# VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM ALL STAFF

# **SECTION A: Program for 2023-2024 School Year**

#### **PURPOSE**

In the Cedar Rapids Community School District, a Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program serves to assist qualified long-term employees transitioning from public service to retirement and to provide a strategy to control District costs by tailoring incentives to a current year's needs and the financial climate of the District.

# **ELIGIBILITY**

The Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program described herein applies to employees retiring as of June 30, 2024. The 2023-24 Program will terminate after such date. The Program is activated annually at the discretion of the Board of Directors. It shall be the Board's intent to consider the activation or non-activation of a Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program for eligible staff who retire between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, and the nature and scope of such program, prior to December 15, 2023. The District does not guarantee that this Program or any other form of early retirement benefit plan will be available for retirements in the future. The District reserves the right to waive any requirement or condition of this policy at its sole discretion and at any time. Any decision by the District to waive a requirement or condition that is part of this policy shall not establish any precedent with regard to future requests for waiver. The District also reserves the right to determine whether any retirement benefits will be made available in a given year, and, if so, to determine how many employees will be granted benefits. The District expressly reserves the right to reject for any reason any application for retirement benefits. The District's Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program is available to eligible members of the District staff as hereinafter set forth under the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS BY WORKGROUP section.

To be eligible for the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program, an eligible employee prior to July 1, 2024, must have attained at least fifty-five (55) years of age, been employed by the District for at least twenty (20) years in a full-time or part-time capacity in the same workgroup from which they are retiring. (For employees hired on or before June 30, 2019, if District service in the same workgroup from which they are retiring was at least 5 years but less than twenty (20) years, the benefit will be pro-rated to the years of service. For employees hired on or after July 1, 2019, the pro-rated benefit is not offered.

A fiscal year of July 1 through June 30 will be used to calculate years of service. A year of service shall be recognized so long as the employee has worked at least 50% of the contract days per their workgroup calendar in a given fiscal year. Only continuous years of service in the same workgroup shall be counted for purposes of determining a benefit under this policy; years of service prior to a break in service are not eligible for calculating a benefit under this program. An employee will not be given credit for years of service for the year(s) in which he/she is on full time extended unpaid leave of absence. If an employee has 19 years of service, the total of unused sick leave and expired sick leave benefit days (totaling 190 days or more) may be used to count as a year of service for a total of 20 years in calculating a benefit under this program. (Expired sick leave days are days beyond the cap that can no longer be used for sick leave but will remain in a separate account called expired sick leave days for purposes of retirement incentive.) This offer for retirement benefits is only effective for those filing an Intent to Retire with Human Resources after June 30, 2023 and by February 1, 2024 and retiring by June 30, 2024. Those retiring after June 30, 2024 will be subject to the retirement program, if any, offered for those retiring in fiscal 2025 or later years. Current employees are not eligible for retirement programs offered in previous years. Benefits for previous retirees will remain unchanged.

If an employee has received a benefit under the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program (monetary incentive, insurance and/or wellness benefit), they shall not be eligible to receive any further benefits under the program upon re-employment by the District even though they may meet age and service guidelines under future programs.

In the event that a workgroup outlined in Policy 511 is eliminated, the eligibility rules will be modified if the following circumstances have been met:

1) the employee would have met the requirements of the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Policy 511 eligibility rules for their workgroup within 12 months after their workgroup was eliminated, and, 2) the employee

transfers to another benefit eligible workgroup under Policy 511, and, 3) the employee retires within 12 months after the workgroup is eliminated,

Then:

- 1) the District will recognize the employee's years of service in the workgroup that was eliminated, and,
- 2) the Policy 511 benefit for the employee will be calculated in accordance with the policy and salary that was in place when the workgroup was eliminated.

In applying these provisions, the employee cannot have a break in service. If the employee does not retire within 12 months after their workgroup elimination then the standard eligibility provisions of Policy 511 will apply.

# **APPLICATION**

The Intent to Retire form must be submitted to Human Resources not later than February 1, 2024. If the request is approved by the Board of Education, the employee will be considered to have voluntarily resigned and the employee's contract will be terminated as of the Board approved retirement date.

# **INSURANCE**

Per state of Iowa code 509, employees who retire from the District while participating in the District's group health insurance program will be allowed to continue participation at his/her own expense until eligible for Medicare. In order to be considered retired, the employee must be at least age 55 and have at least 5 years of service at the time of retirement. Continued participation in the group program is contingent upon approval by the insurance carrier. If, prior to June 30, 2024, a state or federal regulation and/or legal decision alters the District's ability to limit health insurance premium contributions once a retiree becomes eligible for Medicare, the Board reserves the right to alter this portion (any or all benefits defined in this section) of the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program. The types and amounts of coverage to be provided to retirees shall be identical to the types and amounts of coverage in effect from year to year for regular staff excluding dental and vision coverage.

Failure on the part of the retiree to make payment to the District toward the cost of the insurance coverage not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month in the month for which the premium is due will result in cancellation of the insurance and loss of coverage for the covered retiree and, if covered, the spouse or partner and/or dependent(s).

If a retiree has been a participant in the District's group health insurance program in his/her entire last four (4) years of employment, the retiree may be eligible\* to receive the District's contribution toward the District's group health insurance plan to the earliest of 1) one hundred twenty (120) months immediately following retirement, 2) through the end of the month prior to the month the retiree becomes eligible for federal Medicare insurance coverage due to age or 3) or until the retiree dies. The retiree may use the District health insurance contribution towards the cost for his/her health insurance coverage and that of his/her eligible spouse/partner and/or dependent(s) if they too have been covered by the District health insurance program for the entire four (4) years prior to the employee's retirement. The District contribution towards the employee's group health insurance shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full year's Full Time Equivalency (FTE). Employees will be given pro-rated credit for the FTE they work during a year in which they are on a partial-time extended unpaid leave of absence. If hired prior to 7/1/2019, the contribution is prorated to the number of years worked if less than 20 years of service; if hired on or after 7/1/2019, employee must have 20 years of service to be eligible for a District contribution.

(\*Refer to the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS BY WORKGROUP" section to determine eligibility for a District health insurance contribution.)

If the retiree dies prior to the end of the one hundred twenty (120) months following retirement and before becoming eligible for Medicare coverage, the retiree's covered spouse/partner and/or dependent(s) may, per Iowa code 509, continue to participate in the District's group health insurance program at his/her own expense until the spouse/partner and or dependent(s) becomes eligible for Medicare or Medicaid. If the retiree was receiving a District contribution toward his/her spouse/partner and/or dependent health insurance program at the time of death, the District shall, for up

to the earliest of a) sixty (60) months, or b) eligibility for Medicare coverage due to age, continue to pay toward the cost of the group health insurance coverage on behalf of the employee's spouse/partner and/ or dependent(s) the same dollar contribution as was afforded the retiree.

#### SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS BY WORKGROUP

# TEACHERS/NURSES (TABLE A OR AN)

## **Retirement Incentive Payment**

An amount representing fifty-five (55%) pay using the salary in the last full year of employment in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per the workgroup calendar.

In applying these provisions, a teacher/nurse's lump sum payment shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full years' Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and shall be the daily rate at the time of separation as provided in the basic salary schedule for the regular school year and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities. For this calculation, the teacher/nurse will be given pro-rated credit for the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) they work during a year(s) in which they are on a partial extended unpaid leave of absence. This lump sum payment will be contributed by the District on behalf of the retiree directly into a District-sponsored and District-selected 401(a) or 403(b) tax sheltered vehicle in three (3) equal annual installments, subject to all applicable District and legal restrictions and limitations. The incentive payment shall be distributed into the tax-sheltered vehicle beginning in November of the same year following Voluntary Retirement. At that point, it shall be owned by the retiree, who shall assume all responsibility for the money.

Teachers/Nurses who are age (54) and who will turn age fifty-five (55) after June 30, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2024 may request an unpaid, extended leave of absence for the portion of the 2024-2025 school year prior to their birth date and remain eligible for full Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program benefits for 2024-25. The Teacher/Nurse will be considered to have voluntarily resigned and the continuing contract will be terminated as of the end of the 2023-2024 school year, or, if taking an extended, unpaid leave of absence to start the 2024-2025 school year, as of the date he/she turns fifty-five (55).

## **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

Teacher/Nurses are not eligible for a District contribution toward the cost of Retiree medical coverage as the District contributes to a Post-Employment Health Savings Plan (PEHSP) on their behalf instead.

## **Wellness Payment**

Payment shall be made for any days accumulated under the Wellness Incentive beginning in 2003-04. Beginning July 1, 2003, teacher/nurses shall be eligible to receive an additional payment contributed to their retirement incentive amount, up to a maximum amount of eighty (80) per diem days. There will be no credit for unused personal illness leave prior to July 1, 2003.

In applying these provisions, an employee's Wellness lump sum payment shall be based upon the regular per diem rate of pay in the last full year of employment and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements, or other compensation.

Personal illness days used per fiscal year	Days earned; prorated if FTE is less than 1
0	3
1	2.5
2	2
3	1.5
4	1
5	.5
6	0

# SALARY EMPLOYEES – NON-ADMINISTRATIVE MEET & CONFER (SCHEDULED TO WORK 259 DAYS OR MORE) (TABLE B)

# **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Hired prior to July 1, 2006 – an amount representing one hundred and ninety-five (195) days' pay using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

Hired on or after July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008 - an amount representing one hundred and fifty (150) days' pay using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

Hired on or after July 1, 2008 - an amount representing fifty-five percent (55%) of salary using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

In applying these provisions, an employee's lump sum payment shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full years' Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and shall be the daily rate at the time of separation as provided in the basic salary schedule for the regular school year, and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements or other compensation. Employees will be given pro-rated credit for the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) they work during a year(s) in which they are on a partial extended unpaid leave of absence. This lump sum payment will be contributed by the District directly into a District-sponsored and District selected 401(a) or 403(b) tax-sheltered vehicle in three (3) equal annual installments, subject to all applicable District and legal restrictions and limitations. The incentive payment shall be distributed beginning in November of the same year following Voluntary Retirement. At that point, it shall be owned by the retiree, who shall assume all responsibility for the money.

# **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

Hired prior to July 1, 2006 - the District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$1211.12 per month toward health coverage.

Hired on or after July 1, 2006 - the District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

# **Wellness Payment**

Payment shall be made for any days accumulated under the Wellness Incentive beginning in 2005-06. Beginning July 1, 2006, employees shall be eligible to receive an additional payment contributed to their retirement incentive amount up to a maximum amount of eighty (80) per diem days. There will be no credit for unused personal illness leave prior to July 1, 2005.

In applying these provisions, an employee's Wellness lump sum payment shall be based upon the regular per diem rate of pay in the last full year of employment and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements, or other compensation.

Personal/Family Illness days used per fiscal year	Days earned; prorated if FTE is less than 1
5	3
6	2.5
7	2
8	1.5
9	1
10	.5
11 or more	0

# SALARY EMPLOYEES – NON-ADMINISTRATIVE MEET & CONFER (SCHEDULED TO WORK LESS THAN 259 DAYS) (TABLE D)

#### **Retirement Incentive Payment**

An amount representing fifty-five (55%) pay using the salary in the last full year of employment in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

In applying these provisions, the lump sum payment shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full years' Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and shall be the daily rate at the time of separation as provided in the basic salary schedule for the regular school year and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities. For this calculation, the employee will be given pro-rated credit for the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) they work during a year(s) in which they are on a partial extended unpaid leave of absence. This lump sum payment will be contributed by the District on behalf of the retiree directly into a District-sponsored and District-selected 401(a) or 403(b) tax sheltered vehicle in three (3) equal annual installments, subject to all applicable District and legal restrictions and limitations. The incentive payment shall be distributed into the tax-sheltered vehicle beginning in November of the same year following Voluntary Retirement. At that point, it shall be owned by the retiree, who shall assume all responsibility for the money.

Table D employees who are age (54) and who will turn age fifty-five (55) after June 30, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2024 may request an unpaid, extended leave of absence for the portion of the 2024-2025 school year prior to their birth date and remain eligible for full Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program benefits for 2024-25. The employee will be considered to have voluntarily resigned and employment will be terminated as of the end of the 2023-24 school year, or, if taking an extended, unpaid leave of absence to start the 2024-2025 school year, as of the date he/she turns fifty-five (55).

## **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

## **Wellness Payment**

Payment shall be made for any days accumulated under the Wellness Incentive beginning in 2003-04. Employee shall be eligible to receive an additional payment contributed to their retirement incentive amount, up to a maximum amount of eighty (80) per diem days. There will be no credit for unused personal illness leave prior to July 1, 2003.

In applying these provisions, an employee's Wellness lump sum payment shall be based upon the regular per diem rate of pay in the last full year of employment and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements, or other compensation.

Personal illness days used per fiscal year	Days earned; prorated if FTE is less than 1
5	3
6	2.5
7	2
8	1.5
9	1
10	.5
11 or more	0

# HOURLY EMPLOYEES – NON-ADMINISTRATIVE MEET & CONFER (SCHEDULED TO WORK LESS THAN 259 DAYS) (TABLE F)

# **Retirement Incentive Payment**

An amount representing fifty-five (55%) pay using the salary in the last full year of employment in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

In applying these provisions, the lump sum payment shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full years' Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and shall be the daily rate at the time of separation as provided in the basic salary schedule for the regular school year and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities. For this calculation, the employee will be given pro-rated credit for the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) they work during a year(s) in which they are on a partial extended unpaid leave of absence. This lump sum payment will be contributed by the District on behalf of the retiree directly into a District-sponsored and District-selected 401(a) or 403(b) tax sheltered vehicle in three (3) equal annual installments, subject to all applicable District and legal restrictions and limitations. The incentive payment shall be distributed into the tax-sheltered vehicle beginning in November of the same year following Voluntary Retirement. At that point, it shall be owned by the retiree, who shall assume all responsibility for the money.

## **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

## **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

# HOURLY EMPLOYEES – NON-ADMINISTRATIVE MEET & CONFER (SCHEDULED TO WORK 259 DAYS OR MORE) (TABLE H)

# **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Hired prior to July 1, 2006 – an amount representing one hundred and ninety-five (195) days' pay using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

Hired on or after July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008 - an amount representing one hundred and fifty (150) days' pay using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

Hired on or after July 1, 2008 - an amount representing fifty-five percent (55%) of current salary using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

In applying these provisions, an employee's lump sum payment shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full years' Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and shall be the daily rate at the time of separation as provided in the basic salary schedule for the regular school year, and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements or other compensation. Employees will be given pro-rated credit for the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) they work during a year(s) in which they are on a partial extended unpaid leave of absence. This lump sum payment will be contributed by the District directly into a District-sponsored and District selected 401(a) or 403(b) tax-sheltered vehicle in three (3) equal annual installments, subject to all applicable District and legal restrictions and limitations. The incentive payment shall be distributed beginning in November of the same year following Voluntary Retirement. At that point, it shall be owned by the retiree, who shall assume all responsibility for the money.

#### **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

# **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

# SECRETARIES (12 MONTH & <12 MONTH) – (TABLE J & T)

# **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Does not apply.

## **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

#### Wellness Payment

Payment shall be made for any days accumulated under the Wellness Incentive beginning in 2005-06. Beginning July 1, 2006, employees shall be eligible to receive a wellness payment up to a maximum amount of eighty (80) per diem days. The Wellness Benefit accumulation shall begin with credits as of 2005-06 only and any personal illness leave unused prior to the start of the program in 2005-06 shall not be credited to the Wellness Benefit.

In applying these provisions, an employee's Wellness lump sum payment shall be based upon the regular hourly rate of pay in the last full year of employment and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements, or other compensation.

Personal/family illness days used per fiscal year	Days Earned; prorated if FTE is less than 1
5	3
6	2.5
7	2
8	1.5
9	1
10	.5
11	0

# **FOOD & NUTRITION (TABLE K)**

#### **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Does not apply.

## **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

## **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

# CUSTODIANS/MAINTENANCE/PRINTING (TABLE L OR LN)

# **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Does not apply.

## **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

Hired prior to March 1, 2006 - the District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to the dollar amount contributed per month to the retiree in his/her last full year of employment with the District.

Hired on or after March 1, 2006 - the District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

# **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

# **CARPENTERS (TABLE M)**

## **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Does not apply.

# **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

#### **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

# **PAINTERS (TABLE N)**

# **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Does not apply.

## **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

#### **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

# **TEACHER ASSOCIATES (TABLE 0)**

#### **Retirement Incentive Payment**

The incentive payment shall be 15% of the employee's unused sick leave. This benefit is paid in one lump sum payment to the retiree through the payroll department after their last regular paycheck has been paid.

## **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

## **Wellness Payment**

Payment shall be made for any days accumulated under the Wellness Incentive beginning in 2015-16. Beginning as of July 1, 2016, employees shall be eligible to receive a wellness payment up to a maximum amount of eighty (80) per diem days. The Wellness Benefit accumulation shall begin with credits as of 2015-16 only and any personal illness leave unused prior to the start of the program in 2015-16 shall not be credited to the Wellness Benefit.

In applying these provisions, an employee's Wellness lump sum payment shall be based upon the regular hourly rate of pay in the last full year of employment and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements, or other compensation.

Personal/family illness days used per fiscal year	Days earned; prorated if FTE is less than 1
0	3
1	2.5
2	2
3	1.5
4	1
5	.5
6	0

# **HEARING INTERPRETERS (TABLE Q)**

# **Retirement Incentive Payment**

An amount representing fifty-five percent (55%) pay using the salary in the last full year of employment in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

In applying these provisions, an employee's lump sum payment shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full years' Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and shall be the daily rate at the time of separation as provided in the basic salary schedule for the regular school year, and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements or other compensation. Employees will be given pro-rated credit for the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) they work during a year(s) in which they are on a partial extended unpaid leave of absence. This lump sum payment will be contributed by the District directly into a District-sponsored and District selected 401(a) or 403(b) tax-sheltered vehicle in three (3) equal annual installments, subject to all applicable District and legal restrictions and limitations. The incentive payment shall be distributed beginning in November of the same year following Voluntary Retirement. At that point, it shall be owned by the retiree, who shall assume all responsibility for the money.

## **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

# **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

## IT TECHNICIANS (TABLE S)

## **Retirement Incentive Payment**

An amount representing fifty-five percent (55%) pay using the salary in the last full year of employment in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

In applying these provisions, an employee's lump sum payment shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full years' Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and shall be the daily rate at the time of separation as provided in the basic salary schedule for the regular school year, and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements or other compensation. Employees will be given pro-rated credit for the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) they work during a year(s) in which they are on a partial extended unpaid leave of absence. This lump sum payment will be contributed by the District directly into a District-sponsored and District selected 401(a) or 403(b) tax-sheltered vehicle in three (3) equal annual installments, subject to all applicable District and legal restrictions and limitations. The incentive payment shall be distributed beginning in November of the same year following Voluntary Retirement. At that point, it shall be owned by the retiree, who shall assume all responsibility for the money.

# **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

## **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

## TRANSPORTATION (TABLE Y)

## **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Does not apply.

## **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

#### **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

# ADMINISTRATORS (TABLE Z OR ZN)

# **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Hired prior to July 1, 2000 – an amount representing two hundred sixty (260) days' pay using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

Hired on or after July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2006 - an amount representing one hundred ninety-five (195) days' pay using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

Hired on or after July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 - an amount representing one hundred fifty (150) days' pay using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

Hired on or after July 1, 2007 - an amount representing fifty-five percent (55%) of current salary using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

In applying these provisions, an employee's lump sum payment shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full years' Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and shall be the daily rate at the time of separation as provided in the basic salary schedule for the regular school year, and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements or other compensation. Employees will be given pro-rated credit for the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) they work during a year(s) in which they are on a partial extended unpaid leave of absence. This lump sum payment will be contributed by the District directly into a District-sponsored and District selected 401(a) or 403(b) tax-sheltered vehicle in four (4) equal annual installments, subject to all applicable District and legal restrictions and limitations. The incentive payment shall be distributed beginning in November of the same year following Voluntary Retirement. At that point, it shall be owned by the retiree, who shall assume all responsibility for the money.

Administrators with 20 or more years of service in the Administrator workgroup, will receive a full, non-prorated incentive benefit as outlined earlier in this section. Administrators with less than 20 years of continuous District service who are eligible for a prorated Administrator incentive and who also worked as a Teacher in the District (without a break in service) prior to becoming a District Administrator will receive a secondary prorated incentive payment. The secondary payment will be pro-rated to their years of service in the Teacher workgroup but not to exceed 20 years total between the Administrator and Teaching positions. The secondary incentive payment represents fifty-five percent (55%) of current salary using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District (in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar). In applying this provision, the Administrator prorated incentive will be calculated first and the Teacher incentive will be calculated as a secondary prorated benefit; the combined years of service between the Administrator position and the Teacher position will not exceed 20 years. For example, if the employee has 15 years of service as an Administrator and 10 years of service as a Teacher, the Administrator incentive will be calculated as 15/20ths and the secondary Teacher incentive payment will be calculated as 5/20ths for a combined prorated incentive payment based on not more than 20 years total.

Administrators who are age (54) and who will turn age fifty-five (55) after June 30, 2024 and on or before December 31, 2024 may request an unpaid, extended leave of absence for the portion of the 2024-2025 school year prior to their birth date and remain eligible for full Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program benefits for 2024-25. The Administrator will be considered to have voluntarily resigned and the continuing contract will be terminated as of the end of the 2023-24 school year, or, if taking an extended, unpaid leave of absence to start the 2024-2025 school year, as of the date he/she turns fifty-five (55).

# **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

Hired prior to July 1, 2006 - the District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$1211.12 per month toward health coverage.

Hired on or after July 1, 2006 - the District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

#### **Retiree Life Insurance**

Administrators shall receive, at the District's expense, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) term life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance coverage until the earliest of: 1) thirty-six (36) months, 2) until the Administrator becomes ineligible for term life insurance coverage per the provider's policy and/or accidental death and dismemberment coverage per the provider's policy, or 3) attainment of age 65.

## **Wellness Payment**

Payment shall be made for any days accumulated under the Wellness Incentive beginning in 2003-04. Beginning July 1, 2004, employees shall be eligible to receive an additional payment contributed to their retirement incentive amount up to a maximum amount of eighty (80) per diem days. There will be no credit for unused personal illness leave prior to July 1, 2004.

In applying these provisions, an employee's Wellness lump sum payment shall be based upon the regular per diem rate of pay in the last full year of employment and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements, or other compensation.

Personal/Family Illness days used per fiscal year	Days earned; prorated if FTE is less than 1
5	3
6	2.5
7	2
8	1.5
9	1
10	.5
11 or more	0

# **SECTION B: Program for 2024-2025 School Year**

## **PURPOSE**

In the Cedar Rapids Community School District, a Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program serves to assist qualified long-term employees transitioning from public service to retirement and to provide a strategy to control District costs by tailoring incentives to a current year's needs and the financial climate of the District.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program described herein applies to employees retiring as of June 30, 2025. The 2043-25 Program will terminate after such date. The Program is activated annually at the discretion of the Board of Directors. It shall be the Board's intent to consider the activation or non-activation of a Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program for eligible staff who retire between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, and the nature and scope of such program, prior to December 15, 2024. The District does not guarantee that this Program or any other form of early retirement benefit plan will be available for retirements in the future. The District reserves the right to waive any requirement or condition of this policy at its sole discretion and at any time. Any decision by the District to waive a requirement or condition that is part of this policy shall not establish any precedent with regard to future requests for waiver. The District also reserves the right to determine whether any retirement benefits will be made available in a given year, and, if so, to determine how many employees will be granted benefits. The District expressly reserves the right to reject for any reason any application for retirement benefits. The District's Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program is available to eligible members of the District staff as hereinafter set forth under the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS BY WORKGROUP section.

To be eligible for the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program, an eligible employee prior to July 1, 2025, must have attained at least fifty-five (55) years of age, been employed by the District for at least twenty (20) years in a full-time or part-time capacity in the same workgroup from which they are retiring. (For employees hired on or before June 30, 2019, if District service in the same workgroup from which they are retiring was at least 5 years but less than twenty (20) years, the benefit will be pro-rated to the years of service. For employees hired on or after July 1, 2019, the pro-rated benefit is not offered.

A fiscal year of July 1 through June 30 will be used to calculate years of service. A year of service shall be recognized so long as the employee has worked at least 50% of the contract days per their workgroup calendar in a given fiscal year. Only continuous years of service in the same workgroup shall be counted for purposes of determining a benefit under this policy; years of service prior to a break in service are not eligible for calculating a benefit under this program. An employee will not be given credit for years of service for the year(s) in which he/she is on full time extended unpaid leave of absence. If an employee has 19 years of service, the total of unused sick leave and expired sick leave benefit days (totaling 190 days or more) may be used to count as a year of service for a total of 20 years in calculating a benefit under this program. (Expired sick leave days are days beyond the cap that can no longer be used for sick leave but will remain in a separate account called expired sick leave days for purposes of retirement incentive.) This offer for retirement benefits is only effective for those filing an Intent to Retire with Human Resources after June 30, 2024 and by February 1, 2025 and retiring by June 30, 2025. Those retiring after June 30, 2025 will be subject to the retirement program, if any, offered for those retiring in fiscal 2026 or later years. Current employees are not eligible for retirement programs offered in previous years. Benefits for previous retirees will remain unchanged.

If an employee has received a benefit under the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program (monetary incentive, insurance and/or wellness benefit), they shall not be eligible to receive any further benefits under the program upon re-employment by the District even though they may meet age and service guidelines under future programs.

In the event that a workgroup outlined in Policy 511 is eliminated, the eligibility rules will be modified if the following circumstances have been met:

1) the employee would have met the requirements of the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Policy 511 eligibility rules for their workgroup within 12 months after their workgroup was eliminated, and, 2) the employee transfers to another benefit eligible workgroup under Policy 511, and, 3) the employee retires within 12 months after the workgroup is eliminated,

Then:

- 1) the District will recognize the employee's years of service in the workgroup that was eliminated, and,
- 2) the Policy 511 benefit for the employee will be calculated in accordance with the policy and salary that was in place when the workgroup was eliminated.

In applying these provisions, the employee cannot have a break in service. If the employee does not retire within 12 months after their workgroup elimination then the standard eligibility provisions of Policy 511 will apply.

### **APPLICATION**

The Intent to Retire form must be submitted to Human Resources not later than February 1, 2025. If the request is approved by the Board of Education, the employee will be considered to have voluntarily resigned and the employee's contract will be terminated as of the Board approved retirement date.

# **INSURANCE**

Per state of Iowa code 509, employees who retire from the District while participating in the District's group health insurance program will be allowed to continue participation at his/her own expense until eligible for Medicare. In order to be considered retired, the employee must be at least age 55 and have at least 5 years of service at the time of retirement. Continued participation in the group program is contingent upon approval by the insurance carrier. If, prior to June 30, 2025, a state or federal regulation and/or legal decision alters the District's ability to limit health insurance premium contributions once a retiree becomes eligible for Medicare, the Board reserves the right to alter this portion (any or all benefits defined in this section) of the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program. The types and amounts of coverage to be provided to retirees shall be identical to the types and amounts of coverage in effect from year to year for regular staff excluding dental and vision coverage.

Failure on the part of the retiree to make payment to the District toward the cost of the insurance coverage not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month in the month for which the premium is due will result in cancellation of the insurance and loss of coverage for the covered retiree and, if covered, the spouse or partner and/or dependent(s).

If a retiree has been a participant in the District's group health insurance program in his/her entire last four (4) years of employment, the retiree may be eligible\* to receive the District's contribution toward the District's group health insurance plan to the earliest of 1) one hundred twenty (120) months immediately following retirement, 2) through the end of the month prior to the month the retiree becomes eligible for federal Medicare insurance coverage due to age or 3) or until the retiree dies. The retiree may use the District health insurance contribution towards the cost for his/her health insurance coverage and that of his/her eligible spouse/partner and/or dependent(s) if they too have been covered by the District health insurance program for the entire four (4) years prior to the employee's retirement. The District contribution towards the employee's group health insurance shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full year's Full Time Equivalency (FTE). Employees will be given pro-rated credit for the FTE they work during a year in which they are on a partial-time extended unpaid leave of absence. If hired prior to 7/1/2019, the contribution is prorated to the number of years worked if less than 20 years of service; if hired on or after 7/1/2019, employee must have 20 years of service to be eligible for a District contribution.

(\*Refer to the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS BY WORKGROUP" section to determine eligibility for a District health insurance contribution.)

If the retiree dies prior to the end of the one hundred twenty (120) months following retirement and before becoming eligible for Medicare coverage, the retiree's covered spouse/partner and/or dependent(s) may, per Iowa code 509, continue to participate in the District's group health insurance program at his/her own expense until the spouse/partner and or dependent(s) becomes eligible for Medicare or Medicaid. If the retiree was receiving a District contribution toward his/her spouse/partner and/or dependent health insurance program at the time of death, the District shall, for up

to the earliest of a) sixty (60) months, or b) eligibility for Medicare coverage due to age, continue to pay toward the cost of the group health insurance coverage on behalf of the employee's spouse/partner and/ or dependent(s) the same dollar contribution as was afforded the retiree.

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS BY WORKGROUP

# **TEACHERS/NURSES (TABLE A OR AN)**

#### **Retirement Incentive Payment**

An amount representing fifty-five (55%) pay using the salary in the last full year of employment in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per the workgroup calendar.

In applying these provisions, a teacher/nurse's lump sum payment shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full years' Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and shall be the daily rate at the time of separation as provided in the basic salary schedule for the regular school year and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities. For this calculation, the teacher/nurse will be given pro-rated credit for the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) they work during a year(s) in which they are on a partial extended unpaid leave of absence. This lump sum payment will be contributed by the District on behalf of the retiree directly into a District-sponsored and District-selected 401(a) or 403(b) tax sheltered vehicle in three (3) equal annual installments, subject to all applicable District and legal restrictions and limitations. The incentive payment shall be distributed into the tax-sheltered vehicle beginning in November of the same year following Voluntary Retirement. At that point, it shall be owned by the retiree, who shall assume all responsibility for the money.

Teachers/Nurses who are age (54) and who will turn age fifty-five (55) after June 30, 2025 and on or before December 31, 2025 may request an unpaid, extended leave of absence for the portion of the 2025-2026 school year prior to their birth date and remain eligible for full Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program benefits for 2025-26. The Teacher/Nurse will be considered to have voluntarily resigned and the continuing contract will be terminated as of the end of the 2024-2025 school year, or, if taking an extended, unpaid leave of absence to start the 2025-2026 school year, as of the date he/she turns fifty-five (55).

#### **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

Teacher/Nurses are not eligible for a District contribution toward the cost of Retiree medical coverage as the District contributes to a Post-Employment Health Savings Plan (PEHSP) on their behalf instead.

## **Wellness Payment**

Payment shall be made for any days accumulated under the Wellness Incentive beginning in 2003-04. Beginning July 1, 2003, teacher/nurses shall be eligible to receive an additional payment contributed to their retirement incentive amount, up to a maximum amount of eighty (80) per diem days. There will be no credit for unused personal illness leave prior to July 1, 2003.

In applying these provisions, an employee's Wellness lump sum payment shall be based upon the regular per diem rate of pay in the last full year of employment and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements, or other compensation.

Personal illness days used per fiscal year	Days earned; prorated if FTE is less than 1
0	3
1	2.5
2	2
3	1.5
4	1
5	.5
6	0

# SALARY EMPLOYEES – NON-ADMINISTRATIVE MEET & CONFER (SCHEDULED TO WORK 259 DAYS OR MORE) (TABLE B)

# **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Hired prior to July 1, 2006 – an amount representing one hundred and ninety-five (195) days' pay using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

Hired on or after July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008 - an amount representing one hundred and fifty (150) days' pay using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

Hired on or after July 1, 2008 - an amount representing fifty-five percent (55%) of salary using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

In applying these provisions, an employee's lump sum payment shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full years' Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and shall be the daily rate at the time of separation as provided in the basic salary schedule for the regular school year, and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements or other compensation. Employees will be given pro-rated credit for the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) they work during a year(s) in which they are on a partial extended unpaid leave of absence. This lump sum payment will be contributed by the District directly into a District-sponsored and District selected 401(a) or 403(b) tax-sheltered vehicle in three (3) equal annual installments, subject to all applicable District and legal restrictions and limitations. The incentive payment shall be distributed beginning in November of the same year following Voluntary Retirement. At that point, it shall be owned by the retiree, who shall assume all responsibility for the money.

# **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

Hired prior to July 1, 2006 - the District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$1211.12 per month toward health coverage.

Hired on or after July 1, 2006 - the District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

# **Wellness Payment**

Payment shall be made for any days accumulated under the Wellness Incentive beginning in 2005-06. Beginning July 1, 2006, employees shall be eligible to receive an additional payment contributed to their retirement incentive amount up to a maximum amount of eighty (80) per diem days. There will be no credit for unused personal illness leave prior to July 1, 2005.

In applying these provisions, an employee's Wellness lump sum payment shall be based upon the regular per diem rate of pay in the last full year of employment and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements, or other compensation.

Personal/Family Illness days used per fiscal year	Days earned; prorated if FTE is less than 1
5	3
6	2.5
7	2
8	1.5
9	1
10	.5
11 or more	0

# <u>SALARY EMPLOYEES – NON-ADMINISTRATIVE MEET & CONFER (SCHEDULED TO WORK LESS THAN 259 DAYS) (TABLE D)</u>

# **Retirement Incentive Payment**

An amount representing fifty-five (55%) pay using the salary in the last full year of employment in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

In applying these provisions, the lump sum payment shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full years' Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and shall be the daily rate at the time of separation as provided in the basic salary schedule for the regular school year and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities. For this calculation, the employee will be given pro-rated credit for the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) they work during a year(s) in which they are on a partial extended unpaid leave of absence. This lump sum payment will be contributed by the District on behalf of the retiree directly into a District-sponsored and District-selected 401(a) or 403(b) tax sheltered vehicle in three (3) equal annual installments, subject to all applicable District and legal restrictions and limitations. The incentive payment shall be distributed into the tax-sheltered vehicle beginning in November of the same year following Voluntary Retirement. At that point, it shall be owned by the retiree, who shall assume all responsibility for the money.

Table D employees who are age (54) and who will turn age fifty-five (55) after June 30, 2025 and on or before December 31, 2025 may request an unpaid, extended leave of absence for the portion of the 2025-2026 school year prior to their birth date and remain eligible for full Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program benefits for 2025-26. The employee will be considered to have voluntarily resigned and employment will be terminated as of the end of the 2024-25 school year, or, if taking an extended, unpaid leave of absence to start the 2025-2026 school year, as of the date he/she turns fifty-five (55).

## **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

# **Wellness Payment**

Payment shall be made for any days accumulated under the Wellness Incentive beginning in 2003-04. Employee shall be eligible to receive an additional payment contributed to their retirement incentive amount, up to a maximum amount of eighty (80) per diem days. There will be no credit for unused personal illness leave prior to July 1, 2003.

In applying these provisions, an employee's Wellness lump sum payment shall be based upon the regular per diem rate of pay in the last full year of employment and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements, or other compensation.

Personal illness days used per fiscal year	Days earned; prorated if FTE is less than 1
5	3
6	2.5
7	2
8	1.5
9	1
10	.5
11 or more	0

# HOURLY EMPLOYEES – NON-ADMINISTRATIVE MEET & CONFER (SCHEDULED TO WORK LESS THAN 259 DAYS) (TABLE F)

# **Retirement Incentive Payment**

An amount representing fifty-five (55%) pay using the salary in the last full year of employment in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

In applying these provisions, the lump sum payment shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full years' Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and shall be the daily rate at the time of separation as provided in the basic salary schedule for the regular school year and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities. For this calculation, the employee will be given pro-rated credit for the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) they work during a year(s) in which they are on a partial extended unpaid leave of absence. This lump sum payment will be contributed by the District on behalf of the retiree directly into a District-sponsored and District-selected 401(a) or 403(b) tax sheltered vehicle in three (3) equal annual installments, subject to all applicable District and legal restrictions and limitations. The incentive payment shall be distributed into the tax-sheltered vehicle beginning in November of the same year following Voluntary Retirement. At that point, it shall be owned by the retiree, who shall assume all responsibility for the money.

#### **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

## **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

# <u>HOURLY EMPLOYEES – NON-ADMINISTRATIVE MEET & CONFER (SCHEDULED TO WORK 259 DAYS OR MORE) (TABLE H)</u>

# **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Hired prior to July 1, 2006 – an amount representing one hundred and ninety-five (195) days' pay using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

Hired on or after July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008 - an amount representing one hundred and fifty (150) days' pay using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

Hired on or after July 1, 2008 - an amount representing fifty-five percent (55%) of current salary using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

In applying these provisions, an employee's lump sum payment shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full years' Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and shall be the daily rate at the time of separation as provided in the basic salary schedule for the regular school year, and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements or other compensation. Employees will be given pro-rated credit for the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) they work during a year(s) in which they are on a partial extended unpaid leave of absence. This lump sum payment will be contributed by the District directly into a District-sponsored and District selected 401(a) or 403(b) tax-sheltered vehicle in three (3) equal annual installments, subject to all applicable District and legal restrictions and limitations. The incentive payment shall be distributed beginning in November of the same year following Voluntary Retirement. At that point, it shall be owned by the retiree, who shall assume all responsibility for the money.

## **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

## **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

#### SECRETARIES (12 MONTH & <12 MONTH) – (TABLE J & T)

# **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Does not apply.

#### **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

## **Wellness Payment**

Payment shall be made for any days accumulated under the Wellness Incentive beginning in 2005-06. Beginning July 1, 2006, employees shall be eligible to receive a wellness payment up to a maximum amount of eighty (80) per diem days. The Wellness Benefit accumulation shall begin with credits as of 2005-06 only and any personal illness leave unused prior to the start of the program in 2005-06 shall not be credited to the Wellness Benefit.

In applying these provisions, an employee's Wellness lump sum payment shall be based upon the regular hourly rate of pay in the last full year of employment and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements, or other compensation.

Personal/family illness days used per fiscal year	Days Earned; prorated if FTE is less than 1
5	3
6	2.5
7	2
8	1.5
9	1
10	.5
11	0

# **FOOD & NUTRITION (TABLE K)**

#### **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Does not apply.

## **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

# **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

## CUSTODIANS/MAINTENANCE/PRINTING (TABLE L OR LN)

## **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Does not apply.

#### **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

Hired prior to March 1, 2006 - the District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to the dollar amount contributed per month to the retiree in his/her last full year of employment with the District.

Hired on or after March 1, 2006 - the District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

## **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

## **CARPENTERS (TABLE M)**

# **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Does not apply.

#### **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

## **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

# **PAINTERS (TABLE N)**

## **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Does not apply.

## **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

# **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

## **TEACHER ASSOCIATES (TABLE 0)**

# **Retirement Incentive Payment**

The incentive payment shall be 15% of the employee's unused sick leave. This benefit is paid in one lump sum payment to the retiree through the payroll department after their last regular paycheck has been paid.

# **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

# **Wellness Payment**

Payment shall be made for any days accumulated under the Wellness Incentive beginning in 2015-16. Beginning as of July 1, 2016, employees shall be eligible to receive a wellness payment up to a maximum amount of eighty (80) per diem days. The Wellness Benefit accumulation shall begin with credits as of 2015-16 only and any personal illness leave unused prior to the start of the program in 2015-16 shall not be credited to the Wellness Benefit.

In applying these provisions, an employee's Wellness lump sum payment shall be based upon the regular hourly rate of pay in the last full year of employment and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements, or other compensation.

Personal/family illness days used per fiscal year	Days earned; prorated if FTE is less than 1
0	3
1	2.5
2	2
3	1.5
4	1
5	.5
6	0

# **HEARING INTERPRETERS (TABLE Q)**

## **Retirement Incentive Payment**

An amount representing fifty-five percent (55%) pay using the salary in the last full year of employment in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

In applying these provisions, an employee's lump sum payment shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full years' Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and shall be the daily rate at the time of separation as provided in the basic salary schedule for the regular school year, and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements or other compensation. Employees will be given pro-rated credit for the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) they work during a year(s) in which they are on a partial extended unpaid leave of absence. This lump sum payment will be contributed by the District directly into a District-sponsored and District selected 401(a) or 403(b) tax-sheltered vehicle in three (3) equal annual installments, subject to all applicable District and legal restrictions and limitations. The incentive payment shall be distributed beginning in November of the same year following Voluntary Retirement. At that point, it shall be owned by the retiree, who shall assume all responsibility for the money.

# **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

#### **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

# **IT TECHNICIANS (TABLE S)**

# **Retirement Incentive Payment**

An amount representing fifty-five percent (55%) pay using the salary in the last full year of employment in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

In applying these provisions, an employee's lump sum payment shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full years' Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and shall be the daily rate at the time of separation as provided in the basic salary schedule for the regular school year, and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements or other compensation. Employees will be given pro-rated credit for the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) they work during a year(s) in which they are on a partial extended unpaid leave of absence. This lump sum payment will be contributed by the District directly into a District-sponsored and District selected 401(a) or 403(b) tax-sheltered vehicle in three (3) equal annual installments, subject to all applicable District and legal restrictions and limitations. The incentive payment shall be distributed beginning in November of the same year following Voluntary Retirement. At that point, it shall be owned by the retiree, who shall assume all responsibility for the money.

#### **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

# **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

# **TRANSPORTATION (TABLE Y)**

#### **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Does not apply.

# **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

The District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

# **Wellness Payment**

Does not apply.

#### ADMINISTRATORS (TABLE Z OR ZN)

#### **Retirement Incentive Payment**

Hired prior to July 1, 2000 – an amount representing two hundred sixty (260) days' pay using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

Hired on or after July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2006 - an amount representing one hundred ninety-five (195) days' pay using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

Hired on or after July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 - an amount representing one hundred fifty (150) days' pay using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

Hired on or after July 1, 2007 - an amount representing fifty-five percent (55%) of current salary using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar.

In applying these provisions, an employee's lump sum payment shall be pro-rated based upon an average of his/her last five (5) full years' Full Time Equivalency (FTE) and shall be the daily rate at the time of separation as provided in the basic salary schedule for the regular school year, and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements or other compensation. Employees will be given pro-rated credit for the Full Time Equivalency (FTE) they work during a year(s) in which they are on a partial extended unpaid leave of absence. This lump sum payment will be contributed by the District directly into a District-sponsored and District selected 401(a) or 403(b) tax-sheltered vehicle in four (4) equal annual installments, subject to all applicable District and legal restrictions and limitations. The incentive payment shall be distributed beginning in November of the same year following Voluntary Retirement. At that point, it shall be owned by the retiree, who shall assume all responsibility for the money.

Administrators with 20 or more years of service in the Administrator workgroup, will receive a full, non-prorated incentive benefit as outlined earlier in this section. Administrators with less than 20 years of continuous District service who are eligible for a prorated Administrator incentive and who also worked as a Teacher in the District (without a break in service) prior to becoming a District Administrator will receive a secondary prorated incentive payment. The secondary payment will be pro-rated to their years of service in the Teacher workgroup but not to exceed 20 years total between the Administrator and Teaching positions. The secondary incentive payment represents fifty-five percent (55%) of current salary using the employee's salary in his/her last full year of employment with the District (in which 50% or more of the scheduled contract days were worked per their workgroup calendar). In applying this provision, the Administrator prorated incentive will be calculated first and the Teacher incentive will be calculated as a secondary prorated benefit; the combined years of service between the Administrator position and the Teacher position will not exceed 20 years. For example, if the employee has 15 years of service as an Administrator and 10

years of service as a Teacher, the Administrator incentive will be calculated as 15/20ths and the secondary Teacher incentive payment will be calculated as 5/20ths for a combined prorated incentive payment based on not more than 20 years total.

Administrators who are age (54) and who will turn age fifty-five (55) after June 30, 2025 and on or before December 31, 2025 may request an unpaid, extended leave of absence for the portion of the 2025-2026 school year prior to their birth date and remain eligible for full Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program benefits for 2025-26. The Administrator will be considered to have voluntarily resigned and the continuing contract will be terminated as of the end of the 2024-25 school year, or, if taking an extended, unpaid leave of absence to start the 2025-2026 school year, as of the date he/she turns fifty-five (55).

#### **District Contribution Towards Retiree Medical**

Hired prior to July 1, 2006 - the District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$1211.12 per month toward health coverage.

Hired on or after July 1, 2006 - the District shall, during the continuation of this benefit, pay up to \$435 per month toward the cost of health coverage.

#### **Retiree Life Insurance**

Administrators shall receive, at the District's expense, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) term life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance coverage until the earliest of: 1) thirty-six (36) months, 2) until the Administrator becomes ineligible for term life insurance coverage per the provider's policy and/or accidental death and dismemberment coverage per the provider's policy, or 3) attainment of age 65.

## **Wellness Payment**

Payment shall be made for any days accumulated under the Wellness Incentive beginning in 2003-04. Beginning July 1, 2004, employees shall be eligible to receive an additional payment contributed to their retirement incentive amount up to a maximum amount of eighty (80) per diem days. There will be no credit for unused personal illness leave prior to July 1, 2004.

In applying these provisions, an employee's Wellness lump sum payment shall be based upon the regular per diem rate of pay in the last full year of employment and shall not include any additional compensation for extra-curricular activities, extended employment, salary supplements, or other compensation.

Personal/Family Illness days used per fiscal year	Days earned; prorated if FTE is less than 1
5	3
6	2.5
7	2
8	1.5
9	1
10	.5
11 or more	0

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