

This grievance report appeared in the CEA Voice for Oct. 13, 2025.

Building/Unit Admin.	Statement of Grievance	Relief Requested	Disposition
CCS Administration	The Columbus City Schools Board of Education and/or its agents violated, misinterpreted, and/or misapplied provisions of the 2022-2025 CEA/CCS Master Agreement when grievant's Principal, acting as agent of the Board, failed to hold the required Article 701.06(F) conference with grievant regarding her absences. Subsequently, grievant was issued a Letter of Direction without just cause.	Grievant shall be made whole in every way, including but not limited to the following: The Board shall immediately remove all references to the Letter of Direction issued on February 25, 2025 from all employee records, other than those required to be retained by law. The Board shall not reference the Letter of Direction in any future employment actions.	Settlement signed. Discipline removed.
CCS Administration	The CEA/Board Agreement was violated, misinterpreted and/or misapplied when the Board/Administration failed to provide professional development with customized content to School Social Workers.	The grievants shall be made whole in every way, including but not limited to the following: That the Board/ Administration provide School Social Workers with customized professional development in the future, and the Board/Administration provide a one-year paid professional development subscription for each School Social Worker to recoup the PD opportunities wasted over the 2024-2025 school year.	Awaiting settlement.
CCS Administration	The Board and/or its agents violated, misinterpreted, and/or misapplied provisions of the 2022-2025 CEA/CCS Master Agreement by incorrectly calculating and crediting sick leave for full-time hourly CEA bargaining unit members.	Affected bargaining unit members shall be made whole in every way, including but not limited to the following: sick leave accrual shall be recalculated and revised in a manner consistent with Master Agreement provisions. Members shall be made whole, with interest, for any loss in pay due to incorrectly calculated leave sick leave balances. The Board shall comply with Articles 701 and 904.	Placed in abeyance pending settlement.
Marion-Franklin HS Tanita Fleming	The CEA/Board Agreement was violated, misinterpreted and/or misapplied when the principal at Marion Franklin HS, Tanita Fleming failed to follow the CEA/Board Master Agreement in the selection of the Social Studies Department Chair position for the 2025-2026 school year.	The grievants shall be made whole in every way, including but not limited to the following: Principal Fleming shall immediately follow the proper procedure for the selection of the Social Studies Department Chair. We also ask that NO REPRISALS be taken against the grievants for the filing of this grievance.	Step 2 denied. Advanced to arbitration.
CCS Administration	The Board violated, misinterpreted, and/or misapplied provisions of the 2022-2025 CEA-CCS Master Agreement when it failed to deduct and remit to the Association the balance of annual dues obligations from the final paychecks of former bargaining unit members (including but not limited to members) upon the end of the members' employment in a bargaining unit position after the opening of school.	The Board shall immediately cease and desist from violating, misinterpreting, and/or misapplying provisions of the Master Agreement including but not limited to Art. 109.03(D). The Board shall immediately remit to the Association the balance of annual dues obligations owed by all former bargaining unit members under Art. 109.03(D) which were not remitted during the 2024-2025 school year.	Advanced to arbitration.
Health Services Supervisor Melinda Diaz	Health Services Supervisor Melinda Diaz, acting in her capacity as agent of the Board, violated, misinterpreted, and/or misapplied provisions of the Nurse Scheduling Letter of Agreement, Master Agreement, and/or binding past practice when she informed bargaining unit member(s) via email the Nurses working less than 1.0 FTE must schedule work days inclusive of either Friday or Monday.	Grievants shall be made whole in every way including but not limited to the following: The Board shall immediately rescind the directive that School Nurses working less than 1.0 FTE must schedule work days inclusive of either a Friday or Monday. The Board shall cease and desist from violating, misinterpreting, and/or misapplying provisions of the Master Agreement, Nurse Schedule LOA, and binding past practice.	Advanced to arbitration.
CCS Administration	The Board and/or its agents violated, misinterpreted, and/or misapplied provisions of the 2022-2025 CEA/CCS Master Agreement when it denied the member a salary step increase after completing 120 days in the 2024-2025 school year.	Grievant shall be made whole in every way, including but not limited to the following: The Board shall cease and desist from violating, misinterpreting, and misapplying Art. 901 and 213 of the Master Agreement and the grievant shall be granted a salary step increase for the 2025-2026 school year.	Advanced to arbitration.
CCS Administration	Columbus City Schools Board of Education and/or its agents violated, misinterpreted, and/or misapplied provision of the 2022-2025 CEA/CCS Master Agreement when the grievant's bi-weekly pay began receiving overpayment deductions without prior notification or opportunity to reach an agreeable amount.	The grievant shall be made whole in every way, including but not limited to the following, reducing the overpayment deductions to an agreeable amount to allow the grievant to stabilize her financial situation, pause the overpayment deductions until the first pay of the 2025-2026 school year.	Filed at Step 1.
CCS Administration	The Board an/or its agents violated, misinterpreted, and/or misapplied provisions of the November 1, 2023, Letter of Agreement between the Board and Association when it caused a change in work schedule, reduction of hours, and/or elimination of the existing cenral enrollment School Nurse position.	The bargaining unit member previously assigned to the existing Central Enrollment School Nurse position shall immediately be reassigned to her prior position in Central Enrollment. The Board shall remit to the Association an amount equal to back dues plus interest for one (1) bargaining unit position for the time the position was unfilled/eliminated. The Board shall immediately comply with all terms of the Nov. 1, 2023, Letter of Agreement.	Advanced to arbitration.
Starling K-8 Courtney Wilson	Starling K-8 Principal Courtney Wilson, in her capacity as agent of the Board of Education of Columbus City schools, violated the Columbus Education Association- Columbus City Schools 2022-2025 Master Agreement by unilaterally shortening teachers' lunch periods to less than the length of an academic period without seeking Reform Panel approval.	The grievant will be made whole in every way, including but not limited to the following: The District shall immediately revert the teacher lunch schedule to equal the length of an academic period and the District provide the affected bargaining unit members with the total missing lunch minutes since the schedule change and that there shall be no retaliation against the grievant by any agent of the Board of Education.	Step 2 Hearing held. Awaiting response.
CCS Administration	Columbus City Schools Board of Education and/or its agents violated, misinterpreted, and/or misapplied provision of the 2022-2025 CEA/CCS Master Agreement when the grievant was issued a letter of Direction without just cause.	Grievant shall be made whole in every way, including but not limited to the following: The Board shall immediately remove all references to the Letter of Direction issued on August 29, 2025, from all employee records, other than those required to be retained by law. The Board shall not reference the Letter of Direction in any future employment actions.	Filed at Step 1
CCS Administration	The Board and or its agents violated, misinterpreted, and/or misapplied provisions of the 2022-2025 CEA/CCS Master Agreement when documents utilized during the pre-disciplinary hearing were not provided to the Association with notice of the pre-disciplinary hearing, and when grievant was issued a Letter of Direction without Just Cause.	Grievant shall be made whole in every way, including but not limited to the following: The Board shall immediately remove all references to the Letter of Direction issued on or about September 18, 2025 from all employee records, other than those required to be retained by law.	In abeyance, settlement pending.
CCS Administration	The CCS/CEA Master Agreement was misapplied, misinterpreted or violated by the Administration when the administration failed to reduce class sizes by the October 1 deadline.	The grievants shall be made whole in every way, including but not limited to the following: that the grievants be granted an additional two days without students to transfer to their new school, that the grievants be paid mileage for any trips between schools during the workday during the transfer and that no reprisals be taken against the grievants who filed this grievance.	Filed at Step 2.

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CCS Administration	The Columbus City Schools Board and or its agents violated, misinterpreted, and/or misapplied provisions of the 2025 CEA/CCS Master Agreement when middle school teachers were scheduled for six academic courses.	The grievants shall be made whole in every way, including but not limited to the following: The Board shall cease and desist from violating, misinterpreting, and misapplying Article 302.01 of the Master Agreement and class loads shall not exceed 5 academic periods.	Filed at Step 2.