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**VERNON SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION**

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ARTICLE I PREAMBLE

A. This Agreement is negotiated under Section 10-153a through 10-153f of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended, in order (a) to fix for its term the salaries and all other conditions of employment provided herein, and (b) to encourage and abet effective and harmonious working relationships between the Board and the Professional Staff in order that the cause of public education may be best served.

B. The Board and the School Administrators recognize the importance of responsible participation by the entire professional staff in the educational process, planning, system development, and professional growth. To this end they agree to maintain communication to inform about programs, to guide in curriculum development and to assist in educational planning and professional growth either by committee, individual consultation or designated representatives.

C. This Agreement shall constitute the entire agreement of the Board and the School Administrators in the subject areas covered by the Agreement for the duration of the Agreement unless changed by the mutual consent of both parties. Such mutually consented change shall be in writing and in accordance with the consultation procedure herein. Previously adopted agreements, rules or regulations in conflict with this Agreement are superseded by this Agreement.

ARTICLE II RECOGNITION

A. The Board recognizes the Vernon School Administrators' Association as the exclusive bargaining representative of all those certified professional employees who are employed by the Board of Education of the Town of Vernon and who are eligible for membership in the administrators' unit as defined in Section 10-153 b (a), et seq., of the Connecticut General Statutes.

B. Unless otherwise indicated, the term "Administrator" when used hereinafter in this Agreement shall refer to all employees identified by Article II, Section A.

C. Unless expressly limited by a specific provision of this Agreement, the rights, powers and authority held by the Board of Education over matters involving the Vernon school district, including but not limited to, full control over the policies, procedures and regulations with respect to employees of the Board at all its schools, shall remain vested solely and exclusively in the Vernon Board of Education, subject to impact negotiations as provided by law.

ARTICLE III PROFESSIONAL NEGOTIATION

A. The Board agrees to commence negotiations in good faith with the School Administrators pursuant to Section 10-153d of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, in accordance with the procedures set forth herein, to secure a successor agreement relative to all matters concerning salaries and all other conditions of employment. The Agreement so negotiated shall bind and inure to the benefit of the Board and all members of the bargaining unit and shall be reduced to writing and signed by the Board and the School Administrators.

B. The Board shall cooperate with the School Administrators upon reasonable request to provide information, statistics and records, in possession of the Board and not restricted by law or confidentiality, which the School Administrators may deem necessary for proper administration of the contract. Such requests must be in writing and must be made to the Superintendent of Schools no later than seven (7) days prior to the date upon which the Association desires the information. Either party may, if it so desires, utilize the services of outside consultants or negotiators and may call upon professional and lay representatives to assist in the negotiations.

ARTICLE IV GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible administrative level, equitable solutions to situations which may arise affecting the welfare of working conditions of Administrators. Both parties agree that proceedings shall be kept as confidential as is appropriate.

B. Definitions

1. "Grievance" shall mean a claim based upon an event or condition which affects the welfare or conditions of employment of an Administrator or group of Administrators and/or arising from the language of this Agreement or an alleged breach thereof.

2. "Administrator" shall mean those individuals identified in Article II Section B and may include a group of Administrators similarly affected by a grievance.

3. "Days" in the context of this Article shall mean calendar days.

C. Time Limits

1. Since it is important that grievances be processed as rapidly as possible, the number of days indicated at each step shall be considered as a maximum. The time limits specified may, however, be extended by written agreement of the parties in interest.

2. If an Administrator does not file a grievance in writing within thirty (30) days after he/she knew, or should have known, of the act or conditions on which the grievance is based, then the grievance shall be considered to have been waived.

3. Failure by the aggrieved Administrator at any level to appeal a grievance in writing to the next level within the specified time limits shall be deemed to be acceptance of the decision rendered at that level.

4. All grievances must be processed after school hours.

D. Formal Procedures

1. Level One - Superintendent of Schools (or his/her designee)

(a) The aggrieved Administrator may file his/her written grievance with the Superintendent of Schools.

(b) The Superintendent shall, within ten (10) days after receipt of the referral, meet with the aggrieved Administrator and with representatives of the School Administrators for the purpose of resolving the grievance. A full and accurate record of such hearing shall be kept by the Superintendent and made available to party or parties concerned or their authorized representatives and the Board of Education upon written request.

(c) The Superintendent shall, within seven (7) days after the hearing, render his/her decision and the reasons therefore in writing to the aggrieved Administrator, with a copy to the School Administrators.

2. Level Two - Board of Education

(a) If the aggrieved Administrator is not satisfied with the disposition of his/her grievance at Level One, he/she may, within three (3) days after the decision file the grievance again with the School Administrators for appeal to the Board of Education.

(b) The School Administrators shall, within three (3) days after receipt, refer the appeal to the Board of Education.

(c) The Board of Education or its designated Grievance Committee shall, within fifteen (15) days after the receipt of the appeal, meet with the aggrieved Administrator and with representatives of the School Administrators for the purpose of resolving the grievance. A hearing of the grievance shall include testimony if offered from the aggrieved Administrator with representatives of the School Administrators if desired as well as testimony from the Superintendent or others if offered.

Both parties may be allowed to present testimony if they wish. The Board will not receive testimony after the hearing has been concluded unless both parties are notified and are present at the time such additional evidence is presented. A full and accurate record of such hearing shall be kept by the Superintendent and made available to any party or parties concerned on their written request.

(d) The Board shall, within ten (10) days after such meeting, render its decision and the reasons therefore in writing to the aggrieved Administrator, with a copy to the School Administrators.

3. Level Three - Arbitration

(a) If the aggrieved Administrator is not satisfied with the disposition of this grievance at Level Two, he/she may, within three (3) days after the decision, request in writing to the President of the School Administrators that his/her grievance be submitted to arbitration.

(b) The School Administrator's bargaining unit may, within five (5) days after receipt of such request, submit the grievance to arbitration by so notifying the Board in writing.

(c) The Chairman of the Board and the President of the School Administrators shall, within five (5) days after such written notice, jointly select a single arbitrator who is an experienced and impartial person of recognized competence. If the parties are unable to agree upon an arbitrator within five (5) days, the American Arbitration Association shall immediately be called upon to select the single arbitrator.

(d) The arbitrator selected shall confer promptly with representatives of the Board and the Association, shall review the record of prior hearings, and shall hold such further hearings with the aggrieved Administrator and other parties in interest as he/she shall deem requisite.

(e) The arbitrator shall, within, render his/her decision in accordance with the voluntary rules of the AAA setting forth his/her findings of fact, reasoning, and conclusions on the issues submitted. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding except as otherwise provided by law.

(f) The costs for the services of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the Board and the School Administrators.

F. Rights of Administrators to Representation

1. No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by either party or by any representative of the Board against any participant in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.

2. The School Administrators and/or the Board may, if they so desire, call upon any professional services for consultation and assistance at any stage of the procedure.

G. Miscellaneous

1. All documents, communications, and records dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed separately from the personnel files of the participants.

**ARTICLE V
QUESTIONS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT**

A. The Town of Vernon "Code of Ethics" (Appendix II) for employees and public officials will be made a part of this contract.

**ARTICLE VI
LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

A. Personal Leave

1. Eleven and twelve-month Administrators may be granted up to five (5) days' paid personal leave in each school year for imperative personal business which could not effectively be conducted outside of school hours when previously approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

2. Personal leave is not cumulative.

3. Requests for personal leave shall, when possible, be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools at least five (5) working days prior to the requested day of leave. In extreme emergencies, personal leave may be granted by the Superintendent to eligible staff members unable to request personal leave in advance.

B. Bereavement Days

Up to two (2) days additional leave with full pay may be granted for each occurrence of death within the immediate family. Immediate family is defined as parents, grandparents, spouse, brother, stepbrother, sister, stepsister, child, stepchild, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, great grandparents, great grandchildren, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, and also any relative who is domiciled in the employee's household.

C. Religious Days

After regular personal days are used, additional time may be granted by the Superintendent of Schools.

D. Unauthorized Absence

Loss of pay for Administrators for unauthorized absence shall be based on the current daily rate of pay of the Administrator in the year of occurrence, as defined in Article VIII, Paragraph C.

E. Extenuating Circumstances

Under extenuating circumstances, additional days may be granted by the Superintendent.

F. Maternity Leave

Maternity leave shall be in accordance with applicable State and Federal statutes

G. Military Leave

1. Military Leave shall be in accordance with applicable State and Federal statutes.

**ARTICLE VII
SICK LEAVE**

A. All employees hired before July 1, 2012, under this contract of the Board of Education shall be entitled to minimum sick leave with full pay of eighteen (18) school days in each school year. Sick leave shall accumulate to not more than the number of annual work days of each Administrator. All employees hired after July 1, 2012, under this contract of the Board of Education shall be entitled to minimum sick leave with full pay of eighteen (18) days in each school year. Sick leave shall accumulate to not more than one hundred eighty (180) days.

- B. Each employee shall receive electronic notification of his/her accumulated sick leave each school year.
- C. Loss of pay for Administrators exceeding their sick leave shall be based on the current daily rate of pay of the Administrator, in the year of occurrence, calculated on the basis of gross salary divided by 260 (12-month employees) or gross salary divided by 260 x 11 (11-month employees).
- D. In the event of catastrophic illness, special consideration for an extension of sick leave may be given by application to the Board of Education. Upon approval of the Board, an Administrator may be granted additional sick leave provided the Administrator is paid the difference between a substitute's pay and the Administrator's pay.
- E. Sick leave earned in the current work year shall be used before use of accumulated sick leave.
- F. Up to ten (10) days of sick leave each year may be used because of the sickness or illness of an immediate family member. Immediate family is defined as parents, spouse, children, stepchildren, and any relative who is domiciled in the employee's household.

ARTICLE VIII WORK YEAR: PAID VACATION/HOLIDAYS

- A. All twelve-month Administrators will be entitled to twenty-five (25) vacation days, twenty-six (26) days in leap year, and the following paid holidays:

Labor Day	New Year's Day
Columbus Day	Martin Luther King Birthday
Veteran's Day	President's Day
Thanksgiving Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Good Friday	Christmas Day
Memorial Day	Independence Day - July 4
Christmas Eve Day	

Holidays falling on Saturday shall be celebrated on Friday if school is not in session. Holidays falling on Sunday shall be celebrated on Monday if school is not in session. If school is in session the holiday will be taken on a date mutually agreed upon by the Association President and the Superintendent.

All vacation days must be submitted to the Superintendent for prior approval. Administrators shall, upon request, be paid for up to three (3) unused vacation days in any contract year. No unused vacation days shall be carried into the next year. Twelve-month Administrators will be expected to work during the five (5) working days after the end of the school year plus ten (10) working days before the school

year commences unless otherwise approved by the Superintendent because of special circumstances. Rockville High School and Vernon Center Middle School must have vacation schedules such that at least one administrator is present and available at each respective school on each day, except weekends and legal holidays. This coverage requirement may be waived by the Superintendent on a case by case basis.

B. All eleven-month Administrators (Curriculum Coordinators) will work two hundred ten (210) days, including five (5) working days after the last day of classes and ten (10) working days before the first day of classes; the fifteen (15) additional working days shall be mutually agreed upon by said Administrator and the Superintendent. Eleven-month Administrators will normally work the student year, but this may be varied with approval by the Superintendent.

C. If any Administrator is required by the Superintendent to cancel a previously approved vacation or is otherwise precluded from using up vacation time, or other circumstances affecting vacation planning, up to five (5) days carry-over will be permitted with the approval of the Superintendent. Vacation carry-over will not be cumulative from year to year.

ARTICLE IX ASSIGNMENTS AND TRANSFERS

A. Assignments and transfers of staff members, within the bargaining unit, will be made by the Superintendent of Schools to best serve the interests of the educational program. Whenever possible affected staff members shall be given advance notice of assignments and transfers. Any Administrator who is reassigned or transferred to another position within the Administrator's unit shall be paid a salary halfway between that of the newly assigned full-time position and that of the previously held full-time position for the year in which the reassignment becomes effective. This provision shall not apply to any Administrator who is reassigned or transferred because of unsatisfactory performance or in the case of any Administrator who is reassigned from a lower-paid position to a higher-paid position.

B. In the event of an involuntary reassignment or transfer out of the Administrator's unit, due to a reduction in force (Article XII), a staff member, in recognition of past services rendered as an Administrator, shall receive an amount equal to one-half of one year's difference between that of a newly assigned position within the jurisdiction of the Board of Education and that of the previously held full-time position for the year in which the reassignment became effective, payable in the succeeding December and June. This provision shall not apply to any Administrator who is reassigned or transferred because of unsatisfactory performance.

C. A meeting date, mutually agreed upon by the affected staff member and Administration will be established for the purpose of discussion of the proposed change in assignment. Failure to arrange such a meeting is not to be construed or interpreted to inhibit the Superintendent from affecting the proposed transfer or assignment as stated in Article X, Section A.

D. The existence of vacancies of position shall be adequately publicized within the system, including a notice placed in every school building. When the need to fill a vacancy of position arises during the summer months, notification shall be sent electronically to the Administrator's Association President's home and work email.

E. Any administrator may challenge any involuntary transfer, as being without just cause, through the grievance procedure in Article IV.

ARTICLE X PROTECTION OF ADMINISTRATORS

A. The Board shall protect and save harmless Administrators in accordance with section 10- 235 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

B. The Board shall afford Administrators those rights to which they are entitled pursuant to section 10-23 6a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

C. Freedom of Information

1. It is recognized that inquiries or investigations may be made when allegations or complaints are made regarding professional/nonprofessional staff, plant and facilities, instructional/non-instructional programs and similar matters dealing directly with an Administrator's professional performance.

2. If an Administrator is the subject of such an investigation, he/she shall be given, on request, the opportunity to meet with the complainant and the Superintendent or his/her designee, except where prohibited by law.

D. Discipline

1. Any disciplinary actions which may be taken by the Superintendent against an administrator must be done in accordance with due process and for just cause (except for verbal reprimands), the administrator being given due notice and an opportunity to be heard and present evidence in his/her defense. Any action taken by the Superintendent after such hearing may be appealed by the affected administrator to binding arbitration under Article IV (grievance procedure).

ARTICLE XI ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL

The Board and the Association agree that prior to the submission of any recommendations to the Board of Education for the establishment of any new positions, or the elimination of any existing positions, involving certificated professional personnel who are represented by the Administrator's Association below the rank of Superintendent, the Administration shall consult with representatives of the Association so that consideration may be given to the Association's views during the formulation of any plans, projects, or proposals.

ARTICLE XII REDUCTION IN STAFF

A. It is recognized that from time to time it may become necessary to eliminate certified staff positions in certain circumstances. The Board of Education has sole authority to reduce the educational program and determine the number of Administrators which shall be employed. This Article deals with the method in which staff reductions will be implemented and how staff members to be affected by a reduction in force will be identified.

B. When it becomes necessary to reduce the number of Administrators in the bargaining unit, the Board of Education or the Superintendent, as the case may be, shall determine and identify the areas, positions, programs, or curriculum parts in which the reduction(s) shall take place. In determining the identity of Administrators who shall thereafter be released, the following guidelines shall apply:

1. Retirements, resignations, nonrenewals and terminations among the Administrative Staff will first be reviewed to determine if the Staff is reduced in sufficient number in this manner to avoid further release of Administrators.

2. If additional Administrators within the classification to be reduced must be displaced, they will be displaced in accordance with the following rules:

- (a) Tenured Administrators with the least amount of seniority shall be dismissed first.

- (b) Seniority as used herein shall mean length of continuous service in the Vernon School System. In the event of equal seniority, total years of regular full-time administrative experience shall govern.

3. (a) If through the above process, an Administrator is subject to reduction in force, he/she will be offered an administrative opening, if one exists in any other classification of equal or lower salary, for which the individual is

certified and qualified; provided the administrator has had satisfactory evaluations and provided further that there exists no other administrator with less seniority but with special skills or qualifications reasonably deemed necessary by the Superintendent to fill such opening in the best interest of the school system.

(b) Classifications referred to herein are as follows:

- * High School Principal
- * Middle School Principal
- * Director Pupil Personnel
- * Elementary Principal
- * Assistant Principal (High School)
- * Assistant Principal (Middle School)
- * Regional Adult Ed Supervisor
- * Twelve Month Coordinator
- * Eleven Month Coordinator

(c) The salary of any Administrator reassigned to a subordinate administrative position or a teaching position shall be "red circled" (frozen at the amount the displaced administrator was receiving at the time of displacement for a period of 18 school months or until the salary for the new position is equal to or greater than his/her "red circled" (frozen) salary. In the case of "red circling" the salary of an Administrator reassigned to a teaching position, such difference in pay, if any, shall constitute a separation allowance from administrative employment.

C. Nothing herein shall be construed or interpreted to require the promotion of an Administrator to a position of higher rank, authority or compensation.

D. The Board of Education shall provide written notice to the employees to be affected by any reduction in staff with a copy to the President of the School Administrators. In any event, for such termination to be effected at the start of any school year, written notice will be given as prescribed by law.

E. All separations of Administrators under this Article shall take place in accordance with the provisions of Section 10-151 of the Connecticut General Statutes and shall not be subject to the arbitration provisions set forth elsewhere in this Agreement. Instead, any hearings necessary in cases of separations of staff members shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut Teacher Tenure Law.

F. Any Administrator who is RIFd and subsequently assumes a teaching position in the Vernon Public Schools shall be given full credit on the teachers' salary schedule for all of his/her years of service.

G. Recall

1. Any Administrator who is RIFd pursuant to this provision shall be placed upon a recall list for two (2) years. Such Administrator shall be recalled in the reverse order of the procedure noted above should a vacancy occur in a category for which the Administrator is eligible and as long as such Administrator applies for such vacancy in accordance with its posting.

2. If an Administrator fails to apply or refuses a position in a category for which the Administrator is eligible, the Administrator will be dropped from the recall list.

3. The personnel office shall supply a recall list to the Association President containing the names of those Administrators reassigned in accordance with the above-noted procedure. The personnel office will also supply to the Association President a copy of any posting for an Administrator's position.

ARTICLE XIII RETIREMENT

A. Retirement Pay

Upon the retirement or death of the Administrator, such Administrator or his/her survivor shall be paid an amount equivalent to three (3) days' compensation established by the individual's current daily rate of pay (See Calculation-Article VII, Paragraph C) at time of retirement or death for each year of service to the Town of Vernon. Retirement will be based upon the current interpretation of the rules and regulations of the Connecticut Teachers Retirement Board. (See Appendix III - "Grandfather" Provision for Existing Administrators)

The employee shall notify the Board in writing of his/her intention to retire no later than January 1st of the year of the planned retirement from Vernon, unless an exception is granted by the Board. Notification received after January 1st, with no exception granted by the Board, shall result in the retirement pay being paid in the next budget year in which the amount must be properly budgeted.

B. Retirement Insurance

1. Medical

The Vernon Board of Education will carry the names of retired or incapacitated Administrative personnel from the Vernon School System of the Town of Vernon on the list of persons covered by the Board's medical insurance programs. The conditions for maintaining these names on the aforementioned lists are that the Board provides such coverage for other employees and that the retired

or incapacitated personnel prepay the cost of such coverage as shall be determined necessary by the Director of Business and Finance of the Board of Education. At the time of retirement, the Vernon Board of Education shall enter into agreement with the retiree for said coverage.

All retired teachers who are eligible for Medicare coverage are not eligible to continue coverage under Board of Education-provided insurance available for active employees, and must take coverage under the State Teacher Retirement Board insurance plan.

2. Life

The Board agrees to carry retirees or incapacitated Administrators on its insurance rolls, at no cost to the Board, provided its eligible retirees or incapacitated Administrators pay the full cost of insurance coverage at prescribed intervals to be established by the Board's Director of Business and Finance. This provision is subject to the approval of the group insurance carrier to offer a retired life class featuring age declining term insurance that terminates at age 75.

C. Early Retirement Incentive Plan

The following provisions of this contract concerning Early Retirement shall be applicable only to Administrators employed in VSAA bargaining unit positions as of July 1, 2003. All Administrators hired after July 1, 2003 shall not be eligible for Early Retirement benefits. Those current Administrators employed as of July 1, 2003 who are eligible for Early Retirement benefits are listed on Appendix IV of this contract.

An Administrator who elects to retire within five (5) years of his/her eligibility for a normal retirement allowance from the State of Connecticut and whose combination of years of service and age equal or exceed 75, shall be entitled to an early retirement allowance, subject to the following conditions: "Retirement" shall mean retirement under the State Teacher Retirement System. "Normal Retirement" shall mean retirement under the State Teacher Retirement System in which the administrator is entitled to a retirement allowance without proration, i.e., 60 years of age and 20 years credited service in the public schools of Connecticut or any age and 35 years of credited service, at least 25 of which are credited years of service in the public schools of Connecticut, whichever occurs first, (Sec. 10-183f (a) Connecticut General Statutes). Early retirement shall mean the four (4) years preceding and the year of "Early Retirement", i.e.,

31-35 years experience, inclusive, and any age, or
16-20 years experience, inclusive, and age 60 or over, or
56-60 year of age, inclusive, and 20-31 years of experience, inclusive.

Minimum retirement age shall be age 55. Service shall be defined as any public school teaching/administrative responsibilities at the elementary or secondary level where the Administrator was employed on a regular continual basis and received credit for a year of service in the Connecticut State Teachers Retirement Plan. Temporary or substitute service or military experience that has been purchased in the CSTRP will be included. Early retirement age shall be that of the Administrator at the date of retirement. The Administrator will select the option of choice within one month of the Board's approval of the request for early retirement.

As to insurance coverage under all of these options, all retired teachers who are eligible for Medicare coverage are not eligible to continue coverage under Board of Education-provided insurance for active employees, and must take coverage under the State Teacher Retirement Board insurance plan.

The options available to the Administrators are as follows.

1. Plan A

The Vernon Board of Education shall pay a retiring Administrator 12.5% of his/her salary at the time of retirement each year for a period of seven (7) years.

Plan B

The Vernon Board of Education shall pay a retiring Administrator 15% of his/her salary at the time of retirement each year for a period of 5 years.

Plan C

The Vernon Board of Education shall pay a retiring Administrator 50% of his/her salary at the time of retirement in one payment.

All annual amounts due under Plans A, B, or C shall be paid in two equal installments. The first payment will be issued five (5) months after date of retirement and all payments thereafter will be issued every six (6) months in equal payments.

2. Plan A

The Vernon Board of Education shall pay 15% of the cost of the Board's medical, dental and dependent child rider insurance benefits in Article XVIII each year for a period of 5 years.

Plan B

The Vernon Board of Education shall pay 20% of the cost of the Board's medical, dental and dependent child rider insurance benefits in Article XVIII each year for a period of 3 years.

Plan C

The Vernon Board of Education shall pay 100% of the cost of the Board's medical, dental and dependent child rider insurance benefits in Article XVIII for one year.

3. Retirement at any time under this option shall permit the employee to maintain coverage at his/her own expense in group insurance plans provided under this contract, in accordance with eligibility rules of the master policies.

4. The employee shall notify the Board in writing of his/her intention to retire early under this option not later than January 1st of the year of planned retirement from Vernon. Notice of intent to retire early shall be irrevocable after January 1st. All early retirements under this plan shall be effective September 1st after notice of intent to retire is given, unless a different effective date is approved by the Board of Education.

5. In recognition that early retirement is not an insurance benefit, monies due an Administrator who retires early under this plan, but who dies before all payments under this plan are received, shall be paid to the employee's estate at the same rate as if the employee had not died.

6. In the event that any provision of the foregoing Early Retirement Incentive Plan is declared to be illegal under federal or state statutes or regulations, the parties will forthwith commence negotiations pursuant to section 10-153 of the Connecticut General Statutes to arrive at an Early Retirement Plan which complies with said statutes or regulations. It is the intention of the parties that the provisions of the foregoing Early Retirement Incentive Plan not be applied in a manner which offends any such statutes or regulations and that if reopener negotiations are required as provided herein, the substantive early retirement benefits under the plan be preserved if this can be done without materially changing the structure of the plan.

ARTICLE XIV SALARIES

The salaries of all certificated professional employees shall be in accordance with the Salary Schedule (Appendix I), which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

ARTICLE XV
SALARY ADJUSTMENTS AND DEGREE DEFINITIONS

The Salary Schedule listed in Appendix I of this Agreement shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the following definitions:

A. Salary Adjustment

In order to receive salary adjustments, official transcripts must be forwarded to the Superintendent's Office. Salary adjustment will be made twice a year. The Superintendent's office must be notified by January 1 of the year previous to the expected salary adjustment. Official transcripts must be received and in the Superintendent's Office no later than the succeeding October 1st for first half-year adjustment and no later than March 1st for second half-year adjustment.

1. Sixth Year+15

Completion of fifteen (15) hours above the Sixth Year in a planned doctoral program or a program previously approved by the Superintendent of Schools, earned at an accredited college or university acceptable to the Board of Education, for an educational bonus award.

2. Seventh Year Degree

Completion of thirty (30) hours above the Sixth Year in a planned doctoral program or a program previously approved by the Superintendent of Schools, earned at an accredited college or university acceptable to the Board of Education, for an educational bonus award.

3. Doctorate Degree - Ph.D. or Ed.D.

Completion of degree work, equivalent to thirty (30) hours above the Sixth Year, including the written thesis, earned at an accredited college or university acceptable to the Board of Education, for an educational bonus award, upon submission of an official statement confirming a Doctorate Degree to the Superintendent.

ARTICLE XVI HEALTH INSURANCE

A. Health Insurance

The HSA shall, as required, be a high deductible health plan which shall have a \$2,000 single and \$4,000 family annual deductible for in-network services. Out-of-network services will also be subject to a \$2,000/\$4,000 initial deductible. Once the deductible is met, there shall be no coinsurance payments required for in-network covered services. Out-of-network services shall be subject to a 70% Plan payment/30% member coinsurance payment, to a coinsurance payment maximum of \$2,000 for individual coverage and \$4,000 for family coverage. This coinsurance payment shall be in addition to the initial deductible.

A HSA shall be established by the Board for each eligible employee who elects the HSA option and the Board shall and will yield deposit the sum of \$1,000 for an employee with individual (single) coverage, and \$2,000 for family coverage in the employee's HSA account. Effective July 1, 2017, said deposits shall reduce to \$900 for an employee with individual (single) coverage, and \$1,800 for family coverage.

Employees who are not eligible for an HSA can participate in a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) with the Board providing the same contributions towards reimbursement as in the HSA. The parties acknowledge that the Board's Contribution toward the funding of the HSA and/or HRA plans is not an element of the underlying insurance plan, but rather relates to the manner in which the deductible shall be funded for active employees.

HSA PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE: Prescription drugs are covered as part of the HSA plan and will count toward satisfying the applicable \$2,000/\$4000 deductible. Prescription drug co-pays for drugs purchased after the deductible has been satisfied will be subject to employee co-pays of \$5/\$20/\$35 during 2012-15 for generic, preferred name brand, and non-preferred name brand, respectively, for a 30 day supply. A ninety day supply is available through mail order at twice (2X) the normal 30-day co-pay.

1. The premium share contribution levels for administrators who select the HSA shall be:

2015-16	15%
2016-17	16%
2017-18	17%

B. Dental Coverage

The Board shall provide the Anthem full service dental plan coverage for employees and their eligible dependents with writers A, B, C, and D. Any employee who elects any of the available dental riders must select all dental riders as a package. Employee shall contribute 35% of the premium toward the cost of such coverage.

C. Self-Insurance Option/Competitive Selection

The Vernon Board of Education may provide health insurance coverage for bargaining unit members through alternate carriers or through self-insurance. In no case shall the coverage and benefits provided through alternate insurance carriers, through self-insurance or through a combination of such alternatives be less than the coverage available to Administrators under the group health insurance policies described elsewhere in this Article. Should the Vernon Board of Education desire to change insurance carriers and/or self-insure, the Association President shall be first notified and given an opportunity to review the proposed changes. Should the Association and the Board disagree that the alternative coverage proposed will provide equal coverage to those provided by the group plans described elsewhere in this Article, binding arbitration as set forth under Article IV of this Contract may be immediately implemented at the request of the Association or the Board. Such arbitration shall take place before an impartial arbitrator with expertise in insurance. None of the individual coverage set forth in this Article shall be subject to a proposed change in carrier and/or the self-insurance option more than once per year. Should the Board self-insure or change carriers pursuant to this section; the privacy of the members of the unit shall be fully respected.

D. Coordination of Benefits

In accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 38-262h, separate coverage required under such statute shall be made available by the Vernon Board of Education to married members of the bargaining unit whose spouses are also employed by the Vernon Board of Education. At the option of the Vernon Board of Education, additional insurance coverage required under Section 38-262h may be provided by the Board through self-insurance. In no case, however, shall any member of the bargaining unit suffer any economic loss or reduction of coverage through self-insurance.

E. Disability Coverage

Disability coverage will be provided at no cost to Administrators. Disability coverage begins after 180 calendar days and will pay up to 50% of the administrator's average monthly salary (to a maximum of \$8,000 per month). This coverage is conditioned upon a favorable review by the Town Insurance Advisory

Committee and recommended bid procedures for acquiring said coverage.

F. Waiver of Coverage

1. Notwithstanding the above, Administrators hired prior to July 1, 2015, may voluntarily elect to waive in writing all health insurance coverage outlined above and, in lieu thereof, shall receive an annual payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in cash. Payment to those Administrators waiving such coverage shall be made in equal payments during the months of November, January, April and June.

2. Where a change in an administrator's status prompts the administrator to resume Board-provided insurance coverage, the written waiver may, on written notice to the Board, be revoked. Upon receipt of revocation of the waiver, insurance coverage shall be reinstated as soon as possible; subject, however, to any regulations or restrictions, including waiting periods, which may then be prescribed by the appropriate insurance carrier(s). Depending upon the effective date of such reinstated coverage, appropriate financial adjustments shall be made between the administrator and the Board to ensure that the administrator has been compensated, but not overcompensated, for any waiver elected in this section.

3. Notice of intention to waive insurance coverage must be sent to the Superintendent of Schools not later than April 1 to be effective on July 1 of each contract year.

4. Waiver of premium procedures must be acceptable to the applicable insurance carrier(s) at all times and in all cases.

**ARTICLE XVII
LIFE INSURANCE**

The Board agrees to provide and pay for Term Life Insurance coverage in the amount of two and a half the individual's annual gross salary rounded to the nearest thousand dollars. Individual Administrators will have the option to buy additional insurance at group rates, contingent upon the insurer's offering of said coverage.

**ARTICLE XVIII
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

A. The Board reserves and retains, solely and exclusively, all its rights, express or implied, to manage the school system and its employees as such rights existed prior to the execution of this Agreement. The Association agrees that the functions and rights of management belong solely to the Board and that the Association will not interfere with the Board's exercise of these rights and functions.

B. Enumerated Rights. The exclusive functions and rights of the Board include, but are not restricted to, the right to: direct the operation of the public schools in the system in all aspects; select and employ new personnel; manage the school system and the direction of its work force; determine methods and levels for financing and budget allocation; provide, when necessary, for the transportation of students; designate the schools to be attended by the children in the system; establish the number of schools to be utilized by the system; maintain good public elementary and secondary schools and provide such other educational activities as in its judgment will best serve the interests of the system to give the children of the system as nearly equal advantages as may be practicable; maintain and operate buildings, lands, apparatus and other property used for school purposes; decide the textbooks to be used; make rules for the arrangement, use and safekeeping of the school libraries and to approve the books selected therefore; prepare and submit budgets and, in its sole discretion, expend monies appropriated to the Board for the maintenance and operation of the schools, and to make such transfers of funds within the appropriated budget as it shall deem desirable; determine, and from time to time redetermine, the number of Board personnel and the methods and materials to be employed; select and determine the qualifications of employees required to promote the efficient operation of the school system; distribute work to employees in accordance with the job content and job requirements determined, and from time to time redetermined, by the Board; establish assignments for employees; transfer employees; determine the procedures for promotion of employees; create, enforce and, from time to time, change rules and regulations concerning discipline of employees; discipline; suspend or discharge employees; and, otherwise take such measures as the Board may determine to be necessary to promote the orderly, efficient and safe operation of the school system. The Board shall not, however, exercise any of the rights listed herein in a manner that contravenes an express provision of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the terms expressed herein, the Board shall not unilaterally change major terms and conditions of employment that are mandatory subjects of bargaining. The Association retains its right to negotiate the impact of any changes implemented by the Board in conformity with Connecticut General Statutes.

C. Unenumerated Rights. The listing of specific rights in Subsection (1) of this section is not intended to be all inclusive, restrictive or a waiver of any rights of the Board not listed which have not been expressly and specifically surrendered herein, whether or not such rights have been exercised by the Board in the past.

D. The provisions of this Article shall become effective July 1, 2017.

ARTICLE XIX GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. This Agreement contains the full and complete agreement between the Board and the School Administrators and neither party is required to renegotiate upon any item whether it is covered or not, during the term of this Agreement.

B. In the event that any provisions or portions of this Agreement are ultimately ruled invalid for any reason by an authority of established and competent legal jurisdiction, the balance and remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and the invalidated provisions or portion of this Agreement shall be renegotiated and amended pursuant to Section 10-153f (e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as may be amended.

C. This Agreement shall not be altered, amended, or changed except in writing, signed by both the Board and the School Administrators, which amendment shall be appended hereto and become a part hereof.

ARTICLE XX DURATION AND HOLDOVER

A. The provisions of this Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 201215, and shall continue and remain in full force and effect to and including June 30, 201518.

B. In the event that the Board and the Association shall fail to secure a Successor Agreement prior to the termination of this Agreement, the Board or the School Administrators may elect to extend the duration of this Agreement until a Successor Agreement is made. Such Successor Agreement shall become effective on July 1st of the year in which the current Agreement would otherwise have expired.

This Agreement is made and entered into on the day , 2014, by and between **THE VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION** and **THE VERNON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION**.

Anne Fischer
Chairperson, Vernon Board of Education

Jaya Vijayasaker
President, Vernon School Administrators' Association

APPENDIX I

Vernon School Administrators' Salary Schedule
2015-16

Each salary range consists of eight (8) steps with step one at minimum and step eight at maximum. Each administrator not on maximum shall advance one step on the salary schedule effective July 1 each year of this contract. An educational differential based upon further graduate study will be paid to eligible Administrators as provided below:

8 steps	2015-16		Maximum
	Minimum	Step 1.95%	
High School Principal	\$124,770	\$2,633	\$143,204
Middle School Principal	\$120,076	\$2,633	\$138,509
Elementary Principal (575+)	\$117,730	\$2,633	\$136,163
Elementary Principal (575-)	\$115,379	\$2,633	\$133,812
Asst. Principal (High School)	\$113,031	\$2,633	\$131,465
Asst. Principal (Middle School)	\$113,031	\$2,633	\$131,465
Regional Adult Ed. Supervisor	\$113,031	\$2,633	\$131,465
12- Month Coordinator	\$107,161	\$2,633	\$125,594
11-Month Coordinator	\$104,217	\$2,049	\$118,562
Assistant Principal Elementary	\$98,345	\$2,049	\$112,689

* Step movement in 2015-16

Educational Differential

6th Year+15 = \$700

7th Year = \$1,400

Ph.D. & Ed.D. = \$2,800

APPENDIX I

Vernon School Administrators' Salary Schedule 2016-17

Each salary range consists of eight (8) steps with step one at minimum and step eight at maximum. Each administrator not on maximum shall advance one step on the salary schedule effective July 1 each year of this contract. An educational differential based upon further graduate study will be paid to eligible Administrators as provided below:

8 steps	2016-17		
	Minimum	1.95% Step	Maximum
High School Principal	\$127,203	\$2,684	\$145,996
Middle School Principal	\$122,417	\$2,684	\$141,210
Elementary Principal (575+)	\$120,026	\$2,684	\$138,818
Elementary Principal (575-)	\$117,629	\$2,684	\$136,421
Asst. Principal (High School)	\$115,235	\$2,684	\$134,029
Asst. Principal (Middle School)	\$115,235	\$2,684	\$134,029
Regional Adult Ed. Supervisor	\$115,235	\$2,684	\$134,029
12- Month Coordinator	\$109,251	\$2,684	\$128,043
11-Month Coordinator	\$106,249	\$2,089	\$120,874
Assistant Principal Elementary	\$100,263	\$2,089	\$114,886

* Step movement in 2016-17

Educational Differential

6th Year+15 = \$700

7th Year = \$1,400

Ph.D. & Ed.D. = \$2,800

APPENDIX I

Vernon School Administrators' Salary Schedule 2017-18

Each salary range consists of eight (8) steps with step one at minimum and step eight at maximum. Each administrator not on maximum shall advance one step on the salary schedule effective July 1 each year of this contract. An educational differential based upon further graduate study will be paid to eligible Administrators as provided below:

8 steps	2017-18		Maximum
	GWI %** Minimum	2.50% Step	
High School Principal	\$130,383	\$2,751	\$149,646
Middle School Principal	\$125,477	\$2,751	\$144,740
Elementary Principal (575+)	\$123,027	\$2,751	\$142,288
Elementary Principal (575-)	\$120,570	\$2,751	\$139,832
Asst. Principal (High School)	\$118,116	\$2,751	\$137,380
Asst. Principal (Middle School)	\$118,116	\$2,751	\$137,380
Regional Adult Ed. Supervisor	\$118,116	\$2,751	\$137,380
12- Month Coordinator	\$111,982	\$2,751	\$131,244
11-Month Coordinator	\$108,905	\$2,141	\$123,896
Assistant Principal Elementary	\$102,770	\$2,141	\$117,758

** No step movement in 2017-18

Educational Differential

6th Year+15 = \$700

7th Year = \$1,400

Ph.D. & Ed.D. = \$2,800

APPENDIX II

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CODE OF ETHICS

The Council of the Town of Vernon hereby repeals Ordinance #55 entitled "Ordinance Concerning Conflict of Interest in the Town of Vernon" and pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-148h of the Connecticut General Statutes hereby adopts the following CODE OF ETHICS:

Section 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY

The proper operation of democratic government requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial and responsible to the people; that government decisions and policy be made in proper channels of the governmental structure; that public office not be used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government. In recognition of these goals, a Code of Ethics for all Town officials, employees, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities as defined hereinafter is adopted. The purpose of this Code is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all such officials, employees, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities by setting forth those acts or actions that are incompatible with the best interests of the Town and by directing disclosure by such officials, employees, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities of private financial or other interests in matters affecting the Town.

Section 2. BOARD OF ETHICS - CREATED: PURPOSE

There is hereby created a Board of Ethics (hereinafter referred to as "Board") for the purpose of rendering advisory opinions and making recommendations with respect to the drafting and adoption of amendments to this Article.

Section 3.

A. APPOINTMENTS

The Board shall consist of five (5) regular members and two (2) alternate members, all of whom shall be electors of the Town. No more than three (3) regular members and no more than one (1) alternate member shall be from one political party. The initial regular and all alternate members shall be appointed by the Council upon recommendation by the Mayor from a list compiled and submitted by any member of the public or Town organization. The term shall be five (5) years except that of the initially appointed regular members, one (1) shall serve for one (1) year, one (1) for two (2) years, one (1) for three (3) years, one (1) for four (4) years and one (1) for five (5) years. The two (2) alternate members shall be appointed in the same manner for terms of five (5) years. The duties of such alternate members shall be to sit upon such Board whenever a regular member is unavailable to do

so; such sitting alternate member shall have all of the obligations and duties of a regular member. A member may resign at any time by written notice to the Mayor and the Town Clerk. Any such resignation shall become effective upon date specified therein or, if no date is so specified therein, upon date of its submission. No regular or alternate member who serves a five (5) year full term shall be reappointed sooner than one (1) year following the completion of that term.

B. VACANCIES

Vacancies on the Board among its regular members shall be filled by the Mayor from alternate members of the Board. Vacancies on the Board among its alternate members shall be filled by the Council upon recommendation by the Mayor from a list compiled and submitted by any member of the public or any Town organization.

C. REMOVAL

Any regular or alternate member of the Board may be removed by the Mayor subject to approval by nine (9) members of the Town Council.

D. CONFLICTS

No regular or alternate member of the Board shall render or agree to render any service to any person or entity other than the Town in connection with any cause, proceeding, application or other matter which is before any agency, board, department, panel, commission or other official entity of the Town, nor shall such member serve as a member of any such agency, board, department, panel, commission or entity.

Section 4. ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE

The Board shall annually elect a chairperson and secretary from among its members. Pursuant to the provisions of the State Freedom of Information Act, the Board shall keep records of its meetings and shall hold meetings after proper notice at the call of the chairperson and at such other times as the Board may determine. For the purpose of conducting a meeting or hearing five (5) members shall constitute a quorum. Any action taken by the Board shall be by a majority vote of the members present and voting. At least once a year, the Board shall meet for the purpose of reviewing this ordinance and making any recommendations with respect to the drafting and adoption of amendments to this ordinance.

Section 5. DUTIES AND POWERS

A. The Board may make recommendations for amendments to this Code of Ethics for adoption by the Town Council.

B. The following may submit written requests directly to the Board of Ethics regarding appropriate situations pursuant to this document: Mayor, Town Administrator, Town Council, Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education, or the public at large. The Ethics Board must respond to the submittal per Section 13 and any opinions shall be directed to the agency or person requesting them.

C. Promulgate Rules and Regulations.

D. Hear complaints and render decisions.

Section 6. EXPENSES AND COMPENSATION

The members of the Board shall serve without compensation for their services. In the performance of its duties and in the exercise of its powers, the Board shall not incur any expense in excess of the funds appropriated by the Council for such purpose.

Section 7. APPLICABILITY

The provisions of this Code shall apply to all Town officials and employees, whether elected or appointed, paid or unpaid, including individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities which have been or will be compensated by the Town for acting as an agent or consultant for the Town or any of its Boards. The term "town officials" as used in this Code, shall include members of the Town Council, members of the Board of Education, and all Officials appointed by the Town Council, Board of Education, Mayor or the Town Administrator. The term "town employees", as used in this Code, shall include all employees of the Town and Board of Education.

Section 8. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A person who is subject to this Code has an interest which is in substantial conflict with proper discharge of his duties or employment in the public interest and of his responsibilities as prescribed in the laws of the State of Connecticut and the Town of Vernon if he has reason to believe or expect that he will derive a direct monetary gain or other benefit, or suffer a direct monetary loss or other detriment, as the case may be, by reason of his official activity. He does not have an interest which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his duties in the public interest and of his responsibilities as prescribed by the laws of the State of Connecticut and the Town of Vernon if any benefit or detriment accrues to him as a member of a business, profession, occupation or group. For the purpose of this Code, a public officer or employee shall be deemed to have an interest in the affairs of his or her spouse.

Section 9. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

A. Any official, employee, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities, who has or may have a substantial or controlling financial or significant personal interest in any property or matter which is the subject of any pending or proposed proceeding before any Town Agency on which such person sits or by whom such person is employed, shall make known promptly such interest in any matter on which he may be called to act in his official capacity. He shall refrain from voting upon such transaction, contract or sale.

B. No official, employee, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities shall accept, during the course of any twelve (12) month period, any individual gift over the sum of fifty (50) dollars or any gifts which in the aggregate costs one hundred (100) dollars. The limits on gifts may be changed from time to time by resolution of the Town Council. Gifts, as used above, may take the form of service, loan, thing or promise from any person, firm or corporation which, to his knowledge, is interested in directly or indirectly, in any manner whatsoever, in business dealings with the Town having any relationship or connection with such official or employees in the discharge of his duties.

C. No official, employee, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities, without proper legal authorization, shall disclose confidential information except as required under the Freedom of Information Laws of the State of Connecticut, concerning the property, government or affairs of the Town. No official, employee, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities shall use information acquired in the course of his public duties, to advance the financial or other private interest of himself or any other.

D. No official, employee, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities shall request or permit the use of Town-owned vehicles, equipment, materials or property for personal convenience or profit, except when such services are available to the public generally or are provided as municipal policy for the use of such official, employee, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities, in the conduct of official business or such use as in connection with exchange of private equipment for use by the Town. No official, employee, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities shall grant any special consideration, treatment, or advantage to any citizen beyond that which is available to every other citizen.

E. No official, employee, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities shall for the period of one (1) year after the termination of service or employment with such municipality, appear before any board or agency of the Town or in any matter in litigation in which the Town is a party in interest, except on behalf of the Town for compensation by any private interest to any case, proceeding or application in which he personally participated during the period of his service or employment or which was under his active consideration.

F. To the extent that he knows thereof, all officials, employees, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities of the Town, whether paid or unpaid, who participate in the discussion or give official opinions to boards and commissions or to a Town meeting on pending legislation, shall publicly disclose on the official record the nature and extent of any direct or indirect financial or other private interest he has in such legislation.

G. No official, employee, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities shall render or agree to render for compensation any service to any person or party other than the Town, in connection with any cause, proceeding, application or other matter which is before any Town Agency over which he has direct control or involvement. This does not prohibit any Town official, employee, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities from appearing before any board or commission on such person's own behalf or as official spokesman for an organization of which he is a member, provided such appearance does not violate Sections 8-11 and 8-21 and 22a-42 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Public Act 83-540 or any other provision of the Code.

H. No Town official, employee, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities, who in their capacity as such officer or employee, participates in the making of a contract or accepts a purchase order in which they have a private pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, shall enter into any contract or accept any purchase order from the Town or Board of Education unless:

1. The contract or purchase is awarded through the process of public notice and competitive bidding as required by the Town Charter and Board of Education Policy.

2. The Town Administrator for the Town, or Superintendent of Schools for the Board of Education waives the requirements of this Section after determining that it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

I. No employee shall engage in or accept private employment or render service, for private interest, when such employment or service is incompatible with the proper discharge of his official duties or would tend to impair his independence of judgment or action in the performance of his official duties, unless otherwise permitted by law and unless disclosure is made as provided in this Code.

Section 10. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CODE

A. Nothing stated herein shall bar members of the Town Council who are employed as teachers in the Town of Vernon, or whose spouses or other family members are so employed, from taking part in deliberations and voting regarding the Board of Education budget if at such time teacher compensation for the

forthcoming year has been established and is not directly affected by such votes.

B. Nothing stated herein shall bar members of the Board of Education or their employees from discharging its responsibilities according to applicable state education mandates, statutes, and regulations. Where conflicts exist between state law and this Code, state law shall prevail.

C. A commercially reasonable loan made in the ordinary course of business by an institution authorized by the laws of this state to engage in the making of such loans shall not be deemed to create an interest in violation of this Code.

D. The ownership of less than five (5%) percent of the outstanding stock in a publicly held corporation shall not be considered a substantial financial or personal interest.

Section 11. ADVISORY OPINIONS

A. Where any public officer or employee, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities has a doubt as to the applicability of any provision of this Code to a particular situation or as to the definition of terms used herein, he may apply to the Board for an advisory opinion. The officer, employee, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities shall have the opportunity to present his interpretation of the facts at issue and of the applicability of provisions of the Code before such advisory opinion is made.

B. Such opinion until amended or revoked shall be binding on the Town, the Town Council, and the Board of Education in any subsequent actions concerning the public officer, employee, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities who sought the opinion and acted on it in good faith, unless material facts were omitted or misstated in the request for the advisory opinion.

C. Any advisory opinion prepared by the Board shall be made public. However, the name of the person requesting the opinion and the names of all persons or business entities mentioned in the opinion shall be deemed confidential information and shall not be disclosed by the Board unless the public officer, employee, individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s) or other entities waives such confidentiality or where the Board deems the public official to have failed to act in conformance with the opinion.

Section 12. SEPARABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, or if the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstances is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, such

invalidity or unconstitutionally shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this Code which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application.

Section 13. SANCTIONS

Violations of any provisions of this Code should raise conscientious questions for the official concerned as to whether voluntary resignation or other action is indicated to promote the best interest of the Town. Violation may, upon determination by the Council or the Board of Education, constitute a cause for censure, suspension, removal from office or other appropriate legal proceedings. In the case of suspension or removal from office the Town Charter Provisions will be in force. If a commission member's status is to be changed, then it would be up to the Mayor to proceed.

Section 14. PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING COMPLAINTS

A. The Board of Ethics will conduct its investigations as a fact-finding body, adhering to strict confidentiality in all matters concerned, and will render advisory opinions containing its findings and conclusions.

B. Requests concerning complaints shall be received by the Board of Ethics only in compliance with Section 5 of the Code.

C. Upon receipt of a complaint, the Board shall determine whether said complaint falls within its jurisdiction within ten (10) working days.

1. If said complaint does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Board, the case will be dismissed and the complainant and the accused will be so notified in writing.

2a. If the Board has any questions concerning jurisdiction, the complainant will be notified in writing to meet with the Board to clarify the allegation in detail, with said meeting to take place within thirty (30) days of notification to the complainant.

2b. After meeting with the complainant, the Board shall make a final determination as to jurisdiction.

3. If the Board determines it has jurisdiction, then within five (5) working days after such determination, the accused shall be notified in writing of the alleged violation of the Code of Ethics and that he/she may elect to have all proceedings open according to the Freedom of Information Act. Upon receipt of said notice, the party so notified shall have the right to file a response within ten (10) working days and may, within said time period, demand a hearing by the Board. If a hearing is so requested, it shall be convened within twenty (20)

working days after such request. If no request for hearing is made, the Board by a vote of at least three (3) members shall determine within thirty(30) working days after the mailing of the notice of such complaint whether a hearing is required. In the event a hearing is held, the person against whom such complaint is filed shall be notified in writing of the date, time and place of the hearing, within five (5) working days, as will the person who filed the complaint. In such hearing, the person against whom such complaint is filed shall have the right to counsel, to confrontation of all witnesses, to cross-examination and to present evidence on his or her behalf. All notices to the person about whom such complaint was made shall be mailed by certified mail.

D. All hearings and investigatory meetings are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (CGS 1-18a through 1-21k as maybe amended).

E. All affected parties to be interviewed shall be notified that the meeting is being held in open or executive session, sworn in, and cautioned to observe confidentiality in the event of an executive session.

F. The Board, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-148h, may issue subpoenas or subpoenas *duces tecum*, enforceable upon application to the Superior Court, to compel the attendance of persons at hearings and the production of books, documents, records and papers.

G. If hearings or investigatory meetings are held in executive sessions, the accused shall be afforded the opportunity to be present during said executive sessions.

H. The Board shall issue a written decision with respect to violations of this Code on each case within ten (10) working days in which it shall give facts and the rationale for the decision.

I. Copies of the decisions shall be forwarded to the initiator of the request (Town Council or Town Administrator or Mayor; Board of Education or Superintendent of Schools or complainant), and the subject of the complaint.

J. The Board of Ethics shall maintain a record of all complaints filed. If, in the Board's opinion, it perceives abuse in filing of baseless or frivolous complaints by an individual or organization, the Board shall be empowered to apply sanctions against said complainant(s) according to policies it adopts as enacted by Town Council.

Section 15. REPORT TO COUNCIL OR BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board shall report to the Council or Board of Education, as jurisdictionally appropriate, its findings as to a violation of the Code of Ethics,

together with recommendations as to disposition to be made. If there was a defined violation of this Code, the Council or Board of Education shall consider such findings and shall determine what disposition shall be made. If the Council or Board of Education wishes to proceed on the recommendation of the Board of Ethics, it shall take the appropriate action as may be indicated in Section 13 of this ordinance. Upon written request of the accused, the Council or Board of Education may elect to follow the general outline of Section 14, however, the process shall take no longer than twenty (20) working days. A special exception may be granted to the time period at the discretion of the Council or Board of Education.

Section 16. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR TOWN OFFICIALS

The requirements herein set forth shall constitute a Code of Ethics establishing reasonable standards and guidelines for the ethical conduct of Town officers of the Town of Vernon. The purpose of these guidelines is to encourage Town officials to actively participate and vote on as many issues as their conscience allows but still act in a consistent manner. If a Town official finds that he/she is abstaining from voting frequently, he/she should obtain an advisory recommendation from the Ethics Commission or consider resigning.

Town officials of any Commission or Board who are officers or directors of a nongovernmental civic group, social, charitable or a religious organization, which is seeking financial or other legislative action from that body, shall not vote on such matters. Regular members of any organization who are not actively involved in seeking that specific legislative aid may vote on any legislation and need not disclose they are members of that organization.

Town officials of any Commission or Board who are officers, directors, or active in negotiations of a union that is affiliated with any union of Town employees shall disclose that relationship and shall not vote in any matters that affect that union or conditions of employment of any union of Town employees.

Town officials of any Commission or Board who are employed in a profession or by a company which may be affected by legislation shall disclose that fact, but may vote on such legislation as long as they receive no direct compensation or benefit or will be affected in any way different from all individuals employed by that company or in that profession.

Town officials, who are members of any Commission or Board who are state legislators or are active in promoting, lobbying for or drafting related legislation at the state level, shall disclose that interest and may vote on such legislation at the Town level.

Section 17. DISTRIBUTION OF CODE OF ETHICS

The Town Clerk shall cause a copy of this Code of Ethics to be distributed to every Town officer and employee of the Town within thirty(30) days after enactment of this Code. This Code shall be made known and available to individual(s), partnership(s), corporation(s), or other entities doing business with the Town. Each public officer and employee elected, appointed or engaged thereafter shall be furnished a copy before entering upon the duties of this office or employment.

APPENDIX III

EARLY RETIREMENT "GRANDFATHER" PROVISION

ADDENDUM

The Administrators listed below are those Administrators employed in bargaining unit positions as of July 1, 2003 who are thus eligible for the Early Retirement benefits as set forth in Article XIII, Section C, of this Agreement. Any Administrators hired into bargaining unit positions after July 1, 2003 shall not be eligible to receive the aforesaid Early Retirement benefits. The names of any employees hired into bargaining unit positions after this Agreement is signed and up to July 1, 2003 shall be deemed included on this listing, and the parties agree to add their names through a contract addendum.

James Harrison
Jaya Vijayasekar

VSAA APPENDIX IV – SEE ATTACHED



FlexPOS-CNT-HSA-2000I/4000F-07-Combined Open Access Contract Year Benefit Summary

Open Access High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) for use with a Health Savings Account (HSA)

This is a brief summary of benefits. Refer to your ConnectiCare Insurance Company, Inc Certificate of Coverage for complete details on benefits, conditions, limitations and exclusions, or consult with your benefits manager. All benefits described below are per member per Contract year. A referral from your primary care provider is not required.

The individual deductible applies if you have coverage only for yourself and not for any dependents. The family deductible applies if you have coverage for yourself and one or more eligible dependents. In addition, if you have family coverage, any applicable copayment, coinsurance or cost share maximums will apply until the total is met for the family, without regard to how much any one family member has met.

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	IN-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS	OUT-OF-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS
Contract Year Plan Deductible <i>(Deductible is combined for In- and out-of-network health services and prescription drugs)</i>	\$2,000 per Individual \$4,000 per Family	\$2,000 per Member \$4,000 per Family
Out-of-Pocket Maximum <i>(Includes a combination of deductible, copayments and coinsurance for health services and pharmacy services)</i> <i>(Out-of-Pocket Maximum is combined for In- and out-of-network health services and prescription drugs)</i>	\$2,500 per Individual \$5,000 per Family	\$4,000 per Member \$8,000 per Family
Out-of-Network Reimbursement	Not Applicable	Plan will reimburse the coinsurance percentage of the Maximum Allowable Amount.
Lifetime Maximum Benefit	Unlimited	Unlimited
PREVENTIVE SERVICES <i>(Refer to "Prevention and Wellness" section found at the end of this summary)</i>	IN-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS	OUT-OF-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS
Physical Exam	No Member cost <i>(Plan Deductible waived)</i>	30% after Plan Deductible
Gynecological Preventive Exam	No Member cost <i>(Plan Deductible waived)</i>	30% after Plan Deductible
Preventive Laboratory Services <i>(Complete blood count and urinalysis)</i>	No Member cost <i>(Plan Deductible waived)</i>	30% after Plan Deductible
Baseline Routine Mammography	No Member cost <i>(Plan Deductible waived)</i>	30% after Plan Deductible
Routine Mammography	No Member cost <i>(Plan Deductible waived)</i>	30% after Plan Deductible
Breast Ultrasound Screening	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Routine Vision Exam <i>(one exam per year when provided by an Optometrist or Ophthalmologist)</i>	No Member cost <i>(Plan Deductible waived)</i>	30% after Plan Deductible

PREVENTIVE SERVICES (Refer to "Prevention and Wellness" section found at the end of this summary)	IN-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS	OUT-OF-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS
Hearing Screenings (one exam every 24 months)	No Member cost (<i>Plan Deductible waived</i>)	30% after Plan Deductible
OUTPATIENT SERVICES	IN-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS	OUT-OF-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS
Primary Care Services (includes services for illness, injury, sickness, follow-up care and consultations)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Specialist Services (includes services for illness, injury, sickness, follow-up care and consultations)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Gynecological Office Services	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Maternity Care Office Visits (<i>Prenatal Care</i>)	No Member cost	30% after Plan Deductible
Allergy Testing (Unlimited)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Allergy Injections (Unlimited)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Laboratory Services (includes services performed in a Hospital or laboratory facility) (<i>Please refer to the provider directory for facility type</i>)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Non-Advanced Radiology (includes services performed in a Hospital or radiology facility)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Advanced Radiology (includes services for MRI, PET and CAT scan and nuclear cardiology performed in a Hospital or radiology facility) (<i>Please refer to the provider directory for facility type</i>)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Outpatient Rehabilitative Therapy (includes services combined for physical, speech, and occupational therapy and chiropractic services) (Unlimited)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Retail Clinic	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
EMERGENCY / URGENT CARE	IN-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS	OUT-OF-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS
Walk-In Centers	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	Same as In-Network Benefit
Emergency Room	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	Same as In-Network Benefit

EMERGENCY / URGENT CARE	IN-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS	OUT-OF-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS
Ambulance Services	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	Same as In-Network Benefit
HOSPITAL SERVICES	IN-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS	OUT-OF-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS
Inpatient Hospital Services, Including Room & Board	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Hospital Outpatient Surgical Facilities (includes services performed in a Hospital facility) (Please refer to the provider directory for facility type)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Ambulatory Surgical Center (includes services performed in a stand-alone ambulatory facility) (Please refer to the provider directory for facility type)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Facilities up to 220 days per year	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	IN-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS	OUT-OF-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS
Inpatient Mental Health Services (including inpatient acute and residential programs)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Inpatient Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment (including inpatient acute and residential programs)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Outpatient Mental Health, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment (including office visits and professional services provided in the home)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Outpatient Mental Health, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment (intensive outpatient treatment and partial hospitalization programs)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible

OTHER SERVICES	IN-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS	OUT-OF-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS
Durable Medical Equipment Including Prosthetics and Disposable Medical Supplies (No Member cost for wigs prescribed by an oncologist for a Member suffering hair loss as a result of chemotherapy or radiation therapy up to one wig per year)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Diabetic Equipment and Supplies	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Infertility (Infertility benefits outlined in the Certificate Of Coverage are unlimited, with no age or cycle restrictions)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible (Office visit) No Member cost after Plan Deductible (Ambulatory Services Outpatient) No Member cost after Plan Deductible (Inpatient Hospital)	30% after Plan Deductible
Nutritional Counseling (Limit 3 visits per year)	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	30% after Plan Deductible
Home Health Services	No Member cost after Plan Deductible	25% after Plan Deductible

PREVENTION AND WELLNESS

In-Network prevention and wellness services as defined by the United States Preventive Service Task Force (listed below) are exempt from all member cost share (deductible, copayment and coinsurance) under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Services that are exempt from cost share must be identified by the specific codes. The codes your health care provider submits must match ConnectiCare's coding list to be exempt from all cost share. Please note that not all preventive services are listed below and that some diagnostic services provided in relation to preventive and wellness services require member cost share. Go to www.connecticare.com/preventive for more information on coverage of preventive care or services.

- Routine physical exam and appropriate screening and counseling for adults (including but not limited to cardiovascular disease, depression, obesity and sexually transmitted infections)
- Preventive care and screenings for infants, children and adolescents supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (including but not limited to depression, obesity and sexually transmitted infections)
- Preventive care and screenings for women supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration:
 - At least one well-woman preventive care visit annually to obtain the recommended preventive services
 - Screening for diabetes during pregnancy, two per pregnancy
 - Human Papillomavirus (HPV) testing, age 30 or older, one per year
 - Counseling on sexually transmitted infections for all sexually active women, two per year
 - Counseling and screening for human immune-deficiency virus (HIV) for all sexually active women
 - Contraceptive methods approved by the Food and Drug administration, sterilization procedures and contraceptive patient education and counseling
 - Comprehensive lactation support, counseling, a breast pump, (either manual or non-hospital grade electric), and breastfeeding supplies
 - Screening and counseling for interpersonal and domestic violence for all women and adolescents
- Bone density screenings, age 60 or older
- Screening for colorectal cancer using fecal occult blood testing, sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy, age 50 or older
- Routine mammography screening
- Immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the CDC
- Outpatient laboratory services:
 - Cervical cancer and cervical dysplasia screening – pap smear
 - Lipid cholesterol screening for adults and children at risk
 - Fasting plasma glucose or hemoglobin A1c
 - Hematocrit and Hemoglobin for children up to age 21
 - Lead screening for children
 - Tuberculin testing for children
 - Chlamydia, syphilis and gonorrhea screening for females all ages
 - Human immunodeficiency virus screening – HIV testing
 - Hypothyroidism screening in newborns, under 3 months of age
 - Screening for phenylketonuria (PKU) in newborns, 3 months of age
 - Screening for sickle cell disease in newborns, 3 months of age
 - Hepatitis B screening for adolescents and adults at risk
 - Hepatitis C screening for adults at risk
 - Lung Cancer Screening for adults ages 55 - 80 who have smoked
- Routine vision screening up to age 21, one per year when services are rendered by a primary care provider
- Routine hearing screening up to age 21 when rendered by a primary care provider
- Dental caries prevention up to age 5 when rendered by a primary care provider
- Developmental, autism, and psychosocial/behavioral assessments when rendered by a primary care provider
- Dietary counseling for adults with cardiovascular disease, hyperlipidemia or obesity
- Alcohol misuse screening and counseling
- Tobacco cessation interventions
- Screening for hepatitis B, iron deficient anemia, Rh (D) blood typing and asymptomatic Bacteriuria in women who are pregnant
- Screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm in men age 65 - 75 who have ever smoked
- BRCA counseling and genetic screening for women at risk
- Physical therapy to prevent falls in adults age 65 and older

Important Information

- If you have questions regarding your plan, visit our website at www.connecticare.com or call us at (860) 674-5757 or 1-800-251-7722.
- Many services require that you obtain our pre-certification or pre-authorization prior to obtaining care prescribed or rendered by network providers or non-participating providers. A reduction will apply if you do not obtain pre-authorization for these specified services. Refer to your ConnectiCare Insurance Company, Inc. Certificate of Coverage for more information.
For mental health, alcohol, and substance abuse services call 1-888-946-4658 to obtain pre-authorization.
- Out-of-Network cost shares are reimbursed at the maximum allowable amount. Members are responsible to pay any charges in excess of this amount. Please refer to your ConnectiCare Insurance Company, Inc. Certificate of Coverage for more information.
- If you are a Massachusetts resident, please refer to your *amendatory rider for Massachusetts mandated benefits* for additional details of your mandated benefits.
- If you are a Massachusetts resident, this plan along with pharmacy services meets Massachusetts Minimum Creditable Coverage standards for 2015.
- Your plan is Insured by ConnectiCare Insurance Company, Inc.

Benefits are Subject to Department of Insurance Approval



FlexPOS Copayment Prescription Drug Plan for Use with Health Savings Account (HSA) Benefit Summary

This is a brief summary of your prescription drug benefits. Refer to your prescription drug rider for complete details on benefits, conditions, limitations and exclusions, or consult with your benefits manager. All benefits described below are per member per Contract year.

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PRESCRIPTION DRUGS		
Covered prescription drugs through retail Participating Pharmacies or our mail order service. Your Plan includes the following: Mandatory Drug Substitution, Tiered Cost-Share Program, and Voluntary Mail Order Program.		
	IN-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS	OUT-OF-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS
Contract Year Plan Deductible (Deductible is combined for In- and Out-Of-Network prescription drug benefits)	\$2,000 Individual \$4,000 Family The Contract Year Deductible can be reached by any combination of covered Health Services or covered prescription drug services. If you have Family coverage, then covered Health Services and covered prescription drugs will be applied to the Family Plan Deductible until the total amount is met without regard to which family member uses the benefits.	\$2,000 Individual \$4,000 Family The Contract Year Deductible can be reached by any combination of covered Health Services or covered prescription drug services. If you have Family coverage, then covered Health Services and covered prescription drugs will be applied to the Family Plan Deductible until the total amount is met without regard to which family member uses the benefits.
Out-of-Pocket Deductible (Includes a combination of deductible, copayments and coinsurance for health and pharmacy services) (The Out-of-Pocket Maximum is combined for In- and Out-of-Network prescription drug benefits)	\$2,500 Individual \$5,000 Family	\$4,000 Individual \$8,000 Family
Out-of-Network Reimbursement	Not Applicable	Plan will reimburse the coinsurance percentage of the Maximum Allowable Amount.
RETAIL PHARMACY (up to a 34 day supply per prescription)	IN-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS	OUT-OF-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS
Tier 1 drugs (Generic Drugs)	\$5 Copayment after Plan Deductible up to Out-of-Pocket Maximum	30% after Plan Deductible up to Out-of-Pocket Maximum
Tier 2 drugs (Preferred Brand Drugs)	\$20 Copayment after Plan Deductible up to Out-of-Pocket Maximum	30% after Plan Deductible up to Out-of-Pocket Maximum
Tier 3 drugs (Non-Preferred Brand Drugs)	\$35 Copayment after Plan Deductible up to Out-of-Pocket Maximum	30% after Plan Deductible up to Out-of-Pocket Maximum

MAIL ORDER PHARMACY (up to a 100 day supply per prescription)	IN-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS	OUT-OF-NETWORK MEMBER PAYS
Tier 1 drugs (Generic Drugs)	\$10 Copayment after Plan Deductible up to Out-of-Pocket Maximum	100%
Tier 2 drugs (Preferred Brand Drugs)	\$40 Copayment after Plan Deductible up to Out-of-Pocket Maximum	100%
Tier 3 drugs (Non-Preferred Brand Drugs)	\$70 Copayment after Plan Deductible up to Out-of-Pocket Maximum	100%
Additional Information		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under this program covered prescription drugs and supplies are put into categories (i.e., tiers) to designate how they are to be covered and the member's cost-share. The placement of a drug or supply into one of the tiers is determined by the ConnectiCare Pharmacy Services Department and approved by the ConnectiCare Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee based on the drug's or supply's clinical effectiveness and cost, not on whether it is a generic drug or supply or brand name drug or supply. Generic drugs can reduce your out-of-pocket prescription costs. Generics have the same active ingredients as brand name drugs, but usually cost much less. So, ask your doctor or pharmacist if a generic alternative is available for your prescription. Also, remember to use a participating pharmacy. Most pharmacies in the United States participate in our network. To find one, visit our Web site at www.connecticare.com or call our Member Services Department at 1-800-251-7722. Amounts paid by members because they must pay a price difference for a brand name drug do not count towards meeting any deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or cost share maximum. Certain prescription drugs and supplies require pre-authorization from us before they will be covered under the prescription drug rider. You should visit our Web site at www.connecticare.com or call our Member Services Department at 1-800-251-7722 to find out if a prescription drug or supply requires pre-authorization. Most Specialty drugs are dispensed through Specialty Pharmacies by mail, up to a 30 day supply. Specialty Pharmacies have the same Member Cost Share as all other participating pharmacies and <u>are not part</u> of ConnectiCare's Voluntary Mail Order program. The Member Cost Share for Specialty Pharmacy <u>is different</u> from the Cost Share for ConnectiCare's Mail Order program. Always remember to carry your ConnectiCare ID Card. If you are a Massachusetts resident, please refer to your amendatory rider for Massachusetts mandated benefits for additional details of your benefits. 		

In the Matter of Binding Arbitration .

Between

VERNON

Board of Education

-and-

VERNON School Administrators Association

Subject _____
(Last Best Offer Binding Arbitration)

**OATH FOR
CHAIRPERSON OF ARBITRATION PANEL OR SINGLE ARBITRATOR**

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COUNTY OF Tolland

ss: VERNON

The undersigned, representing the interests of the public in general, being duly sworn and being aware of the requirements for impartiality, hereby accepts the appointment as Chairperson of the Arbitration Panel or Single Arbitrator to arbitrate the above subject and will faithfully and fairly hear and examine the matters in controversy between the above-named parties, in accordance with Section 10-153f of the Connecticut General Statutes, and will make a just award according to the best of my understanding.


Chairperson, Arbitration Panel or Single Arbitrator

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of NOVEMBER, 2014.


Signature and Title

Com of Superior Court

In the Matter of Binding Arbitration

Between

Vernon

Board of Education

-and-

Vernon School Admin Assoc

Subject

(Last Best Offer Binding Arbitration)

OATH FOR
ARBITRATORS REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE LOCAL AND
REGIONAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COUNTY OF Hartford

ss:

Vernon

The undersigned, representing the interests of the local and regional boards of education, being duly sworn, hereby accepts the appointment as arbitrator representing the above-noted interests and will faithfully and fairly hear and examine the matters in controversy between the above-noted parties, in accordance with Section 10-153f of the Connecticut General Statutes, and will make a just award according to the best of my understanding.

Signed:

[Signature]
Arbitrator representing the interests of the local
and regional boards of education

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of November, 2014.

[Signature]
Signature and Title

Commissioner of Superior Court

In the Matter of Binding Arbitration

Between

Vernon Board of Education

-and-

Vernon School Administrators Association

Subject _____
(Last Best Offer Binding Arbitration)

OATH FOR
ARBITRATORS REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE EXCLUSIVE BARGAINING
REPRESENTATIVES OF CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COUNTY OF TOLLAND

ss: Vernon

The undersigned, representing the interests of exclusive bargaining representatives of certified employees, being duly sworn, hereby accepts the appointment as arbitrator representing the above-noted interests and will faithfully and fairly hear and examine the matters in controversy between the above-noted parties, in accordance with Section 10-153f of the Connecticut General Statutes, and will make a just award according to the best of my understanding.

Signed: _____

Arbitrator representing the interests of exclusive
bargaining representatives of certified employees


Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of December, 2014.

Commissioner of Superior Court
Signature and Title

Commissioner of Superior Court


Arbitrators' Signature Page

In the Matter of Vernon Board of Education
-and-
Vernon School Administrators Association
Section 10-153f of the Connecticut General Statutes
Interest Arbitration Award




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