MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

AND MANTECA EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION

2023-24 NEGOTIATIONS

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

February 7, 2024

The Manteca Unified School District and Manteca Educators' Association (collectively referenced herein as the "Parties") enter into this Tentative Agreement on February 7, 2024, to conclude all negotiations for the 2023-24 school year, subject to ratification by the Association's membership and approval by the District's Board of Trustees. The Parties agree to actively support ratification and approval of this Agreement. The Parties agree as follows:

(1) Articles

- I. Article I Agreement- agree to change dates on section 3 "Term" to reflect 2023-2026.
- II. Article II Recognition- agree to change the following names:
 - a. Change Librarians to teacher librarians.
 - b. Change Physical Education Specialists to Adapted Physical Education Teachers.
 - c. Strikeout "ROP/ROC"
- III. Article VI Unit Member Rights- agree to add the following:
 - a. Section 2 add language "sexual orientation."
 - b. Section 3 add language "teachers on special assignment."
- IV. Article IX Grievance Procedure- agree to adding the following: (Appendix 1)
 - a. Section 1 add one additional grievance for probationary/Intern grievance. (4 to 5)
 - b. Section 2 add language regarding non-workday.
 - c. Sections 6 and 7 add language about mutual agreement in writing.
- V. Article X Work Year- agree to change three additional Elementary minimum days from September, August, and January to District Directed with MEA consult.
- VI. Article XI Hours- agree to change (Appendix 2):
 - a. Section 1 change language to conform all unit members professional day and hours per week.
 - b. Section 2 change Kindergarten minimum minutes to be full day program (36,00 minutes to 50,400 same minutes as grades 1-3)
 - c. Section 4 add new language regarding professional duties, adjunct duties, staff meetings, and examples of professional work.

VII. Article XVI Assignment/Transfer/Reassignment- agree to new language (Appendix 3):

- a. Section 2 change language regarding Midyear Transfer/Reassignments.
- b. Section 4 strike language Involuntary Transfers/Reassignments.

VIII. Article XVII Class Size Ratios- agree to language (Appendix 4):

- a. Section 1 add language regarding mainstreamed students.
- b. Section 3 subsection "a" change language (Grade Spans) to reflect 3 or less grade spans by 25-26 school year. Extra salary provision for 4 grade levels taught.
- c. Section 3 add subsections "d" and "e" to Include past practice of extra supports for RSP and SDC teachers.
- IX. Article XXIII Leaves- change wording to Section 5b. (Differential Pay) (Appendix 5)

(2) Extra Salary Provision

Per the May 13, 2022 Tentative Agreement (Section 5), The Parties agree to the following stipend:

I. The stipend amount for RSP, SDC Mild/Mod, SDC Mod/Sev certificated teachers will increase from \$3,500 to \$6,000 starting July 1, 2023.

(3) Memorandum of Understandings and Side letters

- I. COVID Dockage Rate (Appendix 6)
- II. Paraprofessional Support Pay (Appendix 7)
- II. Clerical Support Pilot Program (Appendix 8)

(5) Completion of Bargaining

- I. Within 60 calendar days of the ratification by the Association and approval by the Board of this Tentative Agreement the parties shall meet to review the contract and make modifications to conform with the Tentative Agreement.
- II. Unless specifically addressed above the contract language shall remain status quo.
- III. Unless otherwise specified the effective date for each term above shall be upon ratification by the Association and approval by the Board.

FOR THE DISTRICT:

Roger Goatcher

Deputy Superintendent

FOR THE ASSOCIATION:

Rob Vannoord, Bargaining Chair

Manteca Educators' Association

Manuel Perry, President

Manteca Educators' Association

Appendix 1

8. Waiver Requests

The Association shall be given an opportunity to participate in the development of waiver requests made pursuant to Education Code Section 33050 and following.

ARTICLE VIII - DISTRICT RIGHTS

1. <u>District Authority</u>

It is understood and agreed that the District retains all of its powers and authority to direct, manage, and control to the full extent of the law. The District retains the right to hire, classify, assign, evaluate, promote, and terminate by layoff or otherwise. The District may also initiate unit member discipline within the specific terms of this Agreement.

2. Exercise of District Authority

The exercise of the powers, rights, authority, duties, and its responsibilities by the District, the adoption of policies, rules and regulations, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith, shall be limited by the specific and express terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

1. Definitions

The following definitions control the meaning of the terms as used in this procedure:

- a. A "grievance" is an allegation by one (1) or more unit members that there has been a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of a provision(s) of this Agreement.
- b. A "grievant" is the unit member(s) or the Association filing the grievance. The Association shall be limited to four (4) grievances per fiscal school year plus one additional to be utilized by MEA for probationary /intern grievance.
- c. The "immediate supervisor" is a building principal or administrator having immediate jurisdiction over the grievant and who has been designated to adjust grievances.

d. A "party" is the grievant(s) and the District.

2. <u>Time Limits</u>

- a. Time Limits provided for at each level shall begin on the day following receipt of the written grievance, written grievance appeal or written decision.
- b. The time limits may be extended by mutual agreement stated in writing.
- c. In the event a grievance is filed after April 15, the normal time limits may be reduced by mutual agreement.
- d. In the event a grievance is filed at a time that the timeline would run into a unit members or supervisors non work day time off, the timeline will stop and resume again once the member or supervisor is back on a regular work day.

3. Threshold Time Limit

A grievance shall commence within fifteen (15) days of the event or knowledge of the event giving rise to the grievance. The presentation of a grievance (Section 4 below) shall be accomplished within this time limit.

4. <u>Initial Meeting</u>

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as limiting the right of any unit member having a grievance to discuss the matter informally with his/her immediate supervisor and to have the problem adjusted without involvement by the Association, provided that the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement.

The alleged violation may be discussed with the immediate supervisor with the objective of resolving the matter informally or may go directly to Level One.

5. <u>Level One</u>

If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at the initial meeting, he/she may file the grievance in writing, within five (5) days of the initial meeting, to the Association President and the immediate supervisor. If no initial meeting was held, written notice of the grievance must be filed within fifteen (15) days of the event or knowledge of the event giving rise to the grievance.

Within five (5) days after receipt of the written grievance, the immediate supervisor shall meet with the grievant and representative(s) of the Association (if desired by the grievant) in an effort to resolve the grievance. A written decision shall be rendered within five (5) days after the Level One meeting or receipt of grievance.

6. Level Two

If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level One or if no written decision has been rendered within five (5) days after the Level One meeting, he/she may appeal the grievance in writing to his/her supervisor's District supervisor, within ten (10) days after the deadline for decision at Level One.

Within five (5) days after receipt of the written grievance at Level Two, the Level Two supervisor shall schedule a meeting meet with the grievant, unless a date outside the five days is mutually agreed to in writing, in an effort to resolve the grievance. A written decision shall be rendered within ten (10) days after the Level Two meeting.

7. <u>Level Three</u>

If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition at Level Two or if no written decision has been rendered within ten (10) days after the Level Two meeting, he/she may appeal the grievance in writing to the Superintendent or designee within ten days after the receipt of the Level Two decision. The Superintendent or designee shall schedule a meeting meet with the grievant, unless a date outside the five days is mutually agreed to in writing, in an effort to resolve the grievance within five days of receipt of the level Three grievance. A written decision shall be rendered within ten (10) days after the Level Three meeting.

The Association may notify the District in writing that it believes an adjustment/decision is not consistent with the terms of this Agreement, and such adjustment/decision may not be used as a precedent in construing the Agreement. Such notice shall be given within a reasonable time and will apply to this and previous levels of grievance only.

8. <u>Level Four</u>

If the response is not satisfactory to the grievant, the grievant shall have the right to refer the matter to arbitration, provided the Association agrees. Such referral shall be made by written demand submitted to the Superintendent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of his/her decision. On receipt of the demand for such arbitration, the parties shall have five (5) days in which to agree on an arbitrator. If they fail to agree, the State Conciliation Service shall be requested to submit a list of five (5) arbitrators; each party shall strike two names from the list in alternative order. The determination of which party shall strike a name first shall be determined by lot. The decision of the arbitrator shall be advisory to the Governing Board except as stated below. At its next meeting, which is no less than five (5) days following receipt of the arbitrator's decision, the Governing Board shall review a transcript of the proceeding with a view toward making its own findings and conclusions. The decision of the Governing Board shall be made at the next regularly-scheduled meeting and shall be final.

The Governing Board may overturn a maximum of two (2) advisory decisions during the term of this Agreement. No binding arbitrator's award shall exceed \$25,000 cost to the District.

9. Cost of Hearing

The cost of arbitration, including transcript fees, shall be borne by the party receiving the unfavorable decision by the arbitrator. Split-decision cost shall be borne equally by both parties.

10. Rights of a Teacher to Representation

A grievant may be represented at all stages of the grievance procedure by himself/herself or, upon his/her request, with an Association representative(s). In the event an Association representative is not present, no resolution of the grievance shall be made until the Association has received a copy of the proposed resolution and has been given five (5) days to respond. As used in this Article, a limiting reference to a "representative" does not mean a non-District employee. Such person may be an additional representative.

11. Commencing at Level Two

If a grievance arises from action or inaction on the part of a member of the administration at the level above the principal or immediate supervisor, the grievant may submit such grievance

in writing to the Superintendent or designee and the Association. If the Superintendent or designee agrees to the waiving of the Initial meeting and Level One, the processing of such grievance will commence at Level Two.

12. Content of Written Decisions

Decisions rendered at Levels One, Two, and Three of the grievance procedure will be in writing setting forth the decisions and reasons therefore and will be transmitted promptly to all parties and to the Association President. Time limits for appeal provided in each level shall begin the day following receipt of written decision by the parties.

13. Release Time for Grievance Appearance

When it is necessary for a grievance representative(s) designated by the Association to attend a grievance hearing during the day, he/she will be released without loss of pay in order to permit participation in the hearing. Any unit member who is requested to appear at such hearings as a witness shall be accorded the same right.

14. Separate Grievance File

All documents, communications, and records dealing with the processing of a grievance will be filed in a separate grievance file and will not be kept in the primary personnel file of any of the participants.

15. Grievance Contents

Written grievances presented to the district should contain the following information whenever possible:

- Addressee should be the immediate supervisor or the appropriate district representative
- Grievant's name
- Message telephone number
- Date submitted
- Article and sections of the contract violated
- Date and description of event or knowledge of event leading to the grievance

- Names of individuals possessing relevant knowledge of the incident
- Suggested resolution of the grievance

16. Presentation

A unit member and/or his/her representative(s) may present a grievance while on duty. On all grievances no more than four (4) may participate while on duty, whether grievants, representatives, or witnesses, unless otherwise approved by the District. That approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

17. No Reprisals

No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by the District against any grievant, any member of the Association or any other participant in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.

18. Grievance Timeline

Date of Event

Initial (Supervisor, informal)

- Filing: Not applicable
- Meeting: Within fifteen (15) days of event or knowledge thereof
- Written Report: Not applicable

Level One (Supervisor, formal)

- Filing: Within five (5) days of initial meeting or within fifteen (15) days of the event or knowledge thereof
- Meeting: Within five (5) days of receipt of written Level One grievance
- Written Report: Within five (5) days of Level One meeting

Level Two (Supervisor's District Supervisor)

- Filing: Within ten (10) days after written Level Two decision
- Meeting: Within five (5) days of receipt of written Level Two grievance
- Written Report: Within ten (10) days after the Level Two meeting

Level Three (Superintendent or Designee)

• Filing: Within ten (10) days after written Level Two decision

- Meeting: Within five (5) days of receipt of written Level Three grievance
- Written Report: Within ten (10) days after the Level Three meeting

Level Four (Advisory Arbitration)

- Filing: Within fifteen (15) days after written Level Three decision
- Parties Agree to Arbitration: Within five (5) days of receipt of Level Four request for arbitration
- Written Report: Within five (5) days of arbitrator's decision or by the next scheduled Board meeting

ARTICLE X - WORK YEAR

1. Work Year

The contracted work year(s) for the term of this Agreement shall consist of One Hundred and Eighty (180) Teaching Days, Four (4) Three (3) Teacher In-service Days, Three (3) flexible Teacher Preparation Days. (One (1) High School Teacher flex day may be restricted by administration for High School Orientation Day).

2. <u>Minimum Days</u>

The District and the Association agree that bargaining unit members will be able to leave fifteen (15) minutes after student dismissal on the minimum days preceding the Thanksgiving break and the winter break for the term of this agreement.

The length of the instructional day shall be adjusted to meet the minimum annual instructional time with the inclusion of a minimum of eight (8) Teacher Prep/Collaboration minimum days and District directed minimum days as needed.

There will be one three additional Elementary minimum days determined by the District with consultation from MEA. on the last Wednesday in August, September and January for a total of three (3) additional minimum days. The District agrees that sites will only hold one school staff meeting either before or after school in the month that there is one of these minimum days. The purpose for the minimum day meetings will be exclusively for professional learning activities

Appendix 2

ARTICLE XI - HOURS

1. Hours Per Week

The District and Association agree to a professional 7.5 hour on-site/off-site work day, including therein the duty-free lunch period, with an additional .5 hour on-site/off-site work day, for any other professional work. All unit members will have a professional work day.

a. For certificated staff that teach one or more classes daily, the starting time for all unit members will be fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the first period and ending no less than fifteen (15) minutes after the end of the last period. Unit members can flex any non-student contact time outside of their professional responsibilities with prior administrative notification.

Flex time is not to be used during regular instructional full days. Minimum days and non-student contact days can be flexed. These days will be represented on the student calendar.

- i. The workday for unit members teaching grades 9-12 shall consist of either a five (5) period or a (Block schedule consistsing of three (3) periods)-either schedule will also include instructional day and one (1) non-instructional period which shall normally be used for preparation, parent/student conferences, and meetings with administrators. However, unit members at the secondary level may be assigned to supervise students during their preparation periods in the following circumstances:
 - 1. During the first and last week of the school year. Normally this duty will not extend beyond the first five (5) minutes of each period.
 - 2. During standardized testing when adequate supervision cannot be arranged. Use of preparation time for this purpose shall be limited to no more than three (3) days per school year with equitable distribution among staff.
 - 3. In an emergency when additional supervision is required.

This does not preclude a unit member from volunteering to perform other duties during said preparation period.

Meetings and conferences during preparation periods shall be previously scheduled except where circumstances require that the meeting/conference be held without delay. Unit members shall make every reasonable effort to accommodate parent work schedules.

ii. Unit members teaching grades 4-8 shall have one (1) thirty (30) minute non-instructional preparation period per week except when the preparation period falls on a holiday, in-service, or minimum day schedule. Unit members who have preparation time on Monday or Friday one year shall be rotated to another day the following year.

iii. Unit members teaching grades TK4-8 shall not normally be required to perform yard duty supervision prior to the beginning of the school day, recess duty, or extended after school bus duty except during inclement weather as determined by the principal. Extended bus duty will not go beyond the unit member's contracted time.

If for any reason the District is unable to provide supervision, the principal shall equitably assign teachers unit members to cover the supervision period.

b. For unit members who provide support services (Speech Therapists, Counselors, Psychologists, School Nurses, Behavior Specialist and Program Specialists) will have a professional workday of 8 hours, including therein the duty-free lunch period, the work schedule (Start and End times) will be determined by their supervisor and provided to the unit member prior to the school year starting. If a change in start/end time is needed after the start of the school year, the unit member will be given up to five days to transition to the new schedule. These unit members may utilize an alternate calendar/hours with the approval of their supervisor. If for any reason the District is unable to provide supervision, the principal/supervisor shall equitably assign unit members to cover the supervision assignment. Three Teacher Prep days can be flexed with prior administrative notification. These days will be represented on the student calendar.

2. <u>Minimum Instructional Time</u>

The minimum annual instructional time for the duration of this Agreement shall be as follows:

Grade Level	Total Minutes
K	36,000
K 1 -3	50,400
4-8	54,000
9-12	64,800

3. <u>Speech Therapist, Counselor, Psychologist, School Nurse, Program Specialist</u> Workday

Speech therapists, counselors, psychologists, school nurses, and program specialists shall be required to work a regular on-site workday not to exceed eight (8) hours, including the duty-free lunch period.

4. Additional Duties

Additional professional work may include the following: off-site instructional preparation, on or off-site parental communication (including "Open House," "Back-to-School", nights, and parent conferences), further instructional assistance to other on-site kindergarten programs, meetings (faculty, committee, department, IEP, SST, COST), counseling, student supervision, detention supervision, and service on District committees (textbook selection, curriculum).

All unit members, excluding those members in section 1 b, are required to perform additional adjunct duties as part of their professional responsibilities. Those additional adjunct duties will be determined by school staff to be necessary to the operations of the school and District and /or enrich the school learning experience for students beyond the classroom. Part time teachers will be assigned adjunct duty assignments in proportion to their part time assignment.

Adjunct duties at the elementary and high school levels will be determined at each site in the District by an Adjunct Duty Committee. The Adjunct Duty Committee is a voluntary committee comprised of unit members and site administrators.

The Adjunct Duty Committee will meet each school year. The function of the adjunct duty committee Its sole function is to determine the list of site adjunct duties, their weighted equity, and the process for assigning those duties to the staff. The committee shall make its decisions by consensus. Consensus is defined as everyone being able to live with that decision. If a consensus cannot be reached then the committee shall make its decision by majority vote.

Unit members are not required to perform any additional duties, as defined above, on non-work days.

Supervision of Science Camp shall be considered completion of the adjunct duty requirement for the bargaining unit member. Teachers volunteering/assigned for science camp supervision shall be provided one (1) day of paid leave or daily rate of pay if the time involved is a non-contractual teacher workday. The day taken shall be mutually agreed upon by the unit member and the site administrator.

District or site meetings held afterschool, shall start no later than 15 minutes after the students are dismissed and not normally last longer than 45 minutes in duration. not normally extend more than forty-five (45) minutes past the end of the school day. Notice of meeting will normally be provided 5 school days prior to meeting. Site administration will make good faith efforts to provide Information that does not require discussion or explanation in writing.

5. Substitute Services/Regular Teacher's Preparation Period

Regular classroom teachers having a preparation period will be available, on a volunteer basis, to substitute in the absence of another teacher during the regular classroom teacher's scheduled preparation period.

Selection shall be made, on a volunteer basis, with preference given to the teacher credentialed in the subject area of need.

Teachers Unit members providing substitute services during their preparation period shall be compensated based upon the following formula rounded to the nearest dollar:

E-5/186 work days/8 hours per day (Certificated Salary Schedule)

6. High School Coaching Assignments

No unit member shall have as a contract condition that he or she coach for a period longer than five (5) years. Unit members wishing to be considered for termination of their coaching assignment after five (5) years, shall submit a request to withdraw from coaching to their principal no later than February 1 of the prior school year.

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5. <u>Internal Revenue Code 125 Plan</u>

An Internal Revenue Code 125 plan option will be contracted with a reputable firm and made available for any certificated unit member that requests participation.

6. Cancellation

The unit member's (and dependents') insurance coverage, under the District's master insurance contract(s), shall be canceled under the following conditions:

- a. The leave expires and the unit member does not return to active duty.
- b. A full premium payment is not received in the District Office by the twentieth(20th) day of the month preceding the month of coverage.

ARTICLE XVI - ASSIGNMENT/TRANSFER/REASSIGNMENT

1. Definitions

- a. A <u>transfer</u> is defined as an assignment of a unit member to another school and/or site within the District. A transfer may be voluntary or involuntary.
- b. A <u>reassignment</u> is a change in assignment from one grade level to another within the same school or program, a change in assignment from one subject to another within the same school or program, or the movement of a unit member from one department area to another department area which may be voluntary or involuntary.

2. Assignments

- a. The site/program administrator shall work with the Personnel Department to identify known vacancies created through program changes, growth, attrition, or other changes. When staffing projections have been finalized, the site/program administrator will announce changes in the program needs of the school, grade levels, and/or subject areas.
- b. <u>Tentative Assignments</u>

Unit members will receive a tentative assignment thirty (30) teacher work days prior to the unit member's last day of instruction. If the tentative assignment is changed during the summer recess, the immediate supervisor and/or the Personnel Department shall make a good faith effort to contact the unit member by telephone. If the affected unit member cannot be reached by telephone, a letter shall be sent to the last known address of the unit member stating the assignment change.

c. <u>Combination Class Assignments</u>

A unit member will not normally serve in a combination class (K-8) for more than two (2) consecutive years unless the unit member agrees to assignment.

d. <u>Midyear Transfer/Reassignments</u>

Transfers/reassignments shall not normally be made after the beginning of the school year. If a unit member is transferred/reassigned after the beginning of the school site, the unit member shall be offered two days of instruction-free time to prepare for the new assignment. When a change of classroom or site is required, a unit member rather than taking release time, may, with the approval of the District, receive hourly non-student contact compensation on a non-work day to affect the move-for work outside the contracted day to effect the assignment. One additional day shall be offered if the transfer/reassignment includes a change of classroom or school site. If a unit member is transferred or changes classrooms due to construction after the start of the work year, the unit member shall be offered three days of non-instruction time to effect the move. If requested, the District shall provide assistance in moving teaching materials.

3. Voluntary Requests for Transfer Reassignment

- a. Any unit member covered by this Agreement shall have the right to request transfer/reassignment subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. Written requests for transfer/reassignment can be submitted after January 1, for the upcoming school year. Reassignment requests should be submitted to the site administrator. Transfer requests shall be submitted on the Transfer Request Form see (See Exhibit D Application for Transfer) and sent to the Personnel Department.
 - 2. Transfer/reassignment requests will remain on file until the first day of school.
 - 3. The filing of a transfer/reassignment request is without prejudice to the unit member and shall not jeopardize his/her current assignment. A request for transfer/reassignment may be withdrawn in writing by the unit member at any time prior to official notification of approval.
- b. If requested vacancies develop, unit members who have submitted requests for transfer/reassignment will be considered based upon the following criteria:
 - 1. Appropriate credential/authorization/certification.
 - 2. The needs of the students and the instructional needs of the District.
 - 3. The qualifications, including recent training and experience as it relates to the assignment, of the unit member compared to those of other candidates who could have been considered.
 - 4. Qualifications in extra-curricular areas and/or other special skills or experience.
 - 5. Interview (if applicable)
 - 6. Length of service at the site/District shall be the determining factor if all other factors are judged to be equal.
- c. Unit members who are selected for voluntary transfer/reassignment will be notified by the site principal/District.

4. Involuntary Transfers/Reassignments

- a. The District may initiate transfers/reassignments for any one or more of the following reasons:
 - 1. To resolve credential problems or other legal requirements.
 - 2. To meet staffing needs caused by change in enrollment, new site locations, class size adjustments or similar changes impacting the school site.
 - 3. To balance school staffs with respect to race, sex, ethnicity, age, or educational experience, and/or credential status.
 - 4. To meet instructional and curricular needs and program changes including the need for special skills or experience at another location.
 - 5. To reallocate staff as necessitated by school closures.
 - 6. To further the best interests of the unit member, the site, or the District provided no such transfer/reassignment is made for punitive reasons.

 Reasons for involuntary transfers/reassignments for reasons other than 1-5 above must be supported by documentation by the supervisor to assist the unit member in working towards meeting the educational needs of the school.
- b. There shall be no more than one involuntary transfer/reassignment in any three year period without the prior approval of the Personnel Department.
- c. The immediate supervisor and/or the Personnel Department shall make a good faith effort to meet with the unit member prior to initiating an involuntary transfer/reassignment to explain the reasons for the move. The immediate supervisor and/or the Personnel Department shall consider any objections offered by the unit member.

5. Vacancies

a. <u>Vacancy Defined</u>

A vacancy, for the purposes of this article, is a position covered by this agreement which remains unfilled after reassignments and involuntary transfers have been completed.

b. Posting Periods

- 1. From January 1, through May 31, unit members who have submitted requests for reassignment/transfer will be considered for any vacancies.
- 2. After June 1, vacancies will be posted online on i.e. Edjoin for five (5) working days and sent electronically to a designated representative of the Association.
- 3. Transfers/reassignments will not normally be considered for a period of three (3) weeks (21 calendar days) prior to the first day of instruction.

ARTICLE XVII - CLASS SIZE RATIOS (K-3 modified per Memorandum of Understanding dated June 16, 2017 and Side Letter dated September 12, 2019)

1. General Elementary and High School Classes

The District and the Association recognize the importance of teacher/student ratios in providing a quality educational program for their general education students. The District shall make every reasonable effort to maintain class size at or below the maximums stated below. The following numbers are based on actual class size and not on school or District averages:

- a. Mainstreamed Students receiving Special Education supports

 For the purposes of counting class size ratios, students receiving special education services and mainstreamed into the general education classroom will count towards class size ratios for the specific subject they are mainstreamed for if either of the following conditions are met:
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 - i. If the general education teacher provides work for the student in the class/homework and is responsible for correcting/grading the work.

ii. If the general education teacher provides the grade for the class.

b. Mainstreamed Special Education Students in K-6 Physical Education Classes

Mainstreamed special education students in grades kindergarten through sixth

will not be counted against the general education maximum class size (physical
education only). Administrators will make every effort to distribute special
education students throughout the available, appropriate grade level classes.

c. General Education Class Size Ratios

The following numbers are based on actual class size and not on school or District averages:

Kindergarten Class	(per State-funded and approved guidelines)
1-3 Regular Class	(per State-funded and approved guidelines)
4-12 Regular Class	-34
1-4 Combination Class	(per State-funded and approved guidelines)
4-6 Combination Class	-32
7-12 Basic Skills Class	-28
K-6 Manteca Day School	-20
7-12 Manteca Day School	-20
7-12 P.E.	-48
7-12 Continuation Class	-28
9-12 Keyboarding	-37 (not to exceed number of seats/stations)
9-12 Elective	-34 (not to exceed number of seats/stations)
9-12 Fine Arts/Performing Ar	ts -34 (excluding band and chorus)
Independent Study	-40

2. K-Adult Special Education Caseloads

The District and the Association recognize the importance of teacher/student ratios and caseload requirements in delivering a quality educational program and support programs for their students:

1	<u>Caseloads</u>	
2	Resource Specialist (Day School) -20	
3	Resource Specialist -28	
4	Adapted P.E. Specialist -55	
5	Speech Therapist -55	
6	ERMHS Psychologist -25	
7	3. Special Day Classes/Caseloads	
8	The District and the Association recognize the importance of teacher/student ratios	
9	in providing a quality educational program for students assigned to Special Day classrooms. The	
10	District shall make every reasonable effort to adhere to the guidelines below in staffing special day	
11	classes:	
12	a. <u>Grade Spans</u>	
13	Limit the number of grade spans per Special Day Class to four three or less	
14	except for high school/Day School and place students in appropriate grade	
15	span groups by the 25-26 school year. (e.g. primary, intermediate, middle	
16	school). If there is a situation where it will be necessary to have a four grade	
17	span the District will provide notice to MEA along with the rationale and	
18	necessity. Unit members who teach a four grade level span, TK-8 grades,	
19	as part of their SDC class will receive the same extra salary provision as	
20	the combination elementary teacher.	
21	b. <u>Mild-Moderate Class Size/Caseloads</u>	
22	K- 3 2 - 12	
23	1-4 3	
24	3- 6 5	
25	6-8 - 20	
26	9-12 - 20	
27	7-12 Day School - 18	

- ii. The needs of students, per their IEPs, demonstrate a greater level of need than current employed staff are able to provide.
- d. MFT or equivalent certified service providers hired pursuant to item "c" above will be responsible for their own ERMHS assessments and reports to determine initial or continued need under the supervision of the Director of Special Education or designee.
- e. By June 7th of each school year, the District shall hold a meeting (inviting all school psychologists and ERMHS providers) to review data for the year, including service loads, types of services for students, and any other concerns relating to the provision of ERMHS.

ARTICLE XVIII - SAFETY CONDITIONS

1. Personnel Assault or Abuse

Any abuse of school personnel and/or their property, and/or threat of force or violence directed toward school personnel or their property at any time or place which is related to school activity or school attendance, shall be reported by the unit member to a supervisor within a twenty-four (24)-hour period when possible. Unit members shall complete reports required by the District relating to the violations described herein. The supervisor shall advise the unit member of the status of the complaint in a timely manner.

2. Student Suspension

A teacher may suspend any pupil from the teacher's class, for any of the acts enumerated in Section 48900, for the day of the suspension and the day following. The teacher shall immediately report the suspension to the principal of the school and send the pupil to the principal or the principal's designee for appropriate action. If that action requires the continued presence of the pupil at the school site, the pupil shall be under appropriate supervision, as defined in policies and related regulations adopted by the Governing Board of the District. As soon as possible, the teacher shall ask the parent/guardian of the pupil to attend a parent-teacher conference regarding the suspension. Whenever practicable, a school counselor or a school

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of, or resulting from the operation of this Article. Association shall bear all costs of defending against any and all such claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability; including, but not limited to, court costs, attorney fees and all other costs of litigation. Association shall have the exclusive right to decide and determine whether any such action or proceeding shall or shall not be compromised, resisted, defended, tried, or appealed. Association's decision thereon shall be final and binding upon all Parties protected by this Section. However, this Section shall not be construed as a waiver on the part of the District, its Superintendent, Board of Trustees, or any individual protected by this Section of any claim against the Association for failing to act in good faith in settling a claim or any failure to competently defend and hold them harmless. Within ten (10) days of proper service of a claim, demand, suit, or other legal action against any protected Party, the District shall inform the Association and provide the Association with copies of any documents received as a result of the legal action. Upon request, the District shall provide Association's legal counsel with documents and information reasonably related to providing a defense.

3. District Notice to MEA of New Hires and Orientation

The District shall provide the MEA President notice of orientation dates and any newly hired certificated employee into a bargaining unit position, within ten (10) working days of the date of Board approval, via a shared electronic document.

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ARTICLE XXIII - LEAVES

1. General Terms Governing Leaves

a. The unit member exercising a leave of absence shall notify the District answering service as soon as known but, short of an emergency or sudden illness, not later than one hundred twenty (120) minutes prior to the beginning of the instructional day to allow the District to secure substitute services. The notification described herein shall also include an estimate of the expected duration of the absence.

- b. Substitute services will not be retained for the following day(s) unless the unit member notifies his/her site secretary one (1) hour prior to the end of the unit member's normal instructional day.
- c. A unit member becoming aware of the need for absence due to surgery, illness due to maternity, or other predictable or previously scheduled cause shall notify his/her administrator as soon as possible. The District may request a physician's statement for the cause of disability.
- d. The unit member shall provide, upon District request, additional verification of the use of these leave provisions if there is reasonable suspicion of abuse. For consecutive absence of five (5) days or more, a unit member must submit to the Personnel Department a physician's statement verifying the unit member was unable to work during that time. If the unit member's physician continues to take him/her off work, the physician's statement should give an estimated date of return. If the unit member is able to return, the physician's statement must indicate the date of return and if he/she can return without restrictions. Original copies of the doctor's statement must be returned to the Personnel Department or faxed directly from the unit member's doctor's office.
- e. A unit member who has experienced a disability absence requiring surgery, hospitalization, or extended medical treatment shall be required to submit, prior to return to service, a medical statement indicating an ability to return to his/her position classification without restrictions or detriment to the unit member's physical and emotional well-being.
- f. Unit members on paid leaves of absence (whether partial or full pay) shall continue their entitlement to District-paid premiums for fringe benefits.
- g. Unit members on unpaid leaves of absence may continue their fringe benefit coverage by prepaying any required premiums to the District.

- h. A unit member on paid leave of absence shall not engage in any form of compensated outside employment which is additional to that in which he/she was engaged concurrently with his/her service to the District.
- i. As used in this Article "immediate family" means the mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, stepchildren, grandmother, grandfather, or a grandchild of the unit member or of the spouse of the unit member, and the spouse, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, brother, or sister of the unit member, or any relative living in the immediate household of the unit member.

2. Sick Leave

- a. The purpose of sick leave utilization shall be for physical and mental disability absences which are medically necessary and caused by illness, injury, illness due to maternity, or quarantine.
- b. A unit member covered by this Agreement working five (5) days per week for a full contract year shall be annually entitled to ten (10) days of leave of absence for the purpose of sick leave utilization. A unit member covered by this Agreement working less than full time shall be entitled to sick leave in the same ratio that his/her employment bears to full-time employment.
- c. Any unused sick leave credit accumulated may be used by the unit member for sick leave purposes without loss of compensation.
- d. The District shall provide each unit member with an accounting of the number of days of sick leave he/she has accumulated on a quarterly basis.
- e. Leave taken under this Section shall run concurrently with State and Federal Family Care and Medical Leave.

3. Personal Leave

Unit members are entitled to use eight (8) days of accumulated sick leave for personal leave. Personal leave may not be used for any of the following reasons: recreation, gainful

employment, Association activities or work stoppage or for additional income. Prior approval for the use of personal leave is not required. The District may require evidence supporting the use of personal leave if there is just cause to suspect that such is being misused.

4. Religious Leave

An employee whose religion requires special observance or attendance at religious services during work hours may use appropriate leave or request an alternate work day that is available to him/her for this purpose.

- a. Day(s) not traded will be available through the normal use of appropriate leave.
- b. Traded days will be available on the basis of trade-off time for a maximum of two days. Specifically, the employee may choose to make up the hours lost on the job at (a) time(s) that he/she requests, with the approval of their direct supervisor and appropriate Director of Personnel.

In order to qualify for additional day(s) of religious leave, the leave form completed by the employee must indicate use for religious observance. Written notification, by use of the leave form, must be made to the appropriate supervisor at least 30 work days prior to the requested leave day.

5. Differential Pay

- a. Upon exhaustion of all accumulated sick leave credit, a unit member who continues to be absent for approved sick leave shall be paid the difference between the unit member's daily rate of pay and the established substitute daily rate of pay. In no case shall the unit member receive less than fifty (50%) of his/her daily rate of pay.
- b. When sick leave is exhausted and differential pay is being utilized, the unit member shall submit a physician's statement for each absence. Upon return to service, the unit member shall complete the District absence report form with the physician's statement attached turn in a physician's statement within 20 days. In the absence of such physician statement, daily-rate dockage shall be charged. However, a unit member who has been on an

approved extended disability leave and has submitted appropriate verification will be allowed no more than two (2) consecutive days of differential pay without a physician's verification.

- c. A unit member must first utilize all accumulated sick leave credit, and the days of differential pay shall not exceed 100 days in any one (1) year. The 100 days begins with the first day of absence following exhaustion of all accumulated sick leave credit, subject to carryover differential as provided for under Education Code.
- d. Upon exhaustion of regular and differential paid leaves, probationary unit members shall be placed on a 24-month reemployment list. Permanent unit members who have exhausted the above leaves shall be placed on a 39-month reemployment list.
- e. Leave taken under this Section shall run concurrently with State and Federal Family Care and Medical Leave.

6. Industrial Accident and Illness Leave

- a. Industrial accident and illness leave shall be granted for illness or injury incurred within the course and scope of a unit member's assigned duties as determined by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.
- b. A unit member who has sustained a job-related injury shall report the injury on the District accident report form within twenty-four (24) hours, whenever possible, to the immediate supervisor. A unit member shall report any illness on the District form to the immediate supervisor within twenty-four (24) hours, whenever possible, of the knowledge that the illness is an alleged industrial illness.
- c. Allowable leave shall be for not more than sixty (60) days during which the schools of the District are required to be in session or when the unit member

would otherwise have been performing work for the District in any one (1) fiscal year for the same illness or accident.

- 1. Allowable leave shall not be accumulated from year to year.
- 2. Industrial accident or illness leave shall commence on the first day of absence.
- Industrial accident or illness leave shall be reduced by one (1) day for each day of authorized absence regardless of a temporary disability indemnity award.
- 4. When an industrial accident or illness leave overlaps into the next fiscal year, the unit member shall be entitled to only the amount of unused leave due for the same illness or injury.
- 5. Any unit member receiving benefits as a result of this Section shall, during periods of injury or illness, remain within the State of California unless the District authorizes travel outside the State.
- 6. During any industrial paid leave of absence, the unit member shall receive temporary disability indemnity checks. The District, in turn, shall issue the unit member's appropriate salary warrants for payment of the unit member's salary and shall deduct normal retirement, other authorized contributions, and the temporary disability indemnity, if any, actually paid to and retained by the unit member for periods covered by such salary warrants. Upon conclusion of this industrial paid leave, a unit member may utilize any available sick leave benefits providing that any sick leave utilization, when combined with any temporary disability indemnity, shall not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the unit member's normal compensation.
- d. A unit member shall be permitted to return to service after an industrial accident or illness only upon the presentation of a release from the authorized

workers' compensation physician certifying the unit member's ability to return to his/her position classification without restrictions or detriment to the unit member's physical and emotional well-being.

e. Leave taken under this Section shall run concurrently with State and Federal Family Care and Medical Leave.

7. Family Care and Medical Leave

Unit members may be entitled to family care and medical leave under State and Federal law under certain circumstances. Such leave shall be governed by Board Policy 4161.8 and Administrative Regulation 4161.8.

8. Special Purpose Leave

Unit members may be allowed three (3) days leave to attend events of special importance to immediate family members which occur during the school day. Unit members using such leave shall receive their regular daily compensation less the established substitute rate for their position whether or not a substitute is retained to replace them. Unit members shall obtain prior approval from the District before taking such leave.

9. Paternity and Adoption Leave

Effective July 1, 2016, the District agrees to provide maternity or paternity leave consistent with the requirements set forth in Assembly Bill 375 and Education Code section 44977.5.

During each school year, when a person employed in a position requiring certification qualifications has exhausted all available sick leave, including all accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent from his or her duties on account of maternity or paternity leave pursuant to Section 12945.2 of the Government Code for a period of up to 12 school weeks, whether or not the absence arises out of or in the course of the employment of the employee, the amount deducted from the salary due him or her for any of the additional 12 weeks in which the absence occurs shall not exceed the sum that is actually paid a substitute employee employed to fill his or her position during

his or her absence or, if no substitute employee was employed, the amount that would have been paid to the substitute had he or she been employed.

The school district shall make every reasonable effort to secure the services of a substitute employee.

- b. For purposes of subdivision (a):
 - The 12-week period shall be reduced by any period of sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, taken during a period of maternity or paternity leave pursuant Section 12945.2 of the Government Code.
 - 2. An employee shall not be provided more than one 12-week period per maternity or paternity leave. However, if a school year terminates before the 12-week period is exhausted, the employee may take the balance of the 12-week period in the subsequent school year.
 - An employee on maternity or paternity leave pursuant to Section 12945.2 of the Government Code shall not be denied access to differential pay while on that leave.
- c. This section shall be applicable whether or not the absence from duty is by reason of a leave of absence granted by the governing board of the employing school district.
- d. For purposes of this section, "maternity or paternity leave" means leave for reason of the birth of a child of the employee, or the placement of a child with an employee in connection with the adoption or foster care of the child by the employee.

10. Bereavement Leave

- a. Paid bereavement leave shall be granted for the death of a member of the immediate family.
- b. A unit member shall be granted up to three (3) days for bereavement purposes.

 If travel beyond 250 miles is required, two (2) additional days shall be allowed.

Additional days of absence beyond those described herein may be provided under the terms of the personal leave provisions.

11. Judicial and Official Appearance Leave

- a. Judicial and official appearance leave shall be granted for purposes of regularly-called jury duty, appearance as a witness in court, as a litigant arising from causes of action concerning the performance of classroom or official duties, or to respond to an official order from another governmental jurisdiction for reasons not brought about through the misconduct, by action or inaction, of the unit member.
- b. Upon dismissal prior to the end of the unit member's workday, the unit member shall report to his/her work site, if it is possible to do so prior to one

 (1) hour before the regular student-dismissal time.
- c. A unit member granted a leave of absence under these provisions shall be granted his/her regular District compensation. The unit member shall reimburse the District any judicial and official appearance fees received excluding mileage compensation.
- d. The unit member seeking judicial and official appearance leave shall present a copy of the subpoena directing his/her appearance before taking the leave if it is possible to do so. When on jury duty, the unit member shall present a statement from the jury commissioner or other appropriate official within thirty (30) days showing the time served.
- e. A unit member who chooses to postpone a judicial summons and reschedule such appearance during non-contracted work days shall receive the current minimum substitute daily compensation rate for each day of service during those non-contracted days. The unit member must provide supporting documentation within thirty (30) days to receive compensation for these days.

The unit member must provide a copy of the Request to Postpone and Proof of Service to receive compensation for these days.

12. Legislative Leave

- a. An unpaid leave of absence shall be granted for unit members who are elected to the California State Legislature, Congress, County Board of Supervisors, or Mayor if requested in writing no later than thirty (30) days after being elected.
- b. The unit member shall, within six (6) months of the expiration of the term of office, be entitled to return to a position within the certification authorization held at the time of election. Reinstatement shall be made at the salary to which the unit member would have been entitled had legislative leave not been utilized.
- c. During the term of legislative leave of absence, the unit member may be employed by the District to perform less than full-time service requiring certification qualifications for such compensation and upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.

13. Imminent Death Leave

Three (3) days of full pay shall be granted each unit member in any school or fiscal year, in the case of serious illness or accident, with death imminent, of a member of the immediate family. The necessity of this type of absence shall be verified by a written statement by the attending physician stating that death was imminent unless the leave is followed by bereavement leave.

14. Association Leave

Leave time shall be granted official Association representatives to attend important Association business which cannot be conducted during off-duty hours. The Association shall reimburse the District within thirty (30) days of being billed the actual substitute cost for the days used. The Association President or his/her designee shall normally notify the Personnel Office in writing five (5) days before the leave is taken.

15. Other Leaves

- a. A unit member may be granted an unpaid leave of absence for reasons not enumerated elsewhere in this Agreement.
- b. A unit member seeking an approved leave of absence shall submit a request, including the reasons and any supporting information relating thereto, and the duration of the requested leave.
- c. For absences of five (5) days or less, the unit member shall submit the request described herein to the Superintendent to be considered for approval not less than five (5) days prior to the beginning of the leave.
- d. For absences in excess of five (5) days, including the balance of the school semester/year or full semester/year, the unit member shall submit the request described herein to the Superintendent for recommendation and presentation to the Governing Board to be considered for approval. A unit member requesting such an extended leave of absence shall submit the request in sufficient time for the Superintendent's consideration and presentation to the Governing Board.
- e. If the leave of absence was granted for personal health reasons, the unit member shall be required to submit, prior to return to active duty, a medical statement indicating an ability to assume assigned duties without restrictions or detriment to the member's physical or emotional well-being.
- f. Leave taken under this Section shall run concurrently with State and Federal Family Care and Medical Leave.

ARTICLE XXIV - CATASTROPHIC LEAVE BANK

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The District has determined that a Catastrophic Leave Program shall be developed for the benefit of permanent unit members of the Manteca Unified School District, inclusive of PreK-

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MANTECA EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION

February 7, 2024

COVID Dockage Rate

The Manteca Unified School District ("DISTRICT") and the Manteca Educators' Association ("MEA"), enter into this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") regarding the dockage rate utilized if a certificated staff member goes into a dockage situation and was quarantined by the District for COVID.

The District and MEA recognizes the impacts that CALOSHA has placed on our staff regarding the contracting of COVID and working:

• For the 2023-24 school year certificated staff members who fall into dockage situations and have been quarantined by the District due to testing positive for COVID. The District agrees to utilize the lowest substitute rate of \$185 when applying dockage for up to the total number of days the employee was placed into quarantine because of testing positive for COVID.

This MOU will expire June 30, 2024. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as establishing past practice or precedent.

For MEA

Rob Vannoord, Bargaining Chair

For MUSD

Roger Goatcher, Deputy Superintenden

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MANTECA EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION

October 4, 2023

Paraprofessional Support Pay

The Manteca Unified School District ("DISTRICT") and the Manteca Educators' Association ("MEA"), enter into this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") regarding support for Special Education teachers who go through the day with no aide support.

The District and MEA recognizes the importance of having fully credentialed staff in special education positions and when there are no paraprofessionals available to provide support to the classroom the special education classroom teacher has to fill in and provide extra support. The District and MEA agree to the following:

- For the 2023-24 school year special education certificated staff members who do not have any paraprofessional support in their classroom (RSP, SDC Mild/Mod, SDC Mod/Sev, Behavior Bridge) for the full day or half a day will be provided extra compensation as indicated below:
 - o Without any paraprofessional for full day = \$100 per day without a para
 - O Without any paraprofessional for half (1/2) day = \$50 per day without a para

This MOU will expire June 30, 2024. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as establishing past practice or precedent.

For MEA

Rob Van Noord Bargaining Chair

For MUSD

Roger Goatcher Deputy Superintenden

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MANTECA EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION

October 4, 2023

Clerical Support Pilot Program

The Manteca Unified School District ("DISTRICT") and the Manteca Educators' Association ("MEA"), enter into this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") regarding the beginning of a clerical support pilot program at Manteca High School, Joshua Cowell Elementary, Woodward Elementary, Joseph Widmer Elementary, and Stella Brockman Elementary.

The District and MEA recognizes the importance of providing for the needs of students with disabilities and the extra paperwork required by the State and Federal Governments. The District and MEA agree to the following:

- For the 2023-24 school year an extra two hours of Clerical Assistant time will be provided for each of the above named schools. These two hours a day for the 180 day (prorated based on the day this MOU is adopted) school year will be to help coordinate all paperwork and scheduling for students at those sites respectively.
- District and MEA agree to meet in May of 2024 to review effectiveness of this new pilot program.

This MOU will expire June 30, 2024. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as establishing past practice or precedent. This MOU may be extended for an additional year by mutual written agreement.

For MEA

Rob Van Noord, Bargaining Chair

For MUSD

Roger Goatcher, Deputy Superintendent

Manuel Perry, President