

CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE
FAYETTEVILLE MANLIUS SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND THE
FAYETTEVILLE MANLIUS SCHOOL DISTRICT
CUSTODIAL-MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

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AGREEMENT

Between Fayetteville-Manlius Central School District ("District") and Fayetteville-Manlius Custodial-Maintenance Association ("Association") to govern the terms and conditions of employment and the administration of grievances arising thereunder.

ARTICLE I RECOGNITION

The District agrees that the Association is the exclusive bargaining agency for all custodians, cleaners, grounds persons and maintenance employees of the District ("Employees"), except for those with title of Supervisor, a supervisory position with the title of level III, temporary, per diem, casual, or seasonal employees.

ARTICLE II DEFINITION

- A. Full-time Employee shall be any Employee regularly employed for not less than twenty (20) nor more than forty (40) hours per week and twelve (12) months per year.

Custodial Helper	Groundskeeper
Custodial Worker I	Heavy Equipment Mechanic
Custodial Worker II	Maintenance Helper
Custodian I	Maintenance Worker I
Custodian II	Maintenance Worker II
Driver-Messenger	Maintenance Mechanic II
Grounds Crew Leader	Motor Equipment Operator

- B. School Year shall be the period of July 1 through June 30.

- C. CUSTODIAL AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

The Custodial and Maintenance Departments have been structured to provide for the most efficient and effective operation.

All custodians, custodial workers, and custodial helpers will report directly to the Head Custodian for daily operations and custodial duties. While individuals with higher civil service titles, such as Custodian I, may have oversight responsibilities, the Head Custodian will remain the primary point of accountability for custodial operations. Requests for vacation time, sick time, and similar matters will be initiated with the head custodian.

1. The Head Custodian will be directly responsible to:
 - a. The District-wide Designated Supervisor for matters of personnel/staffing, purchasing, cleaning methods, District expectations and standards to meet the needs of the District.
 - b. The Building Administrator for daily operations to meet the needs of the school, purchasing, cleanliness and general appearance of the building.
 - c. The District-wide Designated Supervisor for matters of building repairs/maintenance, mechanical functioning and coordinating ground care.
2. All maintenance workers, grounds persons, driver messengers, motor equipment operators and heavy equipment mechanics will be directly responsible to the District-wide Designated Supervisor.
3. Custodial and Maintenance Departments will be directly responsible to the District-wide Designated Supervisor or Director of Facilities.

D. BUILDING CHECKS

1. In order to maintain acceptable building conditions during weekends and holidays, the Custodian I ("C1") assigned to work the day shift in each District building shall inspect their building per a monthly schedule kept by the District-wide Designated Supervisor. When the day shift C1 is not available for a check(s), they shall, for scheduling purposes, canvas their own building custodians first for the following month's availability. The day C1 will forward a calendar of availability to the District-wide Designated Supervisor no later than 1 week prior to the beginning of the month. The District-wide Designated Supervisor shall canvas all Association members trained in the procedure for volunteers to conduct any remaining building check. Should no volunteer be found, the building check shall be done by the Custodian I assigned to work the night shift in that building.
2. A member is ineligible for building check if they scheduled the day off prior to or after a weekend or holiday when a building check is required.
3. Any member conducting a building check as described above shall receive one and one-half (1-½) hours of pay at the C1 permanent contractual hourly rate. In the event such inspection reveals an emergency situation which must be corrected immediately, they shall receive the applicable rate for the hours actually worked to correct the situation.
4. Any member checking all the buildings or more than one building shall receive the applicable rate for the hours actually worked to check the buildings.

5. Any member checking buildings during their normal work hours will be paid normal pay.

ARTICLE III RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. The parties agree that reasonable Rules and Regulations made by the District, including the qualifications for employment, disciplinary measures and other pertinent matters relating to the maintenance of buildings and equipment shall be observed and respected by all Employees.
- B. A copy of these Rules and Regulations shall be made available by the District to all Employees.
- C. DISCIPLINE
 1. Discipline of unit employees for violation of Rules and Regulations shall be according to NYS Civil Service Law Section 75 (hereafter referred to as Section 75) for those employees who have such protection by operation of NYS Civil Service Law.
 2. Discipline of unit employees for violation of Rules and Regulations who are not provided Section 75 protection by NYS Civil Service Law shall be provided Section 75 protection after five (5) years of consecutive service with the District. However, with respect to unit employees described in C(2) only:
 - a. It is mutually agreed that the penalties related to minor violations as stated in the Rules and Regulations are necessary for an orderly and efficient operation. The parties agree that the District may impose discipline up to and in accordance with the departmental Rules and Regulations.
 - b. The parties further understand and agree that this provision constitutes an explicit waiver from all of the procedures set forth under Section 75 of the NYS Civil Service Law for those unit members otherwise entitled with regard to discipline of up to and including five (5) unpaid days suspension.
 - c. In those cases where discipline is to exceed five days suspension, employees not covered by NYS Civil Service Section 75 rights shall be provided Section 75 protection after five years of consecutive service with the District.
- D. In the event the Rules and Regulations conflict with the Contract, the Contract will prevail.

ARTICLE IV COMPENSATION

A. WAGES

Wages shall be in accordance with Schedule "A" and attached to and made a part of the Agreement.

B. OVERTIME

1. Time and one-half ("Overtime") shall be paid for all hours worked:
 - a. In excess of forty (40) in any work week. An employee shall be credited with the number of hours for which (s)he receives holiday pay as hours during the week in which the holiday falls.
 - b. All overtime has to be first approved by the employee's immediate supervisor.
2. Double time shall be paid for all hours worked on holidays, set forth in Article V hereof, provided that the employee is eligible for holiday pay, and provided that during the week in which the holiday falls the employee has been credited with working not less than forty (40) hours. An employee will be considered to have worked during a holiday when the majority of their hours worked were completed on the actual calendar date of the applicable holiday.
3. Should an occasion occur that requires staff to work outside their normal work hours, the District shall first ask for qualified volunteers. If no qualified volunteers are available, the lowest senior qualified member will be required to perform the duties for overtime. In the case of parking, the lowest senior grounds person shall be required to perform the duties for overtime. In the case of pipe watch duty, such overtime opportunities shall be offered first to custodians regularly assigned to work in the building by order of seniority.
4. It is expressly understood that no overtime on overtime shall be paid.

C. MILEAGE

If in the course of employment, it is necessary for an Employee to use his/her own vehicle, employee shall be reimbursed for mileage at the rate set by the Board of Education to cover use of a personal vehicle, provided that:

1. Prior to making trip the Employee obtains the permission of the District-wide Designated Supervisor to make the trip, and
2. The Employee files a trip sheet on the form required by the District substantiating the trip.

D. PAID MEETINGS

Members must attend orientation, awareness, in service, or training meetings in accordance with local, state or federal requirements as to employee or student health, safety, or welfare. These meetings may be held outside of the normal workday with pay.

E. WORK OUTSIDE OF REGULAR SHIFT

Employees called in to work outside of their regular shift in order to address an emergency will be paid a minimum of three (3) hours. Employees called at home to conduct school business on laptop for less than one (1) hour will receive one (1) hour of overtime. Any work exceeding one (1) hour will be paid overtime for actual time worked.

F. CUSTODIAN LUNCH PAY

When school is in session, dayshift custodians working without backup in their buildings that remain on premises during their lunch break will work an eight (8) hour work day including a half (1/2) hour paid lunch. If a custodian takes a lunch break off premises, it will be an unpaid half (1/2) hour lunch.

G. SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

1. Third Shift Differential

A third shift differential of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour shall be paid.

2. Weekend Shift Differential

The District shall provide normal pay plus one dollar (\$1.00) per hour for all regularly scheduled non-Monday through Friday workers. This does not include existing third shift employees whose last scheduled day of work in the week begins Friday evening and ends Saturday morning. An additional stipend shall be paid to employees with longevity as follows:

6-10 years	\$0.10
11-15	\$0.15
16-20	\$0.20
21+	\$0.25

H. PROBATIONARY PERIOD

All employees hired after September 20, 1993, will be placed on the appropriate probationary rate for fifty-two (52) weeks after which the employee will be placed on the permanent rate. Per Civil Service Rule XIV, in case of employees hired promotionally or as non-competitive/labor successive permanent appointments within the District, probationary terms will not exceed twenty-six (26) weeks.

I. LONGEVITY

1. Stipends for longevity payable will be paid non-cumulative as follows:

0-1 year	N/A
1-5 years	\$323.00
6-10 years	\$594.00
11-15 years	\$701.00
16-20 years	\$782.00
21-25 years	\$863.00
Over 25 years	\$1160.00

2. The stipends will be payable annually in a payroll on or before November 30th commencing with the first fiscal year after completion of one (1) year from date of hire.

J. TEMPORARY UPGRADE

1. If an employee is assigned to a position, the newly assigned employee will be approved for the higher, upgraded rate of pay for the minimal title required to get the work done beginning on the fifth (5th) day of such assignment. The upgraded rate of pay will be retroactive to the first (1st) day of assignment if the assignment lasts five (5) days or longer.
 - a. When a permanent employee takes on a temporary assignment, he/she will be paid the higher of their current rate of pay or the permanent rate of the newly assigned position.
 - b. When a probationary employee takes on a temporary assignment, he/she will be paid the higher of their current rate of pay or the probationary rate of the newly assigned position.
2. If a temporarily upgraded position assignment lasts thirty (30) or more days, the assigned employee's paid time off (sick, vacation, personal, etc.) will be compensated at the higher of their current rate of pay or the permanent/probationary rate of pay of the assigned upgrade as outlined above.

K. HEAD CUSTODIAN

Unit members designated by the District as Head Custodian shall be compensated at a rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour in addition to their regular hourly rate.

**ARTICLE V
HOLIDAYS**

- A. Each full-time Employee shall be paid his/her normal daily rate for his/her regular daily hours for thirteen (13) holidays, scheduled by mutual agreement of the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services and the Association President, and two (2) floating holidays, the scheduling of which must be approved by the District-wide designated supervisor at least three (3) days in advance. The District will notify the Association President as to the identity of the District-wide Supervisor and any changes thereafter made in such designation.
- B. Should any scheduled holidays fall on the regular day off for any permanently assigned non-Monday through Friday workers, the holiday shall be rescheduled by mutual agreement between the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services and the Association President.
- C. To be eligible for holiday pay an Employee must have worked all hours for which (s)he is scheduled to work on the day preceding and the day following such holiday. In the event an Employee has a bona fide illness which prevents him/her from working on the day preceding or on the day following a holiday, the District may, at its discretion, pay the Employee holiday pay. In the case of an Employee so claiming illness as the cause for his/her being absent prior to or following a holiday the District will request from him/her proof of such illness to substantiate the claim of illness.
- D. For each school year the District will supply to the Association President, a list of the holidays for that particular school year.

**ARTICLE VI
VACATIONS**

- A. A full-time Employee only shall receive the amount of vacation set forth below, provided (s)he has completed the period of continuous employment prior to the date on which (s)he takes his/her vacation. For each week's vacation due him/her pursuant to the schedule set forth below, (s)he shall receive pay at his/her regular hourly rate for his/her regular weekly hours.
 - 1. Earned vacation is credited on July 1st of each succeeding fiscal year of employment.
 - 2. Vacation days may be used in quarter (1/4) day increments.

Completed Years of Service as of July 1	Amount of Vacation
0 (less than one [1] year)	One (1) day for each month or major portion thereof worked prior to June 30 up to a maximum of ten (10) days.
1	10 days
2	10 days
3	10 days
4	10 days
5	10 days
6	11 days
7	12 days
8	13 days
9	14 days
10	15 days
11	16 days
12	17 days
13	18 days
14	19 days
15 or more	20 days

Conversion – At the end of the fiscal year, up to five (5) unused Vacation days shall be converted to sick days.

- B. Employees shall submit their requests to the District-wide Designated Supervisor two (2) weeks in advance. Scheduling of vacation periods will be at the discretion of the District-wide designated supervisor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an employee may submit a request to take a single vacation day if at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice is provided to the District-wide designated supervisor. Approval of this request will be at the discretion of the supervisor.
- C. The District, by decision, to be announced not later than May 15th, for the period July 1 - December 31 or not later than October 15th for the period January 1 - June 30, at its discretion, may elect to shut down custodial and maintenance operations entirely for either one (1) or two (2) weeks. In the event of a shutdown, employees may:
1. Utilize unused vacation and personal days first and then sick days for the entire shutdown; or
 2. Utilize all remaining paid leave and sick days and then go on unpaid leave for the remainder of the shutdown; or
 3. Take the entire shutdown as unpaid leave and not utilize paid leave or sick days.

- B. In order to satisfy the operational needs required in the preparation for the opening of the school year, the District may, at its sole discretion, identify a vacation blackout period of no more than three (3) consecutive weeks during the months of August and September for which vacation time may not be approved. The District will notify employees of this period no later than May 1 of each year. If, at the District's discretion, it is determined that fewer than three (3) weeks is required in order to meet their operational needs, the District shall notify bargaining unit members of such changes to the blackout period as soon as practicable.

ARTICLE VII LEAVES

A. SICK LEAVE - FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

1. Full-time employees who have worked for the District twelve (12) consecutive months shall be entitled to eighteen (18) working days per year at their applicable compensation rate for personal illness.
2. Full-time employees who have not worked for the District for twelve (12) consecutive months shall be entitled to one and one-half (1 ½) days per month at their applicable compensation rate for personal illness, commencing from the end of each month worked for a twelve (12) month period.
3. Sick Leave may be used in quarter (¼) day increments.
4. Days not used during a school year shall be credited to each eligible Employee at the beginning of the following school year provided that the maximum accumulation of unused sick leave days shall be two hundred forty (240). An employee unable to return to work on the regularly scheduled date of the new school year due to illness or injury may use accumulated sick days. Sick days for the new year per (A)(1) will not be credited until the employee returns to work.
5. If the absence extends beyond three (3) consecutive days, the employee may be required to provide documentation that supports their medical inability to perform the essential duties of their position.
6. Employees are entitled to use up to five (5) of the eighteen (18) sick days accumulated in a given fiscal year for family illness. Any unused sick days will carry over to the next fiscal year. In special or unforeseen circumstances, the Superintendent or their designee may approve an additional five (5) sick days from the employee's available sick leave balance for family illness. Furthermore, the Superintendent or their designee has the discretion to grant up to eighteen (18) sick days from the current year's allotment if they deem the situation warrants such an exception. For purposes of the application of this provision, family will be defined as a parent, guardian, sibling, spouse,

child, step-child, parent-in-law, individual residing with the employee, and individuals with a significant relationship to the employee. Significant relationship shall refer to a person who has a long-exceeding close, family-type relationship with the member (for example, parent in loco parentis, custodial or foster parent/grandparent, domestic living environment or some other form of close care-giver family relationship).

7. An employee may not use a sick day to extend a vacation, holiday or other leave period without a doctor's note. If a doctor's note is not provided, the employee will forfeit such day(s) without pay.
8. An employee that uses intermittent sick leave and/or family illness in excess of twelve (12) days per year without a doctor's note may be subject to progressive discipline.
9. An employee that uses sick leave or family illness days in excess of eighteen (18) days with or without a doctor's note for a period of two or more contract years may be subject to progressive discipline.
10. Provisions VII (A)(8) and (9) above shall not apply to long term disability, family medical leave (FMLA), or workers' compensation, maternity/paternity, or unpaid leaves approved by the Board of Education related absences.
11. Failure to notify the supervisor in a timely manner may result in disciplinary action.
12. Custodial-Maintenance employees working the day shift must notify their supervisor as early as possible, but no later than one (1) hour before their scheduled shift (with exceptions for emergency or unique circumstances) if they are unable to report to work. Employees working the second shift must notify their supervisor no later than noon on the workday. Notification should be made via phone call (leaving a voice mail) or by text. Employees must provide their name, the date of absence, and the reason for the absence.

B. PATERNAL AND MATERNITY LEAVES

1. A leave of absence without pay may be granted to an Employee by the Board with the recommendation of the Superintendent for the purpose of child-bearing or child-rearing for a period not to exceed one (1) year.
2. An extension of the above leave of absence for an additional year may be granted by the Board with the recommendation of the Superintendent and with approval of the Onondaga County Department of Civil Service (Rule XVII).
3. An Employee shall notify the District not less than three (3) months before her personal physician's estimated delivery date in the event of pregnancy or not less

than one (1) month before the date of adoption in the case of adoption, as to Employee's election of the type of leave desired, which shall be one of the following:

- a. Parental Leave of Absence without pay pursuant to Article 7(b)1 hereof; or
- b. Sick Leave during the period when she is physically unable to perform her regular work duties (pregnancy only); or
- c. Sick Leave during period of pregnancy-related disability plus a Parental Leave of Absence without pay commencing on termination of the period of disability. The notification to the District shall be substantially in the form attached as Appendix A(1).

4. Procedure

- a. For a Parental Leave of Absence, the commencement and termination date shall be agreed to by the Employee and the Superintendent or his/her designee. In the event this period should need to be altered, any alterations shall be mutually agreed upon by the Superintendent or their designee and the Employee.
- b. For Sick Leave during the period of pregnancy-related disability only, the Employee shall, prior to commencing the same, obtain from her personal physician and submit to the District written certification in the form attached hereto as Appendix A(2), as to date of commencement of the disability and an estimate as to its duration.

At any time after such a Sick Leave has continued for a period of six (6) weeks after delivery, the Employee upon request from the District shall submit an additional written certification from her personal physician to the effect that the disability continues.

- c. For a combined Sick Leave and Parental Leave of Absence without pay, the Employee shall first (1st) proceed in accordance with the provisions of Article 7(B) 3.b hereof; and then apply for Parental Leave in accordance with Article 7(B) 3.a.
- d. An Employee who is on Sick Leave portion of a Parental Leave may elect to return to work any time prior to the beginning of the unpaid portion of the Parental Leave, thereby terminating the leave at that point.

C. PERSONAL LEAVE/PERSONAL BUSINESS LEAVE - FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

1. Death in the Family

- a. Time off will be granted to all Employees in the case of a death in the Employee's family. A maximum of five (5) days of such time per occurrence will be granted without the loss of compensation. Compensation shall be at the employee's regular hourly rate for the employee's regularly scheduled hours. The Employee shall notify the District-wide Designated Supervisor or Director of Facilities of his/her need for such leave as soon as practicable.
- b. For purposes of the above section, "family" shall include the following individuals: parent, guardian, sibling, spouse, child, stepchild, parent-in-law, individuals regularly residing with the employees, as well as individuals in a domestic relationship with the employee, and any extended individuals related to that relationship (e.g., domestic partner's children, parents, siblings, etc.).

A "domestic relationship" shall refer to a person who has a long, exceedingly close, family type relationship with the member (for example, parent in loco parentis, custodial or foster parent/grandparent, domestic living environment, or some other form of close care-giver family relationship).

- c. A maximum of two (2) paid bereavement days per occurrence shall be granted in the case of the death of the Employee's grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, sister-in-law or brother-in-law.

2. Other Personal Business Leave

- a. The intent of the Personal Business Leave is to provide an Employee the opportunity to conduct business that cannot be performed other than during work hours. It is intended neither to serve as recreation or vacation time nor to extend a holiday or vacation period.
- b. Each full-time employee shall be granted up to three (3) days personal business leave with full pay subject to the following:
 - i. If request is at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance, presentation of request to Director of Facilities. No reason for the request need be specified.
 - ii. If request is less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance, in case of an emergency, or the requested day immediately precedes or is post a holiday or vacation day/period, presentation of request with specific reasons to Director of Facilities.

- iii. Approval of the request by the District-wide Designated Supervisor prior to the requested day off.

3. Conversion

At the end of each year, all unused Personal Business Leave days shall be converted to sick days.

4. Partial Leave Days

Leaves pursuant to this Section may be taken, at the discretion of the employee, in one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) day increments. In such cases, the employee may use a portion of a day in no fewer than two (2) hour increments.

D. JURY DUTY

Any unit employee who is called for jury duty shall receive for each day of jury service on which he/she would otherwise work, less any payment received for jury duty consistent with State law. Employees must submit documentation from the Court verifying time served. Employees are expected to return to work when not called to jury service or if excused early and time still remains on the employee's work period.

E. ONE (1) YEAR UNPAID LEAVE

1. The District, at its discretion, may grant leaves of absence without pay for a period not to exceed one (1) year. To be eligible for unpaid leave, a full-time or part-time employee must be actively employed by the District for twelve (12) months prior to the request for leave of absence. The application, in writing, for such leave, including the reasons for the request, shall be made to the District through the applicant's immediate supervisor.
2. An employee granted an unpaid leave of absence shall be entitled to the same health insurance benefits (s)he would be offered if not on leave, however, the full cost of health insurance benefits will be paid by the employee.

**ARTICLE VIII
EMERGENCY CLOSING DAYS AND OTHER DAYS**

- A. When an emergency closing day is declared all Employees covered by this Agreement are expected to report to work on that day.
- B. Unless the Superintendent of the District directs all District Employees not to report for work any Employee who fails to report will be charged with a Personal Business Leave Day, floating holiday or vacation day for failing to physically report for work on said

day. In the event that Employee has no Personal Business Days, floating holidays, or vacation days remaining (s)he will not be paid for said day.

- C. If the District is closed in the morning due to inclement weather, first shift employees will be required to report. Second and third shift employees will be advised of a plan to report. Employees will be allowed to report up to one-half (1/2) hour late without loss of pay when the District is closed due to inclement weather. If employees are sent home early due to inclement weather, they shall be paid for the balance of their assigned shift not to exceed eight (8) hours.
- D. During periods when the District is undergoing capital improvement projects, all employees may be required to report during their regularly assigned shifts.
- E. On staff development days and during school recess days (including summer), employees will be assigned to work the day shift, except at the High School. The District may elect, at its sole discretion, to assign 2nd shift employees at the High School to day shift in order to support staff training and/or other operational needs as identified by the District. If it is necessary for this provision to be modified on any occasion, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior notice will be given to effected employees. Further, if a member is required to report to a shift earlier than their normal shift on a day referenced above, forty-eight (48) hours' notice will be given and members working third shift in the immediate twenty-four (24) hours prior to a change in this provision shall be allowed to report for their shift four (4) hours earlier. However, during one (1) day school holidays, unit members will be required to work their regularly assigned shift.
- F. All members appointed to titles within the Maintenance and Grounds Department, excluding Custodial staff, will have a summer work schedule consistent with that established for the Clerical Unit as follows:

Shift #1

Monday through Thursday	6:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Friday	6:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

Shift #2

Tuesday through Friday	6:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Monday	6:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

OR

Tuesday through Friday	6:30 A.M to 4:00 P.M.
Monday	12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The District would require employees to identify the Shift #2 option on or before June 15th for the entire summer work season. The decision as to which half-day is to be worked shall be decided by a majority of the second shift employees, which decision shall be binding on all the members of that shift. If no decision is made prior to June 15th, Facilities leadership will make the decision for them.

At the conclusion of the summer modified work week schedule, members will return to a regular work shift.

ARTICLE IX RETIREMENT PROGRAM

- A. The New York State Twenty (20) Year Career Retirement Plan; the New York State Twenty-five (25) Year Career Retirement Plan; Section 41(j) of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law; and Section 60(b) of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law, will be in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement for all eligible Employees.
- B. An employee who retires from the District and meets the eligibility criteria for retiree health insurance in Article X(B) shall receive a non-elective 403(b) employer contribution equal to forty dollars (\$40.00) per accumulated sick days for each unused sick day in excess of one hundred and sixty-five (165) days, those days eligible for 41(j) purposes for Tiers 1 to 5. The amount of days shall be payable a non-elective 403(b) contribution equal to forty dollars (\$40.00) per accumulated sick days for each unused sick day in excess of one hundred (100) day for those days eligible for 41(j) purposes for Tier 6 employees.
- C. An Association member who meets the retirement eligibility requirements outlined in this Agreement and submits an irrevocable letter of retirement at least ninety (90) days prior to their effective retirement date shall be eligible for certain retirement benefits.

For retirements effective June 30th, the letter must be submitted no later than ninety (90) days before that date. Members retiring effective June 30th will receive full credit and payment for all vacation days earned but not used during that fiscal year and will also receive the full longevity stipend for the following school year.

For members who retire on a date other than June 30th, their retirement benefit will be prorated based on the actual date of retirement. For example, a member retiring effective on December 31st will receive a prorated vacation payout based on the six (6) months worked from July 1st through December 31st of that fiscal year.

In addition, if the member begins their final year of employment with the maximum number of sick days as provided in Article VI of this Agreement, they will be eligible to receive up to ten (10) days of sick leave incentive. Mid-year retirees will receive a prorated number of days for their sick leave incentive based on their retirement date.

Mid-year retirements will be afforded a pro-rated number of days for their sick day incentive.

ARTICLE X HEALTH INSURANCE

- A. The District shall provide a shared cost hospitalization and medical insurance plan. Effective September 1, 2025, the co-pay will be ten dollars (\$10.00) for each generic drug, twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each brand name drug and thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for each Tier III drug. Mail order will be two (2) co-pays for a three (3) month supply (\$20.00 generic, \$40.00 brand name, \$70.00 Tier III) and the plan, commonly referred to as the 3T6 prescription plan, will also include Rx Edits (Generic Advantage, Step Therapy, and Prior Authorization). Notice to members of these benefit changes will be made within sixty (60) days prior to their effective date. In addition, the District shall provide a shared cost dental insurance plan.

The District provided health insurance plan shall be the Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield plan offered through the Cooperative Health Insurance Fund of Central New York. Unless agreed upon through negotiations between the Association and the District, the health insurance plan shall remain substantially equivalent.

During open enrollment members shall be allowed to enroll in the instructional dental plan.

Employee contribution shall be as follows:

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| 1. | <u>Health Insurance</u> | <u>Employee Contribution</u> |
| | Individual coverage | 10% of premium |
| | Dependent coverage | 13% of premium* |
| 2. | <u>Dental Insurance</u> - The District shall contribute one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00) for each participating employee. | |
| 3. | <u>Vision Care</u> | <u>Employee</u> |
| | Individual coverage | 0% of premium |
| | Dependent coverage | 10% of premium |
| 4. | An Employee who retires from the District, providing the Employee has at least the full time equivalent of ten (10) ¹ years of cumulative service with the District and be a minimum of 55 years of age, shall be entitled to maintain existing health and dental benefits. For individual coverage the retiree shall contribute on the same basis as an active Employee. Dependent coverage may be maintained at full cost to the retiree. If the retired Employee's coverage at the time of retirement included coverage for spouse, the spouse shall have the option, in the event of the | |

death of insured Employee, of maintaining his/her coverage and shall pay the full cost thereof.

5. Unit members who carry dependent coverage into retirement and have the full time equivalent of at least ten (10) consecutive years of service as a unit member which concludes in retirement from the District under NYS ERS rules shall receive an annual District contribution of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) toward the dependent premium in retirement until they either reach the age of Medicare eligibility or drop family health insurance coverage during retirement, whichever occurs first. Upon reaching the age of Medicare eligibility, the unit member will be responsible for the full cost of the family premium. In order to receive the award in this paragraph, the unit member must submit an irrevocable letter of resignation for retirement purposes to the District by April 1 during the year in which the member will retire and retire on June 30th of that year.

- B. The District shall offer Employees an optional Flexible Spending Plan. If this plan terminates under the law, premium contributions shall be treated as they were before the Plan and the parties will meet to discuss available options.

C. DISABILITY INSURANCE

1. As a supplement to sick leave benefits provided in Article VII, the District agrees to participate in a program of long-term disability benefits through a mutually agreeable insurance company program at a cost to the District not in excess of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) per year.
2. At any point, the Association can discontinue participation in the disability plan at the end of the plan year and two (2) sick days will be restored to the members in lieu of the disability plan.

¹ FTE shall be defined as eight (8) hours per day for two hundred and sixty (260) days for ten (10) years. Time served is cumulative and/or prorated unless the employee severs his/her employment with the District. In such an event, the employee shall lose all previous service time.

ARTICLE XI GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The purpose of this procedure is to provide an orderly method for the settlement of a dispute between the parties over the interpretation, application or claimed violation of any of the provisions of this Agreement. Such dispute shall be defined as a grievance under this Article. The grievant may elect to have an Association Representative present at any and all phases of the grievance process.

If the District or any designated representative thereof fails at any step to hold a conference or give an answer within the time limits provided, the grievant at his/her discretion may advance to the next step in this procedure. Nothing in this Grievance Procedure shall prevent a grievant on his/her own volition from withdrawing a grievance at any stage of the procedure.

Step 1

The grievant must initially present his/her grievance to his/her immediate supervisor in a meeting to occur no later than seven (7) working days from the onset of the grievance. At this meeting the grievant shall provide the immediate supervisor in writing a statement of the nature of the grievance, the section(s) of the Agreement being grieved and a suggestion for remedy(ies). The immediate supervisor shall respond in writing to the grievant no later than seven (7) working days from the receipt of the written notice of grievance.

Step 2

If the grievance is not settled in Step 1, the grievant may, within seven (7) working days of receiving his/her immediate supervisor's written response to the grievance, deliver a copy of the written grievance to the Director of Facilities, who shall, within three (3) working days after receipt, give his/her written answer.

Step 3

If the grievance is not settled at Step 2, the grievant may, within seven (7) working days of receiving the written response from the Director of Facilities, deliver a copy of the written grievance to the Superintendent's designee, who shall, within three (3) working days after receipt, give his/her written answer.

Step 4

If the grievance is not settled by the designee's written answer in Step 3, the grievant, may appeal within three (3) working days of receipt of reply in Step 3 by giving written notice of such appeal to the Superintendent or his/her designated representative who shall discuss the matter with the Association's Grievance Committee (or Association designee) within ten (10) working days of receipt of the notice of appeal. The Superintendent or his/her designated representative shall give his/her written answer to the grievant within five (5) working days after the close of the discussion.

Step 5 - Arbitration

If the grievance is not settled by the written answer of the Superintendent, the grievant may further appeal by giving written notice thereof to the Board of Education within five (5) working days after receipt of the written answer of the Superintendent. The parties shall then with reasonable promptness, agree to the appointment of an impartial Arbitrator and submit the grievance to his/her for decision.

1. If unable to agree on an Arbitrator within ten (10) working days of the above written notice, the Arbitrator shall be chosen by the rules of the American Arbitration Association.
2. The arbitration proceeding shall be conducted under the rules of the American Arbitration Association.
3. The Arbitrator shall have no power or authority to add to, subtract from, modify, change or alter any of the provisions of this Agreement.
4. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the Parties.
5. Fees and expenses of the Arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties.

ARTICLE XII SENIORITY

A. CATEGORIES

For purposes of layoff, two (2) distinct Employee categories are recognized: maintenance and custodial.

1. In the event of a layoff in either category, the last Employee hired in a non-competitive position will be the first laid off.
2. Civil Service rules for layoff apply to competitive positions.

B. POSTING OF VACANCIES

When a vacancy occurs, the vacant position shall be posted for five (5) working days and emailed to the unit president prior to filling the position. In the event a bargaining unit member applies for the vacancy an interview will be granted.

C. ASSIGNMENTS

For the purpose of permanent assignment, when a permanent change in assignment is required that affects the days off of the week worked for full-time employees, the District shall:

1. Initially seek volunteers for assignments.
2. Lacking qualified volunteers, the assignments shall be based upon seniority, with the least senior person assigned first, based on title of position.
3. The District shall provide thirty (30) calendar days' notice to affected employees.

D. LAYOFF

Employees who are laid off will be placed on a preferred eligible list (PEL) and entitled to the following in order of their seniority:

1. Recall to a vacancy having the same position title from which the employee was laid off.
2. An Employee who is laid off or reduced in hours from a position title to which there is a direct line of promotion² as defined below shall displace the least senior incumbent of the lower-level position provided the incumbent of the lower-level position has less seniority than the laid off employee and meets the Civil Service qualifications for the position. The Employee may be required to serve a probationary period in accordance with Civil Service regulations. The rate of pay shall be the same as the employee's current rate classification at the time of the "bump," (i.e., probationary or permanent) in lower position classification. In the event that employee does not satisfactorily complete the probationary period (s)he will be reinstated to the PEL in his/her original order with the time served deducted from his/her PEL time. The rate of pay shall not exceed the rate range for the lower position.
3. Direct Line of Promotion

First consideration for vacant positions in other general unit categories for which the Employee applies. The Administration will be the sole judge if the Employee is qualified in these cases.
4. Such preferred eligible list shall expire three (3) years from the date of its establishment. Employees who decline to be recalled or accept appointment in accordance with paragraphs (1)-(3) above will lose their preferred eligible list rights and such declaration will be deemed a resignation of employment effective the date of declination.
5. Reduction in Hours

In the event it becomes necessary to reduce working hours, the Employee having the least seniority in the position title will be reduced first. The affected Employee will be given first preference for any future increase in hours with the position title.

6. Termination of Employment

For reason of reduction in force, a thirty (30) calendar day advance written notice, or as soon as possible, is required from the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel to the Employee.

² defined as follows: 1: (Custodian II, Custodian I, Custodial Worker II, Custodial Worker I, Custodial Helper); 2: (Maintenance Worker II, Heavy Equipment Mechanic, Grounds Crew Leader, Maintenance Worker I, Motor Equipment Operator, Groundskeeper, Maintenance Helper, and Driver/Messenger).

**ARTICLE XIII
SAVINGS CLAUSE**

If any provision of this Agreement is subsequently declared by the proper legislative or judicial authority to be unlawful, unenforceable or not in accordance with applicable statutes or ordinances, all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XIV
TAYLOR LAW CLAUSE**

It is agreed by and between the parties that any provision of this agreement requiring legislative action to permit its implementation by amendment of law or by providing the additional funds therefore shall not become effective until the appropriate legislative body has given approval.

**ARTICLE XV
SICK BANK**

A Sick Leave Bank established 1 July 1981, shall be administered by the District according to the following guidelines:

- A. The Sick Leave Bank shall be established by the contribution of two (2) days of accumulated sick leave from each participating unit employee. All unit employees will be deemed to have joined the sick bank and thus contribute the requisite number of days unless the unit member declines to join the bank in writing and notifies their supervisor of this selection. Those who choose not to participate may not join the bank for one (1) year thereafter.

- B. The maximum number of days in the bank shall not exceed the maximum possible under Section (A) above, plus fifteen (15) days. (Two [2] days times the number of unit employees, plus fifteen (15)).
- C. The bank may only be replenished once a year on the basis outlined in Section (A) above when and if the days remaining in the bank reach fifteen (15) or less.
- D. First (1st) year employees are excluded from participation in the bank. They may elect to join the bank at the beginning of their second (2nd) year of employment by contributing two (2) days of accumulated sick leave. Effective July 1, 2026, donations of days must be submitted between July 1st and July 31st of a given school year.
- E. Only participating eligible employees may draw on the bank.
- F. An eligible employee must first exhaust all of his/her paid leave options (sick, vacation, etc.) and then be off the F-M payroll for five (5) consecutive days.
- G. The School District may require medical documentation on any claim to the bank at any time.
- H. An employee shall not be permitted to draw on the bank if he/she is receiving any other forms of compensation (e.g. Workers' Compensation).
- I. The purpose of the bank is to provide for lengthy periods of illness or non-work-related injury.
- J. Eligible employees may draw on the bank based on the following guidelines:
 - 1. One (1) day for each year of full-time continuous employment with the F-M District;
 - 2. One (1) day for each two (2) days of accumulated sick leave as of the beginning of the current school year.
 - 3. The number of days shall be limited to the number of days arrived at by 1 and 2.

ARTICLE XVI

LICENSE REIMBURSEMENT

The District will reimburse the difference between Class B and a Class D driver's license for those Employees required to have such license for the performance of their job duties.

ARTICLE XVII PERSONNEL FILE

- A. There shall be a personnel file at the District Office. The personnel file shall contain all pertinent employee information, excluding pre-employment confidential material.
- B. The unit member shall be given a copy of any evaluation materials and/or written disciplinary warnings, etc. as they are placed in the file. The unit member shall acknowledge receipt of the copy through signature on the material. The unit member's signature to such material shall only signify that (s)he has seen the material.
- C. A unit member may make written exception to material. Such exception must be submitted within (5) business days of employee notification and will become a part of his/her personnel file.
- D. Each unit member shall have the right, with reasonable notice, to review the contents of their own personnel file, excluding the pre-employment confidential material. Any review shall be in the presence of the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services or his/her designee. Copies of the file shall be made available to the employee at the per copy charges designated in Board Policy.

ARTICLE XVIII EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT

The District agrees to reimburse in full all full-time employees for any tuition for courses which an employee takes related to their job provided:

- A. The employee secures pre-approval from the District-wide Designated Supervisor, whichever is applicable and the Business Official, to take the course.
- B. The course is taken at an accredited school or in an accredited program.
- C. The employee successfully completes the course.

ARTICLE XIX DRESS CODE

- A. It is expected that employee clothing will be appropriate for an educational environment while being practical for the nature of the work assigned. Appropriate dress is that which meets health and safety standards and does not conflict with the school environment. The Director of Facilities or designee reserves the right to determine appropriateness.

- B. Uniform Allowance: The District will provide an annual allowance of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the purchase of work boots and approved pieces of District-assigned apparel.
- C. Work boots/shoes purchased must meet or exceed ASTM F2413 standards for protective footwear. Employees must submit a receipt confirming the purchase of protective footwear that meets this standard. Receipts for footwear that do not meet this requirement will not be reimbursed. The District does not reimburse for sales taxes.
- D. District-assigned apparel will be available through a vendor selected by the District. The District will not reimburse employees for purchases that exceed the \$300.00 allowance. At its discretion, the District may form a temporary committee composed of bargaining unit members to assist in selecting apparel options. The committee may be reconvened as needed.
- E. The first year an employee receives this allowance, that employee will be required to purchase a minimum of five (5) district-assigned shirts. Any remaining monies left from the uniform allowance may be used for the purchase of protective footwear or other approved apparel. Following the first year, so long as a minimum of five (5) shirts are maintained in good condition, this allowance may be spent on other approved apparel of the unit member's choice from the District approved vendor.
- F. While on duty, employees are required to wear District assigned or approved apparel and protective footwear that meets the OSHA standards described above. District-issued or reimbursed items are intended for workplace use only and are not to be worn when the employee is not participating in work-related duties.
- G. All uniform shirts and such other District apparel which sport the District insignia on them shall be returned to the employee's supervisor when discarded and when the unit member leaves the service of the District.
- H. The District will implement this program effective on July 1, 2026.
- I. This provision shall sunset and expire on June 30, 2028, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the two parties.

ARTICLE XX
ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

The District agrees to grant the Association President up to four (4) hours during the school year to meet with and share information with Unit members on current shifts. This time will be allotted in thirty (30) minute increments. Such time must first be agreed to by the Director of Facilities or their designee and cannot be granted for a day and/or time that would or could disrupt District operations.

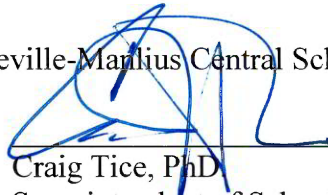
ARTICLE XXI
TERM OF AGREEMENT

Except as otherwise specifically noted herein, the terms of this Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2025 and continue in full force and effective through June 30, 2028. By affixing signatures below, the District and the Association agree to the terms of this agreement.

Date: January 13, 2026

Fayetteville-Manlius Central School District

By:



Craig Tice, PhD
Superintendent of Schools

Date: January 13, 2026

Fayetteville-Manlius Custodial-Maintenance
Association

By:

 1-13-26

Brian Stanley
Association President

**SCHEDULE A
WAGES**

TITLE	RATE	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Custodial Helper	Probation	\$23.04	\$23.96	\$24.92
	Permanent	\$25.40	\$26.41	\$27.47
Custodial Worker I	Probation	\$27.05	\$28.13	\$29.26
	Permanent	\$29.35	\$30.52	\$31.74
Custodial Worker II	Probation	\$29.68	\$30.87	\$32.10
	Permanent	\$31.65	\$32.91	\$34.23
Custodian I	Probation	\$32.05	\$33.33	\$34.67
	Permanent	\$34.34	\$35.71	\$37.14
Custodian II	Probation	\$36.09	\$37.53	\$39.03
	Permanent	\$38.30	\$39.84	\$41.43
Driver Messenger	Probation	\$28.83	\$29.98	\$31.18
	Permanent	\$31.10	\$32.34	\$33.63
Groundskeeper	Probation	\$31.65	\$32.91	\$34.23
	Permanent	\$33.92	\$35.28	\$36.69
Grounds Crew Leader	Probation	\$36.83	\$38.30	\$39.83
	Permanent	\$39.09	\$40.66	\$42.28
Heavy Equipment Mechanic	Probation	\$36.83	\$38.30	\$39.83
	Permanent	\$39.09	\$40.66	\$42.28
Maintenance Helper	Probation	\$29.68	\$30.87	\$32.10
	Permanent	\$31.65	\$32.91	\$34.23
Maintenance Mechanic II	Probation	\$37.74	\$39.25	\$40.82
	Permanent	\$40.06	\$41.66	\$43.33
Maintenance Worker I	Probation	\$31.65	\$32.91	\$34.23
	Permanent	\$33.92	\$35.28	\$36.69
Maintenance Worker II	Probation	\$36.83	\$38.30	\$39.83
	Permanent	\$39.09	\$40.66	\$42.28
Motor Equipment Operator	Probation	\$31.65	\$32.91	\$34.23
	Permanent	\$33.92	\$35.28	\$36.69

APPENDIX A(1)
Notification of Election of Parental and/or Maternity Leave

To: Superintendent of Schools Fayetteville-Manlius School District

You are hereby notified that the undersigned elects to take the leave designated below (in accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section B).

_____ 1. Sick Leave during pregnancy-related disability

_____ 2. Parental Leave of Absence without pay

According to my current best estimate, the parental leave of absence shall commence on

_____ and terminate _____.
(date) (date)

Note: *In conjunction with option 1, physician must complete Appendix A(2) pre-delivery and Appendix A(3) post-delivery.*

Employee Name (print): _____

Anticipated Due Date: _____
Date = three (3) months prior to the date leave will commence

Employee (signature): _____

Date of Notice: _____

APPENDIX A(2)
Sick Leave During Pregnancy-Related Disability

On _____, I examined _____

(date) *(patient's name)*

It is my professional medical opinion that, as of _____, she will be
physically _____
(date)
unable to perform the duties of her C-M position.

It is my best estimate that this disability will cease on _____.
(date)

Physician Name (print): _____

Physician Signature: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX A(3)
Six Weeks After Delivery

On _____, I examined _____

(date) *(patient's name)*

It is my professional medical opinion that her pregnancy-related disability will cease on
_____ and that she will be able to return to full-time work after that
date.
(date)

Physician Name (print): _____

Physician Signature: _____

Date: _____