LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DEARBORN BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEARBORN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

Recruiting High Quality Special Education Center-Based Program Teachers

The Dearborn Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the Board), and the Dearborn Federation of Teachers (hereinafter referred to as the DFT), whereas the above mentioned parties agree as follows:

The vast reduction in the supply of the Special Education Center-based Program teacher pool has greatly reduced the ability to recruit and retain quality teachers. In order to attract and retain experienced teachers, Human Resources requires increased flexibility to offer new hires competitive salary compensation especially those highly qualified in continually decreasing and minimal applicant pool. Unless stated otherwise, this agreement is effective through 2018 DFT contract expiration.

The Superintendent may hire five new hires up to step eight according to the 2017-18 salary schedule. Because of a teacher shortage for Special Education Center Based positions, for these five new hires, placement shall be made at the discretion of the Director of Human Resources based on full-time experience as a certified teacher in the State of Michigan or the equivalent from another state. Any credit for experience must be within the previous eight years from their date of hire. These five new hires cannot be placed at higher than step eight. The Director will verify the prior compensation of the candidate prior to determining a step for placement.

For the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Dearborn

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For the Dearborn Federation of Teachers

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