

Dr. Michael Greenlee, Superintendent
Ms. Melissa Geyman, Director of Business Services

## Memorandum of Understanding

## COVID-19 Leave Days & Special Limited Leaves of Absence

The District and the Association wish to support the NBESS staff members during the unprecedented COVID-19 Pandemic. To that end, the parties agree to follow the federal guidelines of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)

**Special Limited Leave of Absence (SLLOA) Option**: The District shall provide a "Special Limited Leave of Absence" ("SLLOA") option to a support staff member in accordance with the following terms:

1.) Definition

A "Special Limited Leave of Absence" is defined as an unpaid leave of absence for one (1) school year, which a support staff member may elect to participate in for the duration of the 2020/21 school year only.

2.) Eligibility-

To be eligible for an SLLOA, a support staff member must submit an irrevocable request for a SLLOA no later than August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, which may not be rescinded or revoked at any time after submission.

3.) Unpaid Leave Terms

A support staff member on a SLLOA shall not receive any salary; IMRF service credit, other compensation or District-paid benefits or salary schedule advancement for the 2020/21 school year. The support staff member may elect to continue participating in the single, spouse, family District's insurance plan at his/her own expense during the 2020/21 school year.

4.) Required Notification of Return

A support staff member on a SLLOA must notify the District, in writing, of his/her intention to return for the 2021/22 school year no later March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Failure to notify the District in accordance with this provision shall be considered evidence of the support staff member's resignation of employment with the District.

5.) Support staff members on approved leaves will retain seniority.

6.) Support staff members will not advance on the salary schedule while on the approved leave of absence without pay.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be expressly non-precedential and will not be binding or enforceable in any school years other than the 2020/21 School Year.

## **Remote Teaching Agreement**

- 1. During full E-Learning the District will provide a Remote Teaching Option to support staff who qualify under the FFCRA guidelines 1-6.
- 2. If the district is doing a hybrid of In-Person and Remote Learning, then;
  - o First availability of remote teaching/learning support positions will be offered to medically fragile employees providing medical documentation if qualified for the positions offered and if accommodations can be made.

## **Other Pandemic Agreements**

- During the 2020-21 school year, extra-curricular stipends will be paid to those activities that are held
- NBCUSD will ensure that each worksite has adequate PPE (face shields, gloves, masks, gowns, etc), cleaning supplies, soap, disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer.
- NBCUSD will provide training for employees on proper safety protocols; how to use safety equipment and supplies safely and properly; how to de-escalate situations in which students refuse to follow protocols; and how to handle other situations unique to COVID-19 such as reporting and dealing with suspected cases and privacy rights.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall not modify, amend, or supersede the terms or conditions set forth in the 2020 - 2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement. This Memorandum of Understanding is agreed to and authorized by the signatures of the parties' representatives as set forth below.

North Boone Education Support Staff President

Date

North Boone CUSD #200 Superintendent

Date