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- b. If a continuing teacher is selected as a mentor, he/she shall be paid a stipend of \$500 for the period served as a mentor (from August of the first year through October of the subsequent year) for an initial educator.
- c. A teacher new to the District, but not an initial educator, may also be provided a qualified mentor by the District.
- d. A continuing teacher serving as a mentor may request the District assign him/her to a different teacher new to the system teacher and/or be relieved completely from mentor responsibilities. The request must be in writing to the District Administrator. The District Administrator will respond to the request within ten (10) days of receipt. The District Administrator will grant the request if the District Administrator, in his/her discretion, has a qualified replacement mentor. The present continuing teacher will serve as the mentor until such time as the suitable replacement is found. In the event a mentor is replaced, compensation will be prorated for the period served as a mentor.
- e. The teacher receiving mentoring may request the District to provide a different mentor. The request must be in writing to the District Administrator. The District Administrator will respond to the request within ten (10) days from receipt.
- f. The District will make a good faith effort to assign an individual mentor for each teacher new to the District; however, a mentor may elect to work with more than one employee.

SECTION 5. TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS, VACANCIES AND TRANSFERS

5.01 Teacher Assignments, Vacancies and Transfers

- A. Determination of Assignment: Teachers will be assigned or transferred by the District Administrator of the District and/or his/her designee.
- B. Assignment Preference Consideration: Teachers may express in writing to the District Administrator and/or his/her designee their preference of a) school; b) grade level; or c) subject. If a teacher wishes to be transferred to another position which may open during the summer, application for a transfer should be made in writing to the District Administrator and/or his/her designee, who shall give due consideration to such requests. Insofar as possible, consideration shall be given these requests.
- C. Job Posting: When a position becomes vacant or a new position is created, notice of such available position shall be posted on the District's website for a minimum of 5 days. The employer retains the right to temporarily fill vacant positions at its discretion during the posting and selection period. The notice shall include the date of posting, the job requirements, classification, a description of the position available, the work hours of the position, the rate of pay for the position, the anticipated start date and the qualifications required for the position.
- D. Process for Filling Vacancies: An employee who applies for a vacant position, prior to the end of the posting period, may be granted an interview for the position. The District retains the right to select the most qualified applicant for any position based upon stated job descriptions (this restriction does not prohibit the District from considering qualifications that are related to the position and exceed those minimum qualifications listed in the job description). The term applicant refers to both internal candidates and external candidates for the position. The District retains the right to determine the job descriptions needed for any vacant position.
- E. Involuntary Transfers: When the District determines that an involuntary transfer of an employee is necessary, due to the District's need to fill a vacancy or a new position according to the procedures set forth above may, at its discretion, transfer an employee in

the District qualified for the position. No employee will be involuntarily transferred by the District without a conference followed by a written notice from the District Administrator and/or his/her designee which will include the reasons for the transfer. An employee who is involuntarily transferred shall suffer no loss of wages, hours, or other fringe benefit as a result of such transfer. An employee who is involuntarily transferred and wishes to remain in a current available position, may request a conference before the Board of Education. An employee who is involuntarily transferred and suffers a loss of wages, hours or other fringe benefit as a result of such transfer may contest the transfer as discipline under Section 1.02.

5.02 Employee Resignations

- A. The teacher's individual contract, shall be considered binding on both parties. If for any reason a teacher asks for release from the contract, it is understood that the following conditions for release shall apply:
1. The teacher must give the District notice that they intend on severing their contract with the District. Whenever possible, the teacher must give such notice at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the date the employee desires the severance to occur.
 2. It is agreed that liquidated damages are due to the District with the sixty (60) calendar day notice of resignation as follows:
 - a. Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) if the employee's resignation is effective on or after July 1st, but before August 1st.
 - b. Seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) if the employee's resignation is effective on or after August 1st, but before the start of the school year.
 - c. One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) if the employee's resignation is effective on or after the start of the school year.
 3. Liquidated damages and the sixty (60) calendar day notice requirement would not apply to teachers who do not return their contracts by June 15th, or whose resignation is tendered and effective after the end of the school year, but before July 1st.
 4. The employee may choose to have liquidated damages deducted from the employee's last paycheck(s) or the employee shall submit a check for the liquidated damages amount at the time of resignation.
- B. The Board in its discretion may waive the liquidated damages for the following reasons:
1. Employment transfer of spouse;
 2. Illness of employee;
 3. Other reasons as determined by the School Board.
- In the event the District chooses to waive the liquidated damages, the District shall return any damages submitted with the resignation notice to the employee.
- C. Any employee involuntarily called into service by the United States government for military duty shall not be assessed liquidated damages under this Article.

In the event said teacher breaches this contract by termination of services during the term hereof, the Board may, at its option, demand to recover from the teacher such amount of liquidated damages as set forth above; provided, however, that this expressed intent to liquidate the uncertain damages and harm to the District is not the exclusive remedy or right of the Board, but is, rather, an alternative right and remedy and shall not, unless the Board elects to rely on the same, preclude the Board from seeking and recovering the actual amount of damages resulting from such a breach by the said teacher.

5.03 Teacher Absence and Substitutes

When a regular teacher is to be absent from school and a substitute is needed, it is the responsibility of the teacher to call the designated substitute service. If possible, such notification should be made the evening prior to the time of absence, or before 6:00 a.m. This will help to provide time for obtaining a substitute teacher.