

AGREEMENT
Between
HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
And
HADDON TOWNSHIP PRINCIPALS' AND SUPERVISORS' ASSOCIATION
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2025

Preamble

The Haddon Township Board of Education places the highest priority on providing the best possible education for each of the students in the district. This conscious striving for excellence is reflected in the programs and facilities that together provide the educational experience in Haddon Township.

Programs and facilities, however, do not appear spontaneously on the educational scene. They are the result of countless day-to-day actions taken by administrators in carrying out the policies established by the Board of Education. The success and quality of the Haddon Township schools is directly attributable to these administrative actions. It is therefore crucial to the continued success of our schools that an administrative contract be managed in a manner which allows the district to attract and retain administrators who will not only maintain but who will increase the quality of the school system.

Article I. Recognition

- A. The Association recognizes the Board as the representative of the government of the State of New Jersey charged with the responsibility under the law of operating public schools in the Township of Haddon.
- B. In accordance with NJSA 34:13A-1 et sq., the Board hereby recognizes the Association as the exclusive and sole representative for collective negotiations, grievances and terms and conditions of employment for all certificated principals, assistant principals and supervisors employed by the Board.
- C. The Association shall include the following personnel:
 - 1. Elementary, Middle and High School Principals
 - 2. Middle and High School Assistant Principals
 - 3. Supervisor of Special Services
 - 4. Superintendent of Building and Grounds
 - 5. Supervisor of Instruction
 - 6. Director of District Technology
 - 7. Supervisor of Athletics

Article II. Grievance Procedure

A. Definitions

"Grievance" means a complaint by any member of the Association who feels that an inequitable, improper, or unjust application, interpretation, or violation of a policy, agreement, or administrative decision has been rendered to that member.

"Representative" means a member of the Association or any other person designated by the member.

"Immediate supervisor" means the person to whom the member is directly responsible under the table of organization prevailing in this school district.

B. Purpose

The purpose of the grievance procedure is to secure an equitable and just solution to problems which affect the terms and conditions of employment at the lowest possible level.

The intent is also to secure a uniform and appropriate method of resolving disputes and problems in a consistent manner.

Failure to respond to a grievance within the specified time limit will permit the grievance to move to the next level.

Failure of the grievant to appear within the specified time limit shall be deemed to be acceptance of the disposition at the preceding level.

C. Procedure

1. A grievance must be filed within twenty (20) school days after its occurrence.
2. A member processing a grievance shall be assured freedom from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal.
3. A member shall have the right to make his own presentation or to designate a representative to make the presentation or to be present with him at any level.
4. The member shall discuss the grievance with his immediate supervisor.
5. If the grievance is not resolved, the member shall submit his grievance to the Superintendent of Schools within five (5) school days, specifying:
 - a. the act or omission complained of
 - b. the specific article of the contract allegedly violated
 - c. the remediation sought
6. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the written grievance, the Superintendent shall communicate his decision in writing to the grievant, the Association, and the grievant's immediate supervisor.
7. In the event that the Superintendent fails to act in accordance with Paragraph 6 above, or, in the event a determination by him is deemed to be unsatisfactory by either party, the member, within ten (10) school days of the Superintendent's determination, may appeal in writing through the Superintendent to the Board of Education.
8. Where an appeal is taken to the Board of Education, the member shall submit:
 - a. the writings set forth in Paragraphs 5 and 6
 - b. a copy of said materials to the Superintendent
9. If a member does not request a hearing, the Board may consider the appeal on the written record submitted to it, or the Board may conduct its own hearing, or it may request additional written materials. Copies of any additional written material shall be given to the adverse parties who shall have the right to reply thereto.

10. The Board shall make a determination within forty-five (45) school days from the receipt of the grievance and shall notify the member, his representative, the immediate supervisor and the Superintendent in writing of its determination.
11. If the member is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance as determined by the Board, or if no decision is rendered within forty-five (45) school days, the grievance may be submitted to advisory arbitration. In all other grievances, the disposition of the grievance by the Board shall be final.
12. The Board and the Association shall attempt to agree upon a mutually acceptable arbitrator and shall obtain a commitment from said arbitrator to serve.
13. If the parties are unable to agree upon an arbitrator, either party may make a request for a list of arbitrators to the American Arbitration Association. The parties shall then be bound by the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association in the selection of an arbitrator.

Article III. Insurance Protection

- A. The Board agrees to provide health insurance, including family coverage where applicable, to all employees. Employee contribution to health insurance shall be in accordance with "Chapter 78" or P.L. 2020 (S-2273/A-20) "Educators' Health Benefits Fairness Act.". The existing plan subject to Chapter 78 Tier IV contributions, if selected by eligible employees, shall be equal to or better than the Amerihealth Standard Preferred Provider Plan in effect on 7/1/2021, known as the base plan. Employees who choose a plan that is more expensive than the base plan shall pay the difference in the monthly premium.
- B. The Board will provide family dental insurance, to all employees. The level of benefits will be equal to or better than the level of benefits in effect on 6/30/2008. A summary of the benefits is attached to and made a part of this agreement as Appendix A.
- C. The Board will provide family prescription insurance to all employees. The co-pay per prescription will be \$20.00/\$10.00 (Brand Name / Generic) for both pharmacy and mail order. One co-pay will be required for a 90-day supply obtained by mail order. Three co-pays will be required for a 90-day supply obtained through a retail outlet. A summary of the benefits is attached to and made a part of this agreement as Appendix B.
- D. The parties agree to establish a Section 125 (I.R.S. Code) plan the purpose of making available a cash option.
 1. An employee otherwise entitled to full family health insurance coverage shall have the option to withdraw from such coverage and to be paid a sum of \$7,561 for each year that the withdrawal remains in effect. Employees hired after 09/10/2015 who waive coverage shall be paid at the rate of \$6,000. All withdrawals from health insurance coverage shall be for a minimum of one year corresponding to the benefits period established by the carrier. The cash payment shall be in the form of a stipend payable on the last day of the benefit period.

- E. Should the Board decide to change insurance carriers, the Board agrees to provide coverage which is equal to the coverage which is in force at the time of the change. The Association shall have the right to examine any change in carriers prior to the Board's decision to change the carrier.

Article IV. Sick Leave

- A. Association members shall be entitled to one (1) sick day per month of employment, as of July 1st of each contract year. Unused sick leave days shall be accumulated from year to year with no limit.
- B. When a tenured association member has used all current and accumulated sick leave, he may be entitled to up to twenty (20) additional days for extended illness. This number of days may be extended by vote by the Board. Extended illness shall be defined as illness which requires hospital or home confinement for more than five (5) days under the care of a physician and as certified by him. Beyond twenty (20) days or further limitation established by the Board, deductions shall then be made at the rate of 1/260 of the contract salary per working day.

Article V. Temporary Leave of Absence

- A. Association members shall be entitled to the following temporary leaves of absence with full pay. Applications to the Superintendent for the desired leave shall be made at least one day before the date of such leave. The Superintendent in case of emergency may waive this one-day limit.
 - 1. Personal
Three (3) days leave of absence for personal business matters which require absence during school hours.
 - a. All unused personal days shall be carried over and credited to unused sick leave for future use.
 - 2. School Business
Time absent from normal duties when absence is for professional reasons with the prior approval of the Superintendent.
 - 3. Death
 - a. Up to five (5) days for death in the "immediate family" including wife or husband, son or daughter, mother or father, or any other relative residing in the same household as that of the association member.
 - b. Up to three (3) days for death in the "family", including father-in-law, mother-in-law, or any other relative not residing in the same household. Up to an additional two (2) days will be allowed if significant travel is involved.
 - 4. Child Rearing / Pregnancy Sick Leave
 - a. Any employee who becomes pregnant shall be entitled to use sick leave pursuant to the provisions of the negotiated Agreement for pregnancy-related illness or disability as set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A:30-1, et. seq., and/or, take an unpaid maternity leave, subject to the procedure set forth below.

b. General Procedures

1. It is recognized that an employee's maternity leave application involves both a disability and child care phase. The disability phase is that period of time both pre-natal and post-natal during which a physician certifies inability to work. The child-care phase is that period of time selected by the employee in accordance with (b.) below, which follows the disability phase during which time the employee voluntarily suspends her career to care for the newborn child.
 - a. Disability Phase. Any tenured or non-tenured employee seeking a leave of absence on the basis of medical reasons associated with pregnancy or birth shall apply to the Board of Education. An unpaid disability leave may be granted at any time during pregnancy upon presentation of a certificate from an obstetrician or gynecologist stating that such disability leave is vital to the employee's health. At the time of the application, which shall be made upon sixty (60) days notice to the Superintendent, the employee shall specify in writing the date on which she wishes to return to work after the birth except in the case of stillbirth, in which case, the employee may elect to return to work at an earlier date. The Board shall request any employee to produce a certificate from a physician in support of the requested leave dates. Where medical opinion is supportive of the leave dates requested, such request shall be granted by the Board.
 - b. Child Care Phase. Where the requested leave dates are beyond the period of disability associated with pregnancy, and is for child care purposes, as defined above, the employee shall be granted at her discretion an unpaid leave for the balance of the school year in which the birth occurred. A tenured employee shall be granted at her discretion an unpaid leave for the balance of the school year in which the birth occurred and the entire following school year. Request for extended leave for child rearing shall be made in writing to the Superintendent on or before April 1st preceding the school year for which such request is made. Return from extended leave shall occur on September 1.
2. The Board paid provision for up to twenty (20) additional days for extended illness, at salary, less the pay of a substitute, shall not apply to requests for pregnancy sick leave by tenured employees.
3. No employee on child rearing leave or any other type of unpaid extended leave is entitled to the use of sick leave.
4. An employee returning from maternity leave shall retain all benefits accumulated prior to the leave.
5. The Board of Education reserves the right to require any staff member to submit to a medical examination by a physician selected by the Board of Education.

5. Other

The Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, may grant other leaves of absence with pay.

Article VI. Professional Development / Educational Improvement

- A. Each association member may be granted upon request and with the approval of the Superintendent the opportunity to attend workshops, in-services and / or conventions. At the Board's expense, two association members will be permitted to attend national conventions yearly.
- B. Tuition Reimbursement
 - 1. The Haddon Township Board of Education will reimburse principals and supervisors for college tuition and related miscellaneous fees for graduate level courses from accredited colleges and universities, as identified by the New Jersey Department of Education, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Reimbursement shall be at one hundred percent (100%) of the Rowan University of New Jersey in-state rate.
 - b. The Board's obligation to this benefit shall not exceed \$20,000 per each year of the contract.
 - c. The Superintendent must pre-approve courses to be taken and the courses must be in a related area. In order to receive reimbursement the Superintendent must give approval to the application for reimbursement.
 - d. A grade of "B" or better or "Pass" in "Pass/Fail" courses is required for reimbursement.
 - e. Employees who resign prior to July 1 shall forfeit tuition reimbursement for expenses incurred in the prior contract year.

Article VII. Employee Rights

- A. No employee shall be disciplined without just cause. Any such action asserted by the Board, or any agent or representative thereof, shall be subject to the grievance procedure herein set forth.
- B. Whenever any employee is required to appear before the Board or any committee thereof concerning any matter which could adversely effect the continuation of that employee in his office, position or employment or the salary or any increments pertaining thereto, then he shall be given prior written notice of the reasons for such meeting or interview and shall be entitled to have a representative of the Association present to advise him and represent him during such meeting or interview.
- C. If an employee is publicly disciplined or criticized in the presence of students, parents, or in other public gatherings, the employee or the Association may request a meeting with the Superintendent, who shall investigate the facts of the case with all parties concerned and report, in writing, to the employee and the Association.

Article VIII. Association Rights and Privileges

- A. Representatives of the Association and the New Jersey Principals Supervisors Association may be permitted to transact official Association business on school property.
- B. The Association and its representatives may have the right to use school buildings at reasonable hours for meetings.
- C. The Association may use the school mailboxes and email services in a reasonable manner.
- D. The rights and privileges of the Association and its representatives as set forth in the Agreement shall be granted only to the Association as the exclusive representative of the bargaining unit and to no other organization.

Article IX. School Calendar

- A. Prior to December first of each school year, the Association shall meet with the Superintendent and submit its recommendations for the following year's school calendar.

Article X. Employee Assignment

- A. Employees shall be notified of their contract and salary status for the ensuing year in accordance with statutory timetable requirements.

Article XI. Involuntary Transfers and Reductions in Force

- A. In the event of an involuntary transfer or reassignment, the employee shall have the right to a conference with the Superintendent. The employee may, at his option, have an Association representative present at such meeting.
- B. If a reduction in force is being considered, the Board shall notify and consult with the Association as soon as practicable but not less than thirty (30) days before the layoff is to take place.
- C. Any reduction in force shall be carried out in accordance with Title 18A, New Jersey Statutes Annotated, and Title 6, New Jersey Administrative Code, after due notification to the Association.

Article XII. Vacancies

- A. Notice of vacancies shall be given to the President of the Association and shall be posted in the central office of each school. Notices shall be posted at a reasonable time in advance of contemplated action in order to give the prospective applicants a reasonable opportunity to apply, except in case of an emergency. Notice shall contain the qualifications for the position, the salary range and the deadline for application.
- B. Notices of vacancies, which occur during the summer, will be shared with the Association President via e-mail.
- C. Starting salaries for any movement promotions or new hires within the association shall be recommended by the Superintendent to the Board of Education after consultation with the Association.
- D. The Superintendent will notify the President of the Association if an administrator's job description changes. The President will okay the language.

Article XIII. Payment of Unused Sick Leave and Vacation Days

- A. Administrators shall be paid \$500 per day for up to 5 accumulated unused vacation days in a given school year.
 - 1. Supervisor of Athletics is an 11-month position with the following benefits: 18 vacation days, 11 sick days, 3 personal days and unused vacation buy out per HTPSA contract.
- B. Upon retirement, administrators shall be paid their per diem rate for all accumulated unused vacation days. Members may bank up to eight (8) vacation days per year to be used during the next school year. At no time may more than 8 days be banked. If the employee notified the Board of his / her intention to retire by January 1, the payment will be made in July of the next budget year. If the employee notifies the Board after January 1, the payment will be made in July of the following budget year.
- C. The Board shall establish payment for unused accumulated sick leave upon service retirement at the rate of \$102.69 for 2021-22, \$105.77 for 2022-23, \$108.94 for 2023-24, and \$112.21 for 2024-25 up to a maximum of 215 days, or the state cap of \$15,000 (N.J.S.A. 18A:30-3.6) Employee must have a minimum of 60 accumulated days to qualify and payment is to be made only for days accumulated in Haddon Township. This provision shall apply to all certified and non-certified administrators covered by this agreement.

Article XIV. Salaries

- A. The salaries for association members shall be paid according to Schedule A
- B. Flat travel stipends for elementary principals of two schools, the Supervisor of Instruction, Supervisor of Athletics, the Supervisor of Special Services and Director of District Technology shall be \$750 for each year of this contract.
- C. Those association members not receiving a flat stipend who are required to use their automobiles on school business shall be reimbursed at the state-approved rate.
- D. The total pool of money for administrative salaries shall reflect an overall increase of 3.0% per each year 2021- 2025.

Article XV. Miscellaneous

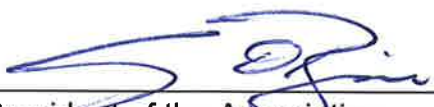
- A. The Board of Education will pay the required New Jersey Department of Education's Mentoring Fee for an employee of the Haddon Township Public Schools who is appointed to an administrative position recognized by this Agreement. The employee will forfeit this benefit and reimburse the full cost of the mentoring fee to the district in the event that the employee does not earn tenure, for reasons related to performance, or the employee resigns from the district before earning tenure.
- B. If an administrator is directed to temporarily assume the duties of another administrator who is absent for a period that exceeds ten working days, said administrator shall receive compensation on a case by case basis according to the absent administrator's responsibility factor and input from the Association.

- C. Each twelve (12) month member shall be entitled to four (4) weeks' paid vacation. After fifteen years in an administrative position in the district, the administrator shall earn an additional week's vacation.
- D. The Superintendent of Building and Grounds shall be entitled to the following fringe benefit:
 - 1. Black Seal License stipend

Article XVI. Duration of this Agreement

The provisions of this Agreement shall be in effect July 1, 2021 and shall continue and remain in full force and effect to and including June 30, 2025.

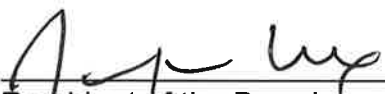
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective presidents, attested by their respective secretaries and their corporate seals to be placed hereon, all on the day and year first above written.



President of the Association



Secretary of the Association



President of the Board



Secretary of the Board

APPENDIX A DENTAL PLAN

DEDUCTIBLE	None
MAXIMUM	\$1000 payable per person, per calendar year with orthodontia limited to an additional \$800 per person, over five consecutive years
BENEFITS	Class I - Diagnostic and general plan pays 90% of Reasonable and Customary charges for: i. Examinations ii. Emergency treatments iii. X-rays and lab tests iv. Teeth cleaning – prophylaxis v. Fluoride treatments vi. Space maintainers Class II - Play pays 60% of Reasonable and Customary charges for: i. Anesthesia ii. Restorative – fillings, recementing of inlays and crowns; crowns, inlays and gold restoration will be provided when teeth cannot be restored with other materials iii. Endodontics – pulp capping and root canal therapy iv. Periodontics – gum disease treatment and surgery v. Prosthodontics – maintenance of bridges and dentures vi. Oral surgery and extractions Class III - Plan pays 50% of Reasonable and Customary charges for: i. Gold and porcelain inlays ii. Gold foil restorations iii. Crowns – capping of teeth (as part of bridge) iv. Prosthodontics – making and installing the bridges and dentures v. Orthodontia – braces on teeth (children only)
DEPENDENT CHILDREN	Dependent children covered to the end of the calendar year in which they turn 26 years of age living in a normal parent/child relationship.
DENTAL CAPITATION OPTION	Will be made available if the carrier is able to benefit as part of overall dental program.

Note: Benefits are retroactive to the first day of the month following ratification.

**APPENDIX B
PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN**

ADMINISTERED BY	Future Scripts
INSURED BY	AmeriHealth, Inc.
WRITTEN THROUGH	Grinspec, Inc.
DEDUCTIBLE	\$20.00 (Name Brand)/ \$10.00 (Generic) for both pharmacy and mail order
ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES	Excluded, unless prescribed to treat a medical condition.
GENERIC DRUGS	Deductible reduced to \$10.00 if prescription filled with Generic Drugs.
MAIL ORDER BENEFIT	Supplies of up to 90 days are available through a mail order arrangement.
DEPENDENT CHILDREN	Dependent children covered to the end of the calendar year in which they turn 26 years of age, living in a normal parent/child relationship.
LIMITATION	No payment will be made for expenses incurred for: i. Immunization agents, biological sera, blood or blood plasma ii. Experimental drugs labeled "Caution-limited by Federal law to investigational use" iii. Medication which is taken or administered, in whole or in part, at the place where it is dispensed or while a person is a patient in an institution which operates or allows to be operated, on its premise, a facility for dispensing pharmaceuticals iv. Any refill dispensed more than one year from the date of a physician's order v. More than a 34-day supply or more than 100 unit doses, whichever is greater when dispensed in any one prescription order (see mail order benefit above) vi. Any medication which may be obtained without charge through any public program, other than Medicaid

LAST	FIRST	POSITION	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
Bertolino	John	Assistant Principal	101,905.45	106,192.84	110,695.02	115,431.15
Greway	Kevin	Assistant Principal	103,355.48	107,642.37	112,144.55	116,880.68
Moore	Michael	Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds	114,532.61	118,319.50	122,321.68	127,057.81
Cotter	Dana	Supervisor of Special Services	120,154.95	123,941.84	127,944.02	132,680.15
Fitzpatrick	Anthony	Principal	123,372.95	127,159.84	131,162.02	135,898.15
Swiecicki	Andrew	Assistant Principal	126,019.42	129,806.31	133,808.49	138,544.62
Green	Todd	Director of District Technology	146,717.98	151,853.10	154,890.06	156,438.96
Schwab	Patty	Principal	148,620.38	152,406.89	156,409.07	161,145.20
Pullano	Don	Principal	151,665.57	155,452.46	159,454.64	164,190.77
Warfield	Chuck	Principal	158,291.46	162,078.35	167,345.89	169,856.07
O'Brien	Gary	Principal	172,166.27	175,953.16	179,955.34	184,691.47
George	Tim	Athletic Director	115,170.48			