

# AGREEMENT

Between the

Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative

School Board

and the

Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative Teachers'

Association NEA-NH

**July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027**

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## **PREAMBLE**

To encourage and increase effective and harmonious working relationships between the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School Board (hereinafter the "Board") being the Board of Education for the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District (hereinafter the "District") and its Employees represented by the Wilton-Lyndeborough Certified employees' Association (hereinafter the "Association" or "WLCTA"), the Board and the WLCTA join in this Agreement.

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into in December of 2023 by and between the Board, acting for the District, and the Association,

WITNESSETH:

THAT the Board and the Association recognize and declare that providing a sound and quality education for the children of Wilton and Lyndeborough is their mutual aim, and that the character of such education depends largely upon excellence of the teaching service, and

THAT, pursuant to RSA 273-A, the Board has the authority to bargain in good faith with the representatives of the Association, and

THAT it is understood that this Agreement shall not preclude the Board or its authorized representatives from informally communicating or consulting with any employee and vice-versa,

THEREFORE, The Board and the Association have reached certain understandings, which they desire to confirm in this Agreement, as follows:

## **DEFINITIONS**

"School" means any work location required under the terms of this Agreement.

"School Buildings" include WLC (Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative Middle/Senior High School), FRES (Florence Rideout Elementary School), and LCS (Lyndeborough Central School).

"LCS employee" means an employee working in the LCS Building.

"FRES employee" means an employee working in the FRES Building.

"WLC employee" means an employee working in the WLC Building.

"Employee" or "staff" means a person in the bargaining unit as defined in Article I below.

"Board" means the School Board or any of its agents.

## **ARTICLE I RECOGNITION**

- A.** The Board recognizes the Wilton-Lyndeborough Certified employees' Association, NEA/NH for purposes of collective negotiations pursuant to RSA 273-A as the exclusive representative of all certified teaching Employees, including nurses and school counselors of the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District, certified by the New Hampshire Public Employees Labor Relations Board excluding Superintendent, Principal, Assistant Principal, director of guidance, director of technology and teaching aides.
- B.** Unless noted otherwise, wherever the term "employee" or "staff is used, it shall refer to all members of the bargaining unit.
- C.** Except as otherwise noted, economic benefits for part-time Employees shall be prorated based on percentage of time worked; i.e. 20 percent employee receives 20 percent benefit.
- D.** Pro-ration of benefits shall be based on the seven (7.5) hour day.
- E.** The above section shall not prejudice either party's position in petitioning for modification of the bargaining unit before the New Hampshire Public Employee Labor Relations Board.

## **ARTICLE II NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURE**

- A.** On or before September 1 of any year preceding the expiration date of this Agreement, either party may notify the other party in writing of its intent to negotiate terms of a successor Agreement. Within fourteen (14) calendar days of the receipt of the notice, the parties shall meet to establish ground rules. Either party may present initial proposals at any time up to and including this first meeting.
- B.** The parties agree to negotiate according to the procedures set forth in RSA 273-A, and that such negotiations will be in good faith. Each party shall make proposals, counter proposals and exchange data in an effort to reach an accord on all issues raised with respect to terms and conditions of employment.
- C.** Any Agreement reached upon ratification shall be reduced to writing and signed by the Board and the Association.
- D.** Either party may, if it desires, utilize the services of outside consultants.

### **ARTICLE III ASSOCIATION RIGHTS**

The Association shall have, in addition to other rights expressly set forth or provided by statute, the following rights:

- A.** Special conferences for important matters will be arranged between the Association and the designated representative of the Board upon request of either party. Such meetings shall be between no more than four representatives of the Association and at least two representatives of the Board.
- B.** The Association shall be provided with bulletin boards or sections thereof, for the purpose of posting Association materials. The Association shall also have the right to use the school mail/s to distribute Association materials.
- C.** The Association shall have the right to use school facilities for meetings and school equipment, including computers, printers, and all types of audio-visual equipment when such equipment is not otherwise in use.
- D.** Duly authorized representatives of the State and National levels of the Association shall be permitted to transact official Association business on school property provided that this shall not interfere with nor interrupt normal school operations.
- E.** Association officers or their designees, if reasonably required, may represent Employees and investigate and present grievances to the employer during working hours without loss of time or pay.
- F.** The Association shall be given an opportunity at faculty meetings to make announcements.
- G.** The Association shall be given sufficient time on the agenda of the orientation/opening day of school/welcoming ceremony to make a brief presentation.
- H.** At the request of the Association and with at least forty-eight (48) hours prior notice, the Board shall place the Association on its agenda for regular School Board meetings.

### **ARTICLE IV EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

- A.** Pursuant to the RSA 273-A, the Board hereby agrees that every Employee shall have the right freely to organize, join and support the Association for the purpose of engaging in collective bargaining or negotiations. The Board agrees that it will not directly or

indirectly discourage, deprive or coerce any Employee in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by the act; that it will not discriminate against any Employee with respect to hours, wages, or any terms or conditions of employment by reason of his/her membership in the Association; disability, familial status, gender identity, sexual orientation, his/her participation in any activities of the Association or collective negotiations with the employer, his/her institution of any grievance, complaint, or proceeding under this Agreement, or otherwise with respect to any terms or conditions of employment.

- B.** Nothing contained within this Agreement shall be construed to deny or restrict to any Employee rights he/she may have under any applicable law or regulation. The rights granted to Employees hereunder shall be deemed to be in addition to those provided elsewhere.
- C.** The employer agrees that it will in no way discriminate against or between Employees covered by the Agreement because of their race, creed, religion, color, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status, physical characteristics, or place of residence. The private and personal life of any Employee is not within the appropriate concern or attention of the employer, unless it adversely affects the employee's performance.
- D.** No employee shall be required to appear before the Board or Superintendent concerning any matter, which could adversely affect the continuation of that employee in his or her position unless given prior written notice of the reason for such a meeting at least 24 hours in advance. Additionally upon request, employees shall be entitled to association representation at any investigatory interview which may result in disciplinary action or dismissal.

## **ARTICLE V MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

Except as otherwise provided in this contract and subject to applicable laws, the School Board reserves to itself sole and exclusive jurisdiction and authority over matters of policy and retains the unrestricted right to direct and manage the School District as per RSA 273-A.

## **ARTICLE VI PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS**

- A.** The Board agrees that upon receipt of written authorization thereof, signed by a employee member covered by this Agreement, the Board will deduct from the regular salary check of such employee an amount specified by the Association to provide payment of dues for membership in the Association, NEA-New Hampshire.

- B.** In addition to legally required deductions, upon request, the Board will deduct and timely transmit from each Employee authorized monies up to eight payroll deductions, including dues to professional organizations, credit unions/banks, health clubs, annuities, health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance and charitable donations.

## **ARTICLE VII GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

### **A. DEFINITION**

A "grievance" is a complaint by an employee(s), or the Association that there has been a violation, misapplication or misinterpretation of any provision of this Agreement. All time limits in this Article shall mean calendar days.

### **B. PURPOSE**

The parties acknowledge that it is more desirable for an employee and his/her immediately involved supervisor to resolve problems through free and informal communication. Grievances which are not satisfactorily settled in an informal way shall be reduced to writing and referred to the following grievance procedure.

### **C. RIGHTS OF REPRESENTATION**

An employee covered by this Agreement shall have the right to have an Association representative present at any time, subject to his/her requesting such representation.

### **D. TIME LIMIT**

A grievance to be considered under this procedure must be initiated in writing within twenty-one (21) days of when the grievant became aware or should have been aware, through documentation, of the incident giving rise to the grievance.

### **E. FORMAL PROCEDURE**

**Level 1:** Within five (5) days of receipt of a formal grievance, the building Principal or designee shall meet with the aggrieved employee. Within five (5) days following any such meeting, the Principal or designee shall give his/her answer in writing. If the grievance is not settled at this level, then it may be referred to Level 2 within five (5) days of the receipt of any answer given at this level.

**Level 2:** Within five (5) days of a grievance being referred to this level, the Superintendent or designee will meet with the participants of Level I and examine the facts of the grievance. The Superintendent or designee shall give his/her answer within five (5) days of any such meeting. If the grievance is not settled at this level, then within five (5) days from receipt of the answer rendered at this level, the grievance may

be referred to Level 3, the School Board.

**Level 3:** Within fourteen (14) days of a grievance being referred to this level, the Board will hold a hearing with the participants and examine the facts of the grievance. The hearing shall be in non-public session at the request of the grievant. The Board will thereafter, within fourteen (14) days of such hearing, give its answer, board in writing. If the grievance is still not settled, the matter may be referred to arbitration by the Association as set forth in Level 4 of this procedure.

**Level 4:** If the matter is referred to arbitration, then the parties shall first attempt to agree on a mutually acceptable arbitrator. If they are unable to do so within ten (10) days of the Association's request for arbitration, then either party shall apply to the American Arbitration Association to name an arbitrator under the rules and procedure of the service. The arbitrator shall use his/her best efforts to arbitrate the grievance, including matters of procedural and substantive arbitrability, but he/she shall have no power to add to or subtract from, alter, or modify any of the said provisions. The arbitrator shall thereafter submit a written decision to both parties. The arbitrator's decision, which must be in writing and contain the reasons and basis for the decision, shall be binding on both parties. However, it is understood that either party may elect to exercise their right of review as provided by RSA 542, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference. The parties agree to share equally in the compensation and expenses of the arbitrator.

- F.** Time periods specified in this procedure may be extended by mutual agreement.
- G.** Grievance(s) of a general nature or involving decisions by the Superintendent or School Board may be submitted by the Association to Level 2.
- H.** Failure at any step of this procedure to communicate the decision on a grievance within the specified time limits (unless extended by mutual agreement) shall permit the aggrieved person to proceed to the next level.
- I.** The parties agree that employee members covered by the Agreement shall enjoy freedom from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal for participating in any grievance proceeding.
- J.** Grievances shall not be made part of any Employee's personnel file or used in making employment references.

## **ARTICLE VIII IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF**

### **A. Staff Development**

Each employee will complete the required staff development hours within the 3-year recertification period as described in the Professional Growth Master Plan.



## **B. Course Reimbursement**

1. Employees will be eligible for reimbursement for courses that will enhance the employee's ability to improve student academic performance.
2. To be eligible for reimbursement, courses must be approved by the Superintendent of Schools (employing the program of staff development mandated by the state as an integral part of the employee's recertification process) prior to taking the course; advance approval from the Superintendent of Schools is required. To qualify for pre-payment, the request must be submitted to the SAU a minimum of 30-days prior to the date the pre-payment is due.
3. Upon successful completion of the course with a grade of "B" or better, and submission of a transcript or signed official grade report and verification of tuition payment to the Superintendent, the employee will be reimbursed for the cost of tuition and registration fees.
4. Payment of course reimbursement is for tuition. An individual is entitled to receive 2/3 reimbursement cost for up to 6 graduate level credits during each year of this contract not to exceed the New Hampshire resident UNH graduate level dollar amount.
5. The District will expend no more than \$20,000 per contract year for course reimbursement. In the event that requests for course reimbursement exceed \$20,000 in a contract year, the following lottery system will apply:

Reimbursement will be available in two (2) reimbursement periods. Employees may apply for up to six (6) credits during period 1 after June 30th and prior to October 1st. Employees may apply for up to six (6) during period 2 starting December 1st. The disbursement of funds in period 1 shall not exceed half of the yearly agreed upon amount. Any sums not used during period 1 shall be rolled into period 2.

Anyone applying during period 1 who has met the period 1 deadline will have their application considered. If the total of the requests is more than the designated monetary amount, then a lottery system will ensue to determine which applications receive the money. Those whose applications were not selected in period 1 will be eligible to submit again during period 2. If the total of the requests for period 2 is more than the designated monetary amount, then a lottery system will ensue to determine which applications receive the money. The disbursement in period 2 shall not exceed the total agreed upon amount. Applications for reimbursement in period 2 may not have received any previous reimbursement during period 1 unless there are unexpended funds in period 2. Also, if an applicant received funds in period 1, that application may not cause a lottery to occur in period 2.

6. **Advance Payment Plan** - The District will prepay for any course that has been approved by the Superintendent (employing the program of staff development mandated by the state as an integral part of the employee's recertification process). Each participating employee will enter into an Agreement with the District to submit receipts,

grades, and other paperwork for the course that was prepaid. The employee will agree in writing to keep his/her advanced payment account records up-to-date. If the employee fails to fulfill the requirements of the advanced payment plan, the employee agrees that the District will withhold any balance due the District from the last paycheck under the employee's contract.

### **C. Workshops**

1. The District will make up a minimum of \$450 per employee available to pay for tuition, registration, materials, and travel expenses. However, in no event shall the District expend more than \$25,000 per contract year for workshop reimbursement.
2. The employee will seek pre-approval for any workshop from the building Principal prior to registration.
3. Upon completion, the employee will complete the activity form within the professional development accounting system.
4. After June 1<sup>st</sup>, any remaining unencumbered balance will be available to be divided evenly by those requesting reimbursement over the \$ \$450 per employee limit.
5. The District will prepay for a workshop that has been approved by the Building Principal subject to meeting the requirements in section C of this Article.
6. To qualify for pre-payment, the request must be submitted to the SAU a minimum of 20-days prior to the date the pre-payment is due.
7. Each employee agrees to submit to the District receipts and other paperwork for any workshop that was prepaid.
8. Upon completion of the workshop, all reimbursements to employees shall be paid within 30 days of submitting the receipt to the SAU and/or upon Grant fund being approved by the Department of Education when a grant is the source of the funding, employees shall be notified of this information at the time they agree to participate in the workshop, and the employee shall be notified of the anticipated date by which reimbursement should be expected.
9. The Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District will form a Professional Development Committee which shall be constituted annually. The Committee will be facilitated by the District Curriculum Coordinator with employee representatives from K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, specialists, nurses and school counselors. Participation in the Committee will be voluntary and shall be allowed as staff development hours. The Committee will determine the number of hours required to complete its' work. The Committee will be charged with:
  - Developing a longitudinal plan for Professional Development;
  - Designing and approving in-district curriculum offerings;
  - Designating which offerings will be uploaded as group or individual to recording system; and
  - Approving notification of offerings to staff.

#### **D. Committees**

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School Board agrees that any work performed by individual employees for various committees as assigned by the administration may be allowed as staff development credit hours. Committee chairs will provide participants with certificates documenting the number of completed hours. Employees will complete the activity form within the professional development accounting system. Employees shall be notified prior to accepting a committee position whether the work performed will be allowed as staff development credit hours.

#### **E. Accounting**

Before the beginning of each school year, each employee shall be notified in writing of the following:

- a. Accumulated degree-credit hours to date.
- b. Accumulated staff-development hours to date.
- c. Date of recertification for renewal of state certificate.

The Curriculum Coordinator or designee will ensure that all employee accounts for professional development are current by June 1 of each school year.

#### **F. Per Diem**

1. The per diem rate shall be calculated using the total number of student days in an academic year.
2. Employees, whose assignment has changed as a result of a transfer, will be paid \$250 per day for 3, 6-hour days of curriculum restructuring work performed during the summer.
3. However, employees who volunteer to work on special projects, curriculum writing or are directed by administration to move their classroom will be paid at the rate of \$250 per 6-hour day for such projects.

### **ARTICLE IX INSURANCE**

#### **A. Health Insurance**

Any changes to the current health care or dental provider will result in equal or better benefits for equal or less cost. The Board may present other alternative plans to the Association for consideration and adopted only by mutual agreement.

- a. The School Care Yellow Plan with Choice
- b. The School Care Yellow Plan without Choice
- c. The School Care Orange Plan

The District will pay 85% of the benefit for family, 2 person and single plans in each of

these options.

The Employee's contribution to the premium shall be deducted via payroll contributions before taxes under section 125.

Upon retirement, an employee may continue participation in this group plan until eligible for Medicare. The Employee shall be responsible for payment of the premium.

The District will pay an equal amount toward health insurance if an employee is not eligible for benefits of the established insurance provider due to age.

**1. Health Insurance Stipend**

The District provides a Health Insurance Reimbursement option for eligible bargaining unit members who elect not to receive the District Health Insurance, provided non-enrollment produces no penalty. Eligible employees who elect not to receive the District Health Insurance must provide proof of alternative (non-District) insurance prior to reimbursement. Employees will receive the following reimbursement for what would be the same level of enrollment if they were enrolled in the District's Health Insurance: \$2,000 for a 1-person plan, \$3,000 for a 2-person plan, or \$4,000 for a family plan. Employees making a late election or who later join the District's Insurance for a qualifying reason will receive a prorated reimbursement payment. Employees will be paid in biweekly installments added to their paycheck. It is further understood that duplicate family coverage (each spouse carrying coverage through two separate insurance companies) shall not be allowed.

**B. Medical Reimbursement Plan**

The District will make a Flexible Spending Account ("FSA") plan available for reimbursement of health, dental and childcare expenses as provided under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code. The District will match and deposit up to \$150 for each member enrolled and contributing. The District will be responsible for all third party fees and costs required for administration of the plan for members enrolled in the Plan.

**C. Dental Plan**

The District will agree to pay 100% of the cost for Employee coverage or 80% of 2 person or family coverage. The following coverages will be provided:

Coverage A: Diagnostic (Cleanings, Preventive)	100%
Coverage B: Restorative (Fillings)	80%
Coverage C: Prosthodontics (Bridges, Crowns)	50%

Annual maximum \$1,500 per person Coverage

D: Orthodontics 50%

Lifetime Maximum per patient \$1,500

No Coverage D for Adults

There shall be no deductibles on any of these coverages.

**D. Life Insurance**

The District will provide each WLCTA member with a life insurance policy in the amount of \$50,000.

**E. Annuities**

The District will make available a 403b plan. Any fees associated with an individual's 403b plan will be paid by the vendor or the participant, not the District.

**F. Long-Term Disability**

The District will pay the full cost of a long-term disability (LTD) insurance policy that pays 66 2/3% of monthly salary, up to \$3,500 per month. LTD benefits shall not start until after an employee has exhausted individual sick leave under Article XII(A) (1) and

(2) or until after completion of a 90-day waiting period, whichever occurs later. LTD benefits shall continue for the duration set forth in the LTD insurance policy.

**ARTICLE X  
RETIREMENT**

- A. Employees are to inform the Board in writing of their intent to retire from the District by November 1 of the year of retirement. Employees reserve the right to revoke this notice without prejudice, in accordance with the provisions in paragraph B below.

In the event of extenuating circumstances, the Board will consider requests/notifications, which are received after the November 1 deadline.

All requests for retirement will be considered a personnel issue and will not be made public until the contract due date has passed or until the employee makes it public.

**B. Retirement Plan**

An employee within the bargaining unit who has worked in the District for at least 15 years, as a member of the WLCTA bargaining unit, who is eligible for New Hampshire Retirement System (age 50) and who gives notice by November 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of retirement, shall receive a recognition of service award based upon the following schedule:

With 15-20 years of service in the District \$7,000

With 21 or more years of service in the District \$20,000

The minimum age requirement will be waived for an employee who meets the minimum years of service criteria and has been approved for an early retirement by the New Hampshire Retirement System due to a disability. Such employee may apply for an early retirement service award and will be considered based on years of service alone.

Four (4) employees per year will be eligible to receive the service award. If more than four (4) employees apply in any year, the four (4) employees with the longest service to the district will be given the service awards. The School Board will notify employees of the service award selections by November 15. An employee who was eligible but not selected for the service award may elect to rescind his/her retirement notice by notifying the School Board, in writing, no later than December 1. Any employee who was selected for the service award may rescind his/her retirement notice by notifying the School Board, in writing, no later than December 1. If a selected employee rescinds, the next most senior employee to have applied, if any, will be immediately notified and will have five (5) calendar days to confirm his/her intent to retire with a service award. The school board may elect to award more than 4 (four) service awards in a given year should they choose to do so.

The District shall make payment to an employee under Article X no later than the next July 31 after the employee's retirement. If the District reduces a position (completely or to part-time status) and the employee being reduced is eligible for the recognition of service award, the employee may choose to retire and the November 1 date for notification will be waived.

**Sick Day Buyback:** The District will "buy back" at a rate of \$25 per day up to 90 accumulated sick days from employees 50 years or older who are retiring from the District.

## **ARTICLE XI WORKING CONDITIONS**

### **A. SCHOOL/WORK YEAR**

The work year shall be 180 days, based on a seven hour and thirty minute workday, consisting of 174 school/instructional days with three of the 174 days designated as early release days for professional development and curriculum night and 6 professional days. The number of school/instructional days shall be calculated based on the basis of hours.

Professional days will include:

- 1 day for administrative function and required district wide workshops

- 1 day for parent teacher conferences

- 1 day for classroom set up (to occur prior to the first student day) and prior to open house

- 1 collaboration day for PLC, grade level and subject area teams to meet

Parent teacher conferences will be scheduled according to the needs of each building. A designated day will be used with the teacher workday, on that day only, being from  
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12:30PM to 7:50 PM. Parent conferences will be scheduled on that day and include a 30- minute time period for dinner.

The Association will be informed of the remaining days no later than September 1 and days may be modified by mutual agreement. When possible, the last day of school for students will be an early release day when the school calendar is created. The Board shall solicit input from the Association prior to the adoption of the school calendar.

- B. ASSIGNMENTS**-Each employee may be assigned only to such position as the employee is qualified and certified by the State Board of Education to fill.
- C. DUTY FREE LUNCH**-A daily, uninterrupted duty-free lunch period of at least 25 minutes will be scheduled for each employee.
- D. NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DUTIES**-Shall, in the aggregate, be equitably assigned among employees. This generally means that duty assignments will be distributed equally among all members to the extent practicable. Upon the recommendation of the Principal, an employee may not be assigned a duty period if the employee is working on a special project in cooperation with the Principal. In the middle/high school, each employee is assigned after school detention fewer than five times per school year and an employee assigned after school detention is expected to work the "normal workday" in addition to the detention period. Mandatory after school meetings (e.g. faculty meetings or grade-level meetings) shall be limited to two per month. Meeting times shall not extend past 4:00 p.m. District-wide curriculum nights shall be limited to one per year and shall be scheduled during the first four weeks of the school year. Curriculum nights shall not exceed two hours and shall not extend past 7:00 p.m. Curriculum nights shall be offset by one early release day per year.
- E. CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS**-The District may, without liability, terminate an individual employee's contract in accordance with New Hampshire RSA 189:13, 31, 32 with amendments thereto, and all other statutory provisions pertaining to the relations between the District and employees.
- F. RIGHT OF REMOVAL**-An employee's individual contract shall become void, subject to appeal, if the employee is removed by the Superintendent or if the employee's certificate is revoked by the Commissioner of Education.
- G. ELIGIBILITY OF EMPLOYMENT**-The individual employee's contract is void unless the employee holds a valid credential to teach in the position for which he/she has been employed and completes the required number of clock hours in three years, as approved by the Professional Growth Committee, in the area which he/she is teaching. Each new employee elected before June 30 for employment in the following school year shall, no later than August 1, provide to the Superintendent's Office proof that such member holds appropriate and current New Hampshire or other required credentials for the position to which the person was elected. For purposes of this section "appropriate credentials" would include any statutory or regulatory exceptions, alternatives, or waivers to full credentials (e.g. "permission to employ" letters, "in process of certification" status, etc.)

The District will bear the cost of the SAU 63 criminal background check that's required of applicants for bargaining unit positions.

- H. LEGISLATIVE CHANGES**-The District and the employees agree to be bound by all present and subsequent legislation made by the New Hampshire Legislature and all administrative rulings having the effect of law.
- I. UNIFORM INTERPRETATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS**-All rules and regulations applying to Employees shall be interpreted and applied reasonably and fairly throughout the District.
- J. REPRESENTATION**-Any employee shall, upon request, be entitled to have present a representative of the Association during any meeting, which involves or may involve disciplinary action. When a request for such representation is made, no action shall be taken with respect to the Employee until such a representative from the Association is present. Should disciplinary action likely occur at a given meeting, the employee shall be advised immediately of said possibility and be advised by the employer of the right of representation under this provision.
- K. PERSONNEL FILES**-Employees shall be allowed to examine the contents of their personnel file at a time that is mutually agreeable to the employee and the administrator within two working days of the said request. No derogatory material shall be placed in the employee's file without his/her knowledge and receipt of a copy. No unsubstantiated complaints, as determined by the administration, nor any anonymous complaints be placed in the employee's file. No school documents may be used as evidence against an employee in any proceeding unless the document is included in the official file of the employee maintained at the SAU Office. A copy of any material in the file, with the exception of pre-employment materials, which are excluded from the purview of this Article, shall be provided to the employee upon request. The employee may attach a written rebuttal to any material in his/her file. The administration shall acknowledge receipt of any rebuttal material in writing.
- L. COMPLAINTS**-Any complaint regarding an employee made to administration by a parent, student, or other person shall be reduced to writing by the complainant and shall be properly investigated within 30 school days. The employee shall be given an opportunity to respond in writing and all such responses shall be attached to all copies of any written complaints in all filed copies. The employee will first be given an opportunity to meet and discuss the matter with administration, representation and, when appropriate, the person making the complaint in order to resolve the issue. Only after a complete investigation of the complaint and the complaint or concern being substantiated will this affect an employee's evaluation and/or result in disciplinary action.
- M. WORKDAY**
1. The workday is no more than 7.5 hours including a scheduled 25 minute uninterrupted lunch.
  2. Any change to the daily schedule shall be made in consultation with the WLCTA Executive Board and the administration of the District. Discussions of any change will occur in the year prior to any implemented change and will involve the entire faculty of that building.
  3. Each employee will have an uninterrupted daily planning period:

FRES & LCS: Each employee shall have a planning period of a minimum of 45



uninterrupted consecutive minutes five times a week within the students' day.

WLC Middle & WLC High School: Each employee shall have a minimum of 225 minutes of planning in a five-day week with planning segments no shorter than an academic class period.

Teachers will not have any other assignments during these planning periods.

These times amounts will be prorated reasonable according to any planned or emergency shortening of school days and/or weeks

4. High school and middle school employees will be assigned no more than 5 teaching periods per day.

**N. CLASS COVERAGE**-An employee who is asked and agrees to teach a class during his/her preparation period or team period relinquishes their planning period and will be compensated \$30 for a 45-minute class, or \$60 for a 90-minute class. Such payments shall also be made to employees who are directed to add additional students to their classes during their normal teaching schedules due to a colleague's absence or a vacancy, when no substitute teacher is provided.

**O. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HEAD TEACHER-(FRES)**

All interested elementary school employees may apply for the Head Teacher position at FRES by June 1. Elementary school Head Teacher will be selected prior to the start of the school year through the mutual agreement of the WLCTA Executive Board and the administration. The selected employee will serve on the Crisis Team and the Principal Advisory Committee and be available to accept the Principal's role in the absence of the Principal at FRES. In the absence of the Principal, the Head Teacher will be called upon when needed to perform tasks to include but not limited to:

1. Oversee emergency situations involving injured or ill students or report any emergency to proper authorities
2. To take phone calls when necessary to protect classroom learning from undue interruptions
3. Handle student discipline issues

Duties performed by the Head Teacher do not constitute a condition of employment and are voluntary. The Head Teacher will receive an annual stipend equal to 3.5% of the BA level 1 on the employee pay scale.

The Principal will make every effort to coordinate the use of the Head Teacher in advance. Emergency use of the Head Teacher will be handled on an as needed basis.

In the event that the Principal's absence is a day or more, the Head Teacher will have authority to bring a substitute into their class.

**P. SCHOOL POLICIES**-The WLCTA shall be informed by the superintendent's office of any new or modified policies as soon as they are approved by the WLC School Board.

## **Q. EMPLOYEE RESIGNATIONS**

The employee agrees to work for the District for said period at said salary, and regulations which may be enacted relative to the conduct of the schools and employees, and such other laws, rules, and regulations as may be enacted during the terms of this Agreement. Except in case of an emergency or as otherwise provided by law, or when an employee must relocate in excess of fifty miles from the District, employees shall be expected to give notice of resignation as set forth below. It is the intent of the parties that emergency be defined as including a physical or emotional crisis of the employee or the immediate family of the employee where reemployment in the Wilton-Lyndeborough School District is not contemplated or undertaken.

Employees who sign employment contracts but subsequently resign after June 1<sup>st</sup> but before July 1<sup>st</sup> shall pay the District a penalty of \$1,000.

Employees who sign employment contracts but subsequently resign after July 1<sup>st</sup> shall pay the District a penalty of \$2,500.

Such penalty payments shall be waived in cases of relocation or emergency, as defined above, and may also be waived at the discretion of the Board in other extenuating circumstances.

In consideration of the payment of the resignation penalty, the District shall not interfere with an employee's right to seek or accept other employment.

## **ARTICLE XII LEAVES**

It is agreed that the use of leave days will be confined to the legitimate purposes provided in this section.

### **A. Personal Illness**

Sick leaves shall be confined to a disabling physical or mental condition of the employee, or family member excluding work-connected disability covered by New Hampshire Workers' Compensation Laws.

Employees will begin the contract year: with a credit of Fifteen (15) days sick leave pay at their applicable salary rate. The Board agrees to permit accumulation to a maximum of Ninety (90) days. Employees shall be allowed to add each year's sick leave days to the total prior year's sick leave as long as it does not exceed the total maximum days of 105.

The immediate supervisor and/or Superintendent may request medical evidence of the illness after 3 consecutive school days.

**Sick Bank:** That there shall be established, a sick bank to which persons covered by this contract will contribute up to two days per year. Said sick bank to be cooperatively administered by the WLCTA and the Superintendent of Schools. By the first paycheck in September, employees shall be informed of their total accumulated sick leave.

1. **Purpose**-The purpose of the sick bank is to provide additional sick days to employees who have exhausted individual sick leave at a time of serious and prolonged personal illness, but only until the 90-day waiting period for LTD has been completed. Other hardship situations may be brought to the Executive Board and Superintendent for consideration.
2. **Administration**-The sick bank will be cooperatively administered by the WLCTA Executive Board and the Superintendent.
3. **Contributions**-At the end of each school year, any employee who has a balance of sick days greater than 90 days will automatically have one of those days added to the sick bank up to a maximum of 180 days.

If the number of sick days in the sick bank falls below 180 days, the WLCTA may vote at any time to have each employee covered by this agreement add up to 2 days of their accrued sick time to replenish the sick bank to its' maximum of 180 days.

4. **Maximum Balance**-Sick days may be accumulated to One Hundred Eighty (180) days after the beginning balance has dropped below 180.

**The Superintendent, or designee, will inform the WLCTA if the balance of the sick bank falls below 100 days within one calendar week if that occurs.**

#### **B. Bereavement Leave**

The District will grant paid leave of up to three (3) days for the death of a member of a bargaining unit members' family. For the purposes of this paragraph, family is defined as spouse/non-married domestic partner, children, mother father, sister, brother, grandparents, grandchildren, and respective in-law status of these family members. An additional three (3) days of bereavement will be granted if the employee is responsible for legal or estate matters related to the death of the family member. The employee may take one paid day per death to attend the funeral of any close friend. Extension of time may be given in extenuating circumstances and with the approval of the Superintendent.

#### **C. Personal Leave**

Personal leave will be granted for up to three (3) days with approval by the Principal and/or Superintendent; forty-eight-hour prior notice should be given if possible. Personal leave may be taken for matters that cannot be conducted outside school hours. It will not be granted adjacent to school holidays or vacations except in emergencies or special events.

**Attendance award:** Any employee using 0 days of personal leave, prorated for part-time employees, shall be granted an annual award of \$300.

#### **D. Military, Jury Duty**

Employees will be granted leave for military reserve duty or for jury duty.

Employees called to military reserve duty will receive the difference, if any; between their military pay and the compensation they would receive if teaching. Said employee shall be entitled to return to a comparable position upon completion of duty and be given experience credit for their service to the nation.

Compensation for employees on jury duty or otherwise subpoenaed requests will be the difference between their compensation for such duty and their normal pay.

#### **E. Sabbatical Leave**

A sabbatical leave is available to employees who have completed seven (7) years of service to the District as outlined below: (See Appendix C)

1. This may be a full year leave at half pay or a half-year leave at full pay.
2. The School Board may grant one sabbatical per year unless, in the opinion of the Board, no proposal provides a clear outline that includes:
  - A strong link between the sabbatical proposal and improved instruction for students;
  - Plans for how the sabbatical experience will be brought into the classroom.
3. The employee will provide a follow up report for the Board.
4. Any application for a sabbatical leave will be reviewed by the Superintendent prior to being presented to the School Board. Such application must be in writing and filed with the Principal and/or the Superintendent of Schools no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the start of the leave. The Superintendent may request additional information once the application is reviewed. All applications will be presented to the School Board. The Board will respond by January 15<sup>th</sup>.
5. Any sabbatical leave granted is with the understanding that upon completion, the employee will return to the District for a minimum of two additional years of service.
6. This is available to employees on a seven (7) year recurring basis upon receipt of the application by the Principal and/or Superintendent of Schools and approval by the Board.
7. Any employee who has been granted a sabbatical leave shall advance to the next step on the salary schedule in the following year.
8. An employee who does not serve the two (2) additional years referred to in #5 will reimburse the District a proportional amount of the compensation that he/she received while out of the sabbatical leave.

9. An employee returning from a sabbatical leave will not lose his/her step increment due

to the sabbatical leave. The continuation of economic fringe benefits during the sabbatical is contingent upon the employee continuing the required contributions. Additional sick leave days will not accrue during the sabbatical but all previously acquired sick leave days will be retained. Tuition reimbursement, up to the maximum allowed per employee does apply to employees on a sabbatical. The person on the sabbatical will resume his/her former assignment and responsibility unless a mutually satisfactory agreement is reached on a different assignment and responsibility.

#### **F. Parenting Leave**

The District shall comply with the requirements of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and its corresponding regulations.

Parental Leave shall be granted to employees with at least one year of employment with the District for the purpose of caring for their newborn infant(s) or newly adopted child. Employees who have completed three (3) or more years of service to the District prior to the commencement of the leave may elect to extend the leave for up to one school year.

Concurrent with any FMLA leave, the District will grant ten (10) days of paid Parental Leave without deduction from the employee's accumulated sick leave to be used within the first 10 days of the birth, placement, or adoption of the child. Thereafter, qualifying employees may use accrued sick or personal leave as follows:

1. An employee who is pregnant may use accrued sick or personal leave for any period of disability associated with childbirth, as certified by a medical professional. Beyond the period of physical disability, the employee may elect to use up to an additional twenty (20) sick days or personal days for any remaining period of FMLA leave, provided the total period of paid leave shall not exceed twelve (12) weeks.
2. A non-childbearing employee ("birthing partner" or in instances of adoption) may use an additional twenty (20) sick days or personal days for the care of their newborn child, newly adopted child, or newly placed child.

An application for such parenting leave must be made in writing to the Superintendent at least five (5) months prior to the expected date of delivery or adoption and must include the requested dates of commencement and termination of the leave. Employees are requested to time their return to work to align with the start of a school year or marking period unless otherwise agreed by the employee and Superintendent. Employees who are directed by Administration to return later than their FMLA leave period for scheduling purposes may continue to use any of their accrued sick days.

An employee returning from Parenting Leave will be assigned to the same position that the employee held prior to taking leave. If the leave has been for less than one-half of the school year, the employee will be given credit for the year for purposes of advancement on the salary schedule.

An employee taking leave for a full school year must notify the Superintendent, in writing, prior to March 1 of that school year whether he/she intends to return to work for the following school year. Failure to provide such notice may be deemed a resignation.

While an employee is on FMLA, the District will continue to pay its share of health and dental insurance for the employee; the employee will be required to pay their share. Once FMLA has been exhausted, the

employee will be able to continue insurance benefits by reimbursing the District for coverage at the group rate.

#### **G. Unpaid Leave**

The Superintendent, as a representative of the District, may approve unpaid leave.

During any approved unpaid leaves, seniority shall not continue to accumulate, however the Employee shall retain the seniority held at the start of the unpaid leave. The employee will be able to continue insurance benefits by reimbursing the District for coverage at the group rate, if permitted by the insurance carrier.

Requests for leaves of absence shall be in writing to the Superintendent of Schools and include the reason for the leave along with notification of the beginning and ending dates of said leaves.

### **ARTICLE XIII REDUCTION IN FORCE**

- The decision to implement a Reduction in Force (RIF) is at the sole discretion of the WLC SchoolBoard.
- As soon as a RIF is seriously contemplated by the WLC School Board, the Superintendent will notify the president of the WLCTA.
- Classification of staff will be defined by the grade level(s) being taught (Elementary School and Middle-HighSchool) and then by area of certification.

The School Board will make every reasonable effort to minimize the effects of a RIF on the current employees by first considering retirement, attrition, and transfers before employees are not renewed due to a RIF.

Within a classification subject to reduction, employees without continuing contract status shall be laid off first. Employees without continuing contract status laid off due to a reduction in force shall be provided with written notice that they are being non-renewed due to a reduction in force. "Continuing contract status" shall be defined in accordance with NH RSA 189:14-a.

If further reductions in employees are necessary, the School Board will retain employees based on the following criteria (equally weighted):

- a. Performance, based on official written evaluations;
- b. Length of service to the District;
- c. Educational attainment; and
- d. Experience in the classification subject to reduction

Employees who are laid off due to a RIF are eligible for recall for a one-year period following their final date of employment if a position becomes available in the areas to which they were previously

employed. Laid off employees must provide the Superintendent their current address and phone number so they may be contacted in the event an opening occurs. Recall notices shall be marked certified return receipt requested to the last known address. Employees will have fourteen (14) days to respond to a recall notice. Failure to respond will indicate the intent not to return. Any employee recalled shall retain all previously accrued benefits including, but not limited, to sick time.

#### **ARTICLE XIV STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE**

The District will provide a pool of \$10,000 each year for the purpose of student loan repayment assistance for eligible employees. An eligible employee is an employee who: (a) is employed by the District for the complete school year; (b) is on step 10 or lower of the salary schedule; (c) has been employed by the District for 5 years or less; and (d) is not in default on their student loan(s). The maximum student loan repayment assistance that any eligible employee may receive is \$2,000 per year, or the remaining balance on the loan(s), whichever is less. In the event that eligible employees apply for more than \$10,000 in student loan repayment assistance in the same year, the pool will be divided equally among all eligible employees on a per capita basis.

Application for student loan repayment assistance by an eligible employee shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent or their designee by December 1<sup>st</sup> each year. The application shall include documentation of the loan, the lender, the outstanding balance, a year-end summary of repayment activity, and corroboration that the loan is not in default. Loan repayment assistance shall be paid by the District directly to the financial institution holding the eligible employee's loan on or before June 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

The employee will remain liable for the loan debt. The employee also will be responsible for payment of any taxes and for payment of any employee contributions to the New Hampshire Retirement System that are due on payments made by the District.

#### **ARTICLE XV COMPENSATION**

- A.** Bargaining unit members will be paid in accordance with the salary schedules set forth in Appendix A.

Newly hired employees shall be placed on the step commensurate with their experience and education as follows:

Each year of experience working in public education as a certified professional (e.g. teacher, guidance counselor, nurse etc.) shall count towards one step on the salary schedule.

Relevant private sector experience shall count as one step on the salary schedule for every two years of experience. Experience as a certified educator working in non-public

educational settings shall count as one step on the salary schedule for every one year of experience.

- B.** In the first year of the agreement, eligible teachers will advance one step effective July 1, 2024, and those employees on longevity will receive a 7% salary increase.
- C.** In the second year of the agreement, eligible teachers will advance one step on the year two salary schedule effective July 1, 2025, and those employees on longevity will receive a 4% salary increase.
- D.** In the third year of the agreement, eligible teachers will advance one step on the year three salary schedule effective July 1, 2026, and those employees on longevity will receive a 4% salary increase.
- E.** It will be the responsibility of each employee to inform the Human Resource Specialist if and when they qualify to move to a different salary schedule. Adjustments to a salary schedule will occur twice a year, the first pay period in January and the first pay period in July.
- F.** Employees will be paid bi-weekly, and will have the option of choosing to receive salary payments prorated on the basis of 21 or 26 pay periods. If the employee elects to receive pay on the 26<sup>th</sup> payment basis, the employee will receive the balance of salary in a lump sum with the 21<sup>st</sup> paycheck. The first paycheck will be made within the first two weeks of the work year. Compensation for work done outside of the normal school day or work year (e.g. payments for summer workshops or committee work) shall be paid in the next pay period after the work is performed.
- G.** Stipend positions that exist in multiple buildings will be paid the same when job descriptions and responsibilities are identical.
- H.** It is the intent of this agreement that no new employee will be placed on a step higher than that of an existing employee with equivalent experience and education.

## **ARTICLE XVI**

### **ASSIGNMENTS, TRANSFERS & VACANCIES**

- A.** The Superintendent of Schools shall make all assignments and transfers within the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District subject to the provisions of this Article and Article XI.
- B.** Said assignments and classroom changes shall be given in writing to all employees on or before May 1 for the forthcoming school year subject to reassignment where necessary in the best interests of the School District and in accordance with this



Article. Any employee member whose teaching assignment is changed between May 1 and June 30 may resign his/her position with the District without prejudice. Employees will be informed in writing of any changes in assignment that occur after the last day of school and be given time to develop curriculum as stated in Article VIII F (3).

- C.** Prior to involuntary transfer, the Superintendent will first seek volunteers who are certified and qualified to fill said vacancy. Any involuntary transfer shall be made only after a meeting between the employee involved and the Superintendent at which time the employee shall be notified of the reason for transfer. In the event that an employee objects to the transfer, he/she must notify the Superintendent within seven (7) calendar days. The Association will be notified and the Superintendent will meet with the Association representative and employee within seven (7) calendar days to discuss the transfer.
- D.** The term "transfer" shall include all changes in subjects to be taught, department or grade level changes and building assignments.
- E.** The parties agree that involuntary transfers shall be made only when the Superintendent concludes that they are in the best interest of the District. Employees are not to be transferred for disciplinary reasons. Any employee member involuntarily transferred may resign his/her position with the District, without prejudice.
- F.** Notice of any bargaining unit vacancies (including newly created positions) shall be posted on the official bulletin board at school for at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the deadline for application, except in case of emergency. The posting shall state the specific position to be filled, qualifications, starting date, and other relevant terms of employment. Employees who are interested in being assigned to another position for the next school year may make known their interest by submitting a written statement to the Principal. Said employee(s) shall be contacted by the administration should a vacancy arise in the area of indicated interest. During the summer recess, notice of vacancies shall be mailed to the Association president.
- G.** The parties agree that vacated positions will be posted in accordance with section F above prior to authorizing a voluntary transfer.

**ARTICLE XVII  
SAVINGS CLAUSE AND RESERVATION TO VOTERS**

**A. Saving Clause**

If any provision of this Agreement is or shall at any time be contrary to law, then such provision shall not be applicable or performed or enforced, except to the extent permitted by law and substitute action shall be subject to appropriate consultation and negotiation by the parties.

In the event that any provision of this Agreement is or shall be contrary to law, all other provisions of this Agreement shall continue in effect.

**B. Reservation to Voters on Financial Matters**

The Board and employees agree to support mutually agreed to settlements before the Budget Committee and voters of the District. However, any Agreement reached herein which requires the expenditures of public funds for its implementation shall not be binding upon the Board, unless, and until, the necessary appropriations have been made by the voters. In the event the voters shall not approve the District budget as proposed by the Board, the Board and the Association shall resume negotiations.

**ARTICLE XVIII  
DURATION**

This Agreement shall extend from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027 unless extended or modified in writing.

Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School Board

Wilton-Lyndeborough Certified  
Teachers' Association

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX A

2024-2025					
Year 1					
Step	B	B+15	B+30	M	M+20
1	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
2	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 47,800.00	\$ 48,600.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 51,000.00
3	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,800.00	\$ 49,600.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 52,000.00
4	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 49,800.00	\$ 50,600.00	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 53,000.00
5	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,800.00	\$ 51,600.00	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 54,000.00
6	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,800.00	\$ 52,600.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
7	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 52,800.00	\$ 53,600.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
8	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 53,800.00	\$ 54,600.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 57,000.00
9	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 54,800.00	\$ 55,600.00	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 58,000.00
10	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,800.00	\$ 56,600.00	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 59,000.00
11	\$ 56,500.00	\$ 57,300.00	\$ 58,100.00	\$ 59,500.00	\$ 60,500.00
12	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 58,800.00	\$ 59,600.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 62,000.00
13	\$ 59,500.00	\$ 60,300.00	\$ 61,100.00	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 64,000.00
14	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 61,800.00	\$ 62,600.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 66,000.00
15	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 63,300.00	\$ 64,100.00	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 68,000.00
16	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 64,800.00	\$ 65,600.00	\$ 69,500.00	\$ 70,500.00
17	\$ 65,500.00	\$ 66,300.00	\$ 67,100.00	\$ 71,500.00	\$ 72,500.00
18	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 67,800.00	\$ 68,600.00	\$ 73,500.00	\$ 74,500.00

2025-2026		Year 2			
Step	B	B+15	B+30	M	M+20
1	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,800.00	\$ 49,600.00	\$ 51,600.00	\$ 53,600.00
2	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 49,800.00	\$ 50,600.00	\$ 52,600.00	\$ 54,600.00
3	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,800.00	\$ 51,600.00	\$ 53,600.00	\$ 55,600.00
4	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,800.00	\$ 52,600.00	\$ 54,600.00	\$ 56,600.00
5	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 52,800.00	\$ 53,600.00	\$ 55,600.00	\$ 57,600.00
6	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 53,800.00	\$ 54,600.00	\$ 56,600.00	\$ 58,600.00
7	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 54,800.00	\$ 55,600.00	\$ 57,600.00	\$ 59,600.00
8	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,800.00	\$ 56,600.00	\$ 58,600.00	\$ 60,600.00
9	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 56,800.00	\$ 57,600.00	\$ 59,600.00	\$ 61,600.00
10	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 57,800.00	\$ 58,600.00	\$ 60,600.00	\$ 62,600.00
11	\$ 58,500.00	\$ 59,300.00	\$ 60,100.00	\$ 62,100.00	\$ 64,100.00
12	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,800.00	\$ 61,600.00	\$ 63,600.00	\$ 65,600.00
13	\$ 61,500.00	\$ 62,300.00	\$ 63,100.00	\$ 65,100.00	\$ 67,100.00
14	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 63,800.00	\$ 64,600.00	\$ 66,600.00	\$ 68,600.00
15	\$ 64,500.00	\$ 65,300.00	\$ 66,100.00	\$ 68,100.00	\$ 70,100.00
16	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 66,800.00	\$ 67,600.00	\$ 70,100.00	\$ 72,100.00
17	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 68,300.00	\$ 69,100.00	\$ 72,100.00	\$ 74,100.00
18	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 69,800.00	\$ 70,600.00	\$ 73,600.00	\$ 75,600.00

2026-2027		Year 3			
Step	B	B+15	B+30	M	M+20
1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
2	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
3	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 57,000.00
4	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 58,000.00
5	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 59,000.00
6	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
7	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 61,000.00
8	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 62,000.00
9	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 63,000.00
10	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 64,000.00
11	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
12	\$ 61,500.00	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 63,500.00	\$ 65,500.00	\$ 66,500.00
13	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 68,000.00
14	\$ 64,500.00	\$ 65,500.00	\$ 66,500.00	\$ 68,500.00	\$ 69,500.00
15	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 71,000.00
16	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 68,500.00	\$ 69,500.00	\$ 71,500.00	\$ 72,500.00
17	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 71,000.00	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 74,200.00
18	\$ 70,500.00	\$ 71,500.00	\$ 72,500.00	\$ 74,500.00	\$ 75,700.00

**APPENDIX B**  
**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REQUEST FOR COURSE APPROVAL**

IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF



REIMBURSEMENT

PREPAYMENT (see page 2)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Course: \_\_\_\_\_

*College/University*

Beginning Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Staff Member Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

REQUIRED Signatures below acknowledge approval of the staff member's participation in the above referenced course:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Principal*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Superintendent*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Cost of course: \_\_\_\_\_ *(canceled check and/or receipt of payment from the school is attached) Payment of course reimbursement is for tuition and related fees only. An individual is entitled to receive 2/3 reimbursement cost for 6 graduate level credits during each year of this contract not to exceed the NH resident UNH graduate level dollar amount plus any related fees. See page 8 of CBA for additional information.*

Final grade: \_\_\_\_\_ *(School's Official Transcript or Grade Report is attached, shows a final grade of "B" or better, upon completion of the course)*

Credits Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Reimbursement will be issued upon successful completion of the course. Proof of successful completion will be submitted with this form for reimbursement to the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

*\*Approval prior to attendance at the course must be obtained before reimbursement will be considered. In addition, staff members must have submitted intent to participate in the Professional Development program each year, before approval/reimbursement for courses will be issued. If staff member did not show intent to participate in the program, no approval or reimbursement will be issued.*

Advance Payment Plan – Each September a teacher will elect to either participate or not participate in Advanced Payment Plan for professional development. The District will prepay for any course that has been approved by the Staff Development Committee (employing the program of staff development mandated by the state as an integral part of the teacher’s recertification process).

Each participating teacher will enter into an agreement with the District to submit receipts, grades, and other paperwork for the course that was prepaid. The teacher will agree, in writing, to keep his/her Advanced Payment Account records up-to-date. If the teacher fails to fulfill the requirements of the Advanced Payment Plan, the teacher agrees that the District will withhold any balance due the District from the last paycheck under the teacher’s contract.

Advance Payment Plan will follow the same criteria as for course approval and reimbursement, in such that if the teacher does not successfully complete the course, he/she will be responsible to repay the District as outlined in the above paragraph.

I have read the above information and agree to adhere to the requirements of the Advance Payment Plan. I agree that if I do not follow the criteria of the Advance Payment Plan, I agree that the District can deduct the cost of the course from my final pay of the current school year.

I agree to reimburse the District fully, by personal payment, should I not have sufficient compensation in my final pay.

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Teacher Name

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Teacher Signature

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Date

**APPENDIX C**  
**WLC Certified Employees Request for Sabbatical Leave**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Present Teaching Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Building \_\_\_\_\_
3. Number of years of teaching experience (including this year) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Number of years of teaching experience in SAU 63  
(exclude years in which you have had a leave of absence) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Highest Degree \_\_\_\_\_ B.A. \_\_\_\_\_ M.A. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
6. Credits beyond highest degree (specify quarter or semester) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you ever had a sabbatical leave granted by SAU 63? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Briefly describe any sabbatical leaves granted by any other district. (Please use a separate sheet if necessary to explain more in detail.) \_\_\_\_\_
9. Please indicate your plans for sabbatical leave. Be specific. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Please describe why you feel this experience will benefit your teaching in SAU 63. (Keep in mind that the selection of candidates will be based largely on the benefit of the leave to the school district.) If your proposed sabbatical leave will allow you to change teaching emphasis or programs, please be sure to include this information in your description. \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Applicant