

**VAN BUREN**  
**FOOD SERVICE ASSOCIATION**

*July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025*

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## **ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION**

- 1.1 The Board recognized the Van Buren School Food Service Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the purpose of collective bargaining with respect to wages, hours of work and other conditions of employment for all employees within the department of Food Services; substitute personnel, and Food Service Supervisor are excluded.
- 1.2 During the term of this contract agreement, the Board agrees that it will not enter into negotiations with any organization other than this employment group, concerning wages, hours of work and other conditions of employment for those persons covered by this agreement.
- 1.3 The District shall submit a request to meet no later than April 30, 2025, to begin bargaining the successor agreement to the current contract. If the District fails to submit a request to meet no later than April 30, 2025 to begin bargaining the successor agreement to the current contract, then the changes reflected in this agreement shall be sunset upon expiration of the Contract.

The terms of the contract shall be from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

## **ARTICLE II - FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 2.1 Each employee (regular or substitute) must have a social security number prior to being employed.
- 2.2 Each employee will keep the Food Service Office advised of their correct home address and telephone number.
- 2.3 If you are unable to report to work, please call the Food Service Supervisor, at 734-697-9123, between 6 a.m. and 6:30 a.m.

## **ARTICLE III – FOOD SERVICE WAGE SCHEDULE**

- 3.1 The terms of the contract shall be from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.
- 3.2 The current substitute wage is-\$10.10 per hour per the minimum wage law set by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.
- 3.3 On half-days, breakfast workers will be paid 4 total hours per school during the scheduled breakfast shift with extra work assigned as needed by management.

**2022-2023 FOOD SERVICE WAGE SCHEDULE**

**1. Wage Scale 2022-2023:**

Food Service Worker (Classification I: 5.5 hours/day):

	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
Starting Wage	\$15.34	\$15.84
End of first semester's employment	\$15.79	\$16.29
End of second semester's employment	\$16.62	\$17.12
End of third semester's employment	\$17.72	\$18.22

\*Semester schedule is the first day of work in September and first day of work in January after semester break.

Cook-Manager (Classification II A and II B: 7 hours per day)

II A. High School	\$20.15	\$20.65
II B. Middle School and Elementary	\$20.00	\$20.50

Substitute (Classification IV) minimum wage  
(Receives no other benefits - no increase)

**2. Attendance Bonus:**

- A. Members will have the opportunity to earn a \$500.00 Attendance Bonus per Semester (\$1000.00 / school year).
- B. Members will be considered for the bonus as follows:
  - a. An employee must be employed for the full semester to be eligible for the semester Attendance Bonus.
- C. Every day off taken by a member will reduce the bonus by \$125.00 per occurrence per semester (excluding exceptions noted below).
  - a. Personal Days and one (1) Bereavement Day will not count against this bonus.
- D. Payments will be made on the first check after the end of each semester.
- E. The attendance bonus sun sets at the end of this contract.

**3. Longevity Pay**

- a. Food Service Worker/Cook Manager with 10 years of service: \$300.00
- b. Food Service Worker/Cook Manager with 15 years of service: \$400.00
- c. Food Service Worker/Cook Manager with 20 years of service: \$500.00
- d. Food Service Worker/Cook Manager with 25 years of service: \$600.00
- e. Paid in full June of each year.
- f. The longevity bonus sunsets at the end of this contract.

**ARTICLE IV - PAID HOLIDAYS**

- 4.1 November.....Thanksgiving.....2 days
- December .....Christmas and New Year’s.....6 days
- January .....End of Semester .....1 day
- March or April .....Spring Break.....6 days\*
- May .....Memorial Day .....1 day

\*In a year that the Wayne RESA common calendar has Spring Break at five (5) days long, members will receive MLK day as a paid day off.

In a year that the District starts school prior to Labor Day, then Labor Day will be a paid day off.

- 4.2 Paid holidays are accumulated after successful completion of 90 calendar day probationary periods. All regular employees will be paid for the foregoing holidays when they occur during the normal work week, provided the employee works the scheduled full day previous to and following the holiday. The only exception to the above shall be where the employee is on a documented excused absence such as illness or funeral leaves. Pre-approved personal business days may be used the day prior to or the day immediately following a holiday.

Employees absent for any reason other than illness or funeral leaves on a scheduled work day following a holiday will not be paid for the day of absence, but they may be paid for the holiday if they provide a written reason that is legitimate and documentable as determined by the Food Service Supervisor.

**ARTICLE V - OPENING AND CLOSING (CLEAN-UP DAYS)**

5.1 Cook-Managers

All Cook-Managers may be paid for (1) day of opening up and organizing inventory delivered to kitchens, and for (1) day closing down kitchens which includes inventory in June.

All Cook-Managers may be authorized (2) hours of prep and organization of delivered stock to kitchens for opening in January for the new year and after Spring Break (optional).

All Employees

All employees will be paid their scheduled time on the opening clean-up day as well as the closing day.

## **ARTICLE VI – PROFESSIONAL TRAINING STANDARDS**

- 6.1 Kitchen managers are required to complete 10 hours of paid training each year. Kitchen staff (>20 hours/week) are required to complete six (6) hours of paid training. Kitchen staff (<20 hours/week) are required to complete four (4) hours of paid training. All are required to complete civil rights training each year. Excess hours will be credited to the following school year.

## **ARTICLE VII - ANNUAL INVENTORY**

- 7.1 All cook managers may be paid four (4) hours to conduct one annual inventory in June.

## **ARTICLE VIII - UNIFORM CODE/ALLOWANCE**

- 8.1 All regular Food Service employees will be provided with a uniform allowance of \$200.00 per person. Once the probationary period of 90 calendar days has been met satisfactorily, a uniform allowance will be paid. For non-probationary employees, the uniform allowance will be paid the second check in September of each year as a separate check.
- 8.2 All regular Food Service employees will be provided with two Van Buren Food Service shirts per semester.

## **ARTICLE IX - TRANSPORTATION**

- 9.1 Employees shall be reimbursed for mileage, at the current IRS rate per mile, when using their own automobile for any preauthorized school business.

## **ARTICLE X - CLOSING OF SCHOOLS**

- 10.1 Up to a maximum of 6 paid days per year.

10.11 The school calendars of this agreement are based on the state mandate for the required number of days and/or hours. No Food Service employee shall be charged a loss in wages, personal business, or sick time, due to conditions which necessitate the closing of schools. Employees requested to work rescheduled days due to "snow day" closing of schools shall not be paid twice for make-up days. If the school calendar is altered and extended to make up scheduled instructional days lost to inclement weather or Acts of God, employees shall be paid for actual days worked.

10.12 The employee can take sick days, up to the amount of days that the state forgives, for the remaining days.

## ARTICLE XI - JURY DUTY

11.1 Any employee called for jury duty or to give testimony before any judicial or administrative tribunal may be absent with pay. Such absence shall not be charged to holiday time, sick time, personal business, nor loss of pay, providing that any compensation, excluding mileage received by an employee for proceedings shall be remitted to the Board.

## ARTICLE XII - JOB OPENINGS/TRANSFERS/PROMOTIONS

12.1 Banquets will be offered to the school's manager first. If the school's manager is not available, or it calls for more than one worker, it will go up for a bid, based on seniority, with managers first.

12.2 Kitchen Manager / Assistant Managers / Food Service Workers:

- All Food Service Employees will have a performance evaluation completed yearly.
- Kitchen management positions will be made available to all kitchen employees when there is an opening.
- The selection process will be based on meeting the qualifications of the position, past job performance, attendance, merit and ability to perform the duties of the position through an interview process. Seniority may be considered but will not be the final determinant for the promotion.
- The determination will be made by the Food Services Supervisor.
- Members who perform duties of Kitchen Manager will be paid the Kitchen Manager rate of pay for the time they are performing as the Kitchen Manager.
- The District shall pay for Serve Safe Certificate.

12.3 The District retains the right of assignment for all positions.

## ARTICLE XIII - LAYOFF/BUMPING/RECALL

13.1 Layoff: The word "layoff" means a reduction in the workforce. Reasons for a reduction shall be determined by the employer.

13.2 Procedure: Except as otherwise stated the following procedure for layoff shall be mandatory. Probationary employees shall be laid off first. Layoff of senior employees shall be on the basis of district-wide seniority in food service by classification with the least senior employee laid off first.

13.3 In terms of bumping, there are two classifications: (1) cook-manager and (2) food service worker. In the event a manager's position is eliminated, the displaced employee shall use

his/her district-wide seniority to bump into a manager's position held by the least senior person. The bumped cook-manager shall then be permitted to bid through open bid with all other food service workers on a seniority basis for all available food service positions. Open bidding shall be permitted once each year at the end of the school year.

- 13.4 If a cook-manager wants to return to the food service worker's classification, he/she shall submit a written request to the food service supervisor. The supervisor shall exercise her discretion in making the transfer. Persons working as a Cook-Manager shall be paid that rate starting the first day of work.
- 13.5 Recall: When the work force is increased after a layoff, employees shall be recalled according to seniority. In other words, the last one laid off shall be the first one called back. Notice of recall shall be sent to the employee at his/her last known address by registered mail. If an employee fails to report to work by the third work day, he/she shall be considered as having quit. The district shall no longer be obligated to recall a laid off employee once an employee has refused to accept a position offered under the right to recall has expired. The recall period shall be limited to the amount of seniority earned as of the time of layoff.

#### **ARTICLE XIV - SENIORITY**

- 14.1 It is hereby agreed by both parties (Van Buren Board of Education and the Van Buren Food Service Association) that bargaining unit members with the same beginning seniority date shall use the following procedure to determine a differentiated seniority date. The order of greatest seniority date shall begin with the person having the lowest numerical number in the last four (4) digits of their social security number and shall progress downward to the person with the least seniority having the highest four (4) digit number.
- 14.2 The above procedure shall also apply for new hires employed on the same date in the future.

#### **ARTICLE XV - DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE**

- 15.1 Disciplinary action by the Board may involve: (1) oral reprimand, (2) written reprimand, (3) suspension without pay, (4) discharge, or other actions which may be deemed appropriate. Though the appropriate first step of a disciplinary process may depend upon the nature of the disciplinary incident, the rights of the employee will be respected. The Food Service Supervisor acts as the Board's designee. The Human Resources Department and the Van Buren Food Service Association will be informed of disciplinary action.
- 15.2 No food service employee shall be disciplined without just cause. The specific grounds forming the basis for disciplinary action will be made available to the food service employee and the association in writing.
- 15.3 The food service employee shall be entitled to have present a representative of the association during any meeting involving disciplinary action. When a request for such representation is made, no disciplinary action shall be taken with respect to the food



service employee until such a representative of the association is present.

- 15.4 Should the discharged or disciplined employee, or the association, consider the discharge or discipline to be improper, the matter shall be considered under grievance procedure.

#### **ARTICLE XVI - FILES AND RECORDS**

- 16.1. A food service employee will have the right to review the contents of his/her personnel file.
- 16.2 The food service employee will be provided a copy of all materials placed in his/her personnel file which may be grounds for discipline or adversely affect his/her performance evaluation. The food service employee may submit a written notation regarding any material, including complaints, and shall be attached to the file copy of the material in question.

#### **ARTICLE XVII - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

##### 17.1 Aggrieved

Any employee considering to be aggrieved by violation of this contract shall within thirty (30) calendar days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the grievance, file a written grievance with the designated representative of the employee group.

##### Procedure:

- A. Step 1: The representative and grievant shall discuss and attempt to resolve the grievance with the Supervisor of Food Services.
- B. Step 2: If a satisfactory resolution of the grievance is not reached at Step 1 the employee's grievance shall be referred to and discussed with the Director of Human Resources.
- C. Step 3: If the grievance remains unresolved, the representative and grievance shall meet with the Superintendent of Schools or designee.
- D. Step 4: A grievance not satisfactorily resolved at the conclusion of Step 3 shall be carried to the Board for final resolution.

Note 1. The grievant and one union representative shall be required at each step.

Note 2. The Supervisor of Food Services and the employee have the right to have a grievance committee member or members present when an employee is being reprimanded verbally or in writing for his/her work performance.

ARTICLE XVIII - INSURANCE

18.1 Health

All employees who, as a minimum requirement, are employed as a thirty (30) hour per a week employee shall be considered a regular employee eligible for insurance. The Health Care Insurance provided shall have the coverage defined by the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan PPO Plan \$10/\$40 co-pay prescription drug rider, with contraceptives and mail order prescription drug program, \$20 copay for office visits, and \$50 copay for emergency room visits.

If the district moves to a hard cap during the 2023 calendar year, the district agrees to the following hard cap numbers for the duration of this agreement:

- A. Single                   \$7,399.47
- B. Two Person           \$15,474.60
- C. Family                 \$20,180.43

Dental & Vision are available for those employees who are eligible.

Employees may use payroll deductions to participate in programs as may from time to time be approved for payroll deductions by the Employer.

18.2 Life & Accidental Death & Dismemberment

The Employer shall provide *each employee with \$30,000 term life insurance* and with Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage. Each employee shall have the privilege of purchasing an additional (optional) \$15,000 term life insurance on the payroll deduction plan. The insurance carrier shall be selected by the Employer.

The employer shall provide for all *employees working 20 hours or more per week* an accident and sickness benefit policy which will pay 66 2/3% of salary up to a maximum of \$2,000 per month. Each employee shall co-pay 40% of the annual premium or \$7.00 per month, whichever is more. The insurance carrier is to be selected by the Employer. The terms and conditions of the insurance policy shall govern all conditions of eligibility for benefits which include the use of all earned sick days, personal business days and a waiting period of 30 calendar days.

18.3 Dental

The employer shall pay the premiums to provide the dental expense benefits referred in Appendix I for *each employee* and his/her eligible dependents who do not otherwise have such coverage through their spouse. Covered expenses and the maximum benefits for each covered member referenced below:

- Class I                   80% to a maximum benefit of \$1,000
- Class II                 80% to a maximum benefit of \$1,000
- Class III                80% to a lifetime maximum benefit of \$800

The employer shall provide internal and external coordination of benefits. The insurance carrier shall be selected by the Employer. The terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations specified in the Employer's insurance policy shall govern eligibility for benefits.

#### 18.4 Vision

The employer shall provide *all regular full-time employees* and their eligible dependents with optical care (vision) benefits. Terms and conditions of the insurance policy shall govern all conditions of eligibility for benefits.

#### 18.5 Cash in Lieu

All employees regularly scheduled to work 30 hours or more in the bargaining unit who voluntarily elect not to participate in or to discontinue Employer paid health insurance shall be paid \$2000. Cancellation of the "cash" program by an enrollee shall only be permitted in the case of an involuntary loss of spouse-provided health insurance. In the event of cancellation, the enrollee shall refund the Employer for one-half (1/2) of all the employer paid contributions for that fiscal year. The Employer's contribution to the "cash" shall be made twice each year, with one-half (1/2) of the amount paid in December and one-half (1/2) of the amount paid in June.

Employees who terminate employment prior to the end of the school year, shall be entitled to a prorated payment based on the number of days worked out of the total work days in the employee's standard work year.

### **ARTICLE XIX - RETIREMENT**

19.1 Retirement of all employees shall be governed by the Michigan Public Schools Employees Retirement System.

19.2 Food Service employees retiring under the Michigan School Employees Retirement System or in the event of death while in the employ of the District, and having (15) fifteen service years of in-district service shall receive a one-time retirement grant. The retiree shall be paid fifty (50) dollars per day for unused accumulated sick days to a maximum of 70 days (\$3500.00). Sick day redemption will be paid on a separate check from the biweekly payroll. Note: 1 day shall be interpreted to be equal to the number of hours worked at the time of retirement.

### **ARTICLE XX - SICK LEAVE**

20.1 Regular employees will be allowed one (1) day a month, ten (10) days a year with unlimited accumulation. Sick days will accumulate after a 90 calendar day probationary period. These days may be used as follows:

20.1.1 All sick leave days may be used for personal illness or quarantine.

- 20.1.2 Two sick leave days may be used for the transaction of personal business each school year. With approval of the Supervisor these days may be used consecutively. The employee must receive approval from the Food Service Supervisor, at least 24 hours prior to a personal business day.
- 20.1.3 Use of up to five (5) sick days for the entire school year shall be allowed for the illness of an employee's spouse, child or parent necessitating the employee's presence. After five family illness sick days are utilized, subsequent days must be justified by a physician's statement (M.D. or D.O. only).
- 20.1.4 In case of death in the immediate family a maximum of five (5) sick days' leave will be allowed if the funeral is within 100 miles of Belleville. In this instance, immediate family shall be defined as spouse, children, parents, and grandparents. In the instance of other family members (brother, sister, brother/sister-in-law, parents-in-law) up to three (3) sick days may be used in the event of death. Up to two (2) additional sick leave days may be used by an employee for an out-of-state funeral or in unusual circumstances; the Food Service Supervisor must approve this additional time. The above time will be deducted from sick time. If the member does not have sick time, they will not be paid for the time taken off for bereavement.
- 20.1.5 A maximum of one (1) day sick leave will be allowed to attend the funeral of other relatives or close friends not mentioned in the preceding paragraph, but deducted from sick time or personal business days.
- 20.1.6 After five (5) consecutive days off due to illness, the employee will provide the Human Resources Office with a doctor's statement prior to returning to work. Failure to do so will result in payroll deduction for the days which the employee did not work.
- 20.1.7 An employee who uses more than nine sick days, for two consecutive years without extenuating circumstances, may be required to forfeit one-half of his/her total yearly sick day allocation for the next year. The Cook-Manager and the Food Service Supervisor, shall meet to determine if the employee's absences are without extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances shall include, but are not limited to, sick spouse, children or parents, serious or longer illness requiring treatment of a doctor, and accidents. An employee's total sick leave usage shall be considered.
- 20.1.8 After July 1 of each year, unused sick leave days will accumulate. An employee may have the option to redeem earned sick days per the following requirements:
- a) A minimum of 30 earned sick days must remain in your sick leave bank.
  - b) Sick days will be redeemed at a rate of \$25.00 per day.
  - c) A maximum of 50 sick days may be redeemed per year.
  - d) The employee must submit in writing a request to redeem earned sick days after their last scheduled work day, pending verification of payroll department records.

20.1.9 Employees will be allowed to donate sick hours to other members.

### **ARTICLE XXI - LEAVE OF ABSENCE - PERSONAL ILLNESS**

- 21.1 The Board will grant a leave of absence to an employee who is unable to perform his/her regular duties for an extended period of time because of personal illness, provided written certification of illness is received from a physician. Such leave of absence shall be without salary, increment, sick leave, and all other benefits with the following exceptions. The employer agrees to continue health insurance coverage for those eligible for a period not to exceed one year, provided the employee is the sole insurance holder in his/her family. Said leave of absence shall be for a maximum of 90 calendar days, unless extended by the Board of Education. After 90 calendar days the employer (or designee) may place the employee in any open position. If the employee refuses this placement, they shall forfeit their position and shall be terminated. The employee may have the option to accept a lower pay level position.
- 21.2 In the event the employee is found to be working for pay while on sick leave of absence, they shall be considered to have resigned from the school district employment.
- 21.3 At the end of each leave, the employee shall also be required to furnish a written statement from his/her physician stating the employee is permitted to return to work.
- 21.4 In the event the employer questions the physician's certification when the request is made to take the leave or return from the leave, the employer may, at its own expense, require the employee to be examined by a physician of its own choice.
- 21.5 In the event of 30 calendar days or more leave of absence, the vacant position shall be put up for bid. Any subsequent vacancies due to this leave of absence shall be assigned or filled by a substitute. Persons not eligible for fringe benefits shall not become eligible while filling a temporary position due to a leave of absence.
- 21.6 All requests for leave of absence as well as requests to return from leave shall be in advance and in writing to the Supervisor of Food Services.

### **ARTICLE XXII - ABSENT WITHOUT PAY DAYS**

- 22.1 Employees are expected to maintain a reasonable rate of attendance. An employee absence, without extenuating circumstances, in excess of her accumulated sick leave shall be disciplined according to the following schedule:
- 1<sup>st</sup> occurrence - verbal reprimand
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence – written reprimand
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> occurrence - one-day suspension
  - 4<sup>th</sup> occurrence - discharge

Employee absences which are part of a five-day or more consecutive absence which are justified by a physician's statement (M.D. or D.O. only) shall not be the basis of discipline. In highly unusual circumstances a chronic condition may require accommodation. Any accommodation will only be made after an examination by a physician acceptable to the employer.

22.2 After three (3) days of no call/no show, this is considered job abandonment.

### **ARTICLE XXIII - TARDINESS**

23.1 Employees are expected to be on the job at their designated shift time. If an employee is more than five minutes late for a given shift, it will be considered an act of tardiness. Tardiness will not be tolerated. If an employee is tardy more than three (3) times, within the same school year, the Cook-Manager from the employee's work location and the Food Service Supervisor will determine if the employee's tardiness is considered to be excused, due to extenuating circumstances, or unexcused. Unexcused tardiness shall result in corrective discipline according to the following:

- 1<sup>st</sup> occurrence: verbal reprimand
- 2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence: written reprimand
- 3<sup>rd</sup> occurrence: one-day suspension
- 4<sup>th</sup> occurrence: discharge

### **ARTICLE XXIV - WORK BREAKS**

#### 24.1 Consecutive Hours Worked

1 to 3-1/2 hours	No break for coffee or lunch
Over 3-1/2 hours	One 10-minute break
Over 5 hours	One 20-minute break or two 10-minute breaks
Over 6-1/2 hours	One 20-minute lunch break and two 10- minute breaks

No one is allowed to eat unless they work over 3-1/2 consecutive hours.

### **ARTICLE XXVI - GENERAL EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 25.4.1 Being prompt is essential for the operation of the school lunch program, and if you find it necessary to be late, please call the Food Service Office - 697-0011.
- 25.4.2 Telephones are for business purposes; please do not use the phones (office or cell) for personal use unless extremely important.
- 25.4.3 The work of each employee is not finished until all work in the kitchen has

been completed and the kitchen put in order for the next day, regardless of the department in which you work.

- 25.4.5. An appropriate Van Buren Food Service uniform, as noted under Uniform Code/Allowance in the Master Agreement, shall be worn.

### ARTICLE XXIX - NON-SMOKING PROVISION

#### Public Act 459

In accordance with PA 459, effective September 1, 1993, the use of all tobacco products will be prohibited within and on any and all buildings, facilities and vehicles owned or leased by or to the Van Buren Public Schools. This provision shall supersede any and all contrary and/or inconsistent policies, rules, regulations, or contract provisions with which it may conflict or modify.

The school district will arrange, at no cost to the employer or the employee, a smoking cessation overview program at least once a year.

An employee who engages in the use of tobacco products in violation of the above prohibition shall be subject to the following progressive discipline:

1. First offense - oral warning or enrollment within 14 days in a smoking cessation program at the employee's own expense.
2. Second offense - written reprimand.
3. Third offense - suspension without pay.

At any step of the progressive discipline, an employee can postpone that level of discipline, up to three times, by enrolling each time in a mutually agreeable smoking cessation program, at his/her own expense, and must provide documentation that he/she successfully completed the program. If the employee violates the smoking ban on school premises while in the smoking cessation program, he/she will automatically move to the next level of discipline which will be postponed the first time it occurs. If there is a repeat violation of the smoking ban while in the smoking cessation program, the discipline will be imposed.

### ARTICLE XXX - SCHOOL DISTRICT'S RIGHTS

#### 30.1 School District Rights

- 30.1.1 The Board of Education of the School District retains the sole right to manage and conduct its operations and to comply with its obligations in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan subject only to the condition that it shall not do so in any manner which constitutes a violation of any express term of this agreement.
- 30.1.2 Without limiting to any extent the generality of the foregoing, solely, for purposes of illustration, the Board of Education shall have the right to decide the number and location of schools and other facilities, schedule of

classes, services and programs to be offered, selection of machinery and equipment, and amount of supervision necessary.

- 30.1.3 It is further recognized that the responsibility for the selection and direction of the working forces, including the right to hire, suspend or discharge for proper cause, promote or transfer; to determine the hours of work and the amount of overtime to be worked; to relieve employees from duty because of lack of work, financial constraints or for other legitimate reasons, is vested exclusively in the Board of Education subject to seniority rules, grievance procedure and other provisions of this agreement as herein set forth.
- 30.1.4 The Board of Education shall also have the right to make at any time and to enforce any rules, policies and regulations which it considers necessary or advisable for the safe, effective and efficient operation of the School District so long as they are not inconsistent herewith.
- 30.2 No Strike Provision
- 30.2.1 No employees shall either directly or indirectly take part in or attempt to cause any strike of any sort whatsoever, either complete or partial against the Board of Education; furthermore, they shall not engage directly or indirectly in any stoppage of work. Any employee who engages in any such prohibited conduct shall be subject to discipline or discharge. The grievance procedure set forth herein provides the sole remedy for the settlement of employee grievances.
- 30.3 The association agrees that neither it nor any of its representatives or members shall either directly or indirectly authorize, or assist, permit, encourage, condone, defend, or in any way participate in or lend support to any of the conduct which is prohibited in Section 2; and the association further agrees that it will use its best efforts to prevent any such prohibited conduct.
- 30.4 The Board agrees that it will not lock out any food service employee during the term of this agreement or during any period during which a successor agreement is being negotiated by the parties. If there is a strike by a primary unit within the district and the association employees are laid off, it shall not be construed to be a lockout. An association employee may not be ordered to cross a picket line if such action could adversely affect his/her personal safety.



**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

This Agreement made on the 5th day of June 2023 by and between the Board of Education of the Van Buren Public Schools and the Van Buren Food Service Association, to become effective July 1, 2023, and to remain in effect until June 30, 2025.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement and the attached letter of understanding by their duly authorized representatives on this day and year as written above.

VAN BUREN FOOD  
SERVICE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

FOR THE VAN BUREN BOARD  
OF EDUCATION

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