

AGREEMENT

between the

MT. OLIVE BOARD OF EDUCATION

and the

EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF MT. OLIVE

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026

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THIS AGREEMENT entered into BETWEEN the MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION, herein referred to as the "Board"; and the EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT OLIVE, herein referred to as the "Association", having been ratified by both parties, is intended to be effective and to govern the terms and conditions of employment of the employees represented by the Association for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

ARTICLE 1

RECOGNITION

- A. The Mount Olive Township Board of Education hereby recognizes the Education Association of Mount Olive as the exclusive and sole representative for collective negotiations of the terms and conditions of employment of the following personnel under contract to the Board:

Teachers, psychologists, guidance counselors, student assistant counselors, social workers, learning disabilities teacher-consultants, speech/language pathologists, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, school nurses, bus nurses, custodians, maintenance personnel, school aides, multiple disabled aides, instructional assistants, cafeteria workers, secretaries (excluding "Payroll Secretary – Benefits" and "Payroll Secretary – 12 Month F/T" positions), bus garage mechanics, bus mechanic helpers, grounds personnel, van aides and athletic trainer/equipment manager, occupational therapist, ABA therapist, Achievement Specialist, Job Coach and the data entry position.

All other positions existing on the effective date of this Agreement for personnel, not listed above, are excluded from the collective negotiations unit.

- B. Definitions

For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "employee" shall refer to all individuals covered by this Agreement.

The term "certificated employee" shall refer to all employees listed in Section A. above whose position requires an appropriate New Jersey Standard Certificate issued by the State Board of Examiners. The term "certificated employee" shall also apply to the position of Athletic trainer/equipment manager.

The term "non-certificated employee" shall refer to all employees listed in Section A. above whose position does not require a certificate issued by the State Board of Examiners, or whose position requires a New Jersey Substitute Teacher Certificate.

- C. Upon request, the Board will provide a written job description for any position created by it so the Association may determine whether it believes the position belongs in the bargaining unit. Professional vacancies shall be posted on the teachers' room bulletin board, on the District's website, and on the sign-in sheet five (5) days prior to the first interview. The Association will be given notice five (5) days prior to the first interview on vacancies that occur between the last day of school and September 1. Interested staff members may apply for the opening and will be given first consideration, provided that the staff member holds the appropriate certification. However, the Board reserves the right of placement and hiring of all teachers.
- D. The Association President shall be notified of any newly created stipend positions with a proposed salary prior to Board approval.

ARTICLE 2

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Informal Disposition of Grievances

The parties recognize that the informal disposition of problems is often preferable to formalized proceedings. Therefore, all employees are encouraged by the Association and the Board to attempt to achieve informal disposition of their grievance.

B. Definition

1. A grievance shall mean a complaint by an employee that there has been a violation or misinterpretation of the provisions of this Agreement, or that there has been a violation or misinterpretation of established Board policy, that has altered the working conditions of the employee.
2. As used in this Article, the term "employee" shall mean an individual employee or a group of employees having the same grievance.

C. Procedure

1. Within twenty (20) business office workdays from the time of the alleged occurrence giving rise to a grievance, the employee shall discuss the grievance with his/her immediate superior in an attempt to resolve the matter informally.
2. If, as a result of the discussion, the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the employee within fourteen (14) calendar days of such discussion, the employee, within fourteen (14) calendar days of the discussion with his/her immediate superior or, in the event of no response, within twenty-eight (28) calendar days of the discussion with his/her immediate superior, shall set forth the grievance in writing to the principal, or if the grievance results from an action of a school official higher than the rank of principal, the grievant shall set forth the grievance in writing to that official, specifying:
 - a. the nature of the grievance
 - b. the results of previous discussions
 - c. that grievant is dissatisfied with decisions previously rendered
 - d. the contractual provision(s) or Board policy(ies) alleged to have been violated
 - e. the remedy sought

The principal or other official shall give his/her decision to the employee in writing within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the written grievance.
3. The employee may, within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the decision of the principal or other official, appeal the decision in writing to the Superintendent. The written decision of the Superintendent on such appeal shall be given to the grievant within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the written grievance.
4. If the grievance is not resolved to the employee's satisfaction, the employee may appeal in writing to the Board of Education within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the Superintendent's decision. The Board, or a committee thereof shall hold a hearing with the employee within twenty-eight (28) calendar days of receipt of the written grievance appeal and render a decision in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days of the hearing.
5. In the event that the grievance shall not have been resolved at the Board level, and if the grievance involves an alleged violation or misinterpretation of the terms of this Agreement, the Association may, within the limitations contained herein, submit the grievance to arbitration, which shall be binding to the extent permitted by law.

It is however, expressly understood that if the subject matter of the grievance involves an alleged violation or misinterpretation of Board policy or an alleged improper administrative action or decision, the grievance shall terminate at the Board level and there shall be no right to proceed to arbitration as provided herein:

Additionally, in no event shall the following matters be subject to arbitration:

- a. Any matter for which a method of review is prescribed by law or regulation of the State Commissioner of Education or any matter which according to law is either beyond the scope of the Board's authority or a management prerogative of the Board alone.
- b. A complaint of any non-tenure employee, which arises by reason of his/her not being reemployed.
- c. A complaint of any certificated personnel occasioned by appointment to or lack of appointment to, retention in or lack of retention in any position for which tenure is provided by statute.

Within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the Board's grievance determination, an individual grievant may submit to the Association a written request that the Association invoke its authority under this agreement to pursue an impartial settlement by arbitration. The Association shall have twenty-eight (28) calendar days of receipt of the written decision of the Board within which to file a written petition with the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) for the appointment of an arbitrator in accordance with the regulations of the Public Employment Relations Commission, simultaneously mailing a copy of the petition to the Superintendent of Schools.

6. The arbitrator shall hear and decide only one grievance in each case, unless the parties agree to consolidate two or more grievances in a single action. The arbitrator shall be bound by and must comply with all the terms of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall have no power to add to, delete from or modify in anyway the provisions of this Agreement. The recommendation of the arbitrator shall be binding. Fees and expenses of the arbitration shall be borne equally by both parties.

D. General Provisions

1. Any grievance not processed in accordance with the time limits specified herein shall be deemed relinquished by the grievant.
Administration failure at any step of this procedure to communicate a decision within the specified time limits shall permit the grievant to proceed promptly to the next step. The time limits specified at any step may be extended in any particular instance by agreement between the Superintendent or his designee and the grievant.
2. If the grievant or Association initiates a proceeding or appeal arising out of the same factual circumstances or seeking similar relief before any administrative agency or judicial authority to which jurisdiction of the subject matter has been conferred by law, the pending grievance proceeding shall be stayed until such administrative agency or judicial authority renders a final determination or remands the matter for continuation of the grievance proceeding.
3. Copies of all written grievances, responses and notices shall be mailed to the Association.
4. Proceedings held under this procedure shall be conducted at a place, which will afford a fair and reasonable opportunity for all proper persons to be present. Such persons are defined as the aggrieved, the appropriate Association and the Board representatives and witnesses during the course of their testimony.
5. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as compelling the Association to submit a grievance to arbitration.

6. No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by either party or by any member of the administration against any participants in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.
7. It is understood that employees shall, during and notwithstanding the pending of any grievance, continue to observe all assignments and applicable rules and regulations of the Board until such grievance and any effect thereof shall have been fully determined.
8. Since it is important that grievances be processed as rapidly as possible, the number of days indicated at each level should be considered as a maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process.

ARTICLE 3

PAID ABSENCE

A. Sick Leave

1. All full-time employees shall be entitled to ten (10) sick days per full school year. All personnel employed for more than a ten-month contract shall be entitled to an additional sick day per month worked beyond ten (10). Employees initially employed after either July 1st (support staff) or September 1st (teachers) shall be granted one (1) day of sick leave per month of employment. All sick leave days for the year or partial year shall be credited to the employee's record as of the first workday of the employee's work year whether or not the employee reports for duty on that day. Unused sick days shall be accumulated from year to year with no maximum limit. Sick Leave is strictly for use for the employee's own absence from work because of the employee's personal disability due to illness or injury, or exclusion from school by the District's medical authorities on account of a contagious disease or of being quarantined for such a disease in the employee's immediate household.
2. Whenever the Board hires a teacher who has unused accumulation of sick leave days from another school district in New Jersey, the Board shall grant up to ten (10) days from that teacher's previous employing district.
3. Any employee covered by this Agreement who retires according to the provisions of the T.P.A.F. or P.E.R.S. in order to receive immediate benefits as opposed to "deferred" benefits and has fifteen (15) continuous years of service in the district or any employee who has fifteen continuous years of service in the district and is laid off shall receive payment for three-fourths (3/4) of his/her accumulated sick leave to a maximum of \$15,000.00 as per State law. Employees who transferred from the West Morris Regional High School system at the time of deregionalization shall, for the purpose of this provision, have his or her continuous full-time service in the regional system treated as service in the Mt. Olive School System.

Payment is to be calculated at the following rates:

2023-2026

Certified personnel	\$76.50 per day
Aides/Cafeteria employees	\$45.90 per day

All other support staff \$51.00 per day

- a. The above rates are based on a six-hour day. Less than six (6) hours per day will be prorated.
- b. These rates also apply to anyone retiring who was hired prior to July 1988.
- c. Payment for unused sick days as detailed above shall be made to the estate of a deceased employee provided the employee died while in the service of this district. Payment will be made within sixty (60) days following notification of the employee's death.
- d. Employees planning to retire must notify the Superintendent no later than December 1 of the year preceding the effective date of retirement in order to receive prompt payment. Those who comply with this requirement shall receive said payment on or about July 1 following the effective date of retirement; those who fail to comply with the notification procedure described herein shall receive payment one (1) year after the July 1 date set forth herein.

4. The use of a sick day on a shortened day will result in the deduction of one full day of sick leave from an employee's balance.

B. Family Death

Up to five (5) days at any one time shall be granted to an employee in the event of the death of a spouse, parent, parent-in-law, or child. Up to three (3) days shall be granted in the death of a brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, and other members of the immediate household. All family death leave must be taken within six (6) months of the qualifying death.

C. Personal Leave

1. Each employee shall be allowed four (4) personal days leave per school year without providing the Superintendent with the reason(s) for taking these additional days.
2. A maximum of four (4) unused "without reason" personal leave days shall be accumulated from year to year as sick time. Subject to the statutory maximum limitation of sick day carry over as the state law allows.
3. Whenever possible, application to take personal leave should be made five (5) days in advance to the employee's supervisor so that the principal may plan accordingly.
4. Compensation for personal days taken immediately prior to or following a holiday or recess shall be reduced by an amount equal to the rates defined below:

Certificated staff:

1 st day-\$80	2 nd consecutive day-\$100
3 rd consecutive day-\$120	4 th consecutive day-\$140

Van aides/aides/cafeateria personnel:

1 st day-\$34	2 nd consecutive day-\$46
3 rd consecutive day-\$55	4 th consecutive day-\$64

All other support staff:

1 st day-\$46	2 nd consecutive day-\$55
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3rd consecutive day-\$70

4th consecutive day-\$85

For the purposes of calculation, a day used immediately preceding and/or immediately following a recess shall be counted as consecutive.

5. Use of a single personal day or two consecutive personal days not attached to holidays or recesses shall be compensated at the employee's daily rate of pay. Compensation for 3 or more personal days taken consecutively at any other time of the year shall be reduced by an amount equal to the rates defined below:

Certificated staff:

3rd consecutive day-\$120

4th consecutive day-\$140

Van aides/aides/cafeteria personnel:

3rd consecutive day-\$55

4th consecutive day-\$64

All other support staff:

3rd consecutive day-\$70

4th consecutive day-\$85

6. The foregoing shall not interfere with the Superintendent's ability to grant emergency (non-penalized) personal leave on a case-by-case basis. In such cases, a statement of reason may be required of the employee, and the decision of the Superintendent may be subject to appeal to the Board of Education. The Board of Education may designate a committee to render a determination on any such appeal.

D. Leave Pro-rated for Part-time Employees

Part-time employees shall be entitled to the paid leaves enumerated in this Article, but such leaves shall be pro-rated according to the amount of time worked. Employees working 5 days per week, but less than full-time hours, shall receive sick and personal leave as stated above, with each day prorated according to the number of hours normally worked per day by the employee.

E. Time off to Conduct Association Business

The Association president and grievance chairperson shall be entitled to time off to conduct Association business according to the following schedule:

Grievance Chairperson - two (2) periods per week

Association President - five (5) periods per week

These periods are not to be taken during any time that the Association president or grievance chairperson are assigned to teaching duties, but rather to be taken during duty periods.

F. Jury Duty

Employees called for jury duty shall be granted a leave for the period of jury duty service, provided (if ten (10) month employees) they first request that service be postponed until a time school is not in session, and they report to work on any day jury service does not interfere with their regular work shift. The jury duty notice must be sent to Central Office upon receipt for a letter requesting postponement to be sent out.

- G. Requests for unpaid leaves of absence, not addressed elsewhere in this agreement are subject to approval by the Board of Education, and may only be requested when the employee has exhausted his/her personal days. This shall not apply to medical leaves of absence.

ARTICLE 4

EVALUATIONS

A. Certificated Staff

Teachers shall be evaluated consistent with applicable state statute and regulation (current references are P.L. 2012, c.26 and N.J.A.C. 6A:10).

B. Non-certificated Staff

All non-certificated employees shall be evaluated by their immediate supervisor at least one (1) time per year.

C. Employees

1. All observation and/or evaluation reports shall be maintained in the employee's personnel file.
2. The substance, opinions and conclusions of said observation and/or evaluation reports shall not be grievable.
3. The Board shall have the right to develop and modify evaluation forms provided that the same form is used for all employees in a given job classification.
4. The Board reserves the right to evaluate employees as often as deemed appropriate by the Board or its managerial personnel.

ARTICLE 5

VACANCIES, ASSIGNMENTS, TRANSFERS, NON-RENEWAL

A. Termination

1. The procedures for the termination of staff for various reasons are clearly defined in the District Policy for Observation and Evaluation of Certificated Employees. The policy, which adheres to state rules and regulations, specifies dates, time frames, administrative/staff responsibilities, as well as step-by-step procedures each person in the process must follow for each cited cause for possible dismissal.
2. Non-renewal of a non-certificated employee, shall be in accordance with Board policy 4146. All non-certificated employees shall be notified of reemployment no later than June 1st.

B. Transfer

1. Involuntary

- a. The Board of Education has the right, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:25-1, as limited by N.J.S.A. 34:13A-27, to transfer or reassign any employee to any position for which he/she has proper certification.
- b. The employee may request in writing, a meeting with the immediate supervisor and/or building principal, if applicable, to discuss the transfer or reassignment. Said written request must state the reason(s) why the employee is requesting the meeting and that he/she disagrees with the transfer or reassignment. The immediate supervisor and/or building principal must meet with the employee within two (2) school days of the receipt of the written request by the employee.

2. Voluntary

A complete listing of all vacancies within the school district shall be posted in each school building ten (10) days following the collection of letters of intent from employees within the district. In addition, when a vacancy occurs during the school year, notice of such vacancy shall be posted in each school building as soon as possible, but not later than five (5) business days prior to the final date for submission of applications. Notices of positions to be filled after the close of classes in June will be posted in all schools and offices during the summer months. All qualified employees shall be afforded an opportunity to apply for a vacant position.

In cases where the employee desires a change in assignment, he/she must file a written statement of such desire with the Superintendent not later than May 15. The Superintendent shall give consideration to employee request for transfer or reassignment. The Superintendent in the exercise of his best professional judgment may deny such requests if he believes the transfer or reassignment would conflict with the operational requirements and best interest of the school district. The Superintendent shall notify the employee requesting transfer or reassignment of his decision with his stated reasons.

3. The decision of the Board of Education or Superintendent regarding transfer or reassignment shall not be grievable except in cases where the employee has grieved under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:13 A-27.

C. Whenever possible, employees shall be given written notice of their grade and/or subject assignment, building assignment, and room assignment for the forthcoming year no later than June 1. This does not preclude transfers after this date. The Administration agrees to make every reasonable effort to meet this deadline; however, the failure to do so shall not be grievable or arbitrable.

ARTICLE 6

INSURANCE PROTECTION

A. Medical

The Board agrees to continue to pay one hundred percent (100%) of the premium costs for single and family coverage for those full-time employees participating in the New Jersey School Employees' Health Benefits Program ("SEHBP"). All employees receiving health benefits shall contribute to the cost of their health insurance premiums in an amount equal to that required by c. 78, P.L. 2011. Unless otherwise provided for in the base SEHBP insurance plan, which shall control coverage parameters, coverage shall include the following provisions:

1. Mandatory Second Surgical Opinion and Hospital Precertification/Continued Stay Review features will be included in the Medical insurance programs.
2. The major medical deductible will be two hundred dollars (\$200) single/four hundred dollars (\$400) family.
3. The coverage is:
 - a. the Comprehensive Medical Plan, and at the choice of staff, a voluntary PPO, or,
 - b. at the choice of staff, voluntary POS
 - c. employees hired after the inception of this contract shall be placed in the POS program. At the conclusion of five (5) years of service, these employees shall have the opportunity to elect participation in the PPO program at board cost.

4. Costs associated with POS shall be as follows:

In-Network

Office Visit Co-pay	\$10.00 (all other deductibles remain the same)
Rx (Retail)	\$10.00 (generic)/\$15.00 (brand)
Rx (Mail order)	\$10.00 (generic)/\$15.00 (brand)

5. Out-of-pocket prescription costs associated with PPO shall be as follows:

2011-2014

\$125.00

- B. Effective January 1, 2018, Section A, above, shall be considered to be deleted replaced with the following: The base health plan for all employees shall be the Horizon Direct Access 15 plan, effective January 1, 2018 and thereafter. The Direct Access 15 Plan is described in detail in the information booklet and insurance policy and will be issued to employees upon the effective date of the policy and kept on file in the office of the Business Administrator.

C. Dental

The Board agrees to provide single and family coverage for full-time employees. The co-pay rates will be 80/20 including child and adult orthodontia.

1. The 1996-97 contract year is based on Flagship rates; in the event required participation is not achieved, the Board and the Association will equally bear the resultant premium adjustment; said adjustment would occur through modification of salary guides.
2. It is understood that Board contributions to the plan will be capped at the rates in effect on June 30, 2005. However, employees shall not be required to make contributions during this Agreement. A dental deductible of \$50.00/\$100.00 will go into effect no earlier than July 1, 1998 and shall not be retroactive.

D. Carrier Designation

The Board, after consultation with the Association, may change carriers or self-insure, in its sole discretion, provided the insurance benefits are substantially equal to or better than the insurance benefits originally provided.

E. Partial Benefits for Part-time Employees

1. The Board agrees to pay fifty percent (50%) of the premium costs for the Medical and Dental coverage described in section A. and B. for those employees who are regularly employed for at least nineteen and three-quarters (19-3/4) hours per week and not more than twenty-nine and three quarters (29-3/4) hours per week, provided that the employee agrees to contribute the remaining fifty percent (50%) premium cost.
2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of a reduction in force, the Board shall continue to pay the full premium cost of such coverage for those individual part-time employees who have previously received full health insurance benefits for a period of one academic year after the effective date of the reduction. Should the employee remain in the District's employ thereafter, his/her benefit entitlement is subject to the terms of paragraph E(1), above.
3. The Board reserves the management prerogative to reduce the regular work hours of any full-time support staff employee to not less than twenty (20) hours per week.

F. Waiver of Health Benefits Coverage

Upon satisfactory proof of alternate coverage, employees who waive health benefit coverage to which they are entitled to through this agreement shall receive the following payments unless a different amount is mandated by law for waiver of SEHBP coverage. Payments are not to be considered a salary payment and, as such, are not pensionable. Any tax liability is the responsibility of the employee. Payments will be made in two installments, fifty percent (50 %) on December 31st and fifty percent (50%) on June 30th.

The following reimbursement rates are based on full-time employees working full-time hours. Rates for employees working less than thirty hours per week are pursuant to the formula at the end of this section:

1. Single Coverage - \$1,500
2. Husband/Wife coverage - \$3,500
3. Family Coverage - \$4,000
4. Parent/Child - \$2,500

Employees working 19 ¾ hours to 29 ¾ hours per week get fifty percent (50%) of the waiver amount.

Employees working 29 ¾ hours or more get 100% of the waiver amount.

G. Non-Certificated Hourly Employees

Any full-time non-certificated hourly staff member who receives health insurance coverage will pay the insurance contribution required by c. 78, P.L. 2011 through a payroll deduction and the Board will pay the remainder of the premium to provide single (employee only) coverage for the specific available plan option selected by the employee.

The employee may elect to purchase dependent coverage (2 party, parent/child, family, etc.) in the same insurance plan option selected for employee coverage. The employee shall pay the full amount of the additional cost for dependent coverage in such plan through a payroll deduction, provided the employee's payroll amount is sufficient to cover the cost of the plan. If the employee's payroll amount is insufficient to cover the cost of the plan, the employee must provide the Board with separate payment for the difference in cost. An employee may elect to change

his/her plan level during applicable open enrollment periods, at which time the then-effective single coverage amount for the new plan level, net of the c. 78 deduction, will be provided by the Board and the employee shall pay the full additional cost for any dependent coverage elected under the new plan level.

ARTICLE 7

DEDUCTION OF DUES

- A. The Board agrees to deduct from the salaries of its employees dues for the Education Association of Mount Olive, the Morris County Education Association, New Jersey Education Association, and the National Education Association, or any combination of such associations as said employee individually and voluntarily authorizes in writing the Board to deduct. Such deductions shall be made in compliance with Chapter 310, Public Laws of 1967 (N.J.S.A. 52:14-15-9e) and applicable regulations. Each of the Associations named above shall certify to the Board in writing the current rate of its membership dues. Any Association, which changes the rate of dues, shall give the Board written notice prior to the effective date of change.
- B. Any employee who is not a member of the Association shall pay a representation fee in lieu of dues for services rendered by the Association. Such representation fee shall be paid and administered pursuant to the requirements of New Jersey law, and shall be paid in an amount equivalent to the regular membership dues, initiation fees and assessments charged by the Association to its own members, less the cost of benefits, financed through dues, fees and assessments and available to or benefiting only its members. In no event shall such representation fee exceed the legal maximum allowance percentage of the regular membership dues, fees, and assessments. The payroll deductions for such representation fees shall be made pursuant to the procedure applicable to the salary deductions described in Section A. above.
- C. The Association agrees to indemnify and save the Board harmless from any damages or expenses, including attorney's fees which may be incurred by the Board as the result of claims made by any employee relating to this Article and any payroll deductions made hereunder.

ARTICLE 8

PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM

A. Personal Freedom

The personal life of an employee is not an appropriate concern or attention of the Board except as it may directly prevent the employee from performing properly his/her assigned functions during the workday.

B. Rights of Citizenship

Employees shall be entitled to full rights of citizenship, and no religious or political activities of any employee or the lack thereof shall be grounds for any discipline or discrimination with respect to professional or non-professional employees, provided the employee does not purport to act on behalf of the school district, and provided the activities do not violate any local, state or federal law.

C. Academic Freedom

Teachers shall have the right to academic freedom provided that approved activities are relevant to the course content or curriculum.

ARTICLE 9

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

A. Eligibility

1. In order for the employee to be eligible for reimbursement and/or movement on the salary guide, the course must be taken at an accredited college or university, an average grade of B or a satisfactory grade in ungraded courses taken by support staff employees must be maintained in each course for which tuition reimbursement is sought, and the course must meet one of the following criteria:
 - a. The course must be related to the teacher's assigned subject area and/or discipline.
 - b. The course must be related to the non-certificated employee's position in the district.
 - c. The course must fulfill requirements for a higher degree in a program approved by the Superintendent.
 - d. The course is taken at the request of the Administration.
2. Each employee shall be eligible to receive reimbursement from the Board of tuition and fees for up to three (3) credits for their first year, in their second year up to six (6) credits and third year and beyond nine (9) credits, for a maximum of nine (9) completed graduate level courses relevant to the employee's field of education or position in the district taken during a twelve-month period from July 1 to June 30, subject to the following limitations or exclusions:
3. If the program is Mount Olive School District sponsored (i.e. St. Elizabeth's) a maximum of twelve (12) credits may be taken per year for tenured staff only.
4. Employees on an approved leave of absence, including sabbatical leaves, shall be compensated for all approved courses taken pursuant to the terms of this Article immediately upon the individual's return to work.
5. Employees who leave the District must reimburse the Board for tuition reimbursement received by them within two (2) years of their resignation. Repayment will not be required

if the employee is terminated by the Board or is unable to continue in the Board's employ due to death or serious illness

After year one (1) 75%

After year two (2) 50%

6. Notwithstanding the above, the board's total liability for tuition reimbursement shall be limited to \$300,000 for the 2023-2024 through 2025-2026 school years.

Sixty percent of the budgeted funds shall be designated for spring reimbursement (courses between July 1st and December 31st), and forty percent for fall reimbursement (courses between January 1st and June 30th). Applications for tuition reimbursement approval must be submitted by September 15 for October 30 reimbursement for the previous Spring and Summer and by February 1 for reimbursement by March 30 for the previous Fall.

Funds budgeted and not disbursed shall be rolled over for use during the following reimbursement period, but shall not be carried over to the following fiscal year.

B. Payment Procedures Applicable to All Employees

1. Request for tuition reimbursement must be made in the semester following completion of the course or the claim for reimbursement shall thereafter be barred. Reimbursement for completed graduate courses will be made twice during the school year. All transcripts, cancelled checks or receipts, and requests for reimbursement must be delivered to the Superintendent by September 15 for reimbursement during October, and February 1 for reimbursement during March. Entitlement to reimbursement shall not occur until the Superintendent has received official notification from the college of course completion and maintenance of a grade average of B.
2. Entitlement to tuition reimbursement shall not continue after termination of employment even though approval of the courses was obtained during employment. The employee must be employed by the Board at the time of reimbursement. However, an employee who is terminated as a result of a reduction in force or medical unplanned retirement shall receive reimbursement.

C. Column Movement

1. By December 1 of the school year preceding the effective date of column movement on the salary guide, each employee shall notify in writing the Superintendent of anticipated column movement for the following school year. Proof of eligibility for column movement, including official transcripts, must be presented to the Superintendent on forms provided by the Board no later than September 30 of the school year said adjustment is to become effective. Under such circumstances any column movement shall be retroactive to September 1.
2. Certificated staff that work over the summer and are eligible for a column movement must submit all documentation by May 30th for salary adjustment to be effective July 1.
3. Salary guide credit will be given for continuing education units (CEU's) with ten CEU's equaling one graduate credit. Staff members are responsible for documentation of continuing education units (CEUs) and reporting such to the administration on an annual basis.
4. All new certificated staff employed for the 1996-97 school year and thereafter shall successfully complete six (6) graduate credits or equivalent CEU's within 5 years. If new certificated staff is employed with a Master's Degree, a combination of 3 graduate credits or equivalent CEU's will be successfully completed within 5 years. Non-compliance with this requirement will cause increment to be withheld. All certificated staff having a Master's Degree + 30 credits may voluntarily continue to earn more graduate credits.

D. Educational Conferences

Employees may, with the advance approval of the Superintendent, attend out of district conferences at the Board's expense. Reimbursement for room, meals, and travel expenses shall be pursuant to board policy. The Superintendent's decisions shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

- E. State of New Jersey mandated 20 hours per year Professional Development and Educational Improvement Programs. Employees will be required to maintain records of their compliance with the annual twenty (20) hours requirement and reporting such to the administration on an annual basis.

1. Programs

- a. In any given year, the Board will provide in-service professional development experiences that will assist the teacher in attaining the required twenty (20) hours of continuing education. The district experiences will be sufficient to meet the employee's annual requirement.
 - b. In-service programs shall be conducted between the opening day and the last student day with the exceptions of contractual holidays and recess periods.
 - c. Teachers will have the right to apply to attend professional development and educational improvement activities other than those provided by the district and approved by the State or County Standards Boards as part of the local professional development program.
 - d. Certificated employees will be paid \$45.00 per hour for all training and professional development outside of normal hours including summer professional development.
 - e. Professional development days may be scheduled on religious holidays (i.e., Diwali, Rosh Hashanah, Eid Fitr, Yom Kippur, Holy Thursday). Observing staff will be excused per the list of New Jersey Department of Education recognized religious holidays.
2. Trainer Credit - Any teacher who provides in or out-of-district training experiences for colleagues and / or community members shall receive hour for hour credit toward their one hundred (100) hour obligation.
3. The provisions of this paragraph 9.E shall only become effective if and after the State adopts a 100 hour minimum Professional Development requirement, provided, however, that the terms of this Paragraph are in compliance with the State plan requirements. Any language not in compliance shall be modified to comport with the State requirements.

ARTICLE 10

PERSONNEL RECORDS

- A. An employee may inspect his/her official personnel file during regular business hours upon advance written request to the Superintendent. An employee shall not, however, have the right to examine any materials relating to initial employment, which were solicited, obtained, or written under conditions of confidentiality. In addition, an employee shall not have the right to examine personnel records relating to another employee.
- B. An employee shall be given written notice from the Superintendent of any documents to be placed in his/her file. The employee shall indicate his/her knowledge of any unfavorable document, within ten (10) calendar days of receiving said notice, prior to its placement in the file. The individual's signature acknowledges awareness of the document but does not indicate agreement with its contents. An employee may have inserted into his/her official personnel file the employee's written response to any material. Said written response, if any, shall be prepared and

presented to the Superintendent for inclusion in the employee's personnel file within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving such written notification.

- C.
 - 1. An employee may file with the Superintendent a written request for removal from the employee's personnel file of any material considered obsolete or otherwise inappropriate for retention. The Superintendent's determination of such request shall be given to the employee within ten (10) calendar days from his receipt of the request. Requests for removal of material from the personnel file may be granted or denied at the sole discretion of the Superintendent, whose decision shall be final and not subject to the grievance procedure.
 - 2. If a request is denied by the Superintendent, the employee may submit a second request for removal at an interval of no less than twelve (12) months.
 - 3. If an employee's request for removal of a document is denied by the Superintendent a second time, the employee may submit the matter to the Board for review. The Board's determination shall be final and not subject to the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 11

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION

The orderly conduct of the school district requires that employees intending to resign their employment give their building principal adequate advance notification. A certificated employee intending to terminate all employment with the school district, for reasons other than sudden illness or other unforeseen extenuating circumstances, shall give his/her building principal not less than sixty (60) days advance notification in writing. A non-certificated employee intending to terminate all employment with the school district, for reasons other than sudden illness or other unforeseen extenuating circumstances, shall give his/her building principal not less than thirty (30) days advance notification in writing. If an employee fails to give advance notification of voluntary termination of employment, as required in this Article, such employee shall not be eligible for payment of any accumulated sick leave, vacation pay, or any other similar deferred compensation benefit.

ARTICLE 12

PAYMENT OF SALARY

- A. Salary for the contract term shall be paid to each employee twice in each month during those months the employee is scheduled to work. The Board will endeavor to make salary payments on the fifteenth and thirtieth days of each month (or the preceding work day if such salary payment day falls on a weekend, recess or a holiday). Salary payments shall not be advanced. Employees on paid leave shall be paid in accordance with the regular school district pay schedule. Paychecks will be distributed via each employee's supervisor or, at the request of an employee on paid leave, shall be mailed to the employee. The Board reserves the right to determine the form of checks, accounting procedures, and whether to issue same manually or by computer or have such services performed by outside contractors.
- B. Upon written request and in accordance with the pertinent statutes and administrative regulations, the Board shall take the necessary steps to (1) enroll an employee in an annuity plan and (2) arrange for the employee's requisite contribution via payroll deduction subject to the following requirements and conditions:

1. Contributions shall be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:66 127, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-107 to 124, section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Rules and Regulations of the New Jersey Division of Pensions;
 2. Requests for payroll deductions may be made four times annually. The dates to be established by the Business Office
 3. All contributions shall be voluntary and the sole responsibility of the employee;
 4. Employees may elect to contribute to the Supplemental Annuity Collective Trust or to one of the offered alternative plans. The additional plans shall be determined by means of a survey of all district personnel interested in authorizing a contribution to an annuity plan. The five (5) plans receiving the greatest support of participating district personnel shall be designated as the additional plans, provided that each plan has a minimum of five (5) participants. Under no circumstances shall a current plan be discontinued unless there are no participants;
 5. Disputes arising under this provision, which are beyond the Board's control, shall not be subject to the grievance procedure as set forth in Article 2 of this Agreement.
 6. Tax shelters shall be posted in accordance with the billing schedule of the annuity company.
- C. Employees must be paid for one (1) day more than one half of the number of workdays in the employee's work year to be eligible for increment advancements on the salary guide.

ARTICLE 13

WORK YEAR AND HOLIDAYS FOR SUPPORT STAFF

- A. Aides and Cafeteria Personnel
Aides and cafeteria personnel shall work all days when teachers are present, except for the last in-service day of the school year.
- B. Ten-Month Secretaries
Ten-month secretaries shall work all weekdays from September 1 to June 30, except for holidays listed in section F, recesses defined in section G, or when schools are closed due to an emergency. The work year for Ten-Month Secretaries shall not exceed 190 days.
- C. Twelve-Month Secretaries
Twelve-month secretaries shall work all weekdays from July 1 to June 30, except for holidays listed in section F, recesses defined in section G, or when schools are closed due to an emergency.
- D. Custodians, Maintenance, Bus Mechanics, Bus Mechanic's Helpers and Groundskeepers
Custodians, maintenance, bus mechanics, bus mechanic's helpers and groundskeepers shall work from July 1 to June 30, except for the holidays listed in section F. and as provided in section G.
- E. Van Aides
Van aides shall work the hours of the package chosen at run selection.
- F. Holidays
Salaried employees shall not be required to work on the holidays listed below. Full-time hourly employees shall be paid for the hours they would normally have worked on the following holidays:

Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Friday after Thanksgiving
Christmas Day
Next Workday after Christmas
New Year's Day
President's Day
Good Friday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Holy Thursday
Day before Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve Day
New Year's Eve Day

In the event that the Board of Education shall schedule school on either Holy Thursday or the Day Before Thanksgiving, employees shall work those days as scheduled pursuant to a minimum shortened day schedule as defined by the State of New Jersey.

If any of the above-mentioned holidays fall on a Saturday or on a Sunday, employees will receive a day of vacation in lieu of that day. The Board reserves the right to alter the school calendar and conduct classes on a listed holiday if necessary to fulfill the minimum of one hundred and eighty (180) days of classes per school year. In such event, employees shall receive compensatory time off with pay equal to the hours or days worked in lieu of the deleted holiday.

G. Time Off During School Recess

Secretaries shall not be required to work during scheduled recesses. A recess is a period during the school year, when schools are not in session for reasons other than emergency closing or holidays. "Recess" includes scheduled shortened day recesses and the N.J.E.A. convention. Scheduled recesses do not include emergency closings or days between the last day of classes in June and the first day of classes in September. The Board reserves the right to reduce or cancel any previously scheduled recess if deemed necessary in order to assure the required one hundred and eighty (180) day minimum class days per school year.

H. One Day Attendance of Custodians, Maintenance, Bus Mechanics, Bus Mechanic's Helpers, and Groundskeepers at N.J.E.A. Convention

Each building principal shall grant permission to custodians, maintenance personnel, bus mechanic's helpers, and groundskeepers making written request to be excused for one day of attendance at the annual convention of the New Jersey Education Association, except that such permission shall be limited so as to assure that at least one-half (1/2) of the employees at each school building within each such job classification are present during each day of the N.J.E.A. convention recess so that work normally done by these employees during the N.J.E.A. convention recess proceeds. In order to receive their regular pay for the one day of convention attendance, custodians, maintenance personnel, bus mechanic's helpers, and groundskeepers shall be required to file with the secretary of the Board a certificate of such attendance signed by the executive secretary of the Association, and in the absence of the filing of an attendance certificate, the day shall be treated as an unpaid leave. No extra compensation shall be due or paid to those custodians, maintenance personnel, bus mechanic's helpers, and groundskeepers who are not excused from work during the N.J.E.A. convention.

- I. Any full-time employee who assumes a twelve (12) month position after having continuously held a ten (10) month position of the same job classification in the school district shall have all time in the employment of the Board computed for the following entitlements: vacation, longevity, and seniority, except that such seniority shall be prorated based on the actual time worked in the position. For example, a ten (10) month secretary with ten (10) years experience shall have eight and three-tenths (8.3) years seniority as a twelve (12) month secretary. Salary guide placement for said individual shall not be reduced as the result of his/her movement to a twelve (12) month employee. Part-time employees shall be prorated according to actual time worked.

ARTICLE 14

WORK DAY AND HOURS FOR SUPPORT STAFF

- A. Custodians, Maintenance, Bus Mechanic's Helpers, Groundskeepers and Secretaries
Custodians, maintenance, bus mechanic's helpers, groundskeepers and secretaries shall work eight (8) hours per day, five (5) days per week, including a thirty (30) minute duty-free lunch period, and may leave the building while on lunch. Those employees who previously received more than thirty (30) minutes for lunch shall continue to receive the same lunch period.
- B. Summer Work Schedule
Summer work schedule for twelve (12) month secretaries shall be effective between July 1 through August 31 as follows:

Monday through Thursday	8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am to 12:00 pm
- C. Aides and Cafeteria Employees
Aides and cafeteria employees shall work hours for which they are individually contracted inclusive of a thirty (30) minute duty-free lunch period, and they may leave the building while on lunch. Those employees who previously received more than thirty (30) minutes for lunch shall continue to do so. Aides and cafeteria workers shall be dismissed for shortened days when teachers are dismissed or when the Superintendent otherwise approves early dismissal of aides and cafeteria workers.
- D. Coffee Breaks
All non-certificated employees shall receive a fifteen (15) minute coffee break in the a.m. and a fifteen (15) minute break in the p.m.
- E. Van Aides
Van aides shall work the hours of the package chosen at run selection.
- F. Secretarial Support Staff
Secretarial support staff who have previously received more than thirty (30) minutes for lunch must work a minimum of 3.25 hours exclusive of breaks of lunch in order to take a ½ day absence (i.e. half personal day or half sick day). Secretarial support staff who receive a thirty (30) minute lunch must work a minimum of 3.5 hours exclusive of breaks or lunch.

ARTICLE 15

VACATION FOR TWELVE-MONTH SUPPORT STAFF

Twelve-month, full-time, non-teaching employees shall receive paid vacation in accordance with the following:

For the purposes of calculating vacation time, July 1 shall be considered the anniversary date of all employees. The "school year" shall be defined as July 1 – June 30.

1. Less than five (5) years of employment – ten (10) workdays per year. Vacation days for employees hired mid-year shall be prorated based on his/her date of hire. For example, an employee hired on October 1st will be provided with 7.5 vacation days (10 days per year/12 months multiplied by 9 months of work). Employees must begin employment in the District on or before December 1st in order to be eligible for vacation in his/her first year of employment.
2. After completion of five (5) continuous years: fifteen (15) workdays per year.
3. After completion of seven (7) continuous years: sixteen (16) workdays per year.
4. After completion of nine (9) continuous years: seventeen (17) workdays per year.
5. After completion of eleven (11) continuous years: eighteen (18) workdays per year.
6. After completion of thirteen (13) continuous years: nineteen (19) workdays per year.
7. After completion of fifteen (15) continuous years: twenty (20) workdays per year.

Vacation days shall be available for use immediately upon reaching each milestone but shall be considered earned on a pro-rata basis. Should an employee leave the District mid-year, vacation days that were previously used but unearned shall be deducted from the employee's final paycheck.

Non-Certificated staff must give twenty-four (24) hours' notice prior to utilizing a vacation day.

Support staff personnel who have at least five (5) years of service in the District shall be permitted to carry over up to five (5) unused vacation days to the following school year for use in the summer. These carryover days must be used prior to the two (2) weeks before the beginning of the next regular school year. Carryover days not used during the summer following the year in which the days were earned shall be lost, except for any custodian or maintenance employee who is unable to utilize these vacation days because he/she is out of work on an approved worker's compensation leave of absence. Said employees shall be permitted to use these carryover days during the following school year on dates approved by the employee's Supervisor; which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. No other carryover vacation days will be permitted.

Employees are eligible for payment only for earned but unused vacation days upon termination of employment, to the extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE 16

COMPENSATION FOR SUPPORT STAFF

A. Regular Rate of Compensation

The rates of compensation for support staff employees during the term of this Agreement shall be as indicated on the annexed schedules. The steps on these wage/salary schedules may not reflect years of service in the school district. Individuals, who were not employed by the Board on the date this Agreement was ratified by the Association, shall not be entitled to any retroactive salary adjustment. Initial salary guide placement of support staff employees hired after July 1, 1988 shall be determined by the Board, but shall not be less than the minimum salaries listed on the annexed schedules.

B. Weekly Overtime

Salaried staff employees who work more than forty (40) hours (inclusive of a thirty-minute lunch period each day) during any seven-day period commencing on a Monday, shall be compensated at time and one-half (1-1/2) in either salary or compensatory time for authorized hours worked in excess of forty (40). The district Business Administrator shall determine the method of compensation (salary or compensatory time) for such overtime in the case of secretaries, aides and cafeteria employees. The district Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds shall determine the methods of compensation (salary or compensatory time) for all other employees.

C. Daily Overtime for Salaried Full-time Support Staff

All full-time salaried support staff employees (thirty hours per week) required to work beyond their regularly contracted workday shall be paid one and one-half (1-1/2) times their regular daily rate. However, where an employee takes leave time, no daily overtime shall be paid unless the total number of hours actually worked that day exceeds the total hours of the regularly contracted workday.

D. Daily Overtime for Hourly and Part-time Employees

The provisions of this paragraph shall only govern the rate of compensation for hours under the forty-hour threshold in Section B. which hourly and part-time employees are required to work beyond their regular daily work schedule:

1. Each hour shall be compensated at one and one-half (1-1/2) the regular hourly rate.
2. A cafeteria worker, who is required to work during his/her lunch period and/or breaks, shall be compensated at his/her regular hourly rate for all additional time worked up to and including forty (40) hours. Thereafter, said employee shall be compensated at time and one-half (1-1/2) his/her regular rate of pay for all required hours beyond forty (40).

E. Overtime to be authorized

All overtime hours provided for in this Article must be authorized by the employee's immediate supervisor in order for the employee to be entitled to the overtime compensation.

F. Paid Leaves, Vacations and Holidays

Vacations and Holidays shall be counted as time worked for computation of overtime.

G. Compensation for Secretarial Services During Recess

Secretaries who are asked to work during recesses because of payroll or other pressing deadlines shall receive compensation or time off at time and one-half for the hours or days worked during a scheduled recess.

H. Compensation Rates for Summer Employment

For work during the summer schedule (July 1 to August 31), ten-month salaried employees shall be compensated at hourly rates determined by pro-rating annual salaries at 1/200 for each day worked during the summer, and then dividing the daily rate by seven (7) to derive the applicable hourly rate. Hourly employees shall be compensated at their respective hourly rate for hours worked during the summer schedule.

I. Minimum Call Back Time

1. All EMERGENCY CALL IN time shall be calculated on a daily basis, starting after midnight each day. If a worker is called in after midnight and prior to his/her regular shift (s)he shall be compensated at the CALL IN rate. If a worker is called back after his/her regular shift, but prior to midnight of the same day, (s)he shall be compensated at the CALL BACK rate. EMERGENCY CALL IN/BACK shall be designated as unscheduled and immediately necessary to the function of district facilities.
2. Any employee called back to work after leaving his or her place of employment at the end of the day shall be paid for a minimum of three (3) hours at overtime rate. Bus mechanics that report to work while on-call will receive a minimum of three (3) hours of overtime pay for each occasion when they are required to report to work. Employees who are called in to work prior to normal starting time shall be compensated at two (2) times their normal rate for the time worked prior to normal starting time.

J. Shift Differential for Custodians and Mechanics/Helpers

Custodians shall be entitled to the following shift differentials:

1. For employment during the 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. shift the hourly rate of compensation shall be increased by five (5%) percent.
2. For employment during the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift the hourly rate of compensation shall be increased by ten (10%) percent.
3. For employment during the 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. shift the hourly rate of compensation shall be increased by five percent (5%).

No shift differential shall be paid to employees not working on the above shifts, even though such other employees may occasionally be requested to work beyond their regular workday.

K. A certified teacher aide who is assigned to cover a class when a substitute teacher cannot be obtained shall receive either (1) an additional fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per day at the elementary level in addition to his/her regular daily salary based upon seven (7) hours at his/her hourly rate or (2) the regular per diem substitute teacher rate in lieu of his/her regular salary whichever method of payment is greater.

L. Overtime will be offered to Association members who have volunteered to be on an overtime list. Lists shall be developed annually. Overtime shall be offered on a rotating basis initially according to seniority, job category, job function, and building in which this function is served.

M. On days when mechanics are not on duty and on which school buses are operating, the "on call" mechanics will be paid \$50.00 per day for being on-call.

N. Any member of the cafeteria staff who reports to work on a day that is subsequently canceled shall be paid for their hours worked, plus an additional hour at their straight time rate.

O. Van Aides

Van aides working beyond their normal work day shall be paid their straight time rates until forty (40) hours are worked, and time and one-half (1 ½) over forty (40) hours.

- P. Custodial and Maintenance employees required to report to work during a snow emergency (snow day), as declared by the superintendent, shall be released upon completion of snow removal as declared by the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds.

ARTICLE 17

REDUCTION IN FORCE

A. Board's Right to Implement, Notice Requirements

The Board shall have the right to implement a reduction in force and to layoff employees in the event of financial necessity, decline in enrollment, or administrative reorganization. At least thirty (30) days in advance of implementation of a reduction in the non-certificated force, the Board shall give written notification to the Association and each employee scheduled to be laid off. At least sixty (60) days in advance of implementation of a reduction in the certificated force, the Board shall give written notification to the Association and each employee scheduled to be laid off. Within ten (10) days from receipt of written request from the Association, representatives of the Board and Association shall meet in order to receive comments from the Association pertaining to the Board's reduction in force plan. The Board shall consider the recommendations of the Association, but shall not be obliged to modify the reductions in force plan as originally adopted by the Board.

B. Job Classifications

School Aides
Cafeteria Personnel
Custodians
Maintenance Personnel
Groundskeepers
Bus Mechanics and Bus Mechanic's Helpers
Secretary I
Secretary II
Secretary III
Multiple Disabled Aides
Van Aides
ABA Therapists
Nurses – RN
Bus Nurses

Each of the foregoing job classifications shall be considered a separate layoff unit for purposes of determining seniority. Employees shall be laid off in the inverse order of seniority within the layoff unit, except that the Board shall have the right to lay off a more senior employee who, in the written opinion of the Superintendent, lacks the qualifications and competence to perform the duties of the remaining positions within the layoff unit. Employees who are laid off shall have no entitlement to be employed in another job classification. For a period of one (1) year from the date of layoff, the recall rights of employees who are laid off shall be limited to the right in order of seniority to any vacancy in the same job classification held at the time of layoff. Notice of recall shall be addressed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the employee's last known address appearing in the records of the Board. The returning employee must accept recall employment and actually commence such employment within ten (10)

calendar days from his/her receipt of notice of recall. Seniority shall not be accumulated during the period of layoff. Upon recall, the employee shall retain his/her accumulated seniority to the date of layoff. For ten (10) month employees, the two (2) months not worked shall not be counted toward length of service. Less than full-time employment shall accumulate seniority proportionate to the amount of hours actually worked, i.e., twenty (20) hours per week for twelve (12) months shall be the equivalent of forty (40) hours per week for six (6) months. The provisions of this paragraph shall have no application to employees whose annual contracts are not renewed for any reason, and such employees shall not be entitled to recall rights provided herein. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to create tenure rights beyond those expressly provided by New Jersey Statutes.

ARTICLE 18

PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR SUPPORT STAFF

- A. The first six (6) months of employment of a support staff employee shall be considered a probationary period during which the employee may be discharged without written reasons and such discharge action shall not be grievable. After completing six (6) months of employment, no support staff employee shall be dismissed prior to the expiration of such employee's current employment term or subject to reduction in salary without just cause, following receipt of written reason(s) for such action. For purpose of this Agreement discharge shall be limited to termination of employment prior to the expiration of the employee's current employment term. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to recognize or confer tenure upon any employee who does not have statutory rights to accrual of tenure.

ARTICLE 19

PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE

- A. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit the ability of the Board or its managerial personnel to give directions, orders or instructions to employees, nor the right of the Board to fully investigate, gather facts or conduct administrative inquiry into the employment conduct of any employee. Disposition of a disciplinary charge shall be given to the affected employee, and may be given to the complainant or other third party whose interest is affected.
- B. The Board shall have the right to take disciplinary action for good and just cause. Disciplinary action may include but is not limited to:
1. verbal reprimand
 2. written reprimand
 3. suspension
 4. fine
 5. demotion
 6. termination
 7. withholding of increment where taken for disciplinary reasons rather than educational proficiency reasons.
- The non-renewal of a non-tenured teacher is not grievable.
- C. The Board agrees to utilize the concepts of progressive discipline in its application of this Article, consistent with the circumstances surrounding the infraction and the disciplinary history of the employee.

- D. Administration of discipline shall be discussed jointly in confidence and not in the presence of students, parents or others outside the school administration.

ARTICLE 20

DUAL EMPLOYMENT STATUS

- A. This Article shall only apply to individuals who are employed by the Mount Olive School District in more than one position, one of which is in a bargaining unit other than the Association. In such case the combined hours of employment in both positions shall be counted for eligibility for insurance and health benefits.
- B. If there is a conflict between the provisions of the agreements of the two bargaining units concerning the rights, benefits, procedures, or obligations of an employee in dual units, the issue in dispute shall be governed by and resolved in accordance with the agreement for the bargaining unit covering the position with the most employment hours on a weekly basis. If the number of weekly employment hours is the same in both positions, the issue in dispute shall be governed by and resolved in accordance with the agreement for the bargaining unit covering the position, which the employee first held in the school district.

ARTICLE 21

UNIFORMS

- A. Upon satisfactory completion of the required probationary period, the Board shall provide uniforms, which are required to be worn on the job as follows:
- Custodians – five (5) sets for the first year of employment; three (3) sets per contract year thereafter.
- Maintenance Personnel – five (5) sets for the first year of employment; three (3) sets per contract year thereafter.
- Cafeteria Workers - five (5) sets for the first year of employment; three (3) sets per contract year thereafter.
- It is further understood that all other conditions set forth in Paragraph B. shall apply to these uniforms. The Board of Education will exert reasonable efforts to have uniforms delivered by September 1st of each contract year.
- B. Said individuals are responsible for cleaning and maintaining their own uniforms. Upon termination of employment, all uniforms and equipment shall be returned in good condition, allowing for reasonable wear, to the District within seven (7) days of his/her last day of work. All uniforms/equipment not returned within the specified time period shall be charged to the individual, and such cost shall be deducted from any monies due to the individual.
- C. Maintenance personnel, bus mechanics, bus mechanics helpers and custodians assigned to work in extreme weather conditions such as snow shall be provided rubber overshoes (galoshes), slickers, work and winter gloves and hooded winter parkas. Said foul weather equipment will be updated and replaced when needed. Said foul weather equipment is not to be considered the personal property of the individual and must be stored on District property. It is further understood that all other conditions set forth in paragraph B. above shall apply to this equipment.

- D. An annual tool allowance of up to four hundred twenty-five dollars (\$425.00) per mechanic and mechanic's helper shall be provided by the Board, payable annually on June 30th upon presentation of receipts.
- E. An annual safety-toe boot allowance of up to \$150.00 per mechanic and mechanic's helper shall be provided by the Board payable upon the presentation of receipts. An annual footwear allowance of up to \$100.00 for non safety-toe boots and \$150.00 for safety-toe boots per full-time maintenance employee shall be provided by the Board payable upon presentation of receipts. An annual slip-resistant footwear or snow boot allowance of up to \$100.00 per full-time custodian employee shall be provided by the Board payable upon presentation of receipts.
- F. The Board shall maintain reflective rain gear (slickers) and umbrellas as necessary for district personnel required to perform bus duty or other duties outside of the building, which shall be used and stored as provided in sections B and C of this Article.

ARTICLE 22

EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION FOR CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

- A. The Board shall have the sole discretion to determine salary guide placement for certificated employees at the time of their initial employment.
- B. Certificated employees shall be given military service credit as required by statute.
- C. Certificated employees returning to service in the District from an approved paid leave shall be restored to the next position on the salary guide, which is above the salary at which they left.
- D. Certificated employees employed as of September shall be notified of their contract and salary status for the ensuing school year as soon as feasible after the April public Board meeting, but no later than May 15th.
- E. The salaries of the certificated employees for the 2023-2024 through 2025-2026 school years shall be in accordance with the annexed salary guides.

ARTICLE 23

WORK HOURS, TEACHING LOAD AND WORK YEAR

- A. Work Hours
 - 1. Certificated employees shall be scheduled so as to ensure that they will have a duty-free lunch period of not less than forty-five (45) minutes.
 Every School Nurse or Non-Certificated Nurse shall be guaranteed a duty-free lunch as provided to other certificated staff members under this Article. The following shall apply to each Nurse's lunch break:
 - a. Except in the event of emergency (defined as a potentially life-threatening situation), the nurse shall not be pulled from a contractual lunch or preparation period.
 - b. The Building Principal or his/her designee must authorize the interruption of the nurse's lunch/prep, unless the time required to obtain such approval will place an individual's life in jeopardy.
 - c. The nurse shall receive compensatory release time when called from a lunch or a preparation period, for non-emergency matters, under the following guidelines:

- i. Missed time from a lunch or preparation period shall be logged on a District timesheet with a separate entry for each date. Timesheets shall be submitted by the nurse to the Principal or his/her designee on a quarterly basis. Any time not submitted by the end of the school year shall no longer be eligible for compensatory release time;
 - ii. Each timesheet entry shall be approved by the Building Principal or designee before the release time is granted. By September 1 of each school year, the Principal will identify to the nurse and the Association any appointed designees;
 - iii. Each total of 45 minutes missed lunch or prep time shall entitle the nurse to one compensatory period; or
 - iv. A total of 400 minutes of lost lunch or prep time shall entitle the nurse to one compensatory day;
 - v. Compensatory time earned after March of any school year may be carried over into the following school year, and if not used during such year shall be lost.
 - d. The Board shall hold harmless any nurse for exercising the right to refuse non-emergency duties during scheduled lunch/prep.
 - e. The above procedure shall not apply when two or more nurses are assigned to and in attendance in a building. In such a circumstance, it is expected that the nurses will take their lunches and prep periods at different times to ensure coverage availability at all times during the school day.
2. Teachers shall be permitted to leave the school building without permission during the duty-free lunch period. Teachers shall sign out when leaving and sign in upon returning.

3. After-School Meetings

There shall be no more than three (3) scheduled after-school meetings per month. All schools will have their after-school meetings scheduled on the same days. After-school meetings will be scheduled on Mondays whenever possible. Meetings must conclude no more than one (1) hour after the end of the workday.

In the case of a month where there are less than three (3) Mondays during which school is scheduled to be in session, the Superintendent may schedule the additional after-school meeting(s) on an available Tuesday(s). The Superintendent shall provide the staff with a list of after-school meeting dates by the end of the previous school year. Once after-school meeting dates are scheduled by the Superintendent they cannot be altered nor any additional dates added without the consent of the Association.

In the case where a scheduled after-school meeting is canceled due to an unscheduled school closing, that after-school meeting may, at the discretion of the building principal, be rescheduled to the fourth Monday of that month if one is available. If a fourth Monday is not available then the after-school meeting may, at the discretion of the building principal, be rescheduled to the next day that school is open following the canceled meeting. The principal will give the staff notice at least 24 hours prior to the rescheduled meeting time via school email if he intends to reschedule for the day following a closure.

4. Evening Events

For the duration of this contract, teachers shall be required to attend three (3) evening events per academic year. Back-to-School Night shall count as one, and one three-hour evening conference shall count as one, however, teachers will be assigned to these at the discretion of their building principal. Association members shall not be responsible for recording staff attendance at evening functions. Should school be closed due to weather

or other emergency on one or more of said events, attendance at the rescheduled event on another date shall remain mandatory.

Attendance at evening events may require pupil supervision, but shall not require preparation or presentation. Certificated staff, who are asked to make a professional presentation at an evening event shall be compensated according to the rates set forth in Article 30, paragraph B. Presentations compensated as such shall not count toward the employee's required 3 evening events. It is understood that annual "Back-to-School Nights" are to be considered as one of the evening events, and that presentations to the parents are expected of the faculty. For this event only, certificated staff shall not receive additional compensation for presentation.

Part time certificated staff members shall have the number of evening events for which they are responsible pro-rated according to the number of hours worked per year. (E.g. a .5 FTE shall be responsible for no more than half of the contractual functions.) At no time shall an employee be responsible to attend less than one evening event per contract year. The events may include Back-to-School Night and evening conferences, at the discretion of the principal.

Events for which certificated staff are otherwise compensated, i.e., as coaches, advisors, or music department staff, shall not qualify under this provision.

Events occurring on off-district property shall be considered voluntary, shall be compensated according to Paragraph 6 of this Article, and shall not count toward the employee's required 3 evening events. Currently accepted, district sponsored events occurring on Saturdays shall continue to apply as a required evening event. New Saturday events shall be approved by the committee of building administrators and EAMO selected certificated staff described below.

A committee of an equal number of building administrators and EAMO selected certificated staff will create and post a list of potential events and the number of teachers necessary for each for their building.

If there is a dispute over whether an event should be included, it will be resolved solely by the Superintendent. Certificated staff will select from this list in order of seniority. The principal shall be permitted to assign events to particular individuals based upon their grade level or content area. In order to ensure adequate coverage at all events, the principal may assign teachers to specific functions.

The initial list shall be posted no later than September 15 of each year. Events scheduled after that date will be posted as soon as possible. If a certificated staff member is given more than 30 days notice of an assignment, it may not be refused. If a certificated staff member receives less than 30 days notice, he may refuse, but this will not release the certificated staff from his annual obligation.

Events shall be no longer than three (3) hours long. If an event is longer than three (3) hours, it will count as two (2) events of the three.

Events beyond three (3) shall be compensated at the rate of \$40.00 per hour. Events for which certificated staff are otherwise compensated, i.e. as coaches or advisors, will not count towards the three.

5. Mileage

Authorized personnel who may be required to use their own automobile in performance of their duties and certificated employees who are assigned to more than one (1) school per day, shall be reimbursed for all approved travel at the rate established by the State of New Jersey, Office of Management and Budget. Said rate shall be implemented annually on July 1.

6. Certificated staff who are required to chaperone after school student functions shall be compensated at a rate of \$40.00 dollars per hour or any part thereof.

B. Teaching Load

1. Preparation Time

All certificated personnel shall be guaranteed continuous preparation time in accordance with the schedule set forth below. This time shall be scheduled in blocks of no fewer than 35 minutes, which shall fall within pupil contact time.

2. Grade Entitlement

K - 5 Yearly average of two hundred fifty (250) minutes per week.

6 - 8 Two hundred fifty (250) minutes per week.

9 - 12 Preparation Time:

- a. At least 825 minutes of prep time will be provided per 20 days taught.
- b. Not more than five (5) days without a prep time will occur over a scheduled 20 day period.
- c. No teacher will have consecutive days without a prep time.
- d. Any other provisions in this Article notwithstanding, a prep period will not be less than the length of one teaching block period.

3. Reasonable effort shall be made not to assign classes requiring more than three (3) separate subject area preparations by any one (1) certificated employee. However, the Board reserves the right to assign to any one (1) teacher classes requiring more than three (3) separate subject area preparations and such assignment shall not be grievable.

4. Class Periods

- a. The normal teaching assignment at the Mt. Olive Middle School and at the Mt. Olive High School shall be five (5) class periods per day. When a High School teacher is assigned a sixth (6th) class and effective 1992-93 when a middle school teacher is assigned a sixth (6th) class, that teacher shall be relieved of all duties.
- b. If a high school or middle school teacher is assigned a seventh (7th) class, that teacher shall receive additional compensation equal to twenty two (22%) percent of the teacher's annual salary prorated for the duration of the assignment.

5. Professional Learning Communities ("PLC")

- a. PLC Scheduling – To support the collegial professional development of the teaching staff, as well as, provide time for collaboration across grade levels and subjects, principals will make every effort to afford teachers with regular PLC meetings in their weekly schedules. PLCs shall be scheduled in addition to prep time and may take the place of what previously constituted assigned non-teaching duty periods. Additionally, PLC meetings may be scheduled during designated faculty meeting time, in-service day time or during voluntary summer professional development sessions. PLC activities conducted during voluntary summer professional development sessions will be compensated at the established negotiated rate of \$45 per hour.
- b. PLC activities – The foremost goal of PLCs is to enhance the collective efficacy of the District's teachers. To that end, the activities conducted during PLC sessions should be mutually developed by staff and administration in an organic manner and may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:
 - i. Analysis of assessment data;
 - ii. Collaborative sharing of best practices, research and professional literature;

- iii. Designing formative, benchmark, modified, alternate and summative assessments;
- iv. Updating and making modifications to the scope and sequence, assessments and resources of existing curriculum maps and units in Atlas*;
- v. Lesson study;
- vi. Planning for tiered interventions; and
- vii. Development of individual and exemplar unit plans and uploading to Atlas.

*PLC time shall be considered a training and professional development vehicle and shall not generally be used for curriculum writing. In the event that curriculum writing does take place at a PLC session, such as writing and development of new and original curriculum maps and not simply review and updating of existing maps, such activities will be paid at the established negotiated per-diem curriculum writing hourly rate.

C. Workday

- 1. Because of variations in scheduling of bus runs, the times of the workday may vary among schools. However, at each school the length of the workday shall not exceed seven (7) hours in the 2005-2006 school year. Commencing with the 2006-2007 school year, the work day shall not exceed even (7) hours and ten (10) minutes. At the elementary schools, to accommodate busing, teachers will arrive five (5) minutes earlier and remain five (5) minutes longer than in the 2005-2006 school year. The additional ten (10) minutes shall not be instructional time but may involve the supervision of students. The student day will remain at seven (7) hours. At the High School and Middle School the extra ten (10) minutes shall be instructional time.
- 2. The Board intends to implement a non-graded mentoring program for which the Board will provide training and plans. If the mentoring program is eliminated, the time will be absorbed into the existing day by being divided equally into each period.
- 3. The normal workday for the position(s) of athletic trainer/equipment manager shall be 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- 4. Librarians shall be scheduled for five (5) clerical days at the beginning and five (5) clerical days at the end of each school year.
- 5. Elementary school nurses shall be relieved of teaching responsibilities for five (5) days at the beginning of the school year to attend to clerical and other related health services.

D. Work Year

- 1. The in-school work year for teachers shall include:
 - One (1) opening day
 - One Hundred Eighty Two (182) student days.
 - Two (2) full-length in-service days which shall be scheduled between opening day and the last student day.
- 2. The shortened days before Thanksgiving and Holy Thursday shall be eliminated. There will be no school on these two days. To replace the eliminated shortened days, two full days will be added to the calendar.
- 3. Should the Board of Education schedule school on either Holy Thursday or the day before Thanksgiving, the two extra student days referred to in paragraph 2 above shall

become void and be replaced by two minimum shortened days as defined by the State of New Jersey.

4. The last two scheduled student days of school will be shortened days.
- E. Music Teachers (vocal and instrumental) at the elementary and middle schools will be paid eighty-seven dollars (\$87.00) for each school sponsored evening concert that they are required to direct or perform, with a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of five (5) each year. All attendance must be approved in advance by the building principal and the Director of Fine Arts. To the extent possible, a schedule of concerts shall be established by September 15 of each school year. Other events such as community activities shall be paid at the chaperoning rate unless the teacher is receiving a stipend. This shall not apply to high school teachers.
- F. Teachers required to attend IEP meetings during the school day shall be pulled from a duty period, when possible, to do so. If such cannot be scheduled, the teacher may be pulled from a prep period. If a teacher is pulled from a prep prior to attend an IEP meeting, the Board will attempt to provide an alternative prep period within one week. When possible, the teacher shall receive at least one week's notice of such a meeting, and, if necessary, the proposed alternative prep.
- G. Certificated staff who volunteer to work beyond their 7 hour, 10 minute workday at an administrative established position or duty, not otherwise remunerated, shall be compensated at the rates set forth in Paragraph A6 of this Article.
- H. Certificated employees who work between September 1st and June 30th, but beyond the contractual number of school days, shall be compensated at the rates set forth in Article 30, Paragraph A1.

ARTICLE 24

NON-TEACHING DUTIES

- A. The Board and Association recognize that a teacher's primary responsibility is to teach and that provided that there are sufficient school aides, teachers shall not be required to regularly perform the following duties:
 1. Milk distribution, supervision of outside areas, playgrounds, and bus loading and unloading.
 2. Collecting money from students, other than insurance and picture envelopes.
- B. Cafeteria Duty

A professional staff member at the Middle School or the High School may be assigned cafeteria supervision duty for one (1) period during not more than one-half (1/2) of the school year.

ARTICLE 25

TEACHER ABSENCE

- A. Teachers in the Middle School and High School only, who are assigned to cover classes because a substitute is unavailable, shall be paid thirty-four dollars (\$34.00) if the teacher is taken from a preparation period or lunch period to provide the coverage. However, if the class is operating under a block scheduling system, said payment shall be thirty-eight dollars (\$38.00).
- B. Teachers in the Middle School and High School only, who are assigned to cover classes because a substitute is unavailable, shall be paid twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) per period if the teacher is

taken from a duty period to provide the coverage. However, if the class is operating under a block scheduling system, said payment shall be twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00).

- C. In the event that the administration deems it necessary to reassign teachers in order to cover classes for which no substitutes are available, the following priority list shall be utilized when making such assignments:
 - 1. Teachers who have volunteered to cover classes on their preparation time and/or teachers who have volunteered to cover classes on their lunch period;
 - 2. Teachers who have volunteered to cover classes on a duty period;
 - 3. Teachers who are taken off a duty involuntarily to cover class;
 - 4. Teachers who are taken off a preparation period involuntarily to cover a class.
- D. Elementary school teachers who are required to cover a class during a preparation period shall receive a compensatory preparation period on the same day or the teacher shall be paid thirty-four dollars (\$34.00).
- E. When a teacher is on an assigned duty, with the exception of lunchroom, recess or study hall, to which eight (8) or more students of an uncovered class are added to the teacher's regular assignment, that teacher shall be compensated in accordance with Section A., B., C. or D. above. However, students shall be placed in study hall after all other possibilities have been exhausted under Section C. above.
- F. When a teacher is required to assume coverage of a class as the result of the absence of a teacher due to that teacher being required to participate in other activities in the school district, or because a temporary schedule change made it impossible for the teacher to be present, the teacher providing the coverage shall be compensated in accordance with Section A. above. This provision, however, shall not be applicable as a result of class trips where all students do not attend. Under such circumstances, a teacher who does not accompany his/her students on such trip and who is assigned to provide class coverage shall not qualify for payment provided that said coverage does not exceed the teacher's normal teaching load as set forth under Article 22, Section B. In the context of this paragraph and this paragraph only, additional students will not be added to a class in progress
- G. Vouchers for payment due under this Article shall be submitted by December 15th for September, October and November; March 15th for December, January and February; June 15th for March, April and May; and the last workday of the year for June.

ARTICLE 26

SABBATICAL LEAVE FOR TEACHERS

- A. Purpose

Sabbatical leaves shall only be granted for study or professional improvement related to the teacher's area of specialization.
- B. Qualification and Procedure
 - 1. Only teachers who have completed seven (7) or more years of continuous, full-time service in the Mount Olive School District and have not been granted sabbatical leave during the preceding seven (7) years shall be eligible for sabbatical leave.
 - 2. Not more than three (3) sabbatical leaves will be granted in the same year. The Board will approve a minimum of one (1) sabbatical leave per year subject to all requirements set forth in Section B. "Qualification and Procedure."

3. Application for sabbatical leave shall be made to the Superintendent prior to February 1, previous to the year for which such leave is requested. The application must be made on the approved form furnished by the Board and the application must describe how the proposed sabbatical activity will increase the recipient's value to the school district.
4. Board approval of the Superintendent's recommendations for sabbatical leave will be guided by the Board's appraisal of the resulting benefits to the school system. Sabbatical leaves will only be granted where the Board is satisfied that the loss of the applicant's services for the period of the leave, together with the financial cost, will be offset by the benefits to the school system, which can reasonably be anticipated from the granting of the sabbatical leave. Consideration will be given to a reasonable distribution of sabbatical leaves among teachers in the several buildings and departments.
5. Acceptance of a sabbatical leave constitutes an agreement and commitment from the recipient to return to the Mount Olive School District for a period of at least one (1) year for a half- year sabbatical and two (2) years for a full-year sabbatical, after the expiration of the leave. Under such circumstances, the recipient shall execute a notarized, individual contract with the Mount Olive Township Board of Education in the amount to be received while on sabbatical leave including all salary and benefit costs. This note shall be paid in the event that all terms, conditions, requirements and obligations set forth in Article 26 are not met by the teacher receiving said sabbatical leave. If the recipient fails to return and fulfill such commitment, the recipient shall be required to reimburse the Mount Olive School District for all salary and benefits received while on sabbatical leave.
6. Teachers on sabbatical leave agree not to engage in remunerative employment while on leave unless the Board has approved of such employment as beneficial to the school system and only then, upon such other conditions as the Board may prescribe.
7. Immediately upon return to the school district, recipients of sabbatical leaves shall submit to the Board and their principals, a comprehensive written report of the activities and accomplishments of the leave and its values to the school district.
8. Sabbatical leave recipients agree to enter into a contract with the Mount Olive School District that recites the obligations of both parties as set forth in this Article.

C. Salary

1. A teacher on sabbatical leave for not more than one-half of the school year shall be paid at one hundred (100%) percent of the salary rate which he/she would have received if such teacher remained on active assignment during the period of the leave.
2. A teacher on sabbatical leave for one (1) year shall be paid fifty percent (50%) of the salary rate which he/she would have received if such teacher remained on active assignment during the period of the leave.
3. Salary payments for teachers on sabbatical leave shall be made in accordance with the schedule for payments of salaries, including pension fund and other deductions authorized by the teacher.

D. Course Reimbursement

Article 9 shall govern tuition reimbursement for courses taken during sabbatical leave.

E. Placement Upon Return

Upon return from sabbatical leave, the teacher shall receive the same salary that he/she would have received had he/she remained actively employed in the school district during the period of the sabbatical leave.

ARTICLE 27

CHILD CARE LEAVE

A. Disability Due to Pregnancy

1. An employee requesting leave for disability due to pregnancy must notify the Superintendent as soon as possible after medical confirmation of such pregnancy. The beginning date of the maternity leave shall be determined by the employee and her physician with the understanding that she must be able to perform all her employment responsibilities while on active service in the District.
2. The employee shall return to work as soon as she is physically able to perform her duties, unless the Board has granted an unpaid extended leave for childcare. Disputes as to physical incapacity shall be decided by the employee's physician.
3. Leaves of absence for disability due to pregnancy of a non-tenured employee shall not extend beyond the end of the contract school year in which the leave commenced.
4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection A. 3. Hereinabove, an employee may use any or all of her accumulated sick leave for disability due to pregnancy. If the disability leave continues beyond the period defined by statute as disability due to pregnancy, the Board may require proof of continued disability.

B. Child Care Leave

1. Upon the termination of a disability leave due to pregnancy, a non-tenured employee shall be entitled to an unpaid child care leave until the end of the contract year in which said leave commenced. A tenured employee may apply for unpaid childcare leave for the balance of the school year and the succeeding school year. For purposes of Section B. herein, support staff employees who are not eligible for tenure shall receive the same childcare leave benefits as non-tenured teachers. Upon completing three (3) continuous years of service in the Mount Olive Township School District, support staff employees who are not eligible for tenure shall receive the same childcare leave benefits as tenured employees.
2. Employees on childcare leave must notify the Board in writing no later than April 15 of their intent to return in September barring any unforeseen circumstances.
3. In no event shall the Board be required to grant a childcare leave to both spouses who work in the district.

C. Adoption

Any eligible employee adopting an infant child shall receive childcare leave in accordance with Section B. above. Said leave shall commence upon receiving de facto custody of the infant, or earlier if necessary to fulfill the requirements of adoption.

D. Return from Leave

Failure to return to work promptly upon recovery from disability due to pregnancy, or failure to give the required notice of intent to return from childcare leave, shall be deemed a resignation from employment.

ARTICLE 28

CHILD STUDY TEAM SUMMER SCHEDULE

Summer schedules for members of child study teams shall assure that, if deemed necessary by the Board, there will be continuous special education coverage by either the Director or a full child study team throughout the summer months. The schedule of individual members of the child study team shall be mutually agreed upon with the Director and the employee so as to reflect the desire of the employee, consistent with the need for continuous summer coverage.

ARTICLE 29

TUITION FOR TEACHER'S CHILD

Teachers residing out of the school district may enroll their children, on a space available basis, as tuition paying pupils of the Mount Olive School District. The tuition payment shall be deducted from the teacher's pay on a monthly basis for the months the child is enrolled.

ARTICLE 30

CURRICULUM AND SUMMER COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

- A.
1. Ten (10) month professional employees who are asked to work between July 1 and August 31 shall be paid at the rate of 1/200 of the regular salary for each day worked, or at hourly rates based on one-seventh (1/7) of his/her daily rate for less than a day.
 - (a) All nurses shall be paid at the rate of 1/200 of their regular salary, for up to five (5) days between July 1 and August 31, as determined by their respective Building Principal.
 2. The Board shall notify employees of their summer employment status no later than the next workday following the second (2nd) regular Board meeting for May.
 3. Notwithstanding paragraph A(1), guidance counselors at the middle school and high school will be assigned to work for a maximum of ten (10) days between September 1st and June 30th, beyond the contractual number of teacher days. These counselors shall receive a stipend equal to 5% of their annual salary for said services. Any time worked beyond these parameters shall be considered voluntary, and shall be compensated at the employee's per diem rate.

The above shall not apply to elementary guidance counselors, who shall be compensated at the employee's per diem rate for any days worked beyond the contractual number of teaching days.
- B. Teachers who participate in curriculum projects during the school year will be compensated at the rate of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) per hour. Certified staff members who are required to prepare or research a topic and make a presentation to the administration, Board of Education, staff or parents, will, with the advance approval of the Superintendent or her/his designee, be paid forty-five dollars (\$45.00) per hour for time spent presenting. Professional development hours will be granted for time spent preparing with the advance approval of the Superintendent.

C. Mentor and Provisional Teachers

1. The Board agrees to first seek appropriate volunteers to act as mentor teacher(s) and retains the right to assign teacher(s) to the role where it deems necessary. All vacancies for mentoring positions shall be posted as the district becomes aware of its needs, and shall include the qualifications for the position. The Principal / Superintendent shall select the mentor teacher(s).
2. Mentor Teachers
 - a. No elementary teacher shall serve as a mentor to more than one elementary provisional/alternate route teacher at a time. Teachers at the middle school and high school may serve as a mentor to no more than two provisional/alternate route teachers at a time.
 - b. The mentor teacher shall not write formal evaluations or give verbal evaluation of the provisional / alternate route teacher.
 - c. The administration shall have the right to evaluate a mentor's performance as a mentor but such evaluation shall not be related in any way to the mentor's evaluation as a teacher.
 - d. The Board agrees to pay the mentoring teacher the fee of \$550.00 based upon the State approved rate for mentoring services.
 - e. Teachers who serve as mentors shall be relieved of one duty period per month for the purposes of observation and collaboration.
3. Provisional and Alternate Route Teachers - The Board shall pay for the services of the mentor teacher \$550.00 based on the State approved rates.

ARTICLE 31

REIMBURSEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSES FOR CERTIFIED STAFF

Certificated staff that are certified/licensed Speech-Language Pathologies, (SLPs), Occupational Therapists (OTs) and Physical Therapists (PTs), who are employed by the District in active positions in these fields, shall be reimbursed by the Board for the cost of the certification or licensing fee upon presentation of proof of license and proof of payment as follows:

1. New Jersey Speech License (biennial)
2. ASHA Certification (annual)
3. NBCOT (Every three (3) years – Online renewal fee)
4. New Jersey State Occupational Therapy (OT) License (biennial)
5. Physical Therapy (PT) License (biennial)

ARTICLE 32

SUPPORT STAFF REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTIFICATION

1. Support staff members who are required by the Board of Education to be certified or licensed shall be reimbursed by the Board for the cost of the certification or licensing fee upon completion of six months' employment with the exception of the Black Seal. Renewals of said fees shall also be reimbursed by the Board. Fees for the following will be reimbursed: CDL, ASE, FBI check.

2. Certified Aides who obtain or renew a substitute teacher certification shall be reimbursed at the cost of such certificate upon the completion of one year of service with such certification and/or renewal of certification by the Board upon presentation of proof of payment and proof of certification.

ARTICLE 33

NORMAL COACHING LEVELS

Where an assistant coach(es) assumes the duties of a head coach during a given season, those assistants shall receive the head coach's salary at step one prorated. An assistant coach, upon assuming the head coach position shall be paid no less than the salary he/she would have received in the assistant position. This section is only operative when the head coach whose position is being assumed is off the payroll.

ARTICLE 34

SCHOOL NURSE ASSISTANCE

School nurses who also teach classes shall be assigned teacher aides for the number of hours they actually teach in order to assist said nurses with clerical duties; however, the administration reserves the right to determine the time when such assistance is provided.

ARTICLE 35

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

All employees shall receive, upon hiring or at any time upon request, a written Board-approved job description detailing their duties.

ARTICLE 36

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall become effective as of July 1, 2023 and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2026.

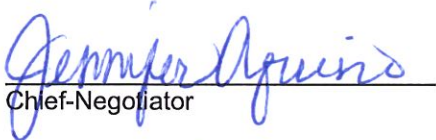
This Agreement shall not be extended orally, and it is expressly understood that it shall expire on the date indicated unless extended by mutual agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective presidents and chief-negotiators, attested to by their respective secretaries, on the 18 day of September, 2023.

MOUNT OLIVE BOARD OF EDUCATION



President



Chief-Negotiator



Secretary

EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MOUNT OLIVE



President



Chief-Negotiator



Secretary

APPENDIX A

Custodian Salary Guides

2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-2026	
Step	Step Amount	Step	Step Amount	Step	Step Amount
1-2	40,019	1	41,410		
3	40,732	2-3	41,910	1-2	43,219
4	41,309	4	42,487	3-4	43,719
5	41,902	5	43,080	5	44,312
6	42,588	6	43,766	6	44,998
7	43,275	7	44,453	7	45,685
8	44,049	8	45,227	8	46,459
9	44,902	9	46,082	9	47,314
10	45,682	10	46,862	10	48,094
11	46,700	11	47,880	11	49,112
12	48,266	12	49,446	12	50,678
13	49,855	13	51,035	13	52,267
14	51,571	14	52,751	14	53,983
15	54,136	15	55,316	15	56,548
E	55,187	E	56,367	E	57,599
Black Seal	\$1,058	\$1,058	\$1,058	\$1,058	\$1,058
Electrician**	\$1,028	\$1,028	\$1,028	\$1,028	\$1,028
HVAC**	\$1,028	\$1,028	\$1,028	\$1,028	\$1,028
Plumbing**	\$1,028	\$1,028	\$1,028	\$1,028	\$1,028
Foreman	\$2,212	\$2,212	\$2,212	\$2,212	\$2,212

Longevity (Years of service in the district including West Morris Regional time and from most recent date of hire):

After completion of 10 yrs. \$1,000; After completion of 15 yrs. \$1,250; After completion of 20 yrs. \$1,750.

Employees on the 5-year level of longevity prior to July 1, 2020 shall be grandfathered at that level (\$500) until such time they move to the next level of longevity, at which time the 5-year level of longevity will be eliminated. Employees beginning employment on or after July 1, 2020 shall be ineligible for longevity at the 5-year level.

**Stipend paid only for a valid and current license that is used by the Board.

APPENDIX A
Unit Lunch Custodial Personnel

2023-2024 Step	Salary/ Hr	2024-2025 Step	Salary/ Hr	2025-2026 Step	Salary/ Hr
1	19.76	1	20.56	1	21.08
2	20.06	2	20.86	2	21.38
3	20.36	3	21.16	3	21.68
4	20.66	4	21.46	4	21.98
5	20.97	5	21.76	5	22.28
6	21.30	6	22.06	6	22.58
7	21.63	7	22.36	7	22.88
8	21.96	8	22.66	8	23.18
9	22.32	9	22.96	9	23.48
10	22.69	10	23.26	10	23.78
11	23.06	11	23.56	11	24.08

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Part-Time Custodial Personnel

2023-2024 Step	Salary/Hr	2024-2025 Step	Salary/Hr	2025-2026 Step	Salary/Hr
1	18.86	1	19.57	1	20.23
2	19.16	2	19.82	2	20.48
3	19.45	3	20.07	3	20.73
4	19.75	4	20.37	4	21.03
5	20.06	5	20.67	5	21.33
6	20.38	6	20.97	6	21.63
7	20.71	7	21.27	7	21.93
8	21.11	8	21.67	8	22.28
9	21.51	9	22.07	9	22.68
10	21.96	10	22.52	10	23.08
11	22.48	11	22.97	11	23.48

APPENDIX A

Maintenance Staff Salary Guide

2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-2026	
<u>Step</u>	<u>Step Amount</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Step Amount</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Step Amount</u>
1	59,688	1	61,368	1	63,044
2	60,888	2	62,568	2	64,244
3	62,188	3	63,868	3	65,544
4	63,588	4	65,268	4	66,944
5	65,088	5	66,768	5	68,444
6	66,688	6	68,368	6	70,044
7	68,388	7	70,068	7	71,744
8	70,138	8	71,793	8	73,469
9	71,888	9	73,518	9	75,194
10	73,638	10	75,243	10	76,919
Black Seal	1,058		1,058		1,058
Electrician**	1,028		1,028		1,028
HVAC**	1,028		1,028		1,028
Plumbing**	1,028		1,028		1,028

Longevity (Years of service in the district including West Morris Regional time and from most recent date of hire):

After completion of 10 yrs. \$1,000; After completion of 15 yrs. \$1,250; After completion of 20 yrs. \$1,750.

Employees on the 5-year level of longevity prior to July 1, 2020 shall be grandfathered at that level (\$500) until such time they move to the next level of longevity, at which time the 5-year level of longevity will be eliminated. Employees beginning employment on or after July 1, 2020 shall be ineligible for longevity at the 5-year level.

**Stipend paid only for a valid and current license that is used by the Board.

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Mechanics Salary Guides

2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-2026	
<u>Step</u>	<u>Step Amount</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Step Amount</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Step Amount</u>
1	50,352	1	51,692	1	53,091
2	51,462	2	52,802	2	54,201
3	52,572	3	53,912	3	55,311
4	53,682	4	55,022	4	56,421
5	54,792	5	56,132	5	57,531
6	55,902	6	57,242	6	58,641
7	57,012	7	58,352	7	59,751
8	58,122	8	59,462	8	60,861
9	59,232	9	60,572	9	61,971
10	60,342	10	61,682	10	63,081
11	61,452	11	62,792	11	64,191
ASECert	\$ 1,058		\$ 1,058		\$ 1,058
Helper	\$ 22.15	Helper	\$ 22.83	Helper	\$ 23.54

Longevity for Support Staff (Years of service in the district including West Morris Regional time and from most recent date of hire):

After completion of 10 yrs. \$1,000; After completion of 15 yrs. \$1,250; After completion of 20 yrs. \$1,750.

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Professional Staff 2023-2024 Guide

<u>Step</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>BA+30</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>MA+30</u>	<u>PHD</u>
1	58,890	63,245	67,600	71,955	74,135
2	59,390	63,745	68,100	72,455	74,635
3	59,890	64,245	68,600	72,955	75,135
4	60,390	64,745	69,100	73,455	75,635
5	61,585	65,940	70,295	74,650	76,830
6	63,085	67,440	71,795	76,150	78,330
7	64,685	69,040	73,395	77,750	79,930
8	66,385	70,740	75,095	79,450	81,630
9	68,185	72,540	76,895	81,250	83,430
10	70,085	74,440	78,795	83,150	85,330
11	72,085	76,440	80,795	85,150	87,330
12	74,185	78,540	82,895	87,250	89,430
13	76,385	80,740	85,095	89,450	91,630
14	78,685	83,040	87,395	91,750	93,930
15	81,085	85,440	89,795	94,150	96,330
16	84,990	89,345	93,700	98,055	100,235

Longevity for Professional Staff (Years of service in the district including West Morris Regional time):

After completion of 15 yrs. \$825; after completion of 20 yrs. \$1,375; after completion of 25 yrs. \$2,175; after completion of 30 yrs. \$2,875.

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Professional Staff 2024-2025 Guide

<u>Step</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>BA+30</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>MA+30</u>	<u>PHD</u>
1	60,490	64,905	69,320	73,735	75,945
2	60,990	65,405	69,820	74,235	76,445
3	61,490	65,905	70,320	74,735	76,945
4	61,990	66,405	70,820	75,235	77,445
5	63,190	67,605	72,020	76,435	78,645
6	64,690	69,105	73,520	77,935	80,145
7	66,290	70,705	75,120	79,535	81,745
8	67,990	72,405	76,820	81,235	83,445
9	69,790	74,205	78,620	83,035	85,245
10	71,690	76,105	80,520	84,935	87,145
11	73,690	78,105	82,520	86,935	89,145
12	75,790	80,205	84,620	89,035	91,245
13	77,990	82,405	86,820	91,235	93,445
14	80,290	84,705	89,120	93,535	95,745
15	82,690	87,105	91,520	95,935	98,145
16	86,590	91,005	95,420	99,835	102,045

Longevity for Professional Staff (Years of service in the district including West Morris Regional time):

After completion of 15 yrs. \$825; after completion of 20 yrs. \$1,375; after completion of 25 yrs. \$2,175; after completion of 30 yrs. \$2,875.

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Professional Staff 2025-2026 Guide

<u>Step</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>BA+30</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>MA+30</u>	<u>PHD</u>
1	62,100	66,575	71,050	75,525	77,765
2	62,600	67,075	71,550	76,025	78,265
3	63,100	67,575	72,050	76,525	78,765
4	63,600	68,075	72,550	77,025	79,265
5	64,790	69,265	73,740	78,215	80,455
6	66,290	70,765	75,240	79,715	81,955
7	67,890	72,365	76,840	81,315	83,555
8	69,590	74,065	78,540	83,015	85,255
9	71,390	75,865	80,340	84,815	87,055
10	73,290	77,765	82,240	86,715	88,955
11	75,290	79,765	84,240	88,715	90,955
12	77,390	81,865	86,340	90,815	93,055
13	79,590	84,065	88,540	93,015	95,255
14	81,890	86,365	90,840	95,315	97,555
15	84,290	88,765	93,240	97,715	99,955
16	88,190	92,665	97,140	101,615	103,855

Longevity for Professional Staff (Years of service in the district including West Morris Regional time):

After completion of 15 yrs. \$825; after completion of 20 yrs. \$1,375; after completion of 25 yrs. \$2,175; after completion of 30 yrs. \$2,875.

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RN Nursing Personnel

2023-2024 Step	Salary	2024-2025 Step	Salary	2025-2026 Step	Salary
1	55,333	1	55,838	1	58,013
2	55,833	2	56,338	2	58,513
3	56,333	3	56,838	3	59,013
4	56,833	4	57,338	4	59,763
5	57,583	5	58,088	5	60,513
6	58,333	6	58,838	6	61,263
7	59,948	7	60,453	7	62,263
8	61,598	8	62,103	8	63,263
9	63,303	9	63,808	9	64,263
10	65,058	10	65,563	10	65,888
11	66,943	11	67,343	11	67,618
12	68,918	12	69,223	12	69,448
13	70,983	13	71,203	13	71,378
14	73,138	14	73,283	14	73,408
15	75,383	15	75,463	15	75,538
16	77,728	16	77,743	16	77,768

Longevity for Professional Staff (Years of service in the district including West Morris Regional time):

After completion of 15 yrs. \$825; after completion of 20 yrs. \$1,375; after completion of 25 yrs. \$2,175; after completion of 30 yrs. \$2,875.

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Secretarial Staff – 2023-2024 GUIDE

<u>Step</u>	<u>10 Month</u>	<u>12 Month</u>
1	41,022	48,815
2	41,522	49,410
3	42,022	50,005
4	42,517	50,595
5	43,017	51,190
6	43,702	52,005
7	44,517	52,975
8	45,642	54,315
9	46,967	55,890
10	48,492	57,705

Longevity for Support Staff (Years of service in the district including West Morris Regional time and from most recent date of hire):

After completion of 10 yrs. \$1,000; After completion of 15 yrs. \$1,250; After completion of 20 yrs. \$1,750.

Employees on the 5-year level of longevity prior to July 1, 2020 shall be grandfathered at that level (\$500) until such time they move to the next level of longevity, at which time the 5-year level of longevity will be eliminated. Employees beginning employment on or after July 1, 2020 shall be ineligible for longevity at the 5-year level.

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Secretarial Staff – 2024-2025 GUIDE

<u>Step</u>	<u>10 Month</u>	<u>12 Month</u>
1	43,130	51,325
2	43,630	51,920
3	44,130	52,515
4	44,630	53,110
5	45,130	53,705
6	45,630	54,300
7	46,325	55,125
8	47,220	56,190
9	48,315	57,495
10	49,610	59,035

Longevity for Support Staff (Years of service in the district including West Morris Regional time and from most recent date of hire):

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Employees on the 5-year level of longevity prior to July 1, 2020 shall be grandfathered at that level (\$500) until such time they move to the next level of longevity, at which time the 5-year level of longevity will be eliminated. Employees beginning employment on or after July 1, 2020 shall be ineligible for longevity at the 5-year level.

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Secretarial Staff – 2025-2026 GUIDE

<u>Step</u>	<u>10 month</u>	<u>12 Month</u>
1	45,640	54,310
2	46,140	54,905
3	46,640	55,500
4	47,140	56,095
5	47,640	56,690
6	48,140	57,285
7	48,640	57,880
8	49,140	58,475
9	49,890	59,370
10	50,810	60,465

Longevity for Support Staff (Years of service in the district including West Morris Regional time and from most recent date of hire):

After completion of 10 yrs. \$1,000; After completion of 15 yrs. \$1,250; After completion of 20 yrs. \$1,750.

Employees on the 5-year level of longevity prior to July 1, 2020 shall be grandfathered at that level (\$500) until such time they move to the next level of longevity, at which time the 5-year level of longevity will be eliminated. Employees beginning employment on or after July 1, 2020 shall be ineligible for longevity at the 5-year level.

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Aide Personnel

2023-2024 Step	Salary/Hr	2024-2025 Step	Salary/Hr	2025-2026 Step	Salary/Hr
1	15.83	1	16.93	1	17.46
2	15.93	2	17.08	2	17.61
3	16.05	3	17.23	3	17.76
4-5	16.23	4	17.54	4	17.91
6	16.44	5-6	17.86	5	18.21
7	16.65	7	18.20	6-7	18.55
8	16.88	8	18.55	8	18.90
9	17.11	9	18.91	9	19.30
10	17.34	10	19.28	10	19.70
11	19.34	11	20.74	11	21.10
OG	21.39	OG	22.79	OG	23.15

Longevity for Support Staff (Years of service in the district including West Morris Regional time and from most recent date of hire):

After completion of 10 yrs. \$1,000; After completion of 15 yrs. \$1,250; After completion of 20 yrs. \$1,750.

Employees on the 5-year level of longevity prior to July 1, 2020 shall be grandfathered at that level (\$500) until such time they move to the next level of longevity, at which time the 5-year level of longevity will be eliminated. Employees beginning employment on or after July 1, 2020 shall be ineligible for longevity at the 5-year level.

An aide who is assigned to a self-contained classroom as part of his/her regular assignment shall receive an additional 10% per hour salary differential for the duration of the assignment. Self-contained classrooms shall be defined as LLD, MD, ASD, Preschool Disabled ASD and Magellan classrooms. Van aides shall also receive this differential. If the aide receiving the stipend stops working in the self-contained classroom as part of his/her regular assignment, the salary differential will no longer be paid.

APPENDIX A

Job Coaches

2023-2024 Salary/Hr	2024-2025 Salary/Hr	2025-2026 Salary/Hr
\$21.34	\$22.09	\$22.86

Longevity for Support Staff (Years of service in the district including West Morris Regional time and from most recent date of hire):

After completion of 10 yrs. \$1,000; After completion of 15 yrs. \$1,250; After completion of 20 yrs. \$1,750.

Employees on the 5-year level of longevity prior to July 1, 2020 shall be grandfathered at that level (\$500) until such time they move to the next level of longevity, at which time the 5-year level of longevity will be eliminated. Employees beginning employment on or after July 1, 2020 shall be ineligible for longevity at the 5-year level.

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Van Aide Personnel

2023-2024 Step	Salary/Hr	2024-2025 Step	Salary/Hr	2025-2026 Step	Salary/Hr
1-2	15.55	1	16.16	1	16.84
3	15.69	2-3	16.30	2	16.99
4	15.85	4	16.46	3-4	17.14
5	16.01	5	16.62	5	17.29
6	16.22	6	16.83	6	17.49
7	16.47	7	17.08	7	17.74
8	16.72	8	17.33	8	17.99
9	17.07	9	17.63	9	18.29
10	17.59	10	18.08	10	18.64
11	18.18	11	18.58	11	18.99

An aide who is assigned to a self-contained classroom as part of his/her regular assignment shall receive an additional 10% per hour salary differential for the duration of the assignment. Self-contained classrooms shall be defined as LLD, MD, ASD, Preschool Disabled ASD and Magellan classrooms. Van aides shall also receive this differential. If the aide receiving the stipend stops working in the self-contained classroom as part of his/her regular assignment, the salary differential will no longer be paid

APPENDIX A
Bus Nurse Personnel

2023-2024 Salary/Hr	2024-2025 Salary/Hr	2025-2026 Salary/Hr
\$49.38	\$51.11	\$52.90

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ABA THERAPISTS SALARY GUIDE

STEP	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
1	43,477	44,510	45,665
2	43,727	44,760	45,915
3	44,152	45,185	46,340
4	44,655	45,685	46,840
5	45,330	46,360	47,440
6	46,005	47,035	48,115
7	46,680	47,710	48,790
8	47,355	48,385	49,465

Longevity for Support Staff (Years of service in the district including West Morris Regional time and from most recent date of hire):

After completion of 10 yrs. \$1,000; After completion of 15 yrs. \$1,250; After completion of 20 yrs. \$1,750

APPENDIX B

Personnel contracted for stipend extra-curricular positions shall receive a detailed job description, including pertinent dates of practices, meetings, performances or games, in conjunction with their contract.

Association members shall not be responsible for maintaining staff attendance records.

Coaches and Advisors receiving stipends shall be responsible for keeping daily pupil attendance records which shall be submitted weekly to the Athletic Director or Principal of the respective school, or that person's designee, in a format to be determined by Superintendent of Schools.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY STIPENDS	
Group 1	Group 2
Yearbook (2)	Newspaper
12 th Grade Advisor (2)	AVA
Student Council	Modern Dance
Technology Club	Debate
Project Habitat Coordinator	11 th Grade Advisor (2)
Marauder Madness Club	Marching Band Percussion Instructor
Summer Habitat Coordinator	Model United Nations
Drone Club	Marauder Makers
Technology Student Association (TSA)	
Group 3	Group 4
Choral Director	Weight Trainer Spring
Music Director	Weight Trainer Fall
Stage Craft	Weight Trainer Winter
N.A.H.S.	Jersey men
Modern Dance Assistant	Intramurals Fall
ACA Advisor	Varsity Club
FBLA	Music Instrumental
10 th Grade Advisor (2)	Chess
Academic Journal	SADD
World Lang. Honor Society	Gay/Straight Alliance Advisor
Best Buddies	Science League/Day
Weight Trainer Summer	DECA
Bowling Club	Music Choral
Tri-Music Honor Society	Mock Trial
National English Honors Society	9 th Grade Advisor (2)
Thespian Club	Literary Magazine
Science National Honor Society	Drama Assistant
National H.S. & Two-Year College Math Honor Society	Robotics Club Assistant
Unified	Special Olympics
	Choral Ensemble
Group 5	
Holiday Dance	
Science Club	
French Club	
Air Pollution Res	

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HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY STIPENDS	
Group 5 (cont'd)	
Sewing	
Leo Club	
FBLA Asst.	
Computer Club	
Accounts Advisor	
Math League	
Key Club	
Literary Magazine Asst.	
Environmental Club	
Amnesty International	
Best Buddies Assistant	
IDI Biology Club	
Marauder Madness Club Asst.	
High School to Work Transition Specialist	

The Theater Lighting and Sound Technician shall be compensated at the class coverage rate (Article 25) for services rendered during a prep, duty or lunch period, and at the evening chaperoning rate (Article 23, ¶6) for services rendered during the evening or on weekends.

The Theater Lighting and Sound Club advisor shall be compensated at the class coverage rate for services rendered during a prep, duty, or lunch period, and at the rate of \$21.01 for work performed during the evening and on weekends for Club activities (as designated in the extra-curricular job description). Services rendered at night or on the weekend for non-Club activities shall be compensated at the chaperoning rate.

APPENDIX B

ADDITIONAL STIPENDS

	<u>2023-2026</u>
Challenges & Choices Coordinator	5,601
Head Nurse	4,100
Head Speech and Language	2,711
Nurse Practitioner	4,197
Team Facilitator/Leader	2,725
Trainer (3 equal payments)	24,160
After School Library Supervisor	29.42
The Academy (<i>previously referred to as I&RS</i>)	34.67
Winter Percussion	1,852

The BOE will pay the mentoring fee of \$550.00 based upon the State approved rate for mentoring services.

The following MOHS duties are performed during lunch and will only be paid if the professional staff member is required to give up their lunch period in order to perform them:

The following MOHS duties are performed by staff during their lunch and will be paid a rate of \$36.77 per session: Unit Lunch Supervisor, Math Center Duty, Writing Center Duty, ISS Lunch Supervisor, and Unit Lunch Recreation Coordinator.

APPENDIX B

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY STIPENDS

	2023-2026	Longevity
Group 1	3,150	+100/yr.
Group 2	2,552	+100/yr.
Group 3	1,989	+100/yr.
Group 4	1,562	+100/yr.
Group 5	1,129	+90/yr.
Marching Band Director	5,561	+100/yr.
Assistant Marching Band Director	3,708	+100/yr.
Media Coordinator Grandfathered	4,553	
Drama Club Director	5,561	
Drama Club Assistant	3,708	
MOTV Station Management	5,347	
MOTV Station Assistant	3,565	
Internship Coordinator	4,372	
Job Shadowing	2,787	
High School Student Achievement Team Leader	9,837	
Jazz Band (2 positions)	2,429	+100/yr.
National Honor Society (2 positions)	4,858	+100/yr.
Coordinator of Student Activities (9-12)	6,602	

The minimum staffing for the High School Marching Band shall consist of one Head Band Director and one Assistant Director, 3 Marching Band Assistants, and one Percussion Instructor (Appendix B, Group 2). If any one of the positions cannot be staffed, the base stipend of the unfilled position shall be divided equally among the remaining staff.

APPENDIX C

HIGH SCHOOL COACHES' GUIDES	
Category Sport	Category Sport
A	B
Soccer	Football
Field Hockey	Robotics
Ice Hockey	
Baseball	C
Softball	Wrestling
Track	Basketball
Swimming	Marine Advance Tech. Ed.
Lacrosse	
Volleyball	
D	E
Cross Country	Unified Head Basketball Coach
Indoor Track	Unified Assistant Basketball Coach
Varsity Tennis	Unified Soccer Head Coach
Gymnastics	Unified Soccer Assistant Coach
Cheerleading	Unified Track & Field Head Coach
JV Tennis	Unified Track & Field Assistant Coach
Golf	
Bowling	F
Flag Football	Unified Bowling Head Coach
	Unified Bowling Assistant Coach

\$125 Longevity for each year after step 4. The Board retains the right to fill the positions listed above or to refrain from filling any position listed above, as it may deem appropriate. Progression to the next step of the guide is not considered automatic but will be based on satisfactory performance as determined by the administration. Payment for fall sports shall be made in November. Payment for winter sports shall be made in February. Payment for spring sports shall be made in May. Payment shall be made in one check during the pay period.

Coaches and Advisors receiving stipends shall be responsible for keeping daily pupil attendance records which shall be submitted weekly to the Athletic Director or Principal of the respective school, or that person's designee, in a format to be determined by Superintendent of Schools.

APPENDIX C

Mt. Olive High School Coaches Salary Guide

2023 - 2026

Step	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
A Head	\$ 7,370	\$ 7,873	\$ 8,375	\$ 8,879
A Asst.	\$ 4,442	\$ 4,743	\$ 5,045	\$ 5,348
B Head	\$ 9,678	\$ 10,298	\$ 10,701	\$ 11,306
B Asst.	\$ 5,046	\$ 5,449	\$ 5,857	\$ 6,256
C Head	\$ 8,075	\$ 8,580	\$ 9,085	\$ 9,589
C Asst.	\$ 4,747	\$ 5,248	\$ 5,651	\$ 6,059
D Head	\$ 6,962	\$ 7,370	\$ 7,711	\$ 8,179
D Asst.	\$ 3,533	\$ 3,835	\$ 4,138	\$ 4,517
E Head	\$ 5,195	\$ 5,549	\$ 6,059	\$ 6,562
E Asst.	\$ 3,582	\$ 3,886	\$ 4,190	\$ 4,492
F Head	\$ 3,117	\$ 3,471	\$ 3,981	\$ 4,484
F Asst.	\$ 2,149	\$ 2,453	\$ 2,756	\$ 3,058

APPENDIX C

MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES/ADVISORS GUIDES

POSITION	2023-2026	Longevity per year of service
Cheerleading Head	3,150	+\$50/yr.
Cheerleading Asst.	1,562	+50/yr.
Cross Country Head	4,692	+50/yr.
Cross Country Asst.	2,374	+50/yr.
Soccer Head	4,692	+50/yr.
Soccer Asst.	2,374	+50/yr.
Field Hockey Head	4,692	+50/yr.
Field Hockey Asst	2,374	+50/yr.
Basketball Head	4,692	+50/yr.
Basketball Asst.	2,622	+50/yr.
Baseball Head	4,692	+50/yr.
Baseball Asst.	2,374	+50/yr.
Softball Head	4,692	+50/yr.
Softball Asst.	2,374	+50/yr.
Track Head	4,692	+50/yr.
Track Asst.	2,374	+50/yr.
Intramurals	4,177	+50/yr.
Intramurals Asst.	2,216	+50/yr.
Wrestling Head	4,217	+50/yr.
Wrestling Asst.	2,321	+50/yr.
Wrestling Director	1,222	+25/yr
Volleyball Director	1,222	+25/yr
Wolfe Run Director	1,034	+25/yr
Track and Field	927	+25/yr
Dance Club	1,413	+25/yr
Yearbook Layout	1,999	+25/yr
Yearbook Photo	1,867	+25/yr
Creative Writing Adv.	1,753	+25/yr
Creative Writing Asst.	1,395	+25/yr
Literary Magazine Advisor	1,753	+25/yr

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POSITION	2023-2026	Longevity per year of service
Literary Magazine Asst.	1,395	+25/yr
Literary Magazine Art	1,395	+25/yr
Math Club	1,523	+25/yr
Jazz Club	1,453	+25/yr
Student Council	1,343	+25/yr
Science Club	1,465	+25/yr
Debate Club	1,391	+25/yr
Junior Winds	1,465	+25/yr
National Honor Society	1,343	+25/yr
Drama Club	2,250	+25/yr
Wellness Coordinator	1,523	+25/yr
Community Links	1,159	+25/yr
Best Buddies	1,324	
Students Against Violence Everywhere	1,103	
Allies (Gay/Straight) Alliance	1,103	
Maker Club	1,394	
MOMS Activities and Sports Coordinator	6,185	
Unified Sports (2 positions)	1,324	
Drama Club Choreographer	2,250	+25/yr
Drama Club Music Director	2,250	+25/yr
Lacrosse Club	1,159	+25/yr
Media Center Advisor	1,159	+25/yr
First Tech Challenge	2,648	+25/yr
Student Task Force	1,159	+25/yr
Tennis Club	1,159	+25/yr
Theater Club	1,159	+25/yr
Art Club	1,159	+25/yr
Outdoor Ed. Advisor 2 nights	147	per night
Washington D.C. Adv. 2	147	per night

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<u>POSITION</u>	<u>2023-2026</u>	<u>Longevity per year of service</u>
nights		
Peer Tutor Advisor	Class Coverage Rate	
Peer Coordinator	Class Coverage Rate	
Basketball Game Supervisor	42.03	per hour
Event Supervisor	42.03	per hour
Homework Club Coordinator	42.03	per hour
Homework Club Supervisor	42.03	per hour
Saturday Detention	42.03	per hour
Gifted and Talented Art	1,366	
Geography Club	1,366	
Technology Student Association Club	2,600	
International Club	1,366	
Technology and Broadcasting Club	1,366	
Select Choir	1,839	
Junior Thespian Advisor	1,343	
Junior Tri-Music Honor Society	1,343	
Mt. Olive Mountain Team (Ski/Snowboard Club)	1,343	

Theater Lighting and Sound Technician shall be compensated at the class coverage rate as provided in Article 25 above, for services rendered during a prep, duty or lunch period, and at the evening chaperoning rate as provided in Article 23(6) above for services rendered during the evening or on weekends.

The Theater Lighting and Sound Club Advisor shall be compensated at the class coverage rate for services rendered during a prep, duty or lunch period, and at the rate of twenty-one dollars and one cent (\$21.01) for work performed during the evening and on weekends for Club activities (as designated in the extra-curricular job description). Services rendered at night or on the weekends for non-Club activities shall be compensated at the chaperoning rate.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADVISORS

When paid position(s) are created in the elementary schools, the teachers(s) assigned to the position(s) shall initiate a voucher for the agreed-upon stipend within thirty (30) calendar days of the creation of the position. The Board shall approve/disapprove the position within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt by the Board Secretary.

Coaches and Advisors receiving stipends shall be responsible for keeping daily pupil attendance records which shall be submitted weekly to the Athletic Director or Principal of the respective school, or that person's designee, in a format to be determined by Superintendent of Schools.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STIPENDS

<u>ACTIVITY</u>		<u>2023-2026</u>		
Publicity		\$257		
Safety Patrol		\$516		
After-School Gifted & Talented Coordinator		\$1,313	per 25 students (1 per building)	
Elementary Renzulli		\$242	per position	
Digital Highway		\$1,286		
TREP\$ (4 positions, 1 per K-5 school)		\$1,450		
First Lego League		\$1,750	per position	
<u>Elementary, Middle School, High School</u>				
Webmaster		6,558		

ADDENDUM A

ATTACHED SIDEBAR

SIDEBAR AGREEMENT/GRIEVANCE SETTLEMENT
BETWEEN
THE MOUNT OLIVE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND
THE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT OLIVE

WHEREAS, the Mount Olive Board of Education ("Board") and the Education Association of Mount Olive ("the Association") are currently parties to a collective negotiations agreement ("Agreement") in effect for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement can only be amended by an instrument in writing duly executed by both parties; and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Association wish to address an issue that has arisen regarding benefit eligibility for employees who leave their employment in the District as of June 30th and who were taking District benefits, due to the calculation of benefit eligibility for the summer months for those employees; and

WHEREAS, the Association has filed a grievance over the issue which is currently pending (entitled "Health Insurance Grievance," filed via email dated June 26, 2023);

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board and the Association agree as follows:

1. An employee who voluntarily ends his or her employment in the District effective June 30th of a given school year, who is otherwise eligible for benefits and who, in the final full school year of employment prior to separation, was covered under a District health benefit plan and who made contributions on a full-year basis towards such coverage, shall be permitted, at the employee's option, to continue eligibility for health coverage under the same health plan and at the same level of coverage for the months of July and/or August following his or her cessation of employment.

This additional benefit eligibility period will end either (i) as of the close of business on the August 31st immediately following the employee's last day of work in the prior June or (ii) if and when the employee becomes eligible for coverage under an alternate health plan during this period.

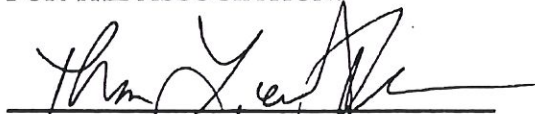
2. The employee shall inform the Business Office of his/her intent to elect benefits coverage on or before June 10th of the month prior to summer coverage. Employee contributions to cover the summer months will be deducted from the employee's final district paycheck on a pro-rated basis if the District had not previously deducted sufficient contributions towards full year benefit coverage. Employees whose employment was terminated or otherwise ended unilaterally by the Board due to unbecoming conduct or disciplinary infractions are ineligible for this extended benefits period.
3. An employee who voluntarily ends his or her employment in the District effective June 30th of a given school year, who is otherwise eligible for benefits and who, in the final full

school year of employment prior to separation, was covered under a District health benefit plan and who made contributions towards such coverage, but does not elect to extend coverage during the following summer months as set forth in paragraph 1, above, shall be reimbursed for the unused portion of their benefit contributions for said months, subject to verification that there was an overpayment. A maximum of two (2) months of contribution payments shall be reimbursed, prorated if coverage extends for only July but not August. The amount of the contributions to be reimbursed shall be a proportionate 1/6 (for two months coverage) or 1/12 (for one month coverage) of the contributions paid by the employee during the employee's first full year of employment in the District.

4.

5. The parties agree that this agreement above resolves all issues which were raised or could have been raised by the Association concerning this issue and the Association agrees to withdraw its pending grievance in this matter with prejudice.
6. This sidebar/settlement agreement is entered into solely for the purpose of resolving disputed claims, and the execution, delivery, or performance of this sidebar/settlement agreement shall not constitute or be construed at any time or for any purpose to be an admission of fact, liability or contract violation by either party to this agreement. This sidebar/settlement agreement is limited to this particular situation and shall not set a precedent or form a past practice for any similar circumstance. The parties further agree that this agreement shall not be used as evidence in any judicial, administrative, or quasi-judicial proceeding, except to enforce the terms of the agreement.
7. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect throughout the life of the existing Agreement and until a successor Agreement is reached by the Board and the Association, at which time the modifications set forth herein shall be subject to any additional modifications that may be mutually agreed to during the negotiation period. In the event that any law, regulation, judicial decision or agency ruling renders the coverage extension or reimbursement of contributions set forth herein to be invalid or *ultra vires*, this sidebar/settlement agreement shall thereafter immediately be null and void and the terms of this agreement shall no longer be in effect.
8. This Agreement, consisting of two (2) total pages, is subject to the approval of the Board prior to becoming effective. By signing below, each party represents that it is authorized to enter into this Agreement on behalf of their respective entity.

FOR THE ASSOCIATION:


Thomas Van Stone, Association President

Dated: 11/29/23

FOR THE BOARD:



Dated: 11-27-2023