive years of satisfactory service in the dis- 31 trict, employees may apply for a year's leave 32 of absence for professional academic advance- 33 ment. Authorized leave shall not break consec- 34 utive service. A person on leave may request 35 and be granted sabbatical leave. A fraction of 36 a year exceeding one-half of the regular con- 37 tractual period shall count as one year's 38 service. The Board will provide employment 39 benefits which are provided a regular employee; 40 however, any additional cost will be paid for 41 by the employee. An employee will not earn 42 sick leave or annual leave, if applicable, 43 while on sabbatical leave. The Board will pay 44 retirement and Social Security contributions on 45 the amount of salary actually paid the em- 46 ployee.
  - (a) Sabbatical leave for one-half year may be 49 granted if the applicant is eligible by formula 50 with the further provision that said applicant 51 shall not be eliqible for additional sabbatical 52 leave until eligibility is re-established by 53 six (6) more consecutive years of satisfactory 54

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(b) Sabbatical leave shall be granted to gualified applicants according to the following criteria:

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- Sabbatical leave shall be granted to the (1) number of teachers that can be granted with a ninety-seven thousand five hundred dollar (\$97,500) budget, if qualified applicants 10 apply.
- (2) Sabbatical leave shall be granted based 13 upon points earned. Applicants shall earn one 14 point for each year of continuous service in 15 the District over six (6) years. Applicants 16 shall be considered in descending order of 17 points earned.
- Applicants for subsequent sabbatical 20 leaves after the first leave shall not be 21 considered until all applications for a les- 22 ser number of sabbatical leaves have been 23 considered.
- (4) In case applicants for sabbatical leaves 26 are tied in total points, selection shall be 27 determined by the Superintendent or a commit- 28 tee appointed by him for this specific pur- 29 pose.
- leave 32 applicant granted sabbatical An shall receive one-half of the contractual gross 33 monthly salary according to the salary sched- 34 ule, based on 196 duty days. If it is found 35 that a sabbatical leave recipient is violating 36 the conditions of his leave, salary payments 37 may be discontinued and the recipient shall 38 repay all prior payments that were improperly 39 received.
- (d) Sabbatical leave may be carried over from 42 one school year into the next on a continuous 43 basis not to exceed the duty days of the appli- 44 cant for a year of work. Salary and benefits 45 a sabbatical leave extending over two 46 school years will be prorated based on the 47 salary schedules of the years involved. Such 48 leave commencing during a year of school shall 49 not be granted until a suitable replacement is 50 provided for the position being vacated. carryover from one school year of sabbatical 52 leave into the next is not to be considered a 53 part of the quota of leaves possible the second 54

year.

The recipient shall have the option of paying retirement contributions for the salary authorized by the Board during sabbatical leave or he/she may pay on the full amount of the salary received during the previous year's service. Such decision shall be made at the time of the sabbatical leave request.

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- Sabbatical leave applications shall be 11 filed with the Superintendent not later than 12 February 15 of each year.
  - Each applicant applying for sabbatical 15 leave for professional academic advancement 16 shall submit information relative to the type 17 of work to be undertaken. Each recipient of 18 such leave shall be required to take suffi- 19 cient course work as to be classified as a 20 full-time student by the college or univer- 21 sity of attendance. Proof that such course 22 work has been completed shall be filed with 23 the Superintendent.
- Sabbatical leave shall not be considered a 26 (g) termination or breach of contract of employ- 27 ment, and a person on such leave shall be 28 returned to the same position held prior to the 29 granting of such leave and that the year of 30 experience be counted for salary purposes. 31 Provided, however, that nothing contained 32 herein shall preclude the Board, upon the rec- 33 ommendation of the Superintendent in the event 34 a position has been abolished, a category of 35 positions has been eliminated, or it is deemed 36 in the best interest of the school system, from 37 reassigning such person, upon his/her return to 38 duty, to such substantially equivalent position 39 as shall then be available.
- (h) An employee who is granted a sabbatical 42 leave shall sign a contract with the district 43 stating that:
  - (1) The employee shall return to the dis- 46 trict and serve an additional three (3) school years following the expiration of the 48 leave.
  - (2) The employee shall repay the full amount 51 of money received for the sabbatical if he/ 52 she fails to return to the district.

- (3) The employee shall repay two-thirds (2/3) of the full amount of money received 3 for the sabbatical if he/she returns to the 4 district, but stays only one year. 5 The employee shall repay one-third (1/3)of the full amount of the money received for 7 8 sabbatical if he/she returns to the district, 9 but stays only two years. 10 (5) The above (1), (2), (3), and (4) may be 11 waived if the condition of the employee's 12health is such that he/she files and is qual- 13 ified for disability retirement from the 14 Florida public schools. 15 16 Paid Vacation Leave -17 18 Employees who are employed on twelve-month 19 contract shall accrue leave, exclusive of holi- 20 days, with compensation as follows: 21 22 Employees with less than five years of 23 continuous service at a rate of one (1) day 24 per month, cumulative to twelve (12) days per 25 26 year. 27 Employees with five (5) years or more 28 continuous service at a rate of one and one- 29 quarter days per month, cumulative to fifteen 30 (15) days per year. 31 32 (3) Employees with ten (10) years or more of 33 continuous service at a rate of one and one- 34 half (1.5) days per month, cumulative to 35 eighteen (18) days per year. 37 Accrued vacation leave shall not exceed 38 thirty (30 work days. The time of vacation will 39 be submitted to the Superintendent for approval 40 upon the written request of the employee and 41 prior recommendation by the principal. Vaca- 42 tion leave for an employee shall be scheduled 43 so that there will be minimum disruption of the 44 operation of the school system. 45 46 Upon employment termination, the employee 47 shall be paid for all unused vacation leave. 48
- 10. Temporary Duty Elsewhere -

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Temporary duty elsewhere leave (TDE) may 52 be granted for professional reasons such as 53 attendance at conferences.

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All requests for assignment to temporary duty, except as provided below, shall be submitted to the Superintendent at least ten (10) days in advance. The Superintendent may waive requirement of ten (10) days advance Temporary duty shall not be used for the purpose of earning college credits, improving and/or renewing certificates, except when participating in a staff development program approved by the Board.

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- Temporary duty elsewhere within the dis- 12 trict may be approved by the principal when no 13 substitute service or other additional cost to 14 the Board is involved or when provided for in 15 the school's staff development plan. The prin- 16 cipal authorizing such temporary duty shall be 17 responsible to ascertain that the temporary 18 duty has been performed. No temporary duty 19 forms need be submitted to the Superintendent 20 for this type of assignment.
- When a TDE is approved by the principal 23 and/or the Superintendent, the employee shall be compensated at his/her regular rate and shall have no deduction from his/her sick leave 26 balance.

## 11. Catastrophic Illness or Injury

- A catastrophic illness or injury shall be 31 defined as a medical condition not covered by 32 Workers' Compensation requiring absence from 33 work greater than fifty (50) working days of 34consecutive absence for a single illness or 35 injury.
- Any employee who sustains a catastrophic 38 illness or injury may apply for and receive, 39 for use on a matching basis, supplementary 40 catastrophic illness or injury leave not to 41 exceed the number of regular, unused sick leave 42 days that the employee had accumulated on the 43 first day of the regular sick leave applied to 44 the catastrophic illness or injury.
- Two (2) medical verifications of such cat- 47 astrophic illness or injury shall be required. 48 The employee shall fully cooperate with the 49 Board and shall authorize the verification of 50 the illness or injury by his/her physician. 51 The Board shall satisfy itself that any claim 52 for catastrophic illness or injury leave is 53

legitimate and correctly states the facts. Board, at its expense, may require an independent medical examination.

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(d) Catastrophic illness or injury leave shall begin the fifty-first (51) day of consecutive absence and will not be awarded retroactively.

## SECTION C - UNPAID LEAVES - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Unpaid leaves are provided for short term leave of 11 absence, long term leave of absence, sick leave 12 without pay for illness or death, child care leave, 13 political leave, military leave, personal leave and 14 professional leave. The following general provi- 15 sions apply to all such leaves.

- Unpaid leaves required for illness, illness or 18 1. death of a family member, professional leave, 19 child care, and military leave shall normally 20 Unpaid leaves for other reasons 21 be granted. shall be at the discretion of the Board.
- The Board shall satisfy itself in terms of the 24 need for a requested leave.
- Unpaid leave will not be granted in order for 27 an employee to take employment elsewhere unless 28 such employment is in addition to a full-time 29 course of study at the graduate level. violation of this section may cause termination 31 of the employee.
- An unpaid leave when granted will be for the 34 remainder of the school year, unless otherwise 35 approved with the initial leave request. One 36 additional year of leave may be granted, pro- 37 vided the employee has been reappointed for the 38 Military leave may be 39 next school year. requested for longer periods as provided under 40 Section D, 6(b) of this article.
- Unpaid leave applications except for short term 43 5. leaves of absence shall be timed such that the 44 employee returns at the beginning of a new 45 grading period or semester.
- An employee taking an approved unpaid leave 48 shall retain the same contractual and salary 49 credit status as he/she had upon taking such 50 leave and shall be reassigned to the same or 51 similar position upon return.
- All absences of employees from duty shall be 54

covered by leave applications which are duly authorized and granted, a copy of which shall be provided employees upon request. Leave for sickness or other emergencies may be deemed to be granted in advance if prompt report is made to the proper authority.

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- The employees will fully cooperate with the 8. Board and shall authorize the verification of the illness by their physicians.
- Except in extenuating circumstances, unpaid 9. leave applications shall be made prior to May 1 of the year preceding the year during which the 14 leave is granted.

### SECTION D - UNPAID LEAVES-SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

- Short Term Leave of Absence Any employee 19 1. desiring a short term leave of absence shall 20 make written application for such leave to the 21 principal or immediate supervisor, with a copy 22 to the Personnel Department. Except in emer- 23 gency situations, such applications shall be 24 approved in advance. Applications for more 25 than five (5) working days will require that a 26 reason be given and shall be subject to ap- 27 proval by the Superintendent. Employees shall 28 not be gainfully employed during normal working 29 hours while on such leave.
- Long Term Leave of Absence A long term leave 32 of absence is permission granted by the Board 33 2. for an employee to be absent from his/her 34 duties for specified periods of time with the 35 right of returning to employment on expiration 36Leave shall be officially 37 of the leave. granted in advance by the Board and shall be 38 used for the purpose set forth in the leave 39 application.
- Sick Leave Without Pay for Illness or Death 42 3. Employees who have used all accumulated sick leave, but who otherwise qualify for sick leave, shall be entitled to sick leave without 45 pay.
- Child Care Leave An employee, after the birth 48 or adoption of a child less than six (6) years 49 of age, may request and shall be entitled to a 50 leave of absence without pay for child care 51 reasons to begin after birth or, in the case of 52 adoption, the receipt of custody.

#### Political Leave -5.

Any employee who has filed to run for political office and is desirous of unpaid leave for political reasons shall make application for such leave and shall be entitled to The employee shall not be restricted to one leave during a political campaign; however, if possible, leave shall be requested for the duration of the campaign. Leave shall be taken 10 for all absences for political campaigning.

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shall be entitled to unpaid 13 Employees (b) leave(s) of absence to hold political office. 14 The period of leave shall be negotiated indi- 15 vidually with the goal of providing the best 16 be 17 situation for the students that might affected.

#### Military Leave -6.

- Regular Military Service Any employee 22 (a) who is required to serve in the United States 23 Armed Forces or the Florida National Guard 24 shall be granted military leave without pay. 25 Upon returning to the school system following 26 his/her completion of required service, he/she 27 shall receive full benefits of salary steps 28 which would have accrued to him/her had he/she 29 In time of state or national 30 not been absent. emergency, call to duty may come about through 31 enlistment or by being drafted by the govern- 32 ment, but in time of peace, regular military 33 duty shall not be initiated by the employee. 34 An exception to this provision would be when an 35 individual is notified to report for induction 36 and, as a matter of choice, then enlists in a 37 branch of the service other than that for which 38 he was drafted. Application for reemployment 39 shall be filed with the School Board within six 40 (6) months following the date of discharge or 41 release from active military duty, and the 42 Board shall have a reasonable time not to 43 exceed six (6) months, to reassign the employee 44 to the same or a similar position in the school 45 system. Military leave cannot be counted as a 46 year of service toward continuing contract 47 status.
- Temporary Military Service If the obli- 50 gation for temporary military service cannot be 51 met outside the time of contractual employment, 52 temporary leave for military service with the 53

United States Armed Forces or the Florida National Guard will be granted with pay, not to exceed seventeen (17) days of compensation as provided in Section 115.07 Florida Statutes, or the employee may request uncompensated personal leave. All efforts should be made to prevent such leave being taken during the time school is in session.

Requests for temporary military service shall 10 be made by letter and shall be filed with the 11 Superintendent for Board action. If possible, 12 this shall be done prior to the Board meeting 13 preceding the date of leave.

- (c) Voluntary Military Service When an em- 16 ployee enters voluntarily into active duty in 17 the armed forces for temporary duty, training 18 duty, or extended periods of service, military 19 leave may be granted at the discretion of the 20 Board with the exception listed in paragraph 21 (a) in this section.
- 7. Professional Leave Uncompensated professional 24 leave may be granted to any employee to engage 25 in activities which will enhance his/her pro- 26 fessional qualifications and will contribute to 27 the teaching profession. Such leave may be 28 granted to any employee with one (1) year sat- 29 isfactory service to the district.

ARTICLE VI - ASSOCIATION RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

## SECTION A - PRIVILEGES

1. The Board agrees to furnish to the Association 37 upon request, within a reasonable time, at 38 least one copy of such information as is nec-39 essary for developing intelligent, feasible and 40 constructive proposals. This information shall 41 include: numbered bulletins, annual financial 42 reports and audits, register of certificated 43 personnel, tentative budgetary requirements and 44 allocations, names and addresses of all teach-45 ers, and other public reports and data in a 46 normally prepared format. In addition, the 47 Board shall make available public Board meeting 48 agendas, backup material and "FYI" prepared for 49 the Board within 24 hours of sending to the 50 Board. Items given to the Board less than 24 51 hours before the Board meeting shall be 52 immediately available to the Association.

- The Board agrees to furnish information upon 2. request which may be needed by the Association to process any grievance or complaint.
- The president of the Association or his designee, bearing written confirmation of the designation, shall be allowed to visit schools to confer with teachers and investigate grievances under the following provisions:
  - (a) Upon arrival, the president or his des-11 ignee shall check into the school office.

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- (b) The principal or acting administrator will 14 facilitate the visit by assigning a place for 15 the Association representative to confer with 16 teachers. However, the principal or acting 17 administrator shall determine that the visit 18 will not conflict with assigned school or pro- 19 fessional responsibilities of any teacher.
- (c) Visits with teachers shall be restricted 22 to non-duty time, such as duty-free lunch or 23 break time.
- (d) The Association president or designee may 26 ask to see a specific teacher or ask that his 27 presence be announced by posting a notice on 28 the teacher bulletin board or announced over 29 the intercom during non-student hours, indi- 30 cating the place that the Association president 31 or his designee will be available. The Asso- 32 ciation recognizes that there may be occasions 33 when a room is not available exclusively for 34 the president or designee to meet with teach- 35 ers.
- The Association may conduct meetings in school 38 buildings before or after the regular work day 39by prior arrangement with the principal or 40 designee for a designated meeting location. 41 The Association shall hold the Board harmless 42 and assume any liability for claims made 43 against the Board and growing out of such 44 meetings. If such meetings are held at such 45 times that they cause additional expense to the 46 Board, a Lease Agreement shall be executed and 47 the normal and customary expenses shall be 48 borne by the Association.
- The Association may use: 5.
  - (a) The public address system during regular 53

announcement periods and after the close of the instructional day to make announcements of meetings, election times and results, and announcements related to the time and nature of Association activities.

- (b) Faculty mail boxes, so long as the timing of such use does not interfere with the normal school operation, and so long as the Association, its members or agents do not use the mail 10 boxes as receptacles for public political 11 materials.
- in 14 Audio-visual equipment which is not use, so long as usual procedures for checking 15 out such equipment are followed and the equip- 16 ment is not removed from the school. Any cost 17 of damages caused by such use shall be paid by 18 19 the Association.
- Part of a bulletin board in faculty lounge 21 lounge(s) (workrooms). If none are available 22 at these locations, then a part of the bulletin 23 board in the main office may be used. However, 24 no material shall be posted which has in its 25 intent or effect the coercing, restraining, or 26 interfering with the exercise of any employee's 27 right guaranteed under PERA, or the restraining 28 or coercing of managerial employees or the 29 Board by reason of performance of their duties. 30 No public political materials shall be posted. 31 Management may direct that material of such 32 nature be removed upon notification to the 33 Association.
- As a condition of employment, the Board shall 36 6. certify that any employee may maintain, at the 37 employee's expense, a home office for home 38 preparation for contractual duties. 39
- For Association members elected to office in 41 local, state or national professional associ- 42 ations, see President's assignment to Temporary 43 Duty (Section C).
- 8. During the term of this agreement, the 46 aforementioned privileges shall be available 47 solely to the Association as the exclusive 48 representative of Palm Beach County teachers, 49 unless otherwise prohibited by law, and 50 provided further that such privileges do not 51 interrupt the normal operation of the school. 53

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#### SECTION B - DUES DEDUCTION

- The Board agrees to deduct Association dues as certified by the Association from the regular salaries of employees who voluntarily execute an authorization for such deductions Such deductions shall continue in effect unless revoked in writing by the employee to the Board and Association.
- The Board will provide such payroll deduction 11 services at an annual cost of four hundred 12 dollars (\$400.00).
- The proceeds of such deduction shall be trans- 15 3. mitted to the Association within ten (10) 16 working days after the close of each month 17 during which deductions are made.

#### SECTION C - PRESIDENT'S ASSIGNMENT TO TEMPORARY עידוות

- The Board, upon request from the Association, 23 1. shall assign the President of the Association 24 to temporary duty elsewhere leave for the 25 duration of the President's term of office. 26 Such leave shall be requested annually. All 27 sick 28 benefits enjoyed by employees, except leave accrual, shall be continued and accrued 29 to the President of the Association.
- The Association shall provide the School Board 32 revenue in advance to pay for the President's 33 salary, taxes, retirement and fringe benefits; 34 and, in return, the Board shall issue a semi- 35 monthly warrant to the President during his/her 36 term of office. The Association shall inform 37 the Board of the date of the President's term 38 of office so as to establish a monthly pay day. 39 Where possible, the President shall be re- 40 assigned to his/her previous school.
- The provisions above shall also apply to any 43 member of the Association elected to an office 44 in a state or national affiliate of the Associ- 45 ation so long as said affiliate or the Associa- 46 tion provide the School Board the revenue to 47 pay for the same benefits as in Paragraph 2 48 above.

#### SECTION D - ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

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grant reasonable use of Temporary Duty Elsewhere (TDE) Leave to be used at the discretion of the Association President for the conduct of Association business. The Association shall reimburse the Board for the cost of substitutes for such leave.

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The Association President shall correspond with the Director of Employee Relations regarding the purpose, the names of the teachers involved 10 and their schools, for use of such TDE's at 11 least ten (10) working days in advance of such 12 leave.

## SECTION E - ASSOCIATION ON SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA

The Association, upon timely request, shall be 17 placed on the School Board Agenda to speak to the 18 Board. If emergency items are added to the Agenda, 19 an Association representative shall be given the 20 opportunity to speak briefly (not to exceed five 21 (5) minutes) on the item when it comes up for dis-22 cussion.

## SECTION F - USE OF SCHOOL MAIL

- The Association shall have the use of the 27 inter-school mail for distribution of materials 28 one time each week and one additional time dur- 29 ing the school year for the delivery of member- 30 ship materials and applications to employees 31 eligible for membership in the bargaining unit. 32
- Materials will be addressed to the designated 34 2. building representative in each school and will 35 be picked up each Wednesday at the CTA office 36 during the regular school year, at the same 37 time materials addressed to CTA are delivered. 38 At the time of distribution, a copy of all 39 materials sent through the inter-school mail 40 shall be provided to the Executive Director of 41 Employee Relations for the Board.
- All materials distributed are subject to the 44 same provisions as provided in Article VI, 45 Section A,5(d).
- If a court of competent jurisdiction or a per- 48 tinent regulatory agency shall determine that, 49 in providing such service, the Board is in 50 violation of any applicable laws or regulations 51 by reason of the absence of postage being prop- 52 erly affixed thereto, or for other reasons, 53

this paragraph shall not apply and the Association agrees to hold the Board harmless for any charges which might have accrued against the 3 4 Board. 5 SECTION G - DISTRIBUTION OF MASTER CONTRACT 7 Copies of the Master Contract shall be reproduced 9 at Board expense within thirty (30) days of the signing of the Contract, and one (1) copy provided 10 to each member of the bargaining unit. Additional 11 two hundred (200) copies shall be provided to the 12 Association at Board expense. The Association 13 agrees to pay to the Board the pro-rata cost of any 14 additional copies it may require. 16 17 SECTION H - SCHOOL CALENDAR 18 The Association shall have three (3) representa- 19 tives on the calendar committee. The Association 20may submit a proposed calendar to the full commit- 21 22 tee through its representatives. 23 24 SECTION I - TAX DEFERRED ANNUITY PROGRAM 25 The Board shall provide a means for employees 26 to participate in tax deferred annuity programs 27 28 through payroll deduction agreements. 29 Employees may participate in only one tax 30 a 31 deferred annuity program with the Board at 32 time. 33 The limit on the number of annuity programs 34 offered shall be twenty (20) and any new pro-35 em-36gram must have at least twenty-five (25) 37 ployees enrolled. 38

- Any new criteria developed for the selection of 4. new annuity program carriers must also be met by the present carriers before new participants 41 will be allowed to enroll in those annuity 42 programs
- All programs will be jointly selected by the 45 Association and the Board.

#### SECTION J - NO STRIKE CLAUSE

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The Association agrees not to engage in any conduct 50 prohibited by Florida Statute, Chapter 447 - Sec- 51 tions 505 and 507.

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A "grievance" is a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of this agreement.

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"grievant" is the person(s) or group of persons in the bargaining unit or the Association affected by the violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of this agreement.

#### SECTION B - PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible level, equitable solutions to the problems growing out of administration of the collective bargaining agreement to guarantee orderly succession of procedures wherein these solutions may be pursued.

#### SECTION C - PROCEDURES

Informal Procedure: The parties acknowledge that it is most desirable for an employee and his/her supervisor to resolve problems through free and informal communications. Therefore, if an individual employee has a personal complaint or grievance which he/she desires to discuss with a principal, he/she is free to do so without recourse to the grievance procedure. Any adjustment of the complaint or grievance must be consistent with the 34 terms of this agreement. The party shall make 35 arrangements for such informal processing upon request, and the use of such informal procedure is required as a condition prior to invoking the formal grievance procedures.

In the event the matter is not Formal Procedure: resolved informally, a formal grievance may be filed, the processing of which shall be accomplished by the individual grievant or the Associa-In the event the individual employee elects to process and represent his/her own grievance 46 through Step 2, the Association shall have the right to be present and to state its views at any and all meetings. A formal grievance shall not be adjusted without prior notification to the Association and an opportunity provided for an Association representative to be present; nor shall any adjustment of a formal grievance be inconsistent

with the terms of this agreement. All costs through Step 2 shall be borne by the grievant at those levels.

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#### STEP ONE

A formal grievance must be stated in writing on copy of the grievance form, as set forth in the Appendix attached hereto, and submitted to principal or appropriate administrative officer as soon as possible but within twenty (20) working days following the employee's knowledge or awareness of the incident or condition which is basis of the grievance. Within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the grievance, the principal appropriate supervisor shall meet with grievant and the representative of the Association in an effort to resolve the grievance. However, both parties by mutual consent may waive further discussion in STEP ONE and move the grievance to STEP TWO. The principal or supervisor shall indicate the disposition of the grievance in writing to the grievant within five (5) working days of such meeting and shall furnish a copy thereof to the 25 Association.

#### STEP TWO

If the grievant and/or the Association are not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance, or if no disposition has been made within fifteen (15) working days from the date of the principal's receipt of the STEP ONE grievance, the grievance may be transmitted to the Superintendent by filing a written notice within ten (10) working days. Superintendent or his designee shall meet with the grievant and the Association in an effort resolve the grievance within ten (10) working days of the described notice. The Superintendent or his designee shall indicate the disposition of the grievance in writing within ten (10) working days of the meeting and provide a copy to the grievant and the Association. Should the Association and the Superintendent agree that a meeting is necessary at STEP TWO, no meeting will be held.

#### STEP THREE

If the Association is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at STEP TWO, or if no written disposition has been made by the Superintendent within the twenty (20) working days allowed at STEP TWO, the grievance may be submitted to arbitration

before an impartial arbitrator within twenty (20) working days thereafter, as hereinafter provided. The Association at its option, shall give written notice to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) and the Superintendent, of its intent to proceed through arbitration using the rules of FMCS. If the parties cannot agree as to the arbitrator within seven (7) working days of the receipt of the initial list from the FMCS, then the FMCS shall select the arbitrator. The rules of the 10 FMCS shall govern all arbitration proceedings.

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The arbitrator shall have no power to add to, sub- 13 tract from, modify or alter, the terms of this 14 agreement. The Board and the Association shall not 15 be permitted to assert in such arbitration pro- 16 ceeding any ground, or rely on any evidence, not 17 previously disclosed to the other party. The arbi- 18 trator shall render his/her decision in writing 19 within thirty (30) days or as soon as possible 20 after the close of the arbitration hearing and 21 shall furnish a copy to the Association and the 22 Both parties agree that the decision of the 23 arbitrator shall be final and binding on all par- 24 The fees and expenses of the arbitrator 25 ties. shall be shared equally by the Board and the Asso- 26 ciation. All other expenses shall be borne by the 27 party incurring them and neither party shall be 28 responsible for the expense of witnesses called by 29 the other.

## SECTION D - GENERAL PROVISIONS

- The time limits provided in this article shall 35 be strictly observed unless extended by written 36 agreement of the parties. The number of days 37 indicated at each level will be considered as 38 maximum and every effort will be made by the 39 parties to expedite the process. Failure of 40 the grievant to proceed with his/her grievance 41 within the times hereinbefore provided shall 42 the dismissal of the grievance. 43 result in Failure of the Board or its representative to 44 take the required action within the times pro- 45 vided shall entitle the grievant to proceed to 46 the next step on the grievance procedure.
- Formal grievances will be processed after the 49 close of the school year provided the parties 50 of interest and necessary witnesses are avail- 51 able for processing. If at all possible, the 52

parties will process the grievance within the time limits heretofore provided as though working days are days the School Board offices are Where this is not possible, the repreopen. sentative of the parties shall confer and work out a schedule for processing of the grievance.

Grievance hearing at Steps One and Two will ordinarily be conducted at a time other than the regular working period of the grievant. If 10 a grievance hearing must be conducted during 11 the school day, the party responsible for the 12 meeting being held at that time shall assume 13 the cost for any substitutes needed.

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- No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by the 16 Board or by any member of the administration 17 against any party in interest, his/her repre- 18 sentative, or any other participant in the 19 grievance procedure by reason of such partici- 20 No reprisal shall be taken by the 21 pation. Association or a grievant against management by 22 reason of administration of this collective 23 bargaining agreement or the exercise of man- 24 agement rights.
- and records 27 documents, communications, specifically prepared for the processing of a 28 grievance shall be treated as confidential and 29 filed in a separate grievance file and shall 30 not be kept in a personnel file of any of the 31 participants, unless prohibited by law or a 32 court of competent jurisdiction.
- 6. All meetings and hearings under this procedure 35 shall be conducted in private and shall include 36 only such parties in interest, their repre- 37 sentative, and any necessary witnesses, unless 38 prohibited by law or a court of competent 39 jurisdiction.
- 7. Any employee may use the assistance of the 42 Association in the presentation and/or appeal 43 of any formal grievance. In cases where an 44 employee is represented at STEP ONE and STEP 45 TWO, he/she must be present. An employee shall 46 not be required to meet with any administrative 47 officer at any step of the formal grievance 48 procedure without representation.
- Nothing contained in this grievance procedure 51 8. shall be construed to deny any employee, the 52 Association, the Superintendent or the Board, 53 their constitutional rights or rights under the 54

- Notwithstanding the expiration of the agreement, any claim or grievance initiated thereunder may be processed through the grievance procedure in effect until resolution.
- 10. A grievance may be withdrawn without prejudice at any step in the grievance procedure by so indicating in writing to all parties interest.
- 11. A grievance once withdrawn may not be reopened without mutual agreement of the Board and the Association.
- 12. If in the judgment of the Association, grievance affects a group or class of employees in more than one location/building, the Association may submit such grievance in writing to the Superintendent directly, and the processing of such grievance will commence at STEP TWO. Such grievance shall contain the names of the employees grieving and shall be signed by an Association officer or staff representative.
- 13. Should the Association elect not to pursue the grievance to arbitration because of membership status, the Superintendent will be notified within the time limits provided in Step III of this Article.
- 14. The date of disposition shall be the date on which the principal or supervisor delivers the disposition to the grievant or the date of postmark in those instances where delivery is by U.S. Mail.
- 15. The filing of a grievance shall in no way interfere with the right of the Board to carry out its management responsibilities, subject to the final decision on a grievance.

## ARTICLE VIII - COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

#### SECTION A - SALARY

Salaries shall be paid in accordance with Appendix A.

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#### SECTION B - EXPERIENCE FOR SALARY DEFINED

All verified public school teaching experience in Florida, including the services as set forth in Section 238.01 (4), F.S., shall be counted as years of experience on the salary schedule. Upon written verification, a member of the bargaining unit may use for pay purposes up to 10 10 years of teaching experience for public school 11 teaching outside the State of Florida but with- 12 in the United States provided only experience 13 earned with a minimum of a Bachelor's degree 14 Any combination of Florida 15 will be accepted. and out-of-state teaching experience for pay 16 purposes will be limited to ten (10) years. 17 Out-of-state experience shall include special 18 state schools, state colleges and universities, 19 and state community/junior colleges of the 20 United States and its possessions\*, trustee- 21 ships and American dependent schools under the 22 Department of Defense.

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- 2. Vocational and technical instructors may re- 25 ceive credit for full-time work experience as 26 approved by the Superintendent. Such experi- 27 ence shall be limited to a maximum of ten (10) 28 years; provided that such credit shall be 29 counted in lieu of service in the Florida pub- 30 lic school service; and provided further that 31 each year of service shall be the equivalent of 32 service in the state system.
- All employees shall be given credit on the sal- 35 ary schedule for military service, as provided 36 in Military Leave (Article V, D,6).

#### SECTION C - YEAR OF SERVICE DEFINED

A year of service shall be defined as that sum 41 of compensated duty days of six (6) hours or 42 more which exceeds one-half of the employee's 43 contract year or 99 compensated duty days, 44 whichever is greater.

\*These are: Puerto Rico, Canal Zone, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake and Midway Islands, Ryukyu Islands, Canton and Enderbury Islands 52 and the Caroline, Mariana and Marshall Islands.

, 2. Employee salaries shall be maintained after June 30, 1985 at the experience level for which they were paid during the 1984-85 school year or in accordance with a successor negotiated agreement.

SECTION D - SUMMER SCHOOL SALARY SCHEDULE

Summer school teachers shall be paid in accordance with Appendix D.

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#### SECTION E - SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY

- Supplemental salaries shall be paid in accord- 13 ance with Appendix B.
- Payment of supplements for services rendered 16 over the entire contractual period shall be 17 paid, commencing with the written recommendation of the principal and approval of the 19 Superintendent, and will be prorated over the entire contractual period.

## SECTION F - RETIREMENT SUPPLEMENT

The Board shall provide a retirement supplement of 25 four percent (4%) of gross salary to be paid to 26 other than FRS members.

#### SECTION G - GLADES SUPPLEMENT

A Glades supplement shall be paid in accordance 31 with Appendix E.

#### SECTION H - HEALTH INSURANCE

Health insurance benefits shall be paid in accord- 36 ance with Appendix C.

## SECTION I - LIFE INSURANCE

The Board agrees to pay on behalf of each 1. regular employee working six (6) hours or more 42 per day, the premium on a \$10,000 group life 43 insurance policy. Coverage in addition to the 44 may be purchased by the regular 45 \$10,000 employee in the amount of \$40,000 at the same 46 rate paid by the Board if such purchase by the 47 regular employee can be made without the cost 48 of the basic \$10,000 group life insurance being 49 increased to the Board. The Board shall select 50 a company which will not require physical 51 examination for a minimum of \$40,000 additional 52 coverage. The Board shall select the company 53 to provide the insurance.

2. The Board agrees to pay on behalf of each regular employee working less than six (6) hours per day, the premium on a \$5,000 group life insurance policy. Coverage in addition to the \$5,000 may be purchased by the regular employee in the amount of \$40,000. The regular employee may purchase the additional \$40,000 coverage at the same rate paid by the Board if said purchase by the regular employee can be made without the cost of the \$5,000 basic group life insurance being increased to the Board.

#### SECTION J - TEACHER LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Board agrees to provide supplemental automobile insurance to complement personal liability coverage for the transporting of students in private passenger vehicles owned by the employees. This insurance shall only be in effect when the employee is transporting students to and from recognized school activities, and the use of the private passenger vehicle is approved for this purpose by the principal. The total amount of supplemental liability coverage shall be up to Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) per occurrence.

#### SECTION K - RETIREMENT BENEFITS

- 1. An employee who retires or whose employment is terminated by death shall receive payment for accrued sick leave days. Such compensation shall be the daily rate of pay at retirement or death of the employee multiplied by the maximum percentage provided for by Florida Statute times the number of accumulated sick leave days. In the event service is terminated by death, benefits shall be paid to the employee's beneficiary.
- Normal retirement shall mean retirement under any of the retirement systems established by the legislature, eligible for either full or reduced benefits.
- 3. Normal retirement shall not be construed to cover the withdrawal of the employee's contribution to his/her retirement plan if he/she is not otherwise eligible for full or reduced retirement benefits.

If an employee retires and receives terminal pay benefits based on unused sick leave, all sick leave credit shall become invalid.

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- If an employee retires without receiving terminal pay benefits and interrupts retirement to return to teaching, his sick leave credit shall be valid.
- 6. The retirement benefit shall not be paid more than one time.

#### SECTION L - ADVANCED DEGREES

Teachers receiving degrees after July 1, 1980, will receive pay for advanced degree in accordance with 16 Appendix A only, provided:

- The major in the advanced degree is in one of the areas of certification as a regular classroom teacher, or
- (2) The degree includes, or subsequently by, twelve (12) graduate semester followed hours or equivalent in:
  - One of the content areas of certification as a regular teacher
  - Reading (b)
  - Mathematics (c)
  - Special Education (d)

Content area courses must bear the prefix of the 33 appropriate subject area on the certificate.

The Board will recognize as advanced degrees for Trade and Industrial Vocationally Certified teachers post-standard certificates as issued by the Florida State Department of Education.

Teachers serving in areas of professional certifi- 41 cation, e.g., media specialist, physical/occupational therapist, may receive payment for advanced 43 degrees in those areas.

A teacher serving as guidance counselor who receives a specialist or doctorate degree while serving in that capacity, may earn advance payment if the degree is in guidance.

The Superintendent shall make a determination as to which graduate courses qualify under Section (2) above. The Superintendent's decision shall be final and binding and not subject to the grievance procedure.

#### SECTION M- MANDATORY INSERVICE

Employees required to participate in inservice institutes and other mandated inservice activities beyond their assigned duty days shall be compensated according to Appendix G.

#### ARTICLE IX - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- The Board and the Association agree that all negotiable items that should or could have been 17 discussed during negotiations leading to this 18 agreement, were discussed, and that this agree- 19 ment represents all items agreed to and that no 20 additional negotiations, unless stipulated in this agreement, will be conducted during the life of this agreement except by mutual consent 23 of the parties.
- 2. This agreement constitutes all agreements between the parties for the term of this agreement and the Board shall carry out the commitments contained herein and give them full force 29 and effect as Board Policy.
- Retirement/Insurance Counseling To the extent 32 of personnel available, employees will have the opportunity to request, at no cost to the 34 employee, counseling concerning retirement and 35 insurance coverage that is provided by the 36 Board.

### ARTICLE X - TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 1985 and shall remain in force and effect through June 30, 1988, except that during each intervening year, either party may reopen Article VIII and two (2) additional Articles.

For FY86, Article VIII, Section A, may be reopened by either party provided the following conditions are met:

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If the revenue (as defined in "A Manual-Financial and Program Cost Accounting and Reporting for Florida Schools (Revised August 1984") increase for FY86 for the operating budget compared to actual revenues for FY85 for the operating budget is in excess of the following cost:

- 1. The cost of workload changes.
- The cost of price-level adjustments on non-salary budget categories.

- The costs of the increased Board 11 contribution to employee group health 12 insurance.
- The cost of salary increases for all 14 employees.
- 5. The cost of legislatively mandated 16 programs.

It is further agreed that the excess of additional 19 revenue over the additional costs specified in 20 items 1 through 5 above shall be at least suf- 21 ficient to fund an increase of \$100 per teacher.

# TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE FY86

#### BACHELORS DEGREE

STEP	ANNUAL CONTRACT	CONTINUING CONTRACT
0	17,500	
1	17,600	
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	17,800	17,800
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	18,500	18,700
6	18,850	19,185
7	19,200	19,670
8	19,550	20,155
9	19,900	20,640
10	20,250	21,125
11	20,600	21,610
12	20,950	22,095
13	21,300	22,580
14	21,650	23,065
15	22,000	23,550
16	22,350	24,035
17	22,700	24,520
18	22,700	24,875
19	22,700	26,405

Add \$1500 to Bachelors Masters: Specialist: Add \$2800 to Bachelors Doctorate: Add \$4200 to Bachelors

The positions of psychologist, occupational ther- 40 apist, and physical therapist shall be paid on the 41 teacher salary schedule based on experience, degree 42 and contract status. The entry level for these 43 positions shall be at Step 10 (continuing contract) 44 on the teacher salary schedule.

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## HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC SUPPLEMENTS - FY 86

Supplements are to be paid for service performed 6 beyond regular duty. Therefore, as per Board 7 direction, personnel, excluding Athletic Directors, 8 receiving any supplements are to teach or carry a full instructional assignment (being allowed one (1) planning period per day).

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*Intramural Coordinator		\$350	8 9 10 11
	ral Sponsor	\$230	112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 119 119 119 119 119 119 119 119
student: tivity days. for coor	are entitled to one supp s or major fraction. All must last twenty (20) o Intramural coordinators will rdinating duties. Coordina other activities to a max:	intramural ac- or more school ll receive \$350 ators may spon-	36 37 38 39

#### 1 Appendix B MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETIC SUPPLEMENTS - FY86 6 7 FY86 8 Supplement 9 Position \$2560 \*JIISAA Executive Director 10 11 12 \*Athletic Director 10-15 sports \$1400 13 ! 4 \$1040 5-9 sports i5 \$ 450 2-4 sports 16 \$1140 17 Head Football 18 Head Basketball \$1020 14 40 \$ 930 Track 41 1080 24 (if one coach) Co-ed Swimming 930 23 1080 (if one coach) 24 45 \$ 930 Baseball 26 930 Softball 27 28 \$ 820 29 Soccer Asst. Football 820 30 31 \$ 820 Gymnastics 32 33 \$ 700 Volleyball 34 \*Cheerleader Sponsor 700 35 36 S 500 Tennis 37 500 Golf 38 39 \$ 410 Drill Team Sponsor 40 41 \$ 350 \*Intramural 44 Coordinator 43 44 \$ 230 \*\*Intramural Sponsor 45 46 47 48 45 50 51 52

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в.	OTHER ACTIVITIES		4
1.	Senior High School Su	pplement-FY85	
*Ba	nd Director		!
	Class A (1000 students & above) Class B (less than 1000 students)		1:
*Ch	oral Director		1
	Class A (1000 students and above) Class B (less than 1000 students)	1450 1100	1
*Dr	ama Coach	850	1
*Fo	rensic & Debate Coach	1000	1
*Ne	wspaper Sponsor	850	
*Ye	arbook Sponsor	1000	_
*St	udent Government Sponsor	750	2
*Ju	nior Class Sponsor	650	2
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	hool Coordinator Southern Association		2
	Middle/Junior High School		2:
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	*Band Director	1000	3
	*Choral Director	850	3
	*JHS Student Council	650	3.
	*Debate Coach	550	3
	Drama Coach	550	3.
	Newspaper Sponsor	600	3
·	*Yearbook Sponsor Academic Games Sponsor	600 400	3
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	Service Organization Supplement entitled to one (1) supplement per at \$300 per unit for such activities	100 students	4:4:4:4:
	al Honor Society, service clubs, clubs.		4
4.	Elementary School		50
	Academic Games Sponsor	900 (3 seasons)	5
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c.	SECONDARY DEPARTMENT	HEADS	5 6
2.	1-4 members 5 members	\$150 per member \$900	7 8 9
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4.	13-20 members	\$750 + \$50 per member for all over 5, up to 12 mem- bers, plus an assistant at \$150 + \$50 per member from 13 through 20 members.	18 19
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D.	Elementary grade leve	l chairperson	26 27 28
1.	1-4 members	\$100 per member	29 30
	5 members	\$650 + \$50 per member for	31
2.	5 members	all over 5, up to 20 members.	33 34 35
3.	Special Education	One (1) supplement per school (minimum of 3 teachers).	36 37 38 39 40
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- The Board shall make available to each regular employee comprehensive major medical and dental benefits as provided during FY85.
- For calendar year 1985, the Board agrees to pay a maximum of \$898.32 annually toward the cost of health insurance for all regular employees who elect individual coverage. Any cost for individual coverage for calendar year 1986 in excess of the Board's contribution shall be borne by the employee. For purposes of this section, costs are projected rates necessary to fund the health insurance plan for calendar year 1986 as determined by the actuarial analysis of the carrier. Any rate increase, if necessary, will be implemented January 1, 1986, and calculated on an annual basis for the calendar year.
- For calendar year 1985, the Board agrees to pay a maximum of \$371.52 annually towards the cost 3. of dependent coverage for employees who work six (6) hours or more. Any cost for dependent coverage for calendar year 1986 in excess of the Board's contribution shall be borne by the employee. For purposes of this section, costs 32 are projected rates necessary to fund the group 33 health insurance plan for calendar year 1986 as determined by the actuarial analysis of the carrier. Any rate increase, if necessary, will be implemented January 1, 1986, and calculated 37 on an annual basis for the calendar year.
- 4. For calendar year 1986, employees who work less than six (6) hours and who elect dependent coverage shall pay 100% of the cost of such coverage. Any rate increase, if necessary, will be implemented January 1, 1986, and calculated on 44 an annual basis for the calendar year. 45

For calendar year 1986, the Board agrees to pay a maximum of \$898.32 annually toward the cost of dependent coverage where both spouses work for the School Board and elect dependent cover-age. Any cost for dependent coverage for calendar year 1986 in excess of the Board's con-tribution shall be borne by the employee. For the purposes of this section, costs are projected rates necessary to fund the group health insurance plan for the 1986 calendar year as determined by the actuarial analysis of the carrier. Any rate increase, if necessary, will 17 be implemented January 1, 1986 and calculated 18

6. In the event the parties are unable to agree on 21 the increase in rates necessary to fund the 22 health insurance plan, the parties will jointly 23 select an independent actuary, determined by 24 the evaluation of "Request for Proposal (RFP)". 25 The cost of such actuarial services shall be 26 borne equally by the parties.

on an annual basis for the calendar year.

## Appendix D SUMMER SCHOOL SALARY SCHEDULE

During the summer school session of 1985, teachers will be paid at the rate of \$11.00 per hour. Beginning with the summer school session of 1986, teachers will be paid at their hourly rate of pay based on their daily rate of pay in effect during contract period immediately preceding the summer school program. Supplemental salaries shall not be included in calculating the daily and hourly 11 rate of pay.

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To calculate the hourly rate of pay, divide the annual salary by 196 days and divide the quotient 15 by 7.5 hours.

#### Appendix E GLADES SUPPLEMENT

- During FY86, up to a maximum of \$1,000 shall be 21 paid to instructional personnel teaching in the 22 Glades area who reside east of Twenty Mile Bend 23 or in a county other than Palm Beach and commute daily. Should the employment period be less than 196 compensable days, the supplement 26 will be prorated for the actual number of days 27 contracted.
- During FY86, instructional personnel teaching 2. in the Glades and who reside in the Glades area 31 (Palm Beach County) shall receive a seven percent (7%) supplement not to exceed \$1,000. Should an employee work less than the designated contracted days, the supplement will be prorated for the actual number of days contracted.

## Appendix F PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Permanent Abstitute Teachers -- -- \$50.35 per day.

## Appendix G MANDATORY INSERVICE

Employees required to participate in inservice institutes and other mandated inservice activities beyond their assigned duty days shall be compensated at the hourly rate of \$12.00.



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This report is authorized by law 29 U.S.C. 2. Form Approved 830715 Your voluntary cooperation is needed to make O.M.B. No. 1220-0001 the results of this survey comprehensive, Approval Expires 7/31/87 accurate, and timely. APRIL 30. 1987 1 8 1987 County of Dalm Beach PALM BEACH COUNTY School BOARD 3323 Belvedere Road W Palm Beach , FL. 33402 PREVIOUS AGREEMENT EXPIRED JUNE 30, 1985 Respondent: We have in our file of collective bargaining agreements a copy of your agreement(s): CLASSROOM TEACHERS ASSA NDEPENDENT ASSOCIATIO Palm Beach Cnty Fl School Board Teachers FLORIDA Would you please send us a copy of your current agreement-with any supplements (e.g., employee-benefit plans) and wage schedules-negotiated to replace or to supplement the expired agreement. If your old agreement has been continued without change or if it is to remain in force until negotiations are concluded, a notation to this effect on this letter will be appreciated. I should like to remind you that our agreement file is open for your use, except for material submitted with a restriction on public inspection. You may return this form and your agreement in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage. Sincerely yours, JANET L. NORWOOD Commissioner PLEASE RETURN THIS LETTER WITH YOUR RESPONSE OR AGREEMENT(S). If more than one agreement, use back of form for each document. (Please Print) 3. Product, service, or type of business 4. If your agreement has been extended, indicate new expiration date June 30,1988 - Addendum Attachek EXEC. DIR. EMPLOYEE RELATIONS Address