NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE

WHITEPINE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #288 AND

WHITEPINE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION EFFECTIVE July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

This agreement entered into by the Board of Trustees of the Whitepine Joint School District #288 (hereafter referred to as the Board) and the Whitepine Education Association (hereafter referred to as the Association), pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho, the aforenamed parties agree to as follows:

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Article I - Procedural Agreement

1.1 Bargaining Units

The Board recognizes the Association as the exclusive bargaining representative of all certificated employees except those who spend fifty (50) percent or more of their time in administrative and/or supervisory activities.

1.2 Negotiations

- **a.** At the beginning of the first negotiations session, the Association will submit complete written proposals to the Board through the Board's appointed negotiators.
- **b.** The district and the Association agree to negotiate salaries, the salary schedule, health and accident insurance, major medical insurance, extracurricular pay, RIF procedure, sick leave, personal leave, professional leave, grievance procedure, class assignment, Association rights, evaluation procedure, recognition, and communication.

1.3 Meetings

- a. Both parties agree the first negotiations meeting will occur after the legislative session ends.
- **b.** Negotiations shall be conducted at times and places agreed to by the negotiators of each party prior to the first meeting.
- c. The Board's negotiators shall appoint a recording secretary who may sit at the bargaining table to take minutes of the sessions. Each team will be provided with a copy of the minutes within five (5) days of the negotiation session.
- **d.** The recording secretary may audio-record negotiation sessions. Each succeeding meeting time, place, and date will be agreed upon at the close of the preceding meeting.
- e. The length of each meeting session will not exceed three (3) hours per meeting unless mutually agreed upon to lengthen the time.
- f. Regular negotiations will not be conducted during the school day.
- g. Either party may call a recess.

1.4 Negotiating Teams

The negotiating team for each party shall consist of no more than three (3) members, one of whom shall be selected as chief negotiator. Either party may utilize the services of no more than four (4) alternates and/or observers provided they are employees of the district. Only the chief negotiator for each party may bargain on behalf of their negotiation team. Either party may, with the consent of the other, invite an outside adviser to speak about specific issues.



1.5 Signed Agreements

a. Proposals which are tentatively agreed to shall be initialed by the chief negotiator of both negotiations' teams during the session in which they are agreed.

1.6 Dispute Resolution

- **a.** If, on August 1st, a dispute exists concerning unresolved items under 1.2(b) above, mediation under the auspices of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service shall be utilized to help resolve the dispute. Prior to August 1, either party may request mediation.
- b. At the time mediation is requested, the party declaring a dispute must identify the areas of dispute in writing to the other party and the prevailing services, as identified in item 1.6(a).
- **c.** The cost of a mediator and/or fact-finding shall be shared equally by both parties involved.

1.7 Ratification

All items agreed to by both negotiating teams are tentative until ratified by the Association and the Board. Ratification shall be on the entire package only.

1.8 <u>Effective Term</u>

This agreement, having been agreed to by both the Board and the Association, is effective July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.

Article II – Definitions

2.1 <u>Professional Employee</u>

A certificated person employed by the District as a classroom teacher, counselor, or specialist as defined as a "teacher" by the Idaho State Department of Education.

2.2 District

The local education agency is recognized as the Whitepine Joint School District #288.

2.3 Association

The local district education organization duly chosen and selected by fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the professional employees, excluding administrative personnel as addressed in this section, as their representative organization for negotiations under this act. For the purposes of this agreement,

2.4 Negotiations

Meeting and conferring in good faith by a local board of trustees and the authorized local education organization, or the respective designated representatives of both parties for the purpose of reaching an agreement, upon matters and conditions subject to negotiations as specified in a negotiation agreement between said parties.

2.5 Good Faith Bargaining

For the purpose of this procedure, "good faith" means honesty, fairness and lawfulness of purpose with the absence of any intent to defraud, act maliciously or take unfair advantage or the observance of reasonable standard of fair dealing.

2.6 Grievance

A written allegation of a violation of Board approved District policies or a written allegation of a violation of the Negotiated Agreement between the District and the Association.



Article III – Preamble

3.1 Statement

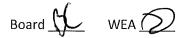
This agreement is made and entered into the 1st day of July 2024, by and between the Board of Trustees of Whitepine Joint School District #288 and Whitepine Education Association as the exclusive representative organization of the professional employees of said district as identified in the Procedural Agreement.

3.2 Rights of the Board

The Rights of the Board as established by law and recognized within the provisions of the Procedural Agreement shall be made a part of this agreement by reference.

3.3 Association & Professional Employee Rights

The Rights of the Association and of professional employees as established by law and the Procedural Agreement shall be part of this agreement by reference.



Article IV – Assignments

4.1 <u>Instructional Placement</u>

Professional employees will be assigned within the scope of their teaching certificates or major or minor fields of study when possible. Having once been assigned to a specific grade level and/or subject matter area, a classroom teacher may be reassigned to a different grade level and/or subject matter area only after consultation, with the final decision resting with the administration.

4.2 Extracurricular Assignments

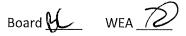
All extracurricular amounts will be listed as a percentage of a base salary rather than dollar amounts.

4.3 Extracurricular Assistants

The number of assistant coaches allowed for specific athletic activities shall be determined by the Superintendent and Athletic Director based on factors of need, safety, and available funding.

4.4 **Supplemental Contracts**

Supplemental Contracts that are academic or supervisory in nature, and Extra-Curricular duties that are included in an Administrative Contract, are not subject to WEA negotiation.



Article V - Professional Compensation

5.1 Salary Schedule

- a The salary schedule shall be in effect as set forth in Appendix A for the 2024/2025 SY.
- b For the 2024 / 2025 Contract Year, the calculating base will be set at \$41,132, representing an increase of 5.7% over the previous calculating base.
 - i For instructional and pupil-service staff employed during the 2023-2024 SY, the District agrees to pay a one-time allocation to cover any difference in overall pay resulting from the elimination of the Enhancement calculation from the previous agreement.

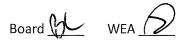
***INTENT: "Loss of pay" is defined by a decrease in the total amount paid to an individual based on the following formula: (FY24 cell placement + calculated Enhancement) – FY25 Cell Placement.

c Certificated staff salary will be determined based on the following incremental growth for steps and lanes using the negotiated *calculating base* set in Article 5.1(b) above.

Current Year	BA	BA + 15	BA + 30	BA + 45 MA	BA + 60 MA + 15	BA = 75 MA + 30
1	1.000	1.049	1.098	1.147	1.196	1.245
2	1.049	1.098	1.147	1.196	1.245	1.294
3	1.098	1.147	1.196	1.245	1.294	1.343
4	1.147	1.196	1.245	1.294	1.343	1.392
5	1.196	1.245	1.294	1.343	1.392	1.441
6	1.245	1.294	1.343	1.392	1.441	1.490
7.	1.294	1.343	1.392	1.441	1.490	1.539
8		1.392	1.441	1.490	1.539	1.588
9			1.490	1.539	1.588	1.637
10			1.539	1.588	1.637	1.686
11			1.588	1.637	1.686	1.735
12				1.686	1.735	1.784
13		National Section		1.735	1.784	1.833
14					1.833	1.882
15					1.882	1.931

5.2 Credit Reimbursement

- a The District will reimburse teachers for three (3) credits per year, accumulative to nine (9) at maximum, at no higher than the University of Idaho credit costs. The district will reimburse any teacher assigned out of their subject area.
- **b** Classes requested for reimbursement must be an upper division or graduate course, depending upon the employee's status on the salary schedule (unless the course is required for a change in teaching assignment) and must be:
 - i part of a planned program beyond the employee's present status, or
 - ii within the employee's endorsement areas, or
 - iii within the employee's present or proposed teaching assignment area(s).



- c Course work related to that individual's teaching area can be interpreted as any course that would be beneficial to the learning experiences of the students involved. However, a course not directly related to the specific teaching field requires administration approval.
- d To receive reimbursement for classes beginning after September of each year, a written claim on the district form plus receipts for verification must be submitted to the district office no later than September 15 of the following year. For budgeting purposes, employees must inform the District Office of their intendent reimbursement request by March 30. An email from the district office will initiate the request for information. Payments will be made once a year only with the September payroll, thus limiting reimbursement to continuing teachers only. Classes must be reimbursed within 2 years of taking the course.

5.3 Workshops & Conferences

The District will send teachers to workshops, conferences, and other training of the District's choice, at the District's expense, and as part of the teacher's contracted work year. In addition, should a teacher wish to attend such an event, and the District decline to support it, the Principal or Superintendent will state the reason in writing. The WEA President may then approve a maximum of \$300 for the teacher to attend the event, up to a \$2000 annual maximum for the staff, regardless of where the event is located.

5.4 Education Allocation

Premiums which are calculated into salary-based apportionment through Education Allocation shall be distributed only to the employee(s) who completed such education or training upon earning a Professional Endorsement as defined by I.C. 33-1004B.

5.5 **Dual Enrollment Courses**

The District will ensure that teachers offering dual credit classes are paid equal to the amount the district receives for reimbursement from the colleges or a minimum of \$500 per class, per semester.

5.6 Game Duty Fees

Teachers will receive \$50 for game duty. Teachers involved with the activity need to report to their building secretary for monthly payroll purposes.



Article VI – Benefits

6.1 Medical Insurance

The Board agrees to provide medical insurance equivalent to a \$200 deductible, and vision and dental coverage for the employee; The district will pay the full premium cost for medical, vision and dental insurance for the employee only.



Article VII – Leave

7.1 Sick Leave

At the beginning of each school year, each professional employee shall be credited with ten (10) or nine (9) days of sick leave (selected by the employee at the opening orientation such that Personal Leave and Sick Leave total 14 days per year) with full pay to be used for absences caused by personal illness or emotional upset by accident or illness or illness of a member of the individual's family. The unused portion of such allowance shall accumulate from year to year with no limit.

a. Employees opting for ten (10) sick leave days will be granted only two (2) *Primary* personal leave days as set in 7.3 *Personal Leave*.

7.2 Sick Leave Bank

The purpose of the Sick Leave Bank (hereafter referred to below as the Bank) shall be to provide certificated employees, who qualify by membership in the Bank, with additional sick leave days as needed to recover from personal illness which causes absence from work and loss of all accumulated personal sick leave. The Bank shall not be used as a reserve for time lost due to short-term illness which would normally be covered by the employee's accumulated sick leave, nor for time due to illness in the family, bereavement, or for a purpose other than personal illness.

- a. <u>Administration</u> The Bank shall be administered by the Sick Leave Council (hereafter referred to below as the Council) in conformance to the regulations set forth in this document. The Council shall be composed of two (2) Whitepine School Board members and two (2) Whitepine Education Association members. In the event of a tie vote by the Council, the Superintendent of Schools shall cast the deciding vote.
- **b.** Eligibility for Membership Membership in Bank shall be extended to any certificated employee of the Whitepine School District.
- c. <u>Membership</u> Employees who donate one day of sick leave to the Bank prior to October 1 shall be members of the Bank (hereafter referred to as member or members) and eligible for its services throughout the school year.
- **d.** Donations Donations to the Bank shall conform to the following regulations:
 - i New Bank members (not Bank members the previous year) must donate one day of accumulated personal sick leave at any time prior to October 1.
 - ii Current members (Bank members the previous year) who still wish to remain members will be assessed an evenly divided percentage of accumulated sick leave time until the maximum Bank allotment is reached (not to exceed one day in any given year) to continue membership. This percentage will be calculated after the addition of new members.
 - iii Days donated to the Bank shall be non-returnable to the donor as accumulated personal sick leave in the event of loss of Bank membership or separation or transfer from the District.

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- e. <u>Maximum Capacity</u> The maximum number of days in the sick leave bank will be computed as follows: Full Time Equivalent (FTE) certificated positions times four (4) days. Days given for membership after this time shall simply be lost and considered the price of membership.
- f. Maximum Withdrawal The maximum number of days that shall be available for withdrawal for employee use in any one (1) year shall not exceed the bank's maximum capacity as defined in 7.2(e) above. The maximum number of days available for any one individual employee per school year shall not exceed one hundred and twenty-five (125) days. The maximum days that can be given per request is twenty-five (25) days. The member may reapply for more days as needed.
- **g.** Employee Use of the Sick Leave Bank Members shall conform to the following regulations when requesting use of Bank days.
 - i The member, or the President of the Whitepine Education Association (WEA) when the member is incapacitated, shall secure written evidence from the School District's business office that:
 - a. he/she has used all of his/her accumulated sick leave, and that
 - b. he/she has purchased one day of the individual's teacher salary making them eligible to apply for use of Bank days.
 - ii The member, or the President of WEA acting for the member, shall secure written proof of illness adequate to protect the district against malingering and false claims of illness as provided by Idaho Code 33-1216 and 33-1218.
 - iii The member, or the President of the WEA acting for the member, shall secure written notification of the member's return to work date. If return to work is on a half day basis, the doctor must specify on the back to work notification. If prolonged illness requires subsequent related periodic visits to the doctor or medical facility during school time, the doctor must specify. Such specified days shall be covered by the Bank provided the maximum number of days drawn does not exceed one hundred and twenty-five (125).
 - iv The President of the WEA shall forward the above necessary documents to the Sick Leave Council in writing within three (3) days of receipt of items 7.2, g, i, ii, and iii above.
 - v The Council shall give full consideration to the WEA President's recommendations and to the accompanying statements and shall make final approval or disapproval of the request in full or in part in writing to the member within three (3) days of receipt of items 7.2, g, i, ii, and iii above.
 - vi In the event the Superintendent of Schools must cast a tie-breaking vote, he/she shall decide and notify the member of his/her decision within three (3) days.

- vii If the member's request is approved, immediate transfer of the approved number of days from the Bank to the member shall be made. Except as provided in 7.2, g, vii below, each unrelated prolonged illness must be preceded by one (1) day individual teacher's salary before the same member is eligible to draw from the Bank again in the same school year. Total days drawn cannot exceed one hundred twenty-five (125) days.
- viii In the event of a recurring long-term illness, the member or the President of the WEA, must reapply for every twenty-five (25) days sick leave needed from the Bank. It shall not be required that the member purchase an additional one (1) day of individual teacher's salary before receiving additional days from the Bank.

7.3 Personal Leave

The principal or immediate supervisor shall grant *Primary* personal leave in the amount of three (3) days per school year, at no loss of pay. Employees shall also be granted an additional two (2) days of *Secondary* personal leave per school year, at no loss of pay. At the conclusion of the school year, any unused *Primary* personal leave shall be paid out to the employee at the employee's daily rate. Employees <u>must</u> use *Primary* personal leave before using *Secondary* personal leave.

Personal Leave Days should not be used for the first two weeks or last two weeks of the school year unless absolutely necessary. Each certificated employee may select to receive payment for unused personal day(s), at the employee's full daily rate of pay. Such payment will occur following the end of the school year.

7.4 Professional Leave

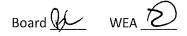
Professional Leave up to two (2) days with full pay per year shall be granted to each professional employee upon approval of the employee's principal.

7.5 Bereavement Leave

The board shall make available five (5) days for bereavement leave (independent of other leaves) in the event of the death of an immediate family member. "Immediate family" for purposes of bereavement leave shall mean parent/guardian, sibling, spouse, child, in-laws, grandparent, aunt, or uncle. Leave shall be granted in accordance with District Policy 5400 - Leaves of Absence.

7.6 Association Leave

The Whitepine Education Association shall be granted twelve (12) days of leave per year for the purpose of traveling to and participating in meetings and other business of the Association with the WEA reimbursing the district at the current substitute rate of pay. The WEA President will request all such leaves using the established leave request forms.



Article VIII – Working Conditions

8.1 Contracted Days

The school year for teachers shall be no greater than 190 days with 185 working days.

8.2 Working Days

The school day shall be no more than 6 hours of assigned classroom time and 8 hours of work per day.

- **a.** Preparation time Each full-time teacher during the normal student day will have no less than a 30-minute daily preparation period in segments of no less than 20 minutes.
- **b.** Lunch Period Each teacher will receive a continuous 30-minute duty free lunch period unless the person agrees to the change and is compensated for it. Under unusual, extreme conditions when extra supervision is necessary employees may be asked to supervise at noon by the principal with no extra compensation (if mutually agreed).

8.3 Flex Time

Sign-up for a designated flex time shall be made with the building principal, special education director and the district office so that the administration knows the time schedule for each staff member. If an employee needs to change the hours during the year, they are to notify the building principal.

- a. Flex time one 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM
- **b.** Flex time two 7:45 AM to 3:45 PM
- c. Flex time three 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- d. As many as two days per month (to be mutually agreed upon between the WEA (teacher representatives) and Whitepine School Board prior to each year) staff may be required to work from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. This extra time will be added to accommodate Staff Development needs. Total time required shall not exceed 15 hours in any given school calendar year.
- e. Staff agrees to waive the current flex time schedule for four school days each school year to allow for parent conferences in the evening.

8.4 Communications

The Chair of the Board of Trustees, district administrators, and the Executive Committee of the Association shall, if requested by the Board Chair, Superintendent, or WEA President, meet four (4) times during the school year to discuss items of concern and report on progress made toward resolutions of any previously discussed concerns.

a. The format of these meetings shall be informal and shall in no way preclude or supersede the negotiations format as required by law and the Procedural Agreement.



Article IX – Evaluation of Professional Employees

9.1 Intent

The intent of the evaluation procedure will be to improve the quality of education within the district by improving teacher performance.

9.2 Procedures

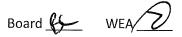
- a. A committee of administration, board and teaching personnel will be established to formulate a meaningful, constructive evaluation procedure. There will be a designated area on the instrument for teacher comment, and a copy of the evaluation will be given to the teacher.
- **b.** A copy of the final evaluation and recommendations shall be submitted, in written form, to the subject of the evaluation procedure within a reasonable time after the evaluation is completed.
- **c.** The teacher's signature of the evaluation document shall indicate only receipt of that document and not necessarily agreement with its contents.
- **d.** Teachers have the right to answer, in writing, any and all provisions of an evaluation document. Such an answer shall bear the signature of the teacher and evaluator but doesn't necessarily represent either's agreement. Such answer shall become part of the primary document



Article X – Termination & Demotion

10.1 <u>Termination and Demotion</u>

When a professional employee is to be involuntarily terminated or demoted, such termination shall be for just cause, and procedures shall conform to those established by the State Board of Education and the laws of the State of Idaho.



Article XI – Reduction in Force

11.1 **Policy**

Reduction in certificated staff positions shall occur when it is the decision of the Board of Trustees of Whitepine School District 288 when one or more of the following events have occurred:

- A substantial reduction in funds which will be available to the school district for maintenance and operation and such a reduction cannot be avoided by exercise of the board's taxing powers.
- A substantial reduction in total pupil enrollment. b.
- The discontinuance by the Board of Trustees of a particular type of teaching service, class, or course of study, provided that such discontinuance is not for discriminatory reasons.
- A significant reduction or elimination of categorical financial aid for specific programs offered by the district.

11.2 **Determination of Vacant Positions**

The district will determine as accurately as possible the number of positions it has for certificated personnel by its regular May meeting of its Board of Trustees. The total number of available staff will be determined through knowledge of retirement, normal resignations, discharge, or non-renewal, etc., and these vacancies will be taken into consideration in determining the number of available certificated positions for the following school year. Vacant positions will be filled by transferring currently employed staff members within the district, unless by reason of certification, training, and/or experience, no qualified person is available. The services of no continuing contract employee may be terminated under the provisions of this policy while any annual contract or probationary employee, or any other employee with less seniority/service, is retained to render a service which said continuing contract employee is certificated to render.

11.3 **Transfer of Staff**

When a particular category, as defined by 11.4, a. below is cut, all staff with certification within that category will be reviewed. Those with certification in other categories will be invited to transfer to open positions, while those with single certification endorsement could be left to work in reduced category.

11.4 Categories

Retention of certificated staff will occur within the following categories as far as possible as governed by section 11.1 Policy above.

- Elementary certificated employees will be considered for retention in these categories (in order of priority):
 - i Classroom teachers, grades 1-5
 - ii Elementary special education teachers
 - Speech and hearing clinicians iii
 - Kindergarten teachers iv
 - Counselors/Psychologists V
 - Elementary librarians vi
 - Physical Education specialists vii
 - Music specialists



- **b.** Secondary certificated employees (grades 6-12) with proper endorsements in the following areas will be considered for retention (in alphabetical order): Counselors/ psychologists, English, Home Economics, Mathematics, Music (instrumental and vocal), Physical Education, Science, Secondary Special Education, Social Studies, and Agricultural Education
- c. Certification: To ensure that the Board of Trustees can implement the determined educational program, those certificated staff members must have valid Idaho certification with required endorsements to fill determined positions at the time of issuance of letters of intent by the board

11.5 Selection Within Categories

Certificated staff members shall be considered for retention in available positions within Article 11.4, *Categories*. In the event there are more qualified employees than available positions in each category, the following criteria shall be used to determine which staff members shall be recommended for retention.

- **a.** <u>Seniority</u> Defined as the number of years or portions thereof in employment of Whitepine Joint District 288. Those with the higher seniority will be retained in the program.
 - i The district will list, by seniority, those staff members qualified in each designated category annually. The staff members shall have an opportunity to verify placement on each list prior to action by the district.
 - ii The superintendent will have on file at the central office a seniority list which will be available for inspection during regular working hours. Copies will also be available in the principal's offices.
 - iii Date of employment shall be deemed to be the date when the employee rendered paid service to the district under Idaho certification. When two certificated teachers have the same seniority, that teacher who has had additional experience as a paid instructional aide of the district will be considered the senior.
- **b.** Retention In the event that two or more certificated employees have the same seniority, retention will be determined by professional credits earned.
- c. <u>Retention Committee</u> In the event that two or more certificated employees have the same seniority, professional services and certification norms, retention will be determined by a retention committee composed of the superintendent, building principal, and a board member.

11.6 Implementation Dates

Certificated employees on continuing contract status must be notified in writing by April 1 that they are not recommended for retention in accordance with the provisions of this policy. Certificated employees not covered by continuing contract status shall be notified in writing no later than May 15 that they are not recommended for retention in accordance with the provisions of this policy.

11.7 Substitute Teacher Pool

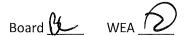
Any certificated employee terminated under this policy and wishing to do substitute work in the district will be given preference.



11.8 Recall

Certificated employees will be recalled in reverse order of layoff, provided that certification requirements and norms delineated in this policy are met by the certificated employee next in line.

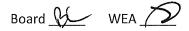
- a. Desire to Return At the time of termination the district shall provide terminated teachers the opportunity to express in writing a desire to return to the district. In the event of recall, the district shall notify a certificated employee of recall by certified mail at the last address given to the district by the employee. A certificated employee shall have seven (7) calendar days from receipt of the letter to notify the district of his/her intent to return and must be able to return within twenty-one (21) calendar days of said response. It is understood that the failure of the certificated employee to meet the time limits shown above shall be considered the resignation of said employee.
- **b.** Recall List A certificated employee who is laid off will remain on recall list for twenty-four (24) months after the effective date of his/her layoff unless he/she:
 - i Waives his/her recall rights in writing.
 - ii Resigns.
 - iii Fails to accept recall to the position that he/she held immediately prior to his/her layoff or to a similar position.
- c. <u>Benefit Entitlement</u> All benefits to which a certificated employee was entitled at the time of his/her layoff including unused accumulated sick leave, will be restored to him/her upon his/her return to active employment, and he/she will be placed on the proper step of the salary schedule for his/her current position according to his/her experience and education but shall receive no credit for the actual period of the layoff.



Article XII – Grievance

12.1 <u>Grievance Procedure</u>

The Certified Staff Grievance procedure is outlined in District Policy #5250. This policy must be approved by the WEA prior to final changes.



Article XIII - General Terms of Agreement

13.1 <u>Compliance</u>

This Agreement shall be governed and construed according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to conflict with law that provision shall be deemed void, but all other provisions or applications shall continue in full effect.

13.2 Alterations

During its term this Agreement may be altered, changed, added to, deleted from, or modified only through the voluntary, mutual consent of the parties in written and signed amendment to this Agreement.

13.3 Duration

The provisions of this contract shall have a duration of one year commencing on July 1, 2024, and terminating on June 30, 2025.

13.4 Agreement

This agreement is entered into and signed, this date <u>august 19</u> by the following representative of each party:

In Witness Of:

WJSD #288 Board of Trustees

Board Chair

Whitepine Education Association

WEA President

WJSD #288 Certificated Salary Schedule 2024 – 2025 SY

Current	BA	BA + 15	BA + 30	BA + 45	BA + 60	BA + 75
Year				MA	MA + 15	MA + 30
1	*41,500*	\$43,147	\$45,163	\$47,178	\$49,194	\$51,209
2	\$43,147	\$45,163	\$47,178	\$49,194	\$51,209	\$53,225
3	\$45,163	\$47,178	\$49,194	\$51,209	\$53,225	\$55,240
4	\$47,178	\$49,194	\$51,209	\$53,225	\$55,240	\$57,256
5	\$49,194	\$51,209	\$53,225	\$55,240	\$57,256	\$59,271
6	\$51,209	\$53,225	\$55,240	\$57,256	\$59,271	\$61,287
7	\$53,225	\$55,240	\$57,256	\$59,271	\$61,287	\$63,302
8		\$57,256	\$59,271	\$61,287	\$63,302	\$65,318
9			\$61,287	\$63,302	\$65,318	\$67,333
10			\$63,302	\$65,318	\$67,333	\$69,349
11			\$65,318	\$67,333	\$69,349	\$71,364
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13				\$71,364	\$73,379	\$75,395
14					\$75,395	\$77,410
15					\$77,410	\$79,426

Board & WEA

^{*} Based on the State Career Ladder, for 2024-2025*
- Resident Endorsement Minimum Salary = \$41,500