

2024 – 2027

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

AND

TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL NO. 38 (DRIVERS)

Effective
September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2027

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THIS AGREEMENT is by and between EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, hereinafter referred to as the "District" and TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 38, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, hereinafter referred to as the "Union".

ARTICLE 1 – UNION RECOGNITION

The District recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining agent for all full-time and regular part-time Drivers, in Everett School District No. 2 excluding supervisors, confidential employees, and all other employees.

ARTICLE 2 – UNION MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 The District shall notify the Union of any new hire or Employee termination by furnishing the Union each month with the Board personnel report and a list of all new Employees covered by this Agreement, including their addresses, and telephone numbers, rates of pay, as well as any duly executed authorization cards within the District's possession.
- 2.2 Upon receipt of a written authorization individually signed by a bargaining unit Employee, the District shall deduct from the pay of such Employee the amount of dues, representation fees, initiation fees, uniform assessments and delinquent dues as certified by the Union to be uniformly required as a condition of membership in the Union and shall transmit the same to the Union.
- 2.3 Dues deduction and initiation fee authorization by the Employee shall be on a form approved by the parties hereto and any questions regarding membership shall be directed to the Union representative.
- 2.4 The Union shall indemnify, defend and hold the District harmless against any claims made against or any suit instituted against the District on account of any check-off of Union dues, representation fees, or political contributions. The Union shall refund to the District any amounts paid to it in error on account of check-off provision upon presentation of proper evidence thereof.
- 2.5 Democrat, Republican, Independent Voter Education (DRIVE) Contributions: The District agrees to deduct from the paycheck of all Employees covered by this Agreement voluntary contributions to DRIVE upon presentation of written authorization by the Employee. The District shall transmit to DRIVE National Headquarters on a monthly basis, in one check, the total amount deducted, along with the name for each Employee on whose behalf a deduction is made, and the amount deducted from the Employee's paycheck.

- 2.6 The District will provide the Union reasonable access to new Employees of the bargaining unit for the purposes of presenting information about their exclusive bargaining representative to the new Employee. The presentation may occur during a new Employee orientation provided by the District, or at another time mutually agreed to by the District and the Union. The District will provide the Union with reasonable notice of new Employee orientation date and time. No Employee may be mandated to attend the meetings or presentations by the Union. "Reasonable access", for the purposes of this section means; (a) The access to the new Employee occurs within ninety days of the Employee's start date within the bargaining unit; (b) The access is for no less than thirty minutes; and (c) The access occurs during the new Employee's regular work hours at the Employee's regular worksite, or at a location mutually agreed to by the District and Union.
- 2.7 The Union and the District remains committed to obligations under collective bargaining laws, including Chapter 41.56. These commitments include recognition that it would be an unfair labor practice "to interfere with, restrain, or coerce Public Employees in the exercise of their rights guaranteed by this chapter" or "to control, dominate, or interfere with the bargaining representative." RCW 41.56.140. The District agrees to reinforce with its administrators and supervisors the importance of these obligations.

ARTICLE 3 – UNION BUSINESS

- 3.1 When the District and Union agree to schedule a negotiating session or other meeting during the Employee's regular work hours, the Employee shall be released to participate without loss of compensation.
- 3.2 The Union shall have the right to enter the District establishment for the purpose of checking on the operation of this Agreement provided all Union representatives shall check in with the main office of the facility being visited at the beginning of the visit whenever the main office is open for business. This shall not stop the Union from visiting bargaining unit members when the main office is closed. Such visits will not interrupt or delay regularly-scheduled work.
- 3.3 The District shall provide a bulletin board for use of the Union at the District transportation offices in a convenient location approved by the District, and accessible to Employees.
- 3.4 The Union will provide an accurate copy of the current Agreement to each new Employee.
- 3.5 When leave would not seriously impair educational services to students, and upon request of the Union with reasonable advance notice, the District will release a bargaining unit member at the request of the Union for a cumulative total of up to five days per calendar year for Union-related business. The Union shall reimburse the District the total cost of the Employee's salary and benefits upon receipt of an invoice from the District.

ARTICLE 4 – MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- 4.1 It is agreed that the customary and usual rights, powers, functions, and authority of management are vested in management officials of the District.
- 4.2 Except on the extent specifically abridged by the express terms of this Agreement, the Union recognizes the right of the District to hire, transfer, promote, demote, assign and retain Employees and to maintain the discipline and efficiency of its Employees; the rights to lay off, or otherwise relieve Employees from duty because of lack of work for them to do or for other legitimate reasons; the right to establish, change, and direct the methods and processes of doing work and to introduce new and improved work methods or equipment; the right to determine the starting and quitting times and the number of hours worked; the right to make and amend such reasonable rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the conduct of its business, and to require their observance. The exercise of the District's rights stated herein is an exclusive function of management.
- 4.3 The District and Union recognize that the District Employees in this bargaining unit provide transportation for students in certain subpopulations (e.g., some or most of the District's McKinney-Vento/KIT students, highly capable students, ECEAP students and students with disabilities). The District's intent is to continue working to maximize the number of these students on District routes, but which students are assigned to the subcontractor or District routes is fluid and depends on the availability and efficiency of the route. Should the District decide to change its current practice and subcontract all transportation services, the District will provide at least three working months advance notice to the Union (during which time bargaining unit members continue to perform the same work), bargain the impacts of the decision and comply with any legal requirements under RCW 28A.400.285 as now or hereafter amended.

ARTICLE 5 – PROBATION AND SENIORITY

- 5.1 Probationary Period – Regular Employees during their first 90 workdays shall be on probation. The Employee, during the probationary period shall be subject to discharge, with or without just cause at any time.
- 5.2 The District shall post a current seniority list of all Employees in the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement which shall include each Employee's most recent date of hire in a bargaining unit position. Should two or more Employees have the same such date then the following shall be used to determine the Employee's seniority:
- (a) The first day of work with the District including time as a substitute and;
 - (b) If (a) is the same, then seniority shall be determined alphabetically by last name.
- 5.3 An Employee's seniority shall be lost the following:
- (a) Justifiable discharge;
 - (b) Voluntary termination; and/or

(c) Layoff or leave of absence (including medical leaves) exceeding 24 continuous calendar months (including breaks)

- 5.4 Layoffs – When employment levels are reduced due to lack of work, Employees shall be taken off work in reverse order of seniority.

ARTICLE 6 – MINIMUM HOUR GUARANTEES

- 6.1 An “Employee” shall be defined for the purposes of this Article as any individual who is employed by the Employer as a cover Driver or as a Driver who drives a regularly scheduled A.M. (morning) and/or P.M. (afternoon) run and is required to report to the terminal each day and who is eligible to bid.
- 6.2 Employees shall be guaranteed a minimum of two hours and forty-five minutes (2.75 hours) pay for an A.M. run and a minimum of two hours and forty-five minutes (2.75 hours) pay for a P.M. run and 30 minutes per day (including 30 minutes for pre/post trip, fueling and cleaning) with a total minimum guarantee of six hours pay per day. A midday route between the A.M. and P.M. run will be a minimum of one hour in length.
- 6.2.1 Employee’s holding another position within the District and outside this bargaining unit, whose total combined hours of assignment would place the employee into an overtime status shall, in lieu of the above Section 6.2, be guaranteed a minimum of two (2) hours pay for an A.M and P.M. runs. All other protections of Section 6.2 shall apply.
- 6.2.2 If there are forty-five (45) minutes or less between two runs during the course of a Driver’s day, they will be paid for all time between those runs.
- 6.3 Drivers shall be paid their minimum guarantee in Section 6.2 even when a student no shows provided an Employee notifies the Transportation Office and remains available for work to be assigned during the minimum compensated time.
- 6.3.1 Sit Time: In the event a Driver’s route is permanently shortened to less than the amount originally bid, the driver will not have their time reduced, but will be required to be available for work during that time to be compensated for the original bid time. Sit time protections will only be provided until the monthly FTE adjustment.
- 6.3.2 When a Driver’s regular route has been cancelled for that day, the Driver will be placed on “stand by” for their regularly scheduled route time and Drivers shall be paid for such time. Drivers placed on stand-by may be assigned a route, which shall be offered in order of seniority in the event more than one Driver is on stand-by. If the route to be assigned is beyond the Driver’s regular assignment, the Driver must first agree to the assignment. If a Driver declines a route beyond the Driver’s regular assignment, they may be assigned other work by the District. If the District has an available route and no stand-by Driver volunteers, the route will be assigned to the least senior driver on stand-by.
- 6.4 All Employees shall be paid actual time worked beyond the 30 minutes daily for pre-trip, post-trip, fueling, cleaning and bus/van washing. The reason for the extended work time shall be noted on the time sheet. Contracted FTE shall include an assumption of 30 minutes per day for such activities.

- 6.5 When the Transportation Department is faced with the need to temporarily cover an assigned route or part of a route, the Cover Driver must only drive the temporarily vacated bid route and cannot displace another Driver's bid route for the convenience of the District unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by the Transportation Department and the Driver.

ARTICLE 7 – ROUTE BIDDING

- 7.1 Prior to the start of the school year, all Drivers will bid on routes by seniority. Drivers will be allowed to bid on the buses that meet the needs of their route. If the bus doesn't meet the required needs of the bid route the District may assign a bus that fits the needs of the bid route. All known routes will be posted at least two days prior to the bid day for Driver review. During this posting period, management will be available, and Drivers should speak to transportation management with any questions regarding student needs, bus stop locations, choice of roads, bus turn around needs and run times, etc.
- 7.1.1 A minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of mid-day bids shall be offered to Drivers during the annual (August) mid-day bidding process. In the event of changes to those programs generating mid-day routes, which materially impact transportation services, the District reserves the right to terminate the operation of this section following thirty (30) days written notice to the Union.
- 7.1.2 Drivers shall be paid for all time spent or two hours whichever is greater during the annual (August) bid. This shall also apply to the annual Mid-Day bid if that bid is on a separate day.
- 7.2 The District will consider it a priority to obtain information to make route times, assignments, and locations as accurate as possible. Drivers will forward route adjustments to the routing specialist overseeing the route. If changes are confirmed, the District will amend the route time immediately.
- 7.3 The District will ensure adequate time is allocated for loading/unloading based on individual student needs.
- 7.4 At the bid, prior to the start of the school year, a Driver must be present to bid at their designated time. If a Driver is unavailable at the designated time, the Driver may submit written notice to the Transportation Supervisor, or designee, prior to the bid, designating a proxy to bid for him or her.
- 7.5 Drivers who have not made a selection on their bid turn, or are not present and have not designated a written proxy, will be assigned an open route available at the end of the bid process. The District will create bid routes in August equal to or greater than the number of Drivers retained by the District and who were assigned a bid route at the end of each (preceding) school year.
- 7.6 The bid obtained by each Driver during this process will be known as their route for that school year.
- 7.7 Route times and corresponding FTE for allocation of vacation, leaves, holiday pay and monthly pay is determined by the daily average route time worked on the last week of

September and the first week in October. Route times will be reviewed monthly and if a route increases or decreases at least an hour per day for a two week period or more, the FTE will be changed for the purposes of vacation, leaves, holiday pay and monthly pay calculations on the next monthly pay period and the Driver will be notified of any change to their FTE. The Employee's May FTE of the previous school year shall be utilized as their FTE until the contracted assignment worked on the first working day of October each school year.

- 7.7.1 Same day new/extra work will be called out daily over the radio, and will be awarded by seniority. Drivers may only accept the work if they are available to complete the work. The work will be assigned by inverse seniority if no one bids the work.
- 7.8 When students are added or subtracted from routes, or routes are reorganized because a route was vacated or newly created, the District shall offer newly created routes by seniority. Increases or decreases in routes will be implemented by seniority when consistent with geographic and scheduling efficiency.
- 7.9 Vacancies Outside of the School Year – When any job posting is conducted outside of the school-term, all school-term Employees shall be notified of any vacancy prior to the position be permanently filled.

ARTICLE 8 – WAGES AND OVERTIME

- 8.1 All salary warrants shall be directly deposited into a bank account identified by the Employee.
- 8.2 Effective September 1, 2024 wage rates shall be the following:

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Classification	1	2	3	4	6	11	16	20
Drivers	\$28.00	\$29.00	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$32.00	\$33.00	\$34.00	\$35.00
CDL Drivers	\$31.00	\$32.00	\$33.00	\$34.00	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$37.00	\$38.00
Dispatcher/Cover Driver	\$32.00	\$33.00	\$34.00	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$37.00	\$38.00	\$39.00

Effective September 1, 2025 wage rates shall be as follows:

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Dispatcher/Cover Driver	\$33.00	\$34.00	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$37.00	\$38.00	\$39.00	\$40.00

Effective September 1, 2026 wage rates shall be as follows:

Classification	1	2	3	4	6	11	16	20
Drivers	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$32.00	\$33.00	\$34.00	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$37.00
CDL Drivers	\$33.00	\$34.00	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$37.00	\$38.00	\$39.00	\$40.00
Dispatcher/Cover Driver	\$34.00	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$37.00	\$38.00	\$39.00	\$40.00	\$41.00

- 8.3 Drivers without a CDL with school bus endorsement shall receive \$3.00/hour less than the CDL rate. Drivers assigned to the position of Cover Driver shall receive an additional \$1.00/hour over the CDL Driver rate.
- 8.4 For the 2024-25 school year, effective September 1, the CDL Driver base wage rate (Year 1) shall be increased by the amount specified above in Section 8.2. For the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, effective September 1 of each year, the CDL Driver base wage rate (Year 1) shall be increased by one dollar (\$1.00). However, if the percentage of increase for classified employees authorized by the Legislature (IPD) is greater than the negotiated general wage increase for that year, as measured against the Year 6 CDL Driver rate proposed wage rate, the District shall instead apply the IPD to improve Year 6 CDL Driver wage rate and thereafter apply the uniform one (1) dollar step differential to all preceding and succeeding steps. Annually the wage rates of other positions (Non-CDL Driver and Cover Driver) shall be improved separately in accordance with Section 8.3.
- 8.5 Beginning September 1, 2024, the parties agree to adopt the following steps: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 6, Year 11, Year 16, Year 20. Step placement shall be determined based on years of experience, within the District as a Driver or comparable driving experience, as per past practice and as required by law. Such determinations shall be applied in a uniform manner.

ARTICLE 9 – HOLIDAYS

- 9.1 The District shall observe the following holidays:
- Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day After Thanksgiving, Day before Christmas, Christmas Day, Day After Christmas, New Year's Eve Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day.
- 9.2 Employees shall be paid for those holidays that fall within their assigned work year. Pay for the holiday shall be prorated for less than full-time Employees.

ARTICLE 10- VACATION

- 10.1 Vacation days shall be paid (added to annual compensation) in lieu of vacation time on the following schedule:

1 st through 2 nd years	8 days
3 rd through 4 th years	9 days
5 th through 6 th years	11 days
7 th through 8 th years	12 days
9 th through 10 th years	13 days
11 th through 12 th years	14 days
13 th through 14 th years	15 days
15 th through 18 th years	16 days
19 th plus years	17 days

The standard Driver calendar is 191 days per year. Drivers working less than the standard calendar will have their vacation pay pro-rated.

A Driver's regularly assigned route may serve students on a different student calendar from the Everett Public School District student calendar. Drivers may take time off, without pay, and without using paid leaves, to observe the calendar(s) of the students on their assigned route, provided all students on their assigned route do not require service. This language applies to regularly calendared events: spring break, early release, non-student days, etc. Drivers may choose to work on these days and shall be used to perform available work, and the guarantees of Section 6.2 shall apply.

ARTICLE – 11 HEALTH AND WELFARE

- 11.1 The District shall offer all health insurance programs through the state-mandated School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB). Insurance plans, Employee eligibility rules, Employer funding, and Employee contribution rates are set by SEBB in accordance with a bargained agreement between the state and a statewide coalition of school employees. Current eligibility rules, for example, provide a full benefit plan for any Employee who is anticipated to work 630 hours per year.
- 11.2 The District shall provide information to Employees regarding insurance plan options during the annual open enrollment period.
- 11.3 Industrial Insurance. The District shall make required contributions for State Industrial Insurance on behalf of the Employees.

ARTICLE 12 – LEAVES OF ABSENCE

12.1 SICK LEAVE

- 12.1.1 Each Employee shall be entitled to 12 days of compensated leave each year to be used for illness, injury and emergencies, which shall be accrued on an annual basis. These days shall be front-loaded each September 1. Unused Illness, injury, and emergency leave will accumulate from year to year in accordance with State Law. Accumulation shall be limited to 180 days unless altered by the State Statute.
- 12.1.2 Employees who leave the employ of the District shall reimburse the District for all days used but not earned. Employees assigned less than a full student school year shall be entitled to such leave on a pro rata basis.
- 12.1.3 To the extent provided by law, new Employees who have previously accrued sick leave while employed by another public school district in the state of Washington, shall be given credit for the unused portion of such accrued sick leave upon employment by the District.

12.2 PERSONAL LEAVE

- 12.2.1 Each Employee is entitled to three paid days of leave for personal reasons. These days shall not be deducted from sick or emergency leave. This leave shall be credited on September 1. This leave must be approved 48 hours in advance. Drivers may roll-over one (1) unused day each year and may maintain a personal leave balance of not more than four (4) days. The Employee's supervisor may decline the use of this leave to extend holidays or breaks. The Employee's supervisor may decline the request if more than one Employee requests the same day.

12.3 FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE

- 12.3.1 Family and Medical Leave shall be provided consistent with state and federal law.

12.4 EMERGENCY LEAVE

- 12.4.1 Up to three days of accumulated illness, injury and emergency leave may be used each year for emergencies subject to the following conditions:
- (a) The problem must have been suddenly precipitated and must be of such a nature that preplanning is not possible or that preplanning could not relieve the necessity for the absence.
 - (b) An Employee, upon approval of his/her building or program administrator, may use up to one day of emergency leave to attend the funeral of a close friend.
- 12.4.2 A written application for emergency leave must be submitted to the Human Resources Department on the day of return to work.

12.5 COORDINATION WITH INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE

- 12.5.1 Employees suffering illness or injury compensable under the District's self-insured industrial insurance shall be allowed to use illness, injury or emergency leave to the amount of their accumulated days, consistent with the Employee's choice of one of the following three options:
- (a) The industrial insurance payment only;
 - (b) The industrial insurance payment, plus proportionate leave to equal the Employee's regular salary; or
 - (c) The industrial insurance payment, plus one full day of paid leave for each day of absence.

12.6 BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

- 12.6.1 A maximum of five days paid bereavement leave will be allowed for each death of the following members of an Employee's immediate family or the immediate family of his or her spouse: spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, sibling, grandchild, grandparent, or any of these family members related to the Employee in a step-or in-law relationship, or anyone who is considered part of the family with whom the Employee resides or

previously resided. An Employee may use up to one day of emergency leave or unpaid leave to attend the funeral of a close friend.

12.7 SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCRETION

- 12.7.1 The Superintendent shall have the right to add to the number of days allowed for such leaves and other compelling personal matters. It is intended that this provision will be used in unusual or extraordinary circumstances, at the sole discretion of the Superintendent.

12.8 JURY DUTY OR SUBPOENA

- 12.8.1 Leave with pay shall be granted for jury duty. Employees shall notify the District when notification to serve on jury duty is received. Upon request, the Employee may secure support from the District office in seeking relief from jury duty when it interferes with obligations to their District assignment.
- 12.8.2 An Employee who is subpoenaed as a witness in a legal proceeding shall be granted leave with pay, but with witness fees, if any, remitted to the District; provided that if said Employee is subpoenaed in a case brought or supported by the Union or as witness with a direct or indirect interest in the proceedings, leave shall be granted without pay. In no event shall the District grant an Employee more than two days of paid leave for any separate legal proceeding.

12.9 PUBLIC HEALTH

- 12.9.1 Any Employee who must be excluded from his or her work site as a result of an order by the Public Health Department relating to an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease, and who has submitted to the District a claim of either a religious objection to, or a medical exemption from, the necessary immunization, shall suffer no loss of pay as a result of the exclusion, provided: (1) the Employee accepts an assignment to an alternative work site as identified by the District during the period of exclusion; or (2) the Employee utilizes his or her accrued sick leave if no alternative worksite is identified. In the event that an alternative worksite is unavailable, and the Employee's accrued sick leave is exhausted, the District will provide the Employee leave with full pay until an alternative worksite is available. If an Employee asserts an exemption as described above, he or she may be asked to provide the District with a verification of the exemption.
- 12.9.2 Any Employee who does not provide documentation of his or her immunization and subsequently is excluded from his or her worksite as a result of an order by the Public Health Department shall be offered the options above, provided the Employee provides the District with proof of attempts to obtain the documentation or vaccinations.
- 12.9.3 In the case of an emergency due to an outbreak of an infectious disease declared by a state or national health authority, the District and Union will meet to negotiate any impacts on wages, hours and working conditions including, but not limited to, changes to assignments, safe working conditions, approved leaves, and designation as essential workers.

12.10 MILITARY LEAVE

12.10.1 The District shall provide military leave to members of the state and national armed forces and their family members in accordance with state and federal law.

12.11 RELIGIOUS LEAVE

12.11.1 Religious accommodation leave may be requested and will be administered consistent with RCW 1.16.050(3).

12.12 VEBA/SICK LEAVE CASHOUT

12.12.1 The District has adopted a VEBA health reimbursement arrangement pursuant to RCW 28A.400.210 and the District agrees to make contributions to VEBA on behalf of all Employees in the bargaining unit who are eligible to participate in the arrangement. Eligibility is limited to Employees who retire or separate with sick leave cash-out rights during the term of this agreement. All eligible Employees will be required to open a VEBA account and complete a hold harmless agreement complying with RCW 28A.400.210. If an eligible Employee fails to complete such agreement, the District will not make sick leave cash-out contributions to the Plan on behalf of that Employee at any time during the term of this agreement, and any and all excess sick leave which, in the absence of this agreement, would accrue to such Employee during the term of the Agreement shall be forfeited together with all cash rights that pertain to such excess sick leave.

ARTICLE 13 – RETIREMENT

13.1 All eligible Employees will participate in the School Employees' Retirement System.

13.2 If the Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust changes its terms so that there is no withdrawal liability for employers, the bargaining unit will be allowed to vote to divert a portion of their wages to the WCTPT.

ARTICLE 14 – GENERAL CONDITIONS

14.1 The District will provide all equipment necessary to complete all necessary functions of the job. This includes but is not limited to step stools, safety vests, tire check equipment, first aid kits, personal protective equipment including masks, latex and non-latex gloves, a body fluid clean-up kit, etc.

14.2 The District will pay the out-of-pocket cost of all DOT physical exams or tests required for any state or federal licenses as a Driver. Employee's may use authorized paid leaves, including paid sick leave, for time spent at a DOT physical.

14.3 The District shall pay any out-of-pocket costs for all CDL endorsements, including abstracts and certifications, as a Driver. The District will make every effort to offer annual classes and paid class time to any Driver that requests to make a change to their certification.

- 14.4 Should the District find that they are unable to offer an annual CDL training due to lack of available trainers and a trainer position is made available within the Transportation Department during the life of this agreement, this job shall be posted and available for all to apply. No Driver shall be required to transport any student whose IEP requires a paraeducator be present with the student on a District vehicle without such a paraeducator present during the transportation of the student. Driver input on the need for paraeducator supervision of a student on the bus shall be shared with the Transportation Department supervisor who will forward the information to the student's IEP case manager for consideration by all members of the student's IEP team. No Driver shall be retaliated against for bringing forward safety concerns.
- 14.5 When the District has knowledge that a student has exhibited or has a history of violent or threatening behavior (whether the student has an IEP or not), the District will promptly identify such students to Drivers. When the transportation office has knowledge, the Driver will be notified prior to being assigned to drive such student. To assist in avoiding injury to staff and students, sufficient confidential information will be shared with Employees in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as now or hereafter amended. The District will provide a paraeducator to ride with the student when necessary to maintain the safety of the Driver or other students.
- 14.6 The Transportation Department agrees to include a training segment each year during In-Service Day that addresses and prepares Drivers for their roles and expectations in driving students with disabilities or a history of violent or threatening behavior, including appropriate interventions for violent or dangerous incidents that happen while the student is in a District vehicle. Drivers hired after the beginning of the school year will be provided this training before driving a route that includes students with these needs. The District will engage Drivers during the 2021-22 school year to develop improvements in the bus conduct referral process.
- 14.7 The District representative/administrative designee in student IEP meetings shall be trained to review and assess the need for transportation recommendations in IEPs and will be expected to provide that perspective in the IEP meeting. Drivers will be notified of any student on their route with a behavior intervention plan (BIP) or emergency response protocol (ERP). Current copies of the BIPs and ERPs will be stored at the transportation office in accordance with FERPA protocols and shared with Drivers upon request.
- 14.8 Drivers shall be paid for any training or other hours worked as required by state or federal law.
- 14.9 The District shall provide a phone number that Employees may call after regular District business hours in cases of emergency or for Employees to be able to get direction from a manager.
- 14.10 The District shall provide adequate lighting and security at District transportation facilities. Any unaddressed concerns regarding adequate lighting and security shall be identified first through the labor/management committee.
- 14.11 Labor/Management Committee. A committee consisting of three representatives of the Union designated by the Union and three representatives of the Employer shall meet as

needed to discuss matters of mutual concern. The labor/management committee will not be used as a replacement for negotiations or the grievance process.

14.12 In the event the District closes for a weather-related event and does not provide notice to the Employee on its current notification system by 5:00 A.M. (no later than 5:30 A.M.) and the Employee has already reported to work, the Driver will be paid a minimum of two hours at their regular rate of pay.

14.12.1 When school is delayed by 2 hours due to a weather-related event, Driver's regular report times shall be delayed by ninety (90) minutes.

ARTICLE 15 – DISCIPLINE AND SEVERANCE OF EMPLOYMENT

15.1 Discipline or Discharge – The District shall not discipline an Employee without just cause, including the principles of progressive discipline. Employees retain all due process rights of public school Employees under the federal constitution (Loudermill rights) as well as Washington state law (Weingarten and sufficient cause rights).

15.2 The District shall give at least one written disciplinary action before suspending or discharging Employees, except for just cause stated above. The District and Union agree that matters of minor concern that are documented in a disciplinary notice should not form the basis for more serious forms of corrective action when significant time has passed since issuing the original written discipline. The parties also agree that the length of time involved since the original written discipline and the nature of the subsequent disciplinary action should be relative to the seriousness of the underlying misconduct.

15.3 Employees have the right to attach comments to disciplinary notices which are placed in their personnel files. Upon written request of the Employee to the executive director of human resources, written warnings and reprimands which are more than three years old shall be removed from the Employee's personnel file, unless the material refers to behavior of serious nature which could include but not be limited to inappropriate behavior with students and criminal acts and sexual harassment, provided there are no other disciplinary notices in his/her file.

ARTICLE 16 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

16.1 A grievance shall be defined as a dispute between the District and an Employee or the Union which may arise because of interpretation, application, or alleged violation of any specific terms or provisions of this Agreement. Only the Union may file and pursue a grievance on behalf or in its representative capacity for a bargaining unit member.

16.2 Definitions:

(a) GRIEVANT: A grievant is an Employee or, in the case of the Union's contractual rights, the Union.

(b) DAYS: Days in the procedure are calendar days, not including weekends or holidays.

- 16.3 Timeliness: Grievances shall be processed in the following manner and within the stated time limits. Time limits provided in this procedure may be extended only by mutual written agreement.
- 16.3.1 Failure on the part of the District at any step of this procedure to communicate the decision on a grievance within the specific or mutually extended time limits shall permit the grievant to lodge an appeal at the next step of this procedure.
- 16.3.2 Failure of the grievant (Employee or Union) to present or proceed with the grievance within the specified or mutually extended time limits will render the grievance waived.
- 16.4 Representation: The Union shall act as the representative of the grievant at all stages of the procedure after Step 1. The determination of whether to process, settle, or drop such grievances shall be made exclusively by the Union.
- 16.5 Process:

Step 1: Submission of the grievance to supervisor.

Within 30 days following the occurrence of the event giving rise to the grievance, or 30 days after the event is known, or reasonably should have been known, the Employee shall attempt to resolve the grievance informally with the immediate supervisor. If the matter is not resolved to satisfaction of the Employee or Union, the grievance may be submitted in writing to the immediate supervisor within the same timeline. The written statement of grievance shall identify the section(s) of the Agreement alleged to have been violated, the facts relevant to the grievance, and the remedy requested. The immediate supervisor shall respond in writing to the written statement of grievance within ten days of the written grievance.

Step 2: Written submission of the grievance to the Superintendent or his/her designee.

If the grievance is not resolved at Step 1, it shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent or his/her designee within 14 days after the receipt of the informal response. The written grievance shall identify the section(s) of the Agreement alleged to have been violated, the facts relevant to the grievance, and the remedy requested, and reasons why the supervisor's written response was incorrect. The parties shall meet to attempt to resolve the issue. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall issue a written response, including his/her decision and reasons therefore within 14 calendar days of receipt of a complaint. If a settlement is not reached, the Union may move the grievance to Step 3.

Step 3: Arbitration.

If no settlement is reached in Step 2, the Union may request that the matter be submitted to an arbitrator within 14 days of the decision in Step 2.

- A. Written notice of a request for arbitration shall be made to the Superintendent within 14 days of receipt of the disposition letter at Step 2.

- B. The arbitrator shall be limited to determining whether there has been a violation, misinterpretation or improper application of the terms and conditions of this Agreement as identified in Step 1 or 2 of the grievance process and the appropriate remedy.
 - C. When a timely request has been made for arbitration, the parties shall attempt to select an impartial arbitrator to hear and decide the particular case. If the parties are unable to agree to an arbitrator within the ten days after submission of the written request for arbitration, a list of 7 arbitrators shall be requested from PERC. The parties shall alternately strike names until one arbitrator remains and that arbitrator shall hear the case. The party that will strike first name shall be determined by coin toss.
 - D. Arbitration proceedings shall be in accordance with the following:
 - 1. Each party shall pay any compensation and expenses relating to its own witnesses or representatives including attorney's fees.
 - 2. All other costs related to this process, including the fees of the arbitrator, shall be borne 50% by the District and 50% by the Union.
 - 3. The total cost of the stenographic record, if requested, will be paid by the party requesting it. If the other party also requests a copy, that party will pay one-half of the stenographic cost.
 - E. Responding to a grievance by a District representative shall not be construed as a concession or agreement by the District that the grievance constitutes an arbitrable issue or is properly subject to the grievance process under the terms of this Article.
- 16.6 Binding Effect of Award: All decisions arrived at under the provisions of this Article by the representatives of the District and the Union at Steps 1 & 2, or by the arbitrator, shall be final and binding on both parties; provided, however, that in arriving at such decisions neither of the parties nor the arbitrator shall have the authority to alter this Agreement in whole or in part.
- 16.7 Limits of the Arbitrator: the arbitrator cannot order the District to take action contrary to law or the terms of this Agreement. Grievance claims for retroactive compensation shall be limited to 60 calendar days prior to written submission of the grievance at Step 1; provided, however, that this limitation may be waived by mutual consent of the parties.
- 16.8 Freedom From Reprisal: There will be no reprisals against the grievant or others as a result of his/her participation in this process.

ARTICLE 17 – NO STRIKE NO LOCKOUT

- 17.1 The District agrees that there shall be no lockout during the term of this Agreement.
- 17.2 The Union, its officials and members and all Employees covered hereby agree that no Employee shall engage in or be part of any strike, stoppage of work, slowdown, picketing, or economic action against the District for any reason during the life of this Agreement, nor shall the Union engage in any such activity.

ARTICLE 18 – SEVERABILITY

- 18.1 In the event that any provision of the Agreement shall at any time be declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or through government regulations or decree, such decision shall not invalidate the entire Agreement, it being the express intention of the parties hereto that all other provisions not declared invalid shall remain in full force and effect. In such event and upon request by either party, the parties shall meet for renegotiation of such invalid provisions of the purpose of adequate and lawful replacement thereof.

ARTICLE 19 – DURATION

- 19.1 This Agreement shall be effective on September 1, 2024 until August 31, 2027 and shall remain in full force and effect from year-to-year thereafter unless either party to this Agreement serves notice as provided herein. At least 60 days prior to the expiration date of this Agreement, the Union or the District shall have the right to open this Agreement for purposes of negotiations.


This Agreement is entered into this 4th day of December 2024.

Everett School District No. 2

Teamsters Local Union No. 38



Dr. Ian B. Saltzman, Superintendent



Samantha Kantak, Secretary-Treasurer