

## ARTICLE 2 ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

2.1 Except for Section 2.9 below, the Association rights conferred on the Association in this Agreement shall be exclusive except as provided by law.

2.2 The Association or its representatives shall have the right to transact official Association business on District property at all reasonable times; use District facilities and equipment including but not limited to duplicating equipment, audiovisual equipment, and District email, provided the same are not otherwise in use; post notices of activities and matter of Association concern on designated bulletin boards, at least one of which shall be provided in each school building for Association use; use the District mail service and professional educator mailboxes for communications, and place small symbols on such mailboxes but limit the size of logos to one inch (1") or less. A clearly identified Association mailbox at each worksite will be reserved for Association communications. If a box is unavailable, the Association may place a mailbox that is comparable in size and appearance with the staff mailboxes that exist at the individual worksites for Association communications. The Association shall have the right to use the inter-building mail facilities and mailboxes (Pony), unless the use of an employer's mail system by an incumbent labor organization is specifically clarified by Legislation, the U.S. Postal Service, or a court of competent jurisdiction. The Association shall pay for the reasonable cost of all materials, supplies and special services required beyond the normal operation incidental to such uses. The exercise of Association rights under this Section shall not interfere with or interrupt classes or other normal school operations. Association notices should not be made available to students.

2.3 The District shall furnish the Association upon request all reasonably available factual information necessary to its function as exclusive bargaining representative.

2.4 The Association shall have the right to ten (10) minutes as a scheduled item on the agenda of fifteen (15) of the faculty staff meetings of its choice. This portion of the agenda shall be exclusively for bargaining unit members.

2.5 Each worksite will organize at least one of the work days before the student year begins with the 30-minute duty free lunch synchronized for all Association staff in the building.

### 2.6 Association Representatives Meeting

~~2.6.1 The District shall notify all schools and departments that no activities are to be scheduled by the District for Association representatives on the Monday preceding the beginning of the work year.~~

2.6.2 The Association may call general meetings of its Association representatives during school time up to five (5) times during the school year. Such representatives shall be released without loss of pay but the Association shall reimburse the District for the cost of substitutes. Two (2) weeks' advance written notice shall be furnished to the **Employee and Labor Relations team within Human Resources Superintendent** of a meeting and it shall not be called for a day when other teacher absences eliminate the availability of a sufficient number of substitutes.

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### 2.7 Building/Program Area Committees

Any general standing faculty-administration or administratively appointed faculty committee, at the building level, shall include the Association faculty representative or his/her designee as a member. Supervisor's team meetings are not included. If evaluation and/or employee performance is to be discussed at a supervisor's team meeting, the Association representative will be invited to attend. Any District committee that included designated Association representatives shall have those Association representatives appointed by the Association.

### 2.8 Orientation Programs

2.8.1 The Association shall be provided time on the agenda at all general orientation programs for new professional educators to provide general information on the Association and its duties as exclusive bargaining agent.

2.8.2 The District will provide the Association with a list of all newly hired bargaining unit members and bargaining unit members who have separated employment from the District on a monthly basis which will include their names, assignments, hire dates, separation dates, and worksites.

### 2.9 School Board Meetings

2.9.1 The Association shall be provided time on the agenda of each regular Board meeting for brief comments.

2.9.2 If the Association has a formal presentation it shall be afforded a reasonable amount of time as determined by the Board. By noon of the fourth calendar day prior to the meeting, the Association shall notify the Office of the Superintendent of the proposed length of the Association's formal presentation, the subject matter thereof, and any specific action to be requested from the Board or administration at the meeting. The Association agrees not to use its right under this Section for the purpose of collective bargaining with the Board or any of its members.

2.9.3 Prior to the commencement of each meeting, the Association shall be provided a copy of the "Agenda of Board of Education" and any related informational materials/full Board of Education packet. This information may be provided electronically. However, the Association shall receive a copy of all electronic Board materials at the meeting or prior to the meeting.

### 2.10 Instructional Program Council (IPC)

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2.10.1 The District recognizes the expertise of professional educators and the value for their participation in education program planning. Therefore, meetings between the designated District representatives and representatives of the Association shall occur monthly for the purpose of discussing the District's instructional programs.

2.10.1.1 While the District maintains authority over educational programming, items planned as major district-wide change and significant building-based initiatives shall be discussed in these meetings prior to implementation.

2.10.1.2 Agendas of this advisory council will be mutually agreed upon prior to each meeting.

~~2.10.1.3 Areas of discussion will include topics such as ongoing program implementation, new initiatives, language pathways, special education, school climate, and an overall MTSS approach. The parties agree that sufficient professional development, adequate resources and a clear implementation plan are essential to success of initiatives.~~

2.10.2 The Association president may appoint up to five (5) professional educators as representatives to such meetings. Such professional educators shall be released without loss of pay for attending the meetings.

2.11 Release of professional educators by the District from their normal work assignments to work on activities jointly sponsored by the Association and the District shall be without loss of pay.

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