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**LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BARGAINING PROPOSAL TO UNITED TEACHERS LOS ANGELES
JUNE 1, 2018**

**ARTICLE XII
Leaves and Absences**

10.0 Pregnancy and Related Disability (Paid and Unpaid):

10.1 Paid Disability Absence: For that period of time during which the employee (including temporaries and substitutes) is physically disabled and unable to perform her regular duties due to pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth and recovery there from, she shall be permitted to utilize her illness absence pursuant to Section 12.0 of this Article.

10.1.1 Parental Leave: The District shall comply with the requirements of Education Code 44977.5, the text of which is contained in an Addendum to Article XII.

10.2 Optional Unpaid Portion: A pregnant employee in active status shall, upon request, be granted an unpaid pregnancy leave (or, in the case of substitutes or temporaries, an unpaid absence) and still qualify for paid absence during the period of disability. This is the only exception to the general rule that paid leaves may only be taken from active status.

10.3 Physician Certifications: A pregnant employee shall be permitted to continue on active duty until such date as she and her physician determine that she must absent herself due to pregnancy disability, provided that she can and does continue to perform the full duties and responsibilities of her position. The employee must also supply to the District her physician's certification as to the beginning and ending dates of actual pregnancy-related disability for which paid illness absence is claimed, and her physician's release to return to active duty. District forms for such certifications, and application forms, shall be available at each site.

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20.0 Substitute Leave: A substitute leave ~~shall~~ may be granted to a permanent employee for a period not to exceed one year to allow service as a substitute in accordance

with District need. Such an employee will be paid as specified in Article XIX. An employee on substitute leave unavailable for more than 20 working days, not necessarily consecutive, will be placed on a personal leave have the substitute leave cancelled and full-time service will be required. Applications must be on file in the Personnel office by ~~April~~ March 15 for the fall semester and by ~~November 15 for the spring semester~~ upcoming school year.

21.0 Half-Time Leave: A regular Half-Time Leave ~~shall~~ may be granted to allow a permanent employee or probationary Early Education Center Teacher to continue service for half of each working day. At the elementary level, a complementary partner with permanent status is required. At the secondary level, if one is required due to the master schedule, it must be a complementary partner with permanent status, or an appropriately credentialed auxiliary teacher approved by the site administrator. In the case of non-classroom health and human services employees, the total number of approved half-time leaves shall not exceed a maximum of 10% of the full-time equivalent positions in the classification. ~~Current Health and Human Services employees on a Half-Time Leave will be grand parented for purposes of such a leave.~~ Exceptions to the "half of each working day" requirement, ~~including the above-mentioned grand parented employees~~ may be made in special circumstances but shall require written special approval of the Local District Superintendent upon recommendation of the immediate administrator. In any event, the assignment and service shall be for the equivalent of one-half of the number of hours required for full-time employment for each pay period. Applications must be on file in the Human Resources office by ~~April~~ March 15 for the ~~fall semester and by November 15 for the spring semester~~ upcoming school year.

[Amend April 15th due dates to March 15th throughout the article]

ADDENDUM TO ARTICLE XII

California Education Code Section 44977.5:

(a)(1) Notwithstanding any other law, during each school year, a person employed in a position requiring certification qualifications may use his or her sick leave for purposes of parental leave for a period of up to 12 workweeks.

(2) In school districts that use the differential pay system described in Section 44977, when a person employed in a position requiring certification qualifications has exhausted all available sick leave, including all accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent from his or her duties on account of parental leave pursuant to Section 12945.2 of the Government Code, the amount deducted from the salary due him or her for any of the remaining portion of the 12-workweek period in which the absence occurs shall not exceed the sum that is actually paid a substitute employee employed to fill his or her position during his or her absence or, if no substitute employee was employed, the amount that would have been paid to a substitute had he or she been employed. The school district shall make every reasonable effort to secure the services of a substitute employee.

(3) In school districts that use the differential pay system described in Section 44983, when a person employed in a position requiring certification qualifications has exhausted all available sick leave, including all accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent from his or her duties on account of parental leave pursuant to Section 12945.2 of the Government Code, the person shall be compensated at no less than 50 percent of his or her regular salary for the remaining portion of the 12-workweek period of parental leave.

(b) For purposes of subdivision (a), all of the following apply:

(1) The 12-workweek period shall be reduced by any period of sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, taken during a period of parental leave.

(2) A person employed in a position requiring certification qualifications shall not be provided more than one 12-week period for parental leave during any 12-month period.

(3) Parental leave taken pursuant to this section shall run concurrently with parental leave taken pursuant to Section 12945.2 of the Government Code. The aggregate amount of parental leave taken pursuant to this section and Section 12945.2 of the Government Code shall not exceed 12 workweeks in a 12-month period.

(c) This section shall be applicable whether or not the absence from duty is by reason of a leave of absence granted by the governing board of the employing school district.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 12945.2 of the Government Code, a person employed in a position requiring certification qualifications is not required to have 1,250 hours of service with the employer during the previous 12-month period in order to take parental leave pursuant to this section.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to diminish the obligation of a public school employer to comply with any collective bargaining agreement entered into by a public school employer and an exclusive bargaining representative pursuant to Chapter 10.7 (commencing with Section 3540) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code that provides greater parental leave rights to employees than the rights established under this section.

(f) For purposes of this section, “* * * parental leave” means leave for reason of the birth of a child of the employee, or the placement of a child with an employee in connection with the adoption or foster care of the child by the employee.