

**AGREEMENT**

**WORKING CONDITIONS AND WAGE SCHEDULE**

**BETWEEN**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT #61**

**DECATUR, ILLINOIS**

**AND**

**DECATUR EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION**

**JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2028**

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## **PREAMBLE**

This Agreement, developed and agreed to by the Board of Education for School District No. 61, Decatur, Illinois, and the Decatur Educational Support Personnel Association shall take effect on the first day of July 2025, and continue in effect through June 30, 2028, and shall continue from year to year unless either party notifies the other in writing ninety (90) days prior to expiration of their desire to change, alter, or modify the contents of the Agreement. Both parties shall meet at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the Agreement to discuss the proposed revisions. Any changes or additions to the Agreement shall, when agreed upon, be incorporated in the Agreement.

## **ARTICLE I: RECOGNITION**

- A. The Board of Education for School District No. 61, Decatur, Illinois, hereinafter referred to as the "Board" recognizes the Decatur Educational Support Personnel Association, hereinafter referred to as the "Association", as the representative of all educational office personnel except confidential employees as defined by the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act, employed in the Decatur Public Schools for the purpose of negotiation of wages, hours, and conditions of employment.
- B. Both the Board and the Association agree that each employee has the right to join or not to join any organization for his/her professional or economic improvement.
- C. All benefits, rights, and responsibilities provided by this Agreement shall apply equally to all educational office personnel covered by this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE II: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **A. Association Business**

- 1. Authorized association representatives shall be granted time to attend state or national association meetings or attend to other business of the local association, provided that the amount of time so taken does not exceed twenty (20) days per year.
- 2. The Board of Education shall allocate \$500 for DESPA members to attend state conventions and/or local workshops.

### **B. Mail Service**

The Association shall have the right to use the District e-mail service, District mail service and mail boxes for communications to members of the bargaining unit. No postage shall be paid by the Board for the Associations' communications.

### **C. Use of the Building Facilities**

The Association shall have the right to use school building facilities at any time for official Association meetings. The Association may request the use of school building facilities for general membership meetings or other Association purposes and such requests will be handled in the same manner as all other requests received by the Board for use of District facilities except that charges for use of District facilities will be

limited to custodial and maintenance costs when the purpose of such use is an official Association general membership meeting and custodial/maintenance costs exceed those costs normally incurred on any respective day.

D. Board Packets

The Board of Education shall email the President of DESPA or DESPA designee when the board packet has been posted online.

E. Committees

DESPA shall have the right to inquire about membership on committees. DESPA shall be afforded a seat on committees involved in hiring of building level administrators. District level administrator hiring committees shall be staffed at the discretion of the board of education, but such discretion shall not preclude DESPA from asking to be included. DESPA shall have the right to identify other committees in which it desires to be included on a regular and ongoing basis.

**ARTICLE III: WORKING CONDITIONS**

A. Work Year

The work year for all educational office employees shall be as indicated on Classification Schedule, Classification of Educational Office Personnel.

B. Work Day

1. DESPA employees shall clock in and out using district provided timeclocks and devices only unless approved by the employee's direct supervisor. Employees are not permitted to clock in and out using a mobile app. Only those members of DESPA who have approval to clock in and out using a mobile app or non-district device shall utilize those means.
2. The working hours of office employees shall be nine (9) hours - eight (8) hours on duty and one (1) hour for lunch - as scheduled by the immediate supervisor.
3. Upon approval of the immediate supervisor, the working hours for educational office personnel may be adjusted to reflect a one-half hour lunch period.
4. Any part-time secretary substituting for a full-time secretary should do so at his/her (part-time) secretary rate.
5. All employees shall be allowed one (1) fifteen-minute break in the morning and one (1) fifteen minute break in the afternoon. Coverage of the DESPA employee during breaks is the responsibility of the immediate supervisor.
6. Work days for office employees include all weekdays, except those designated as District-approved hours, or district designated holidays in Article VI of this Agreement, and includes days of teachers' institutes.
7. Any regularly scheduled school days when students and teachers are not in attendance in the building due to unusual circumstances, such as weather conditions, shall be considered a working day. Employees will have the option of

working, using a vacation day, using a personal leave day, using a sick leave day, or taking the day off without pay unless the employee's work supervisor approves another option.

8. For student registration days, the following shall apply:

- a. No more than two (2) in-person registration days with hours outside the normal workday shall be scheduled. Employees who work hours which are outside the normal workday during the registration days shall be allowed to choose from the following: overtime pay during the additional hours or flexing their daily schedule on the same registration day.
- b. In-person registration days which extend beyond normal working hours shall be set by administration with input from DESPA and when 200 day administrators and secretaries are on duty.
- c. Administration must be present in each building during in-person registration days which extend beyond normal working hours.
- d. Category A may be called in for extra hours to provide additional support on days in which in-person registration occurs beyond normal work hours.
  - i. Staff members in Category A that may be called in shall be called in according to seniority within that work location.

C. Retirement

1. The ending date for terminating employees shall be to include unused vacation days and included in unused vacation days shall be a proration of vacation (rounded to the nearest one-half day) earned in the fiscal year of termination. Vacation entitlement shall be based on the number of days added to the employee's record on the previous June 30. Terminating employees who have taken more vacation days than entitled shall reimburse the Board for the number of vacation days taken but not due them.

D. Protection of Employees

All employees shall be protected against any harassment, interference, language or badgering by any group or individual on the District premises. It shall be the responsibility of the Supervisor and/or the Superintendent of Schools to take whatever actions are deemed necessary to provide employees adequate protection in such situations, including but not limited to enforcement of building security. This does not preclude the responsibility of the employees to work with parents or guardians in resolving school problems.

The general policy, subject to emergency exceptions, shall be that no action against an employee may be taken on a complaint by a parent of a student or by a student, unless such proposed action is first reported in writing to such employee affected thereby and the employee is given an opportunity for a hearing before a representative of the Board concerning the complaint and action proposed to be taken thereon.

E. Surveillance

The purpose of surveillance equipment is to secure the buildings. The purpose of surveillance equipment is not to evaluate the performance of employees or to monitor their behavior or conduct. If the review of data inadvertently reveals alleged incidents of

employee misconduct, the employee and the Association will be notified if the District intends to investigate the alleged employee misconduct incident. Such notification will be in writing. The Association or Employee's representative may review the data depicting the alleged employee misconduct.

F. Collection and Handling of Money

1. Any building secretary required to collect money shall be provided with receipt books and a secure location to lock all money collected.
2. Any time cash is being collected from the originator of the funds, the originator and secretary shall count and cosign for the collected cash at the time the money is submitted to the secretary. The originator shall not drop off funds with the secretary without counting the funds and cosigning.

**ARTICLE IV: PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES, DISCHARGE AND SUSPENSION**

A. Performance of Duties

It is hereby agreed that all staff members covered by this Agreement shall comply with all working rules and perform in a satisfactory manner the job related duties assigned and in the manner prescribed by their supervisors.

B. Discipline

1. Pre-Disciplinary Meeting

When the Board is contemplating administering discipline, a pre-disciplinary fact finding meeting will be held.

2. Notice

The employee and the Association will be given 3 work days (which are days the District is open for business) prior written notice of the scheduled meeting, except in cases of extreme emergency. Such notice shall contain the reason, date, time and location of the meeting, and shall inform the employee of his/her right to DESPA representation. An agenda listing the reasons for such a meeting shall accompany this written notice. Every employee has the right to have criticisms, disciplinary meetings and reprimands held in private.

C. Discharge/Suspension

1. Prior to the implementation of discipline, the supervisor shall discuss the incident with the employee. The principles of progressive discipline shall apply to incidents of remediable misconduct. The purpose of utilizing progressive discipline is to correct employee deficiencies. In cases of remediable misconduct, disciplinary action shall generally begin with an oral warning for the first incident and move through subsequent steps as necessary. The normal progressive disciplinary sequence shall be as follows:

I. Oral warning



- II. Written warning
- III. Suspension without pay
- IV. Discharge

In instances of irremediable conduct by the employee, or in the case of serious remediable conduct by the employee, a more serious disciplinary consequence may be selected (that is, for example, a suspension without pay may be imposed without a prior written warning or a written warning may be imposed without a prior oral warning). In no case may a discharge occur without progressive discipline unless the conduct leading to the discharge is irremediable.

- 2. The Board at its option, may suspend without pay rather than discharge an employee if in its opinion the situation warrants such action. The maximum period of such suspension shall be ninety (90) working days. In determining whether an employee should be discharged or suspended, the Board will consider the staff member's employment record, the nature of the offense and any other pertinent information, and their decision shall be final.
- 3. The suspension or discharge of an employee will be handled in the following manner.
  - a.) When the Board or its representative determines to suspend or discharge an employee, the employee shall be told the reason for the action and given an opportunity to reply to the charges. Notice of either suspension or discharge will be given in writing before the employee departs the premises of Decatur Public Schools.
  - b.) If the employee feels he/she has been dealt with unjustly and a hearing is desired, he/she shall proceed according to the grievance procedure.
  - c.) If it is found that the employee has been dealt with in an unjust manner, the Board will reinstate the employee in his/her job with all former rights and benefits restored, and will pay the employee all loss of earnings.

#### **ARTICLE V: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

- A. Definition - A grievance shall mean a written complaint by an employee, a group of employees or the Association that there has been an alleged violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of the agreement.
- B. Constraints - Any investigation or other handling or processing of any grievances by the grievant or the Association shall be conducted so as to result in no interference with or interruption whatsoever of the instruction program and related work activities of the grievant or of the District's employees.
- C. General Provisions
  - 1. No employee at any stage of the grievance procedure will be required to meet with any administrator or supervisor without an Association representative.

2. Any employee who participates in the grievance procedure shall not be subject to disciplinary action or reprisal because of such participation.
3. The employee or his/her Association representative has the right to be present at all hearings and meetings concerning his/her grievance.
4. In any instance where the Association is not representing the grievant, the administrator or supervisor receiving the grievance or making the decision shall notify the Association in writing of all meetings, hearings, and the resolution at any level. Any agreement made between the administrator and/or supervisor with the member shall be in accordance with the mutually agreed to agreement between the Board and DESPA.
5. A grievance may be initiated and/or conducted by:
  - a. an employee on his/her own behalf
  - b. an employee accompanied by an Association representative
  - c. an Association representative at the employee's request
  - d. the Association
  - e. group of employees
6. All time limits may be extended by mutual agreement between the parties.
7. Grievance procedure - Personnel File: All records related to a grievance shall be filed separately from the personnel file of the employee.

D. Procedure for Adjustment of Grievances

Informal Conference - Within ten (10) workdays of when the grievant knew or should have known of the occurrence of the event which first gave rise to the grievance, a complaint shall first be discussed with the object of resolving the matter informally. In the event the matter is resolved informally and an Association representative was not present at the adjustment of the complaint, the supervisor shall inform the DESPA President or DESPA Designee of the adjustment.

For the purposes of this article "work day" shall be defined as days that the District Office is open.

Step One:

In the event the matter is not resolved informally, the grievant or the Association shall present a written statement on a form of the alleged violation to the principal or other appropriate supervisor within ten (10) workdays of the informal conference. The supervisor shall, within ten (10) workdays of the receipt of the grievance confer with the grievant and/or his/her Association representative to try to resolve the grievance. Within ten (10) school days after the completion of the conference, the supervisor shall give his/her written decision. A copy of the decision shall be given to the Association.



Step Two:

In the event that the grievance has not been resolved in the first step, the Association or the grievant may file an appeal to the Superintendent or his/her designee. The appeal shall be made within ten (10) workdays after the receipt of the supervisor's decision. Within ten (10) workdays of the receipt of the appeal, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall confer with the Association and the grievant in an effort to resolve the grievance. The Superintendent, within ten (10) workdays following the conference shall file his/her written decision with the grievant and the Association.

Step Three:

Within thirty (30) workdays after receiving the decision of the Superintendent or his/her designee, the Association may submit the grievance to binding arbitration of the American Arbitration Association (AAA). The arbitrator shall follow the standard rules of the AAA. The Board and the grievant shall share equally the arbitrator's fees and the court reporter's expenses.

**ARTICLE VI: VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS**

**A. Vacations**

1. Staff members in the District, who work 20 or more hours per week, shall be entitled to a vacation with pay in accordance with the following schedule and Classification Schedule:

Days of Vacation Entitlement by Classification

	<u>B (261), C</u>	<u>B(220)</u>	<u>A</u>
One to Three	12	10	9
Four to Five	14	11	10
Six to Ten	17	15	13
Eleven or More	22	19	18

Vacation will be allotted on July 1 of the current fiscal year.

2. Staff members employed on or before September 1 shall be considered as having one (1) year of service as of June 30. Staff members hired after September 1 shall receive a prorated vacation entitlement.
3. After a full year of employment with District No. 61, a staff member who voluntarily terminates his/her employment, retires, or is terminated because of the elimination of his/her position shall receive a prorated vacation entitlement. Employees who are discharged shall receive no vacation entitlement and employees who are suspended shall receive no vacation entitlement for the period of their suspension. Employees reemployed within six (6) months following termination due to elimination of position, shall receive vacation entitlement held prior to termination.

4. An employee must have worked a minimum of sixty (60) percent of his/her scheduled work days or have been paid accrued benefits in the preceding fiscal year in order to be eligible for any vacation.
5. Full-time staff members may take their vacation at any time during the year subject to the approval of their supervisor. Payment for unused accumulated vacation time upon separation from employment shall be made no sooner than 30 days following such separation. It is the parties' intent that such payment shall be sheltered from and against IMRF contribution.
  - a. A maximum of ten (10) vacation days may be carried forward to the following year.
  - b. Unused vacation days in excess of the above ten (10) days will be added to the employee's accumulated sick leave on July 1.
6. DESPA employees who are 261 days are highly encouraged to use their benefit time during breaks, Winter and Spring Break. It is understood that during breaks (Winter & Spring), employees in Classifications A and B (190, 200 and 220 days) should not be scheduled to work. Those employees shall use accrued vacation for that time. Employees may reserve as many as two (2) vacation days for future breaks and instead elect to take unpaid days. It is understood that if the employee has exhausted all accrued vacation, the employee has personal days she/he may elects to use. If the employee is requested to work by administration during the breaks, the employee and his/her administrator will forward the request in advance to the HR Director. The HR Director will give a written list of those approved to work over breaks to the DESPA President or designee within two weeks after each break.

B. Holidays

1. Office employees, who work 20 or more hours per week, shall have the following days off duty with pay:
  - a.) Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day  
Veterans Day  
Pulaski Day  
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday  
President's Day  
Spring Break Day – Friday before Easter  
Memorial Day  
Juneteenth  
Thanksgiving Day  
Friday after Thanksgiving  
December 24  
Christmas Day  
New Year's Day
  - b.) No member of the bargaining unit shall be required to work on legal holidays unless an emergency or continuous operation and maintenance of school facilities requires his/her attendance.

If any of the above legal holidays ceases to be a legal holiday, employees shall not have that day off duty with pay, but one day's time will be added to vacation eligibility.

2. Persons working twenty (20) hours or more a week, but less than full time, will receive holiday pay for days off that fall within their work year.
3. If a holiday is not observed in accordance with the legal holiday date or falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the observance will be scheduled on an alternate date.
4. An employee must be in pay status the day before and the day after a holiday to be paid for the holiday. If ill the day before or after a holiday, the employee must have and use benefit time in order to be paid for the holiday. If an inclement weather/e-learning day occurs immediately prior to or after a holiday, the employee's pay status for holiday pay shall not be based upon the inclement weather day (pay status shall be based upon the day prior to or after the inclement weather/e-learning day).
5. If a staff member takes a religious holiday, other than those included in the list of approved holidays noted in paragraph one (1) above, the absence shall be considered time off without pay unless the staff member elects to have it charged against his/her vacation.

## **ARTICLE VII: SHORT TERM LEAVES**

### **A. Sick Leave**

1. Sick leave without loss of pay shall be credited annually to each office employee who works 20 or more hours per week on the first day of each fiscal year in accordance with the following schedule:

#### **Days of Sick Leave Entitlement by Classification**

<u>Classification of Employment</u>	<u>Days Per Year</u>
B (261), C	16
B (220)	14
A	13

2. Absences for Sick Leave shall be allowed under accrued sick leave. Sick leave shall include the adoption of a child, quarantine, serious illness, (includes mental health, alcoholism, and drug abuse) death or illness in the immediate family or household.\* (Immediate family shall include wife, husband, child, father, mother, sister, brother, grandparent, grandchild, daughter-in-law, son-in-law of the employee; and father, mother, sister, or brother of spouse of the employee; step-mother, step-father, step-sister, step-brother of the employee or spouse of the employee; or persons in loco parentis of employee.) \* Anyone residing in the home more than six (6) months of the calendar year.

3. A doctor's statement shall be required for all absences due to quarantine or serious illness (includes mental health, alcoholism, and drug abuse) in the immediate family.
4. Employees hired after the fiscal year begins shall be credited with the prorated number of sick leave days rounded off to the nearest one-half (1/2) day.
5. A doctor's statement may be required for personal illness charged against sick leave. If personal illness is claimed, a doctor's statement may be required after an employee has been absent three (3) consecutive days. The employee is responsible for obtaining the doctor's statement. A doctor's statement may be required in certain other cases by the School District where the absence of the employee is less than three consecutive days. In this case, the cost of obtaining this certificate shall be borne by the District and the District may require in this instance the employee to see a doctor of its own choosing. If an employee is absent for serious illness (includes mental health, alcoholism, and drug abuse) or for hospitalization, a doctor's release for regular duties must be presented before returning to work.
6. Official records of sick leave entitlement and use will be maintained in hours. The hours of sick leave entitlement will be calculated by multiplying the number of days of entitlement by the number of hours in the staff member's work day. Sick leave may be used in increments of .25, .5, and .75 hours.
7. Employees may accumulate 1920 hours (240 days) of sick leave or the maximum credit amount allowed by IMRF if greater.
8. Accumulated sick leave shall automatically terminate on the date that a staff member's employment terminates. Employees reemployed within one calendar year, following termination due to elimination of position, shall receive sick leave entitlement held prior to termination.
9. With the consent and on the conditions set forth by their immediate supervisor, full-time employees released by their doctors only for part-time work may return from sick leave and work part-time until their doctors release them for full-time work.

B. Personal Day

1. Staff members will be permitted four (4) personal leave days annually, with such to be deducted from sick leave entitlement. Personal leave may be used in increments of one (1) hour.
2. A request for personal leave (no reason need be stated) must be submitted via the district's absence management system in advance of taking the leave. DESPA members will make every effort to provide sufficient prior notice in order to allow administration to find coverage as needed.
3. Personal leave days may not be taken during the first five (5) days and the last five (5) days of school. Exceptions to this shall include emergencies, religious holidays, and times when the staff member or his/her immediate family is personally involved in a court case, graduation exercise, or an honor convocation.

4. Personal leave days may be used before or after a holiday under the following conditions:
  - a. Not more than one secretary per immediate supervisor may utilize said leave for each holiday.
  - b. Five (5) days notice via the district's absence management system must be given, unless the immediate supervisor agrees to waive the five (5) days.

C. Funeral Leave

1. Absences for attendance at funerals shall be allowed under accrued sick leave provided such absence does not exceed the date of the funeral and reasonable travel time.
2. If a staff member is requested to serve as a pallbearer and, to do so, must be absent from work, the absence shall be considered time off without pay unless the staff member elects to have it charged against accrued sick leave.
3. An employee wishing to attend the funeral of a currently enrolled student or a current staff member will not be charged a sick day to attend the funeral. Arrangements can be made with the supervisor and with the cooperation of other employees to cover the responsibilities of the employee allowed to attend. Arrangements are acceptable provided they do not require a full day of absence or the hiring of a substitute.

D. Disability Benefits

1. An employee participating in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, after employment of one (1) year, is eligible for disability benefits. These benefits shall begin on the 31st day after the illness or absence began or, if the employee has accumulated sick leave of over thirty (30) days. Employee can use temporary benefits on the 31st day off without exhausting sick leave benefits. This is the employee's option.
2. Sick leave benefits available to employees are to be coordinated with benefits which an employee receives under Worker's Compensation. If an employee eligible to receive sick leave is injured in the course of employment and receives disability benefits under Worker's Compensation the employee shall receive from Decatur Public School District #61 the difference between the Worker's Compensation benefits and the wages or salary to which the employee is entitled under the Decatur Public School District #61 leave program. The accumulated sick leave of the employee shall be reduced proportionately based upon the compensation remitted by the Decatur Public School District #61.

Pro-rated sick leave shall be available to the employee only to the extent that an employee has accumulated sick leave days, so that an employee shall receive full pay upon days which an employee is unable to work due to work-related injury or illness, but in no instance will an employee be entitled to a combination of sick leave benefits and Worker's Compensation benefits in excess of the employee's regular pay. In no event will an employee be entitled to sick leave benefits beyond the accumulation of sick leave days of that employee. An employee on Worker's



Compensation may waive sick leave pay, in which case the employee shall not be charged with sick leave use.

E. Accident of Employees

1. When an accidental injury occurs, such accidental injury shall be immediately referred to a certified medical doctor.
2. Employees may select a physician of their own choosing.
3. Worker's Compensation, as required by law, is provided all employees. It provides first aid, medical and surgical services, and compensation for periods of disablement, in case of the on-the-job accidental injury while an employee is engaged in official district business. Worker's Compensation shall be administered by a provider under contract with the Board.

F. Parental and Bereavement Leave

In addition to any benefits provided within this collective bargaining agreement, DESPA members shall be entitled to parental and bereavement leave in accordance with state and federal statutes. These statutory benefits would not be subject to the grievance process, which process is waived for these purposes.

**ARTICLE VIII: EXTENDED LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

A. The following conditions shall apply to all extended leaves of absence unless otherwise indicated:

1. Requests for leave shall be in writing to the Director of Human Resources.
2. Eligibility shall be based on a minimum of two (2) full terms of continuous employment in the Decatur District.
3. Leaves shall be limited to one year effective as of the date of the leave. Further extension shall be at the discretion of the Board.
4. Leaves shall be without pay.
5. Salary increments shall not accrue during leave.
6. Sick leave days shall not accrue during leave.
7. Accrued benefits earned at the time the leave begins shall be retained. Accrued benefits shall be defined to mean accumulated sick leave, and placement on the salary schedule (staff member retains full salary placement credit to which staff member was entitled at the time the leave was granted.)
8. Employees who are absent due to illness reasons, including those employees who subsequently receive temporary disability benefits or accidental disability benefits from District 61 affiliated retirement programs, will have their health and life insurance coverage continued at Board expense for the period they are receiving

sick leave benefits from the Board and for a period up to six months from the date sick leave is exhausted.

9. Employees covered under the Board's group health insurance policy who are on authorized leave of absence for reasons other than illness, including child rearing, may continue to be covered by this insurance for a period as provided under COBRA, providing the employee pays the monthly premium in advance. A waiver of participation must be signed by employees going on leave who do not desire to continue their coverage, and such person must meet medical requirements of the insurance company to again qualify for insurance coverage under the Board's group policy.
10. The Board may request a staff member on leave to furnish a statement from a physician or a psychiatrist indicating whether or not the staff member is capable of returning to work.
11. Written notice of intention to either return or resign shall be given to the Director of Human Resources no less than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the leave. Failure to furnish such written notice shall constitute a notice of resignation.
12. Reemployment during the school year shall be at the discretion of the Board.
13. Staff members who are granted leave of absence cannot be assured of placement in the same position when they return. The best possible assignment, however, shall be made within the existing vacancies.

B. Authorized Leaves

1. Child Rearing Leave

Staff members who are expectant mothers shall upon request, be granted child rearing leave.

2. Adoption Leave/Foster Care Leave

Staff members shall, upon request, be granted a leave of absence for the adoption of a child.

3. Detached Service Leave

Staff members shall, upon request, be granted a leave of absence for detached service to work for an educational institution, a foundation, or an official government agency, or the State or National affiliate of the local Union.

4. Extended Illness Leave

Staff members whose serious health condition extends beyond the period compensated under Section VII of this document will be granted a leave of absence until such time as a physician certifies the staff member is capable of returning to work or starts receiving disability benefits under the IMRF. In no case shall extended illness leave extend beyond one (1) calendar year. Personal illness would include mental health, alcoholism, and drug abuse.

#### 5. Family Hardship Leave

Staff members shall, upon request, be granted a leave of absence for the purpose of caring for a sick member of his/her family. A written statement of need from a physician shall accompany the request.

#### 6. Military Leave

Staff members required to serve in the armed forces of the United States shall be granted a leave of absence without pay for the period in the service. Time spent in the armed forces shall be credited to their years of experience on the salary schedule upon their return to the school system. Staff members will not suffer any seniority loss.

#### 7. Study Leave

Employees shall, upon request, be granted a leave of absence for study designed to improve their competencies.

#### 8. General Leave

Employees may, upon request, be granted a leave of absence for such purposes as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.

#### 9. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

All full-time and part-time employees that qualify for FMLA shall be eligible for up to 12 weeks per year of FMLA for the following reasons:

- birth and care of the newborn child of the employee;
- for placement with the employee of a son or daughter for adoption or foster care;
- to care for an immediate family member (spouse, child, or parent) with a serious health condition; or
- to take medical leave when the employee is unable to work because of a serious health condition
- including any amendments.

During the family and medical leave period, the District shall continue to pay the health insurance premium set forth in the collective bargaining agreement. Employees shall not be required to use family and medical leave prior to, instead of, or simultaneously with any accrued leave. The employee shall have the option to make use of family and medical leave or any other contractual leave. With respect to use of FMLA, the FMLA year shall be defined as in district policy. The district has opted to use the rolling FMLA year. Eligible employees may use unpaid family and medical leave, guaranteed by the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act, for up to a combined total of 12 weeks in any rolling 12-month period. Following the leave period, the employee shall be reinstated to his/her previous position or an equivalent position. All seniority, benefits, sick leave, vacation leave, etc. will continue to accrue during the time an employee is utilizing FMLA. Employees may use this leave intermittently up to 12 weeks.

## **ARTICLE IX: COMPENSATION AND INSURANCE**

### **A. Compensation**

1. Educational office personnel for the Decatur Public Schools shall be paid in accordance with and work under the conditions set forth in this agreement. Wage rates of all employees covered by this agreement are set forth in Wage Schedule/Schedule A which is attached hereto and made a part hereto.
2. No changes or additions in existing classification or positions will be made without prior notification to the DESPA represented by the Bargaining Committee. Classifications of all educational office personnel covered by this Agreement are set forth in Classification Schedule of the Appendix which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

### **B. Overtime**

1. Any overtime work must be offered to the full-time secretary and not to a part-time or temporary employee. If overtime is offered to full-time secretaries, it should be offered to the full-time on duty secretary whose job description or normal responsibilities most closely align to the overtime work offered first. If the overtime is not desired by the full-time secretary, the overtime should be offered to other full time secretaries in the building or department in the order of seniority. If no full-time secretaries accept the overtime opportunity, then the part-time or temporary employee working in the designated building or department may be offered the extra time.
2. Compensation for authorized overtime is one and one-half times the regular hourly rate shown on Schedule A. There shall be no overtime except that authorized by the immediate supervisor. No overtime shall be paid unless the employee is in paid status for forty (40) hours during the pay week. Paid status shall include pay for holidays, but not pay for use of accumulated leave.
3. Overtime work performed on Saturday shall be paid at time and one-half the respective hourly rate. Overtime work performed on Sunday shall be paid at twice the respective hourly rate, only if overtime work has been performed on Saturday (the day before) at time and one-half respective hourly rate. Overtime work will not be performed on Sunday unless it is an emergency.
4. Overtime work performed on a holiday as listed in Article VI-B, 1, or as declared by the Board shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half in addition to holiday pay.
5. Compensatory Time Off: Employees who work extra hours may receive, with the agreement of the employee and the supervisor, time off at a future date in lieu of overtime pay. Compensatory time off will be at the same rate that would be paid for overtime. The compensatory time off is one and one-half times the number of overtime hours worked.

### **C. Insurance**

1. The Board of Education will continue to provide for each employee the health insurance plan in effect for other groups included in the health insurance negotiations committee.
  - a. Employees who work six (6) or more hours per day and five (5) days per week will have an insurance policy covering hospital and medical costs. Health insurance coverage for the family of staff members will be on an optional basis.
  - b. Any employee working less than 30 hours a week, but 20 or more hours per week, will be provided the same coverage if they wish to pay one-half of the premium.
  - c. In the event insurance coverage is revised or premiums change during the annual renewal, the coverage will include the same subsidy as provided to other groups in the health insurance negotiations committee.
  - d. The employee paid portion of the premium shall be sheltered under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code.
  - e. The insurance payments shall be taken out over twenty-four (24) pays for twelve-month employees and eighteen (18) pays for less than twelve-month employees.
  - f. There shall be at least one open enrollment period each year.
  - g. Prescription cards will be made available to each employee who is receiving health and medical coverage through the health insurance plan. Employees should direct any questions or concerns to the business office.
2. The health and medical insurance coverage which is presently in effect will be on an optional basis for the DESPA employee who retires from the Decatur School District.
  - a. Retirees who opt to participate in the employee group health insurance plan will pay the entire annual premium imposed by the insurance carrier. Coverage will end when the retiree reaches the age of 65.
  - b. Health insurance for the family of the retiree will be on an optional basis for those who had family insurance upon retirement. Retirees who opt for this coverage will pay the entire premium. Coverage will end when the retiree or dependent reaches Medicare coverage age.

3. Insurance Changes

If the District Insurance Committee considers any change to insurance, during the term of this contract or between contracts, the Insurance Committee and the Board will reduce to writing any proposed changes. Decision making shall be made through 80% agreement of voting members of the District Insurance Committee. DESPA shall be entitled to one vote for each one hundred DESPA members or portion thereof. It is understood that DESPA shall have a minimum of one representative on the Insurance Committee. Any member may send a



proxy to vote, and voting shall be limited to one vote per member present. Upon ratification of DEA membership, the proposed changes will be taken to the Board for approval.

4. The Board will provide for each full-time office employee term life insurance in the amount of \$100,000 at no cost to the employee.
5. The Board shall indemnify and protect office employees against any loss of, damage to, or destruction of the office employee's personal property as a result of assault and/or battery committed against them while working within their scope of employment and said assault and/or battery to be without legal justification.

6. Optional Additional Plans

The following options are available (annually, during open enrollment) to employees of Decatur School District No. 61. Employees should direct any questions or concerns to the District Business Office.

a. Dependent Care Assistance Plan

This plan will enable each participant to elect to receive payments of reimbursement of his/her dependent care expenses that are excludable from the participant's gross income under Section 129 of the Code.

b. Medical Reimbursement Plan

This plan enables each participant to elect to receive payments of reimbursements of his/her medical care expenses that are excludable from the participant's gross income under Section 105(b) of the Code.

c. Volunteer Dental Plan

This volunteer Dental Plan will enable each employee to participate in a group dental plan.

D. Retirement Contribution

Staff members who participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund will be granted an increase in gross earnings according to the following schedule:

<u>Years of District Experience</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
15-17	0.5%
18	1.0%
19	1.5%
20	2.0%
21	2.5%
22	3.0%
23	3.5%
24	4.0%
25	4.5%

## **ARTICLE X: SUMMER EMPLOYMENT**

### **A. Applications**

Clerical staff members employed less than fifty-two (52) weeks may request consideration for summer employment by submitting an application. DESPA members who are employed in the summer will be paid holidays that occur during their summer work schedule. An employee must be in pay status the day before and the day after a holiday to be paid for the holiday. If ill the day before or after a holiday, the employee must have and use benefit time in order to be paid for the holiday.

### **B. Selection**

The selection of staff members for summer employment shall be on the basis of ability, skills, and years of service in the District. Clerical staff members employed less than fifty-two (52) weeks shall be given priority for summer clerical positions such as Summer School, textbook repair, summer substitutes, etc.

### **C. Compensation**

Educational office personnel selected for clerical summer employment shall be no less than their normal rate of pay. However, summer employment shall not increase the number of vacation days or sick leave days to which the employee is entitled.

## **ARTICLE XI: PROMOTIONS, VACANCIES, TRANSFERS AND POSITION ELIMINATIONS**

### **A. Vacancies**

1. Information regarding educational office personnel positions which are available, either through creation or vacancy, shall be publicized to the staff. Notices of vacancies will include current description of work, classification of the job, and prerequisite qualifications needed for application, including specific training and experience.
2. All position vacancies, including temporary positions expected to last a minimum of eight (8) consecutive weeks, shall be posted for bid. A minimum of ten (10) workdays shall be allowed for submission of applications.
3. Vacancies occurring within the bargaining unit, including newly created positions, shall be posted within (10) workdays of receiving notification of intent to vacate the position. The names of all applicants for the position are to be forwarded to the appropriate administrator. All interviews shall be held within ten (10) workdays of the expiration of the posting period. If the interviews provide acceptable candidates, the recommendation for hire shall be submitted within ten (10) workdays following the final interview. If no applications are received for the position, it shall be reposted within (10) workdays. If no applications are received or no acceptable applicants apply, the employee vacating the position will not be held in said position longer than ten (10) workdays. Within ten (10) workdays following the interview of any Association applicant, that association applicant will receive written notification of the outcome of the interview.

4. Staff members may apply for any vacancy by District application process. Other than situations covered by C. Position Eliminations, all staff members shall be interviewed and given consideration before any applicant is appointed to the position.
  - a. A staff member who interviewed and was not selected may request a reason for the non-selection. The Director of Human Resources shall inform the staff member, in writing, of the reason.
5. In filling vacancies the Board agrees to give due consideration to the ability, skills, length of service and other relevant factors of all applicants.
6. Staff members selected to fill vacancies at either the same or different classification shall retain their years of experience.
7. The Association shall be involved in the process to create any new position.

B. Involuntary Transfers

The Board may transfer or reassign staff member when necessary to best utilize the staff or when it considers such transfer or reassignment to be in the best interest of the District. Before a transfer is made, the Director of Human Resources shall provide both the affected employee and the association written notice of the proposed transfer. In requesting transfers or reassignments the Board agrees to give due consideration to the ability, skills, length of service and other relevant factors of all employees. The administration shall consult with the staff member before a unilateral transfer is made. If the Board transfers or reassigns a staff member to a position falling in a lower pay grade than the one he/she presently holds, he/she shall continue to be compensated in accordance with his/her old pay grade for a period of one year or until such time as he/she may apply for and obtain a position of equal or higher pay grade, whichever comes sooner.

An employee assigned involuntarily to a new position will be provided appropriate training to perform duties assigned. In the event of an involuntary transfer, the DESPA member will be granted a meeting upon request with the appropriate Administrator and may also request an Association representative be in attendance.

C. Position Eliminations

1. When buildings are closed or positions are eliminated, staff members in these buildings and positions retain a position in their classification.

Classification A;

Classification B;

Classification C.

The lay-off will occur beginning with the employee with the least amount of longevity in that classification subgroup. Bumping is respected exclusively within a Classification subgroup, and not across subgroups.

2. An employee displaced (but not RIF'd) as the result of a position being eliminated, that employee will be placed in a vacant position within the same classification and number of days. If no vacancy exists, the employee with the least amount of longevity in that classification subgroup will be RIF'd and the displaced employee will move into that position.
3. Recall will occur in the reverse order of layoff within classification and days worked.
4. If it becomes necessary to close buildings or eliminate positions, the employees in these buildings and positions and those employees with the least amount of service in the district will be given due notice as required by law.
5. If it becomes necessary to eliminate a position because government funds are no longer available, the position being one paid by the government rather than from District No. 61 funds, the two-week notice to which a staff member is entitled shall be paid from District No. 61 funds if necessary.

#### D. Position Evaluation and Classification

The purpose of position evaluation is to determine the content and relative worth of each position and establish internal equity regarding compensation through the position classification plan. The position evaluation approach is a systematic and rational method for rating each position and assigning positions to responsibility groups that reflect their relative value to the District.

##### Procedure:

1. Letter requesting position review sent to Director of Human Resources.
2. Position Evaluation Questionnaires sent to incumbent and incumbent's supervisor.
3. Completed forms returned to Director of Human Resources.
4. Position Evaluation Committee meets in December and July to review requests. Committee is composed of: Director of Human Resources, Business Manager, Assistant Superintendent, & President of DESPA or DESPA designee and DESPA Bargaining Committee Chair.
5. Committee's recommendation sent to Superintendent. Superintendent makes final decision on recommendation.
6. Superintendent will notify incumbents and supervisors of the decision. Notice shall be given in writing within 10 work days of the meeting.
7. If the request is denied, the incumbent will be given the reasons for the denial in writing.
8. If the request is granted, the incumbent's pay will be retroactive to December 1<sup>st</sup> or July 1<sup>st</sup> depending on the date of request.

## **ARTICLE XII: EVALUATION**

### **A. Evaluator**

Office Personnel shall be evaluated by the immediate supervisor.

### **B. Timeline**

1. Probationary employees shall be evaluated before ninety (90) days and again after nine (9) months.
2. Employees new to a position will be evaluated at the end of the current year.
3. After one (1) year of experience, all employees will be evaluated once every two (2) years provided no areas rated needs improvement.

### **C. Response**

Employees shall have the opportunity to write comments of agreement or disagreement on their evaluation.

### **D. Conferences**

Evaluation conferences shall always take place with only the two (2) parties concerned present.

### **E. Documentation**

Any deviation above or below "Acceptable" shall be documented by citing supporting information.

### **F. Joint Committee**

No changes to the evaluation instrument shall occur without prior agreement of the Board/DESPA joint committee on evaluations.

## **ARTICLE XIII: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **A. Jury Duty and Court Appearance**

Any member of the bargaining unit summoned to jury duty or issued a court subpoena shall be paid his/her full salary for each working day of absence, provided that the member pays the District the jury fee or witness fee. Part-time employees would pay back a prorated amount of the jury fee. If payment is not paid within forty (40) days, it will be withheld from subsequent pay. This provision is not applicable if the staff member is a plaintiff against the School District, the Board of Education, or its representative as a result of any legal actions commenced by or on behalf of the Decatur Educational Support Personnel Association, or as the result of any legal actions arising



from collective negotiations between the Decatur Educational Support Personnel Association and the Board of Education.

B. Physical Examinations

Each new employee of the Decatur Public Schools is required to have a complete physical examination at the applicant's expense. A special form for the physical examination of all new employees shall be provided by the Human Resources Office.

C. Acceptance of Gifts

Employees of School District No. 61 are required to comply with the Illinois State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 430/1-1 *et seq.*, and Illinois Gift Ban, 5 ILCS 430/10-10 *et seq.*

D. In-service and Training

1. Each employee shall receive two (2) days per year to attend workshops without loss of pay.
2. There shall be one (1) day annually during which professional development is provided for clerical employees.
3. The District shall support no less than eight (8) hours of on-site training to new and newly promoted employees to be provided by a DESPA member and/or district departments, scheduled at the discretion of both employees' supervisors.

E. Freedom to Request a Conference

Any employee's request for conferences or hearings at any higher level shall not be considered by anyone as a reflection upon the employee. A reasonable use of this procedure is encouraged to the end that all employees, certificated or otherwise, shall enjoy freedom of thought and freedom of communication concerning their profession and the work of the school system, and to the end that ideas may flourish and creative thought be stimulated.

F. Definition of Probationary, Full-Time, Part-Time, Short Term Employees

1. Probationary employee: All new employees shall be considered as probationary employees for the first ninety (90) calendar days of their employment. The Board, through its appointed representative, shall have the right to discharge any employee in such status and no grievance shall arise therefrom.
2. A full-time employee is one who works eight (8) hours daily and is employed the number of weeks required for his/her position as specified in Classification Schedule, Classification of Educational Office Personnel. Full-time employees are eligible for full vacation, holiday, sick leave, and insurance benefits provided by the Board as specified in this Agreement.

3. A part-time employee is one who works less than full time and/or is employed on a continuous basis for the number of weeks required for his/her position as specified on Classification Schedule.

Part-time employees who work twenty (20) hours or more per week are eligible for vacation, sick leave, and holiday benefits calculated on a basis that is consistent with their daily earnings. Part-time employees who work six (6) or more hours per day are entitled to have the Board pay the premium to the extent identified in this agreement in Article IX.C. on their health insurance. Employees who work twenty (20) hours or more per week but less than thirty (30) hours per week are entitled to have the Board pay one-half of the premium on their health insurance if they pay the remaining one-half.

Part-time employees who work less than twenty (20) hours per week are not eligible for vacation, sick leave, holiday or insurance benefits.

4. A short-term employee may or may not work eight (8) hours daily but is not employed on a continuous basis or for the number of weeks required for the position. Short-term employees are not eligible for vacation, holidays, insurance benefits or sick leave.

G. Administering Medication

Employees shall not be required to administer medication; however, employees shall comply with Board policy, asthma episode emergency response protocol, and students' asthma action plans.

#### **ARTICLE XIV: LIMITATIONS**

- A. The Decatur Educational Support Personnel Association and the individual members of the bargaining unit represented by the DESPA agree not to strike.
- B. The Decatur Educational Support Personnel Association and the individual members of the bargaining unit represented by the DESPA agree that they, will not during working hours engage in or encourage or support any strike, slowdown, or other concerted refusal to render full and complete services to the Board.
- C. This Agreement shall not supersede any existing or future laws of the State or Federal Government as they affect the legal operation of the school system by the Board. If any portion of this Agreement is in violation of any law or is declared invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, or shall become inoperative because of any State or Federal law, that portion in disagreement shall be considered null and void, but the remaining portions of this Agreement shall continue in full force until the prescribed termination date.
- D. Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Agreement, the determination and administration of school policy, the operation and management of the schools, and the employment, termination, and direction of employees are vested exclusively in the Board of Education, and that the Board is the legally constituted body for that purpose.

- E. This Agreement shall create no personal or individual contractual obligation or liability on the part of any member or members of the Board of Education.
- F. Waivers - If any waivers become subject to bargaining, at that time we will schedule a meeting to bargain.

#### **ARTICLE XV: MODIFICATION AND WAIVER**

This Agreement may not be modified in whole or in part by the parties except by an instrument in writing duly executed by both parties and no departure from a provision of this Agreement by either party, or by their officers, agents, or representatives, or by members of the negotiating committees, shall be construed to constitute a continuing waiver of the right to enforce such provisions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto set their hands and  
seals this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

DECATUR EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Bargaining Chairperson Robin Bruce

President Michelle Dixon

BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 61

President Billy

Secretary Michelle

Bargaining Chairperson Yvonne Wells

## APPENDIX

3-year agreement, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028.

1. An employee hired by October 1 of the year preceding each year of this agreement shall advance one step. This language shall not read to require step movement outside the 4 years of this agreement unless the parties agree to such movement. Past practice is expressly acknowledged by the parties to be that step movement is not required unless agreed at the conclusion of each contract year, and this language is intended as an express waiver of any status quo which would be contrary to the above.

2. Prior Work Experience Credit

Prior to employment with the District, applicants with prior work experience shall be awarded such work experience if it is related to position duties and responsibilities noted in the relevant job description and verifiable with a copy of a prior job description and by a prior employer (if possible).

Any such work experience must have been within the ten year period immediately prior to proposed employment in the District. New applicants may be granted placement up to step 3 if it meets the provisions of this document. Prior experience above step 3 shall be awarded only with mutual agreement of Director of Human Resources and the DESPA President or DESPA Designee.

Any employee returning from an extended leave of absence will retain full salary placement credit as defined in Article VIII – Extended Leaves of Absence A7.

Any former employee whose prior job was in Classification Schedule of the contract and is re-employed shall be granted full credit for prior District 61 employment.

3. Educational office personnel selected for summer employment shall be paid at the same rate of pay as their regular employment. However, summer employment shall not increase the number of vacation days or sick leave days to which the employee is entitled. Persons hired for summer employment who are not regular District 61 employees shall be paid the current Federal Minimum Wage.
4. The X-step is intended as a one (1) year payment to qualifying retiring employees in recognition of the many years of faithful and dedicated service the employee has given to education in general and to the School District and its students. In order to qualify for an X-step salary rate for the final year of employment, an employee must be eligible for IMRF retirement criteria and have been employed for at least 8-15 years (\$750.00), 16-20 years (\$1250.00), 21-25 years (1750.00), and 26+ years (\$3250.00) with the Decatur Public School District 61. No later than ninety (90) days prior to the anticipated retirement date, employees must have notified the Director of Human Resources in writing that he/she will be retiring upon the specified date. To stay within the IMRF 125% Rule, a payment cycle will be established with payroll.

### CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

<b>A B C</b>	<b>DAYS and HOURS</b>	<b>Position</b>
A	190 4hrs or 8hrs	Pre-K-8 Secretary Main Office Receptionist
A	200 8hrs	Small Learning Communities Secretary Library Secretary Itinerant
B	220 8hrs	Secretary to Safety and Communication Pre-K Grant Secretary Secretary to SEAP Program Principal
B	261 8hrs	Registrar Secretary to the Principal Library Secretary-Collections and Processing Curriculum/Textbook Secretary District Receptionist Mail Clerk Secretary to Coordinator of Health Services Secretary to Assistant Director of Special Education Special Education Student Records
C	261 8hrs	Secretary to Director of Building and Grounds HR Secretary Payroll Analyst Claims Analyst Accounts Payable Analyst Purchasing Analyst Transportation Analyst Secretary to P12 Director of Teaching and Learning Research Data Analyst Secretary to the Director of Student Services Secretary to Student Services and Buildings & Grounds Secretary to the High School Athletic Directors Secretary to the Director of Special Education Secretary to Title IX, Safety and Communications Special Education Claims Analyst Special Education Data Analyst Special Education Fee for Service Analyst Itinerant Secretary



### Wage Schedule/Schedule A

2025-2026				\$1.10	2026-2027				2027-2028			
Step	A	B	C		Step	A	B	C	Step	A	B	C
1	\$19.70	\$20.55	\$21.40		1	\$20.90	\$21.75	\$22.60	1	\$22.15	\$23.00	\$23.85
2	\$19.94	\$20.80	\$21.66		2	\$21.14	\$22.00	\$22.86	2	\$22.39	\$23.25	\$24.11
3	\$20.18	\$21.05	\$21.92		3	\$21.38	\$22.25	\$23.12	3	\$22.63	\$23.50	\$24.37
4	\$20.42	\$21.30	\$22.18		4	\$21.62	\$22.50	\$23.38	4	\$22.87	\$23.75	\$24.63
5	\$20.66	\$21.55	\$22.44		5	\$21.86	\$22.75	\$23.64	5	\$23.11	\$24.00	\$24.89
6	\$20.90	\$21.80	\$22.70		6	\$22.10	\$23.00	\$23.90	6	\$23.35	\$24.25	\$25.15
7	\$21.14	\$22.05	\$22.96		7	\$22.34	\$23.25	\$24.16	7	\$23.59	\$24.50	\$25.41
8	\$21.38	\$22.30	\$23.22		8	\$22.58	\$23.50	\$24.42	8	\$23.83	\$24.75	\$25.67
9	\$21.62	\$22.55	\$23.48		9	\$22.82	\$23.75	\$24.68	9	\$24.07	\$25.00	\$25.93
10	\$21.86	\$22.80	\$23.74		10	\$23.06	\$24.00	\$24.94	10	\$24.31	\$25.25	\$26.19
11	\$22.10	\$23.05	\$24.00		11	\$23.30	\$24.25	\$25.20	11	\$24.55	\$25.50	\$26.45
12	\$22.34	\$23.30	\$24.26		12	\$23.54	\$24.50	\$25.46	12	\$24.79	\$25.75	\$26.71
13	\$22.58	\$23.55	\$24.52		13	\$23.78	\$24.75	\$25.72	13	\$25.03	\$26.00	\$26.97
14	\$22.82	\$23.80	\$24.78		14	\$24.02	\$25.00	\$25.98	14	\$25.27	\$26.25	\$27.23
15	\$23.06	\$24.05	\$25.04		15	\$24.26	\$25.25	\$26.24	15	\$25.51	\$26.50	\$27.49
16	\$23.30	\$24.30	\$25.30		16	\$24.50	\$25.50	\$26.50	16	\$25.75	\$26.75	\$27.75
17	\$23.54	\$24.55	\$25.56		17	\$24.74	\$25.75	\$26.76	17	\$25.99	\$27.00	\$28.01
18	\$23.78	\$24.80	\$25.82		18	\$24.98	\$26.00	\$27.02	18	\$26.23	\$27.25	\$28.27
19	\$24.02	\$25.05	\$26.08		19	\$25.22	\$26.25	\$27.28	19	\$26.47	\$27.50	\$28.53
20	\$24.26	\$25.30	\$26.34		20	\$25.46	\$26.50	\$27.54	20	\$26.71	\$27.75	\$28.79
21	\$24.50	\$25.55	\$26.60		21	\$25.70	\$26.75	\$27.80	21	\$26.95	\$28.00	\$29.05
22	\$24.74	\$25.80	\$26.86		22	\$25.94	\$27.00	\$28.06	22	\$27.19	\$28.25	\$29.31
23	\$24.98	\$26.05	\$27.12		23	\$26.18	\$27.25	\$28.32	23	\$27.43	\$28.50	\$29.57
24	\$25.22	\$26.30	\$27.38		24	\$26.42	\$27.50	\$28.58	24	\$27.67	\$28.75	\$29.83
25	\$25.46	\$26.55	\$27.64		25	\$26.66	\$27.75	\$28.84	25	\$27.91	\$29.00	\$30.09
26	\$25.70	\$26.80	\$27.90		26	\$26.90	\$28.00	\$29.10	26	\$28.15	\$29.25	\$30.35
27	\$25.94	\$27.05	\$28.16		27	\$27.14	\$28.25	\$29.36	27	\$28.39	\$29.50	\$30.61
28	\$26.18	\$27.30	\$28.42		28	\$27.38	\$28.50	\$29.62	28	\$28.63	\$29.75	\$30.87
29	\$26.42	\$27.55	\$28.68		29	\$27.62	\$28.75	\$29.88	29	\$28.87	\$30.00	\$31.13
30	\$26.66	\$27.80	\$28.94		30	\$27.86	\$29.00	\$30.14	30	\$29.11	\$30.25	\$31.39
31	\$26.90	\$28.05	\$29.20		31	\$28.10	\$29.25	\$30.40	31	\$29.35	\$30.50	\$31.65
32	\$27.14	\$28.30	\$29.46		32	\$28.34	\$29.50	\$30.66	32	\$29.59	\$30.75	\$31.91
33	\$27.38	\$28.55	\$29.72		33	\$28.58	\$29.75	\$30.92	33	\$29.83	\$31.00	\$32.17
34	\$27.62	\$28.80	\$29.98		34	\$28.82	\$30.00	\$31.18	34	\$30.07	\$31.25	\$32.43
35	\$27.86	\$29.05	\$30.24		35	\$29.06	\$30.25	\$31.44	35	\$30.31	\$31.50	\$32.69
36	\$28.10	\$29.30	\$30.50		36	\$29.30	\$30.50	\$31.70	36	\$30.55	\$31.75	\$32.95
37	\$28.34	\$29.55	\$30.76		37	\$29.54	\$30.75	\$31.96	37	\$30.79	\$32.00	\$33.21
38	\$28.58	\$29.80	\$31.02		38	\$29.78	\$31.00	\$32.22	38	\$31.03	\$32.25	\$33.47
39	\$28.82	\$30.05	\$31.28		39	\$30.02	\$31.25	\$32.48	39	\$31.27	\$32.50	\$33.73
40	\$29.06	\$30.30	\$31.54		40	\$30.26	\$31.50	\$32.74	40	\$31.51	\$32.75	\$33.99
41	\$29.30	\$30.55	\$31.80		41	\$30.50	\$31.75	\$33.00	41	\$31.75	\$33.00	\$34.25
42	\$29.54	\$30.80	\$32.06		42	\$30.74	\$32.00	\$33.26	42	\$31.99	\$33.25	\$34.51
43	\$29.78	\$31.05	\$32.32		43	\$30.98	\$32.25	\$33.52	43	\$32.23	\$33.50	\$34.77
44	\$30.02	\$31.30	\$32.58		44	\$31.22	\$32.50	\$33.78	44	\$32.47	\$33.75	\$35.03
45	\$30.26	\$31.55	\$32.84		45	\$31.46	\$32.75	\$34.04	45	\$32.71	\$34.00	\$35.29
46	\$30.50	\$31.80	\$33.10		46	\$31.70	\$33.00	\$34.30	46	\$32.95	\$34.25	\$35.55
47	\$30.74	\$32.05	\$33.36		47	\$31.94	\$33.25	\$34.56	47	\$33.19	\$34.50	\$35.81
48	\$30.98	\$32.30	\$33.62		48	\$32.18	\$33.50	\$34.82	48	\$33.43	\$34.75	\$36.07
49	\$31.22	\$32.55	\$33.88		49	\$32.42	\$33.75	\$35.08	49	\$33.67	\$35.00	\$36.33

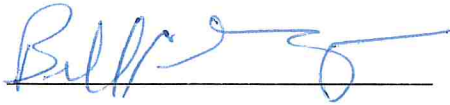
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Board of Education of Decatur Public School No. 61 ("Board") and Decatur Educational Support Personnel Association, IEA/NEA ("DESPA") (and collectively "the parties") reached agreement for the 2025-2028 collective bargaining agreement to include the following language:

Those off schedule (exceeding existing steps) during the 2025-2028 shall receive a \$500 stipend for each year of this agreement. The parties intend this stipend to be a one-time agreement, which will sunset no later than the expiration of the 2025-2028 agreement. *Status quo*, as it is defined pursuant to *Vienna v. IELRB*, 162 Ill.App.3d 503 (1987) is expressly and intentionally waived by the parties, so that if there is no agreement between the parties to extend this agreement or any part hereof beyond the expiration of the 2025-2028 agreement (July 1, 2028), this language and its effect shall sever from the agreement, and the stipend shall be treated as though it never existed. It shall no further inform past practice course of conduct, or any other meaning of the parties' agreement.

Executed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2025.

For Board:



For DESPA:



ATTEST:

