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MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

and

MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement entered into on August 29, 2024, by and between the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Monmouth County, New Jersey., hereinafter called the "Board", and the MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, hereinafter called the "Association."

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, the Board has an obligation, pursuant to Chapter 123, Public Laws, 1974 to negotiate with the Association as the representatives of employees hereinafter designated with respect to the terms and conditions of employment, and

Whereas, the parties have reached certain understanding which they desire to confirm in this Agreement,

In consideration of the following mutual covenants, it is hereby agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

RECOGNITION

A. The Board hereby recognizes the Association as the exclusive and sole representative for collective negotiations concerning the terms and conditions of employment for all certified personnel whether under contract, on leave, on a per diem basis, employed or to be employed by the Board, including:

classroom teachers, nurses, librarians, guidance counselors, department chairmen, social workers, learning disability specialists, resource teachers, remedial teachers, school psychologists, behaviorists, athletic trainers, occupational therapists, speech language specialists, speech language pathologists, substance abuse coordinators and teacher coaches but excluding: administrative positions, department supervisors, clerical and custodial workers.

B. Unless otherwise indicated, the term "teachers", when used hereinafter in this Agreement, shall refer to all professional employees represented by the Association in the negotiating unit as above defined, and reference to male teachers shall include female teachers.

ARTICLE II

NEGOTIATION PROCEDURE

- A. The parties agree to enter into collective negotiations over a successor agreement, provided the Association still represents a majority of the employees in the bargaining unit, in accordance with Chapter 123, Public Laws 1974. These negotiations shall be in a good-faith effort to reach agreement on all matters concerning the terms and conditions of teachers' employment. Such negotiations shall begin not later than January 1 of the calendar year in which this Agreement expires. Any agreement so negotiated shall apply to all teachers in the bargaining unit, shall be reduced to writing, and shall be signed by the Board and by the Association.
- B. During the negotiations, the Board, through its negotiating committee, and the Association, through its negotiating committee, shall present relevant data and exchange points of view.
- C. Neither party in any negotiations shall have any control over the selection of the negotiating representatives of the other party. Either side may invite one or more consultants or spokesmen to attend and participate in any negotiating session.
- D. The Board agrees not to negotiate concerning any employee in the negotiating unit as defined in Article I of this Agreement, in violation of Chapter 123 of the Public Laws of 1974 or any rules or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

ARTICLE III

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. DEFINITIONS

Grievance - A "grievance" shall mean a Complaint by an employee alleging a violation, misinterpretation or inequitable application of any provision of this Agreement, Board Policy, or Board and/or administrative practice which adversely affects the terms and conditions of employment, except that the term, "grievance", shall not apply to:

- (1) Any rule or regulation of the State Department of Education having the force and effect of law.
- (2) Any rule or regulation of the State Commissioner of Education having the force and effect of law.
- (3) Any matter which, according to law, is beyond the scope of Board authority.
- (4) Any matter which, according to law, is exclusively within the discretion of the Board.

Grievant - Grievant shall mean an employee believing to have been or to be aggrieved.

Employee - An employee shall mean an employee within the negotiating unit.

Immediate Superior - The principal or such person acting as the principal in the latter's absence.

B. PRINCIPLES

- (1) A grievance to be considered under this procedure shall be presented by the grievant or his/her representative not later than twenty (20) calendar days following its occurrence or the time when he/she should have known about it. The number of days allotted at each step of the grievance procedure is to be considered as a maximum time limit. Every attempt should be made to resolve grievances as quickly as possible. A grievance which occurs near the end of the school year shall be presented on or before June 30th of the school year in which it occurred.
- (2) A grievant may present and process his/her grievance personally or through the Association. Should the grievant want to process his/her grievance personally, he/she may do so; however, the Association shall be notified and shall have the right to have its own representative present at all proceedings.
- (3) No reprisals shall be taken by the Board or Administration against any employee because he/she utilizes the grievance procedure.
- (4) Should a grievance result from action taken by the Superintendent or the Board, a grievant may present his/her grievance initially at STEP THREE of the grievance procedure.

(5) Forms developed jointly by the Board and the Association will be used for the filing of grievances.

C. PROCEDURE

STEP ONE:

(a) A grievant may initially discuss the matter identified as a grievance with the immediate Superior in an attempt to settle the grievance informally. This is not intended to extend the time limitation as set forth in Section B, sub-section 1.

STEP TWO:

- (a) A grievant or the Association shall file a grievance in writing by presenting the written grievance to the Immediate Superior and forwarding copies to the Superintendent and the Association.
- (b) The grievant and/or the Association and the Immediate Superior shall meet in an attempt to resolve the grievance not later than seven (7) calendar days following the date on which it is filed.
- (c) The Immediate Superior shall communicate his/her decision in writing to the grievant not later than seven (7) calendar days following the meeting between the grievant and the Immediate Superior. A copy of the written decision shall also be forwarded, at the same time, to the Superintendent and the Association.

STEP THREE:

- (a) If the grievance has not been resolved at STEP TWO of the procedure, the grievant and/or the Association may request a meeting of his/her grievance by the Superintendent or his/her designated representative. This shall be done not later than seven (7) calendar days following the Immediate Superior's written decision.
- (b) The grievant and/or the Association and Superintendent or his/her designated representative shall meet in an attempt to resolve the grievance not later than seven (7) calendar days following the date on which the meeting was requested.
- (c) The Superintendent or his/her designated representative shall communicate his/her decision in writing to the grievant not later than thirty (30) calendar days following the meeting. A copy of the written decision shall also be forwarded, at the same time, to the Association.

STEP FOUR

(a) In the event the grievant is dissatisfied with the determination of the Superintendent or his/her designated representative's written decision, and in the further event the

grievance involves the interpretation of application of this Agreement, the matter may be submitted to binding Arbitration. The grievant shall request in writing that the Association submit his/her grievance to Arbitration. If the Association decides the grievance is meritorious, it may submit the grievance to Arbitration. A Request for Arbitration and application to secure a list of Arbitrators through the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission ("NJ PERC") shall be made in writing within fifteen (15) school days following the written determination of the Superintendent or his/her designated representative. The parties shall then be bound by the rules and procedures of the NJ PERC in the selection of an Arbitrator. Failure to request Arbitration and make said application to the NJ PERC within the above period of time shall constitute an absolute bar to such Arbitration unless the Superintendent and the Association shall mutually agree upon, in writing, a longer time period within which to assert such a demand.

- (b) The Superintendent may also request Arbitration concerning any dispute regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement. The time limits applicable to the Association are also applicable to the Superintendent.
- (c) The Arbitrator shall have no power or authority to add to, subtract from, change, or modify any of the terms of this Agreement.
- (d) The Arbitrator so selected shall confer with the Superintendent and the Association and hold hearings promptly, and the Arbitrator shall issue his/her written decision not later than twenty (20) calendar days from the close of hearings, or, if oral hearings have been waived, then from the date that the final statements and proofs are submitted to him/her. The Arbitrator's decision shall be in writing and shall set forth his/her findings of fact, reasoning, and conclusions on the issue submitted. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be submitted to the Superintendent and the Association and shall be final and binding on both parties.
- (e) The costs for the services of the Arbitrator, including per diem expenses, if any, and the cost of the hearing room, if any, shall be borne equally between the parties. Any other expenses incurred shall be paid by the party incurring the expense.

ARTICLE IV

TEACHER RIGHTS

A. Pursuant to Chapter 123, Public Laws 1974, the Board hereby agrees that every employee of the Board shall have the right to freely organize, join, and support the Association and its affiliates for the purpose of engaging in collective negotiations. The Board undertakes and agrees that it shall not directly or indirectly discourage or deprive or coerce any teacher in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by Chapter 123, Public Laws, 1974, or other laws of New Jersey or the Constitutions of New Jersey and the United States; that it shall not discriminate

against any teacher with respect to terms and conditions of employment by reason of his membership in the Association and its affiliates, his participation in any activities of the Association and its affiliates, his participation in collective negotiations with the Board, or his institution of any grievance, complaint or proceeding under this Agreement.

- B. The Association agrees that teachers have professional and statutory obligations. The Association will undertake during the life of this Agreement that the Association will not condone violation of any such obligation by an employee in the bargaining unit.
- C. Whenever any teacher is required to appear before the Superintendent, the Board, or any committee or member thereof concerning any matter which could adversely affect the continuation of that teacher in his office, position or employment or the salary or any increments pertaining thereto, then he shall be given prior written notice of the reasons for such meeting or interview and shall be entitled to have a representative of the Association present to advise him and represent him during such meeting or interview.
- D. No teacher shall be prevented from wearing regular membership pins or other identification of membership in the Association or its affiliates of the size normally used as tie tacks, lapel pins, or charms on bracelets.
- E. No employee shall be disciplined, reprimanded, reduced in rank or compensation without just cause. Any such action asserted by the Board, or any agent or representative thereof, shall be subject to the grievance procedure, provided however, that no disciplinary action for which a statutory form of relief is provided, including, but not limited to tenure charges, increment withholdings, and non-renewal of-non-tenured teachers shall be subject to these provisions.

ARTICLE V

ASSOCIATION RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

- A. The Association and its representatives shall have the right to use school buildings at all reasonable hours for meetings. The business administrator shall be notified in advance of the time and place of all such meetings. If the room requested is occupied, other arrangements must be made. No approval shall be required.
- B. The Association shall have the right to use school facilities and equipment; including computers, copy machines, other duplicating equipment, calculating machines, and all types of audio-visual equipment at reasonable times, when such equipment is not otherwise in use. The Association shall pay for the reasonable cost of all materials and supplies incident to such use.
- C. The Association shall have, in each school building, the exclusive use of a bulletin board in each faculty lounge and teachers' dining room. The Association shall also be assigned

adequate space on the bulletin board in the central office for Association notices. Copies of all materials to be posted on such bulletin boards shall be given to the building principal, but no approval shall be required.

- D. The Association shall have the right to use the inter-school mail facilities, school mail boxes, and District e-mails as it deems necessary and without the approval of building principals or other members of the administration.
- E. The Association shall be granted permission to speak at all orientation programs for new teachers.
- F. The Association president shall be released from two teaching periods per day to attend to Association affairs. In the event the president of the Association is an elementary school teacher for whom no free period is scheduled, the president shall designate an alternate secondary teacher to be released on the same basis as above.
- G. (1) All officers and building representatives of the Association shall be relieved of all non-teaching duties. Any increase in the duty cycle for other members of the bargaining unit resulting from this provision is permissible.
 - (2) The number of building representatives shall not be increased beyond the present level which is as follows:

High School	2	Lloyd Road	1
Middle School	2	Cliffwood	1
Cambridge Park	1	Strathmore	1
Ravine Drive	1		

ARTICLE VI

TEACHING HOURS AND TEACHING LOAD

A. Scheduling within the workday shall be at the discretion of the Board provided that in no case shall the amount of preparation time and lunch time be diminished as set forth in the contract.

(1) Preschool Elementary Teachers

(a) The workday for Preschool teachers shall be six (6) hours and forty-five (45) minutes. This is inclusive of arrival and dismissal. No Preschool teacher shall be scheduled to report for duty less than five (5) minutes prior to the start of the Preschool students' day. No Preschool teacher shall be dismissed earlier than ten (10) minutes after the end of the Preschool students' school day. The instructional minutes at the Preschool level shall be comprised of no less than six (6) hours of a comprehensive educational component in accordance with New Jersey

law which is defined as the time students are engaged with a certified teacher during the course of the day which is inclusive of student arrival and dismissal time.

(b) Preschool teachers shall have five (5) forty-five (45) minute preparation periods per week. Preschool teachers shall have a daily, duty free lunch period of forty-five (45) minutes. These forty-five (45) minutes are included in the six (6) hours of a comprehensive educational component as referenced in "(a)" above. On all four and one-half (4 and ½ hour) work days, Preschool teachers shall be provided a duty free lunch period of twenty-seven (27) minutes.

(2) Elementary-School Teachers

- (a) The in-school work day for elementary school teachers shall be six (6) hours and forty-five (45) minutes. Effective July 1, 2022, the in-school workday for elementary teachers shall consist of two hundred forty (240) instructional minutes, one (1) forty (40) minute duty free lunch, and one (1) forty (40) minute preparation period. An additional preparation period shall be included per week. It is further provided that no teacher shall be scheduled to report for duty less than (5) minutes prior to the pupils' school day, nor will teachers be dismissed earlier than ten (10) minutes after the pupils' school day, which is included in the six (6) hour and forty-five (45) minutes.
- (b) Elementary school teachers shall have six (6) forty minute preparation periods per week.
- (c) Elementary school teachers shall be provided a daily duty free lunch period of forty (40) minutes. The Superintendent and the Association shall meet to discuss and consider possible ways to provide elementary school teachers with breaks on half days.
- (d) K-3 school, and Grade 4 and Grade 5 homeroom teachers shall be assigned fifteen (15) minutes of AM duty per day and not more than four (4) twenty minute PM duties per week. This duty shall be limited to the supervision of students upon their arrival and dismissal from school and during homeroom. Non-homeroom elementary school teachers shall be assigned ten (10) minutes of AM duty per day and not more than fifteen (15) minutes of PM duty. This duty shall be limited to the supervision of students upon their arrival and dismissal from school. Elementary school teachers, not assigned six (6) instructional periods per day, may be assigned an administrative assignment consisting of lunch/recess duty, classroom coverage, office coverage, project period or detention duty. This duty assignment shall be implemented uniformly throughout the district. A flex time option will be offered. With the consent of the staff member, a non-instructional administrative assignment may be scheduled prior to or after the teacher workday if a commensurate adjustment is made to that teacher's workday. Examples of this assignment include but are not limited to AM detention and before or after school homework club.

(3) Middle School Teachers

(a) The in-school work day for middle school teachers shall be six (6) hours and fifty-four (54) minutes. It is further provided that no teacher shall be scheduled to report for duty less

than ten (10) minutes prior to the pupils' school day, nor will teachers be dismissed earlier than ten (10) minutes after the pupils' school day, which is included in the six (6) hour and fifty-four (54) minutes.

- (b) Effective July 1, 2024, the middle school teacher workday shall consist of a maximum of two hundred twenty-two (222) instructional minutes (which will include an advisory period), one (1) sixty-eight (68) minute preparation block or two (2) thirty-four (34) minute preparation periods, a thirty-four (34) minute duty free lunch period and a thirty-four (34) minute non-instructional duty. This duty shall be limited to hall duty, office coverage, study halls, vocational homeroom, student arrival and dismissal, breakfast duty, lunch duty (which will not be assigned (2) years in a row unless requested by the staff member), supervision in the library and computer labs, IEP and I&RS meetings, and collaborative planning. Teachers on study hall duty will provide non-instructional support to students who need assistance. This support includes guidance and directions towards educational resources. A flex time option will be offered. With the consent of the staff member, a non-instructional administrative assignment may be scheduled prior to or after the teacher workday if a commensurate adjustment is made to that teacher's workday. Examples of this assignment include but are not limited to AM detention and before or after school homework club. The remaining time in the workday shall consist of tour passing time between blocks, and non-contact time to be utilized before and after the pupils' school day. Middle school teachers assigned AM/PM bus/hall duty shall receive an additional thirty-four (34) minutes of preparation time per day. Middle school teachers who have four (4) or more course preparations, based on the course number, shall have one (1) less duty period per week.
- (c) Middle School teachers shall have a responsibility to help ensure the safety of students during passing time.

(4) High School Teachers

- a. The in-school workday for high school teachers shall be seven (7) hours and three (3) minutes. It is further provided that no teacher shall be scheduled to report for duty less than ten (10) minutes prior to the pupils' school day, nor will teachers be dismissed earlier than four (4) minutes after the pupils' school day, which is included in the seven(7) hours and three (3) minutes.
- b. Effective July 1, 2022, the high school teacher workday shall consist of two hundred thirty-five (235) instructional minutes, one (1) forty-seven (47) minute period of duty per day, one (1) forty-seven (47) minute duty free lunch period and one (1) forty-seven (47) minute preparation period. This duty period shall be limited to hall duty, office coverage, study hall, vocational homeroom, student arrival and dismissal, breakfast duty, lunch duty (which will not be assigned two (2) years in a row unless requested by the staff member), supervision in the library and computer labs, IEP and I&RS meetings, and collaborative planning. A flex time option will be offered. With the consent of the staff member, a non-instructional administrative assignment may be scheduled prior to or after the teacher workday if a commensurate adjustment is made to that teacher's workday. Examples of this assignment include but are not limited to AM detention and before or after school homework club. The remaining time in the workday

consists of passing time, a five (5) minute homeroom period, and non-contact time to be utilized before and after the pupils' school day. High school teachers who have four (4) or more course preparations, based on the course number, shall have one (1) less duty period per week.

- c. High School teachers shall have a responsibility to help ensure the safety of students during passing time.
- (5) In addition the teachers' normal workday, teachers may be required to attend professional meetings beyond the workday up to a maximum of sixteen (16) hours annually. The hours for such professional meetings shall be no more than eight (8) in each semester. Whenever possible, except in cases of an emergency, teachers will be given forty-eight (48) hours notice along with an agenda covering the purpose of such meetings. Teachers are also required to complete an additional fifteen (15) hours of professional development within the District, including activities addressing State and Federally-mandated trainings, State-mandated teacher evaluation requirements, new District initiatives, and teacher-directed Professional Learning Community ("PLC") activities. These thirty (30) hours do not include professional development days organized by the District. Effective July 1, 2018, each year of this agreement, the Board will provide two (2) hours of Wellness Education. One (1) of the two (2) hours will be utilized from the professional meetings. The other hour will be utilized from the teachers fifteen (15) professional development hours.
- B. The Board agrees that it should establish reasonable hours and loads in each level of the school system and shall endeavor to do so with the understanding that the administration will have the right in emergencies to go beyond the limits it established and will notify the Association of the reasons therefore.
 - C. (1) The teacher work year shall consist of 187 days.
- (2) Effective July 1, 2015, for all Preschool through and including Grade 8 schools in the District, a four (4) hour session for students will be scheduled at the end of the 1st Marking Period, and a four (4) hour session for students will be scheduled at the end of the 2nd Marking Period. The remainder of the workday shall be used for self-directed teacher grading and record keeping.
- (3) Make-up days due to schools closing on account of inclement weather shall be scheduled as full school days before June 1. Make-up days shall be scheduled as half-days after June 1. In years when February vacation is included in the calendar, the first three (3) make-up days shall be scheduled during the February vacation. The next two (2) make-up days if needed, shall be scheduled in June. Any additional make-up days which may be needed shall be scheduled before June.
- D. At the discretion of the Board, the non-teaching duty period may be used as an alternate instructional period, but shall not be used as a regularly scheduled classroom period, or for compensatory education purposes, and shall not be solely used to reduce the number of teaching positions within the District. This period shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the Administration.

- E. Effective July 1, 2015, at the discretion of the Board, at the middle and high school, two (2) parent teacher conferences may be scheduled in the evening during the normal school year for a duration of not more than three (3) hours per evening. At the discretion of the Board, at the preschool and all elementary schools two (2) parent teacher conferences may be scheduled in the evening during the normal school year for a duration of not more than three (3) and one-half (1/2) hours per evening. On the days of such evening conferences, afternoon schedules will be suspended after four (4) hours of work.
- F. Effective July 1, 2022, teachers in all District buildings are required to attend one (1) Back to School Night. In exchange for the required attendance at this one (1) Back to School Night, the Board agrees to schedule a four (4) hour workday during the course of each school year,
- G. Effective July 1, 2022, all teachers' (Preschool, Elementary, Middle, High School) 1st workday of school year is designated as ½ of the day for room set-up/preparation and ½ of the day for Professional Development. The Professional Development shall be coordinated and scheduled by the District's administration.
 - H. Teachers shall be entitled to sixty (60) minutes of lunch/prep (combined) on full in service days with no students.

ARTICLE VII

TEACHER FACILITIES

A. An air conditioning unit will be installed in each faculty room.

ARTICLE VIII

SPECIALISTS

- A. The Board recognizes that the teaching loads of specialist teachers should be educationally optimal and will endeavor to meet this obligation within the limits of its available resources.
- B. Occupational Therapists, Speech Language Specialists, Speech Language Pathologists, Guidance Counselors (including Substance Abuse Coordinators ("SAC"), Child Study Team Members and Behaviorists:
- 1. The length of the workdays including lunch and preps, for occupational therapists, speech language specialists, speech language pathologists, guidance counselors (including SACs), child study team members and behaviorists will be the same as all other teachers based on the building they are assigned.

- a. Occupational therapists, speech language specialists, speech language pathologists, guidance counselors (including SACs), child study team members and behaviorists working at the Preschool shall work six (6) hours and fifty-five (55) minutes.
- b. Occupational therapists, speech language specialists, speech language pathologists, guidance counselors, (including SACs), child study team members and behaviorists working at the elementary schools shall work six (6) hours and forty-five (45) minutes.
- c. Occupational therapists, speech language specialists, speech language pathologists, guidance counselors (including SACS), child study team members and behaviorists working at the middle school shall work six (6) hours and fifty-four (54) minutes.
- d. Occupational therapists, speech language specialists, speech language pathologists, guidance counselors (including SACs), child study team members and behaviorists working at the high school shall work seven (7) hours and three (3) minutes.
- 2. All occupational therapists, speech language specialists, speech language pathologists, guidance counselors (including SACS), child study team members and behaviorists shall be exempt from all duty assignments so they may attend to professional responsibilities.
- 3. With the consent of the occupational therapist, speech language specialist, speech language pathologist, guidance counselor (including SACs), child study team member and behaviorist, a flex schedule may be implemented. If a flex schedule is implemented, the professional responsibilities time referenced above shall remain a part of the workday.
- 4. All occupational therapists, speech language specialists, and speech language pathologists shall be required to have 200 minutes of case management/testing/Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) time built into their weekly (5 day) schedules. Should the work week be shorter than five (5) days, the amount of time shall be calculated using the number of days in the week multiplied by forty (40).
- 5. Should an occupational therapist, speech language specialist, speech language pathologist, guidance counselor (including SACs), child study team member or behaviorist miss a prep to attend an IEP meeting or for the purpose of making up missed instruction, he/she shall be paid at the negotiated overload rate listed in Article XIV. It is understood that compensation for missing a prep will be provided as long as there is no availability to make up the missed prep in the occupational therapist's, speech language specialist's, speech language pathologist's, guidance counselor's (including SAC's), child study team member's or behaviorist's schedule during the week in which the prep was missed.
- C. The following titles shall be paid \$50.00 per hour for all work performed during the District's Extended School Year ("ESY") programming during the 24-25 school year. The following titles shall be paid \$51.83 per hour for all work performed during the District's Extended School Year ("ESY") programming during the remaining years of the contract.

ESY Teachers
Child Study Team Members
Behaviorists
Physical Therapists
Occupational Therapists
Speech Language Specialists
Speech Language Pathologists

D. Nurses will be required to work three (3) flex days during the month of August before the start of the school year at the discretion of the building administrator. Each workday will be four (4) hours in length and exclude lunch. Start times for each nurse will be agreed to with each building administrator and will be paid at the nurse's per diem hourly rate via voucher.

A nurse's inability to work any or all of these three days will not be subjected to any disciplinary action. Nurses will not be allowed to utilize sick or personal days during this period. All three (3) days shall be reserved for registration and health office administrative duties, which may include, but are not limited to, reviewing immunizations for compliance and organizing individual student health information.

The flex days shall occur during the two weeks preceding the start of the school year and do not necessarily have to be consecutive. The school nurse reserves the right to determine the three (3) days but dates and start times will be approved by each building administrator via email the week in advance she/he will be entering the school building for the three (3) four (4) hour flex days.

ARTICLE IX

TEACHER EMPLOYMENT

- A. Teachers shall be notified of their contract and salary status for the ensuing year no later than May 15th.
- B. Regarding Board decisions on employee non-renewals, upon request, non-renewed employees shall be entitled to receive a statement of reasons for the non-renewal and hearing before the Board of Education. Regarding Board decisions on terminations, upon request, terminated employees shall be entitled to receive a statement of reasons for the termination.

ARTICLE X

SALARIES

- A. (1) The salaries of all teachers, nurses, and Child Study Team members covered by this Agreement are set forth in Schedule A-1 which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- (2) Salary guide column changes, based upon newly earned degrees or credits shall be effective on February 1 of each calendar year, where full documentation is submitted to the administration by January 15th of the same year. This shall in no way affect the practice of granting column change credit for September 15th payrolls which are fully documented by September 1 of each year.
- (3) Effective July 1, 2022, the Athletic Trainer title is an eleven (11) month position, but salary payments will be paid over a twelve (12) month period. The calculation for computing the athletic trainer's salary will be as follows: Schedule A-1 Salary divided by 10 multiplied by 11.

B. EXTRA-CURRICULAR COMPENSATION:

Compensation for extra-curricular activities shall be made in a check separate from the regular payroll checks. Compensation rates and schedules shall be listed as Schedule A-2. Any vouchers for extracurricular work submitted after June 30th shall not be paid until the following school year. Any vouchers submitted July 1st or after will not be paid until the following July 15th of the next school year.

Stipends for seasonal sports/activities (those lasting less than the entire school year) shall be paid in two (2) equal installments. The first (1^{st}) installment shall be paid halfway through the sport/activity, and the second (2^{nd}) installment shall be paid at the conclusion of the sport/activity.

C. The mileage allowance paid to employees shall be in accordance with applicable State law.

D. PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Option. #1: An employee is eligible for a perfect attendance monetary incentive if the employee has perfect attendance in any school year (i.e., not absent for a single day of the defined number of days in the work year). The employee shall receive a payment of \$550.00. Such payment shall be made in the 1st pay period of the following school year after perfect attendance is achieved.

Option #2: An employee is eligible for a perfect attendance monetary incentive if the employee uses no sick, personal, family illness days, or any other leave of absence in any school year. However, an employee is allowed to use one (1) bereavement leave for a maximum of five (5) days and still be eligible to receive the perfect attendance monetary incentive. The

employee shall receive a payment of \$450.00. Such payment shall be made in the 1st pay period of the following school year after perfect attendance is achieved.

ARTICLE XI

TEACHER ASSIGNMENT

A. All teachers shall be given written notice of their salary schedules, class and/or subject assignments, building assignments and room assignments for the forthcoming year not later than the day before the last day of school.

Assignments may be changed thereafter only for legitimate educational or operational reasons, such as an increase/decrease in enrollment, a late notification of a retirement or leave of absence, to meet statutory regulation, etc. When a change, in that assignment is necessary, the administration shall immediately notify the teacher and the Association in writing of the change and the reasons for that change. A teacher who is reassigned shall be provided with proper training (Reading Workshop, Writer's Workshop, training regarding the implementation of new curriculum, review of safety procedures in shops, labs, home economics, etc.) if necessary. Furthermore, teachers shall not be observed/evaluated in a course to which they have been reassigned for a period of at least thirty (30) calendar days.

B. When a new teacher is hired with the same certification and for the same position as a previously hired "replacement teacher," the new teacher will be considered the replacement teacher and the previously-hired teacher is now considered non-replacement.

ARTICLE XII

TEACHER EVALUATION

- A. (1) All monitoring or observation of the work performance of a teacher shall be conducted openly and with the full knowledge of the teacher. During a classroom or workplace observation/evaluation, whether formal or informal, no tape recorders, videotape equipment, computers, telephones, or any other device with video or audio recording capability shall be used to record the staff members without their permission.
- (2) The teacher shall be notified of any pre-observation conference, when applicable, no fewer than two (2) school days prior to the conference, and the observation shall occur within seven (7) days of the initial notification. A pre-conference and observation shall not occur on the same school day. A teacher shall be given a copy of any class observation report, including the performance rating, prepared by his/her evaluators no later than ten (10) school days following the class visit and at least one (1) school day before any post-observation conference. Announced observations shall be conducted during a mutually agreed upon time by the observing administrator and the staff member being observed.

If a report cannot be completed within this time frame, the teacher shall be notified by the evaluator, and the report should be completed no later than five (5) school days after the due date. No observation report shall be submitted to central office, placed in the teacher's file, or otherwise acted upon until ten (10) school days following the post-observation conference with the teacher. No teacher shall be required to sign a blank or incomplete observation form. In the event a teacher wishes to attach any comments to the observation form, such comments must be submitted no later than ten (10) school days following the conference and attached both physically and uploaded electronically. Specific suggestions as to measures which the employee might take to improve his/her performance in each of the areas wherein weaknesses have been indicated, citing specific domains and components/indications, shall be included in this report.

There shall be at least thirty (30) calendar days between the time one observation is completed, including the post-observation conference, and the submission of any responses and the start date of the subsequent observation.

- (3) All teachers shall be provided training in the evaluation model being utilized. Teachers shall be provided with all materials being used in the formal and informal evaluation processes by the first work day of the school year. All materials include any criteria, forms (electronic or non-electronic), or other documents. Teachers will be given prior notice of any changes during the course of the year.
- (4) Any Corrective Action Plan ("CAP") shall be developed collaboratively by the teaching staff member and his/her supervisor. The CAP must define the teacher's responsibilities as well as the district's and supervisors'/administrators' responsibilities in helping the teacher address any identified deficiencies. The CAP shall be established for a period of not less than one (1) year in order to provide the individual teacher with sufficient time and resources to address the identified deficiency or deficiencies. Every teacher with a CAP shall be provided regular and continuous District support about his/her progress.
 - (5) No teaching staff member or teacher member of the School Improvement Panel (SCIP) shall be permitted to evaluate or participate in the evaluation in any way whatsoever, of any teacher or develop any CAP. No non-certificated staff member shall be permitted to evaluate, or participate in the evaluation process in any way whatsoever, of a teacher. Only duly certificated supervisors and/or duly certificated administrators shall be allowed to evaluate a teacher or develop a CAP.
 - (6) The duration and frequency of observations for teachers are governed by the current, applicable law set forth in the TEACHNJ Act, P.L. 2012, Ch. 26 and the standards set forth in "Achieve NJ", the State's educator evaluation and Support System.
 - B. (1) Except for recommendations which shall be sealed, a teacher has the right to examine his or her file at reasonable times and to attach comments as a part of the permanent record to any item with which he disagrees. Any comments with respect to a class visit or evaluation report will be made in accordance with Section A.2 of this Article. The principal or his representative shall be present at all such examinations of files.

- (2) Copies of all items to be included in a teacher's file, except for recommendations, shall be given to the teacher. All items to be included in a teacher's file, except for recommendations, must be dated and initialed by both the principal and the teacher. The teacher's initials do not necessarily signify agreement with the contents of the documents and the teacher shall be permitted to enter an explanation or contradiction to the material contained in the file.
- C. (1) Any complaints regarding a teacher made to any member of the administration by any parent, student, or other person and of which a notation is placed in the file shall be promptly called to the attention of the teacher. The teacher shall be given an opportunity to respond to and/or rebut such complaint, and shall have the right to be represented by the Association at any other meetings of conferences regarding such complaint at which disciplinary action may be contemplated.

ARTICLE XIII EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

All employee benefits presently existing and unchanged by this Agreement shall remain in effect for the life of the Agreement.

ARTICLE XIV

SUBSTITUTES

A. Teachers shall not be required to substitute in periods in which they would otherwise be free except in emergencies, when they shall be paid at the rate of \$45 per period. If a block period is covered at the Middle School, the rate is \$90.00.

Teachers with long term overloads shall receive compensation even when absent as long as said teachers continue to submit lesson plans, grade tests and perform other related classroom responsibilities. Therefore, these teachers will not be required to submit monthly vouchers. The calculation for compensation for a long term overload is as follows:

Employee's Salary \div 200 days * board approved percentage * number of workdays in the overload following the district approved calendar.

ARTICLE XV

PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A. A Professional Relations Committee shall be established composed of equal numbers of representatives of the Administration and the Association which may discuss any question of a professional nature which either party wishes to raise; whose decisions, when reached, shall be nonbinding but may give rise to recommendations to the Board or other appropriate bodies. In the event that a question remains unsettled after discussion, either party may inform the Board of the disagreement, its views and reasons, so long as the other party receives a copy of such communication. Members shall be selected by each party without veto by the other. A sub-committee of appropriate size shall be established for each school.

ARTICLE XVI

MAINTENANCE OF CLASSROOM CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE

- A. (1) A definition of the duties and responsibilities of all administrators, coordinators, supervisors and other personnel pertaining to student discipline shall be reduced to writing by the Superintendent and presented to each teacher at the start of each school year.
- B. (1) Each school building shall have a Faculty Advisory Board that collaborates and discusses procedures, protocols, and practices to improve school culture and climate. The procedures, protocols, and practices shall be subject to the approval of the building principal and the Superintendent prior to implementation.

ARTICLE XVII

INSURANCE PROTECTION

A. (1) Effective July 1, 2018, for all existing employees, the Board will continue to pay all premiums for full family coverage, including domestic partner, under the present plan. The Board shall provide the Horizon Direct Access 15 Plan for medical. Pursuant to Chapter 78 of the Laws of the State of New Jersey, the Board will collect all required health care contributions as defined therein using the Premium Sharing Charts found in Appendix A. This includes \$100.00 ER visitation on both the Direct 15 and Direct 15/25 Plans.

The Board shall establish a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.

Employees who submit proof to the Board and the MAREA of substitute coverage shall be permitted to waive medical and prescription insurance coverage. The Board shall offer an incentive payment for a complete waiver of both medical and prescription coverage in the amount of twenty-five percent (25%) of the premium savings of the Plans, but not to exceed \$5,000.00 to the employee who can establish that he/she has already secured coverage. The

calculation for computing the complete waiver will be as follows and will be based on the annual NJEHP premiums for medical/prescription insurance: (medical*25%).

Should any employee fail to submit an insurance waiver and a letter showing proof of alternate insurance coverage before or at open enrollment, the waiver shall be forfeited, and the employee will be enrolled in the NJEHP single coverage plan. Payments for waiver shall be made in two (2) equal installments in January and June of the school year for which coverage was waived. Employees will have the right to opt in/out of the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan each year by following the established procedure.

In the event the Board seeks to change carriers during the course of the Agreement, the Board must provide equal to or better coverage for the benefit plan then in effect.

- (2) The Horizon Direct Access 20/30 Plan shall be the base plan for all employees hired between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2020. Employee premium sharing will be based upon the Premium Sharing Charts found in Appendix A. Pursuant to P.L. 2020, c.44 ("Chapter 44") of the Law of the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Educators Health Plan ("NJEHP") shall be the base plan for all employees hired on or after July 1, 2020.
- (3) Effective July 1, 2018, all existing employees who elect the Horizon Direct Access 20/30 plan or any plan at or below the premium cost of the Horizon Direct Access 20/30 plan will have their premium sharing based on the Premium Sharing Chart found in Appendix A.
- (4.) All employees who elect the NJEHP shall have their contributions collected in accordance with Chapter 44.
- B. Effective July 1, 2022, the Board will continue to pay all premiums to provide to each employee for the duration of this Agreement the New Jersey Dental Service Plan (known as the Delta Incentive Plan) family coverage, including domestic partner. The base plan for dental coverage shall be the Delta Dental Preferred Plan. The Delta Dental Preferred Plan maximum accumulated benefit shall be at least \$2000 of coverage per year and will have orthodontic coverage for up to 50% but not to exceed \$2000 for each employee and those who are covered under the Delta Dental Preferred Plan.

Employees shall have the option to buy up to the Delta Dental Premier Plan. If an employee chooses to buy up to the Delta Dental Premier Plan, the employee is solely responsible for the difference in costs between the Delta Dental Preferred Plan and the Delta Dental Premier Plan. This cost will be taken from the employee in equal installments over twenty (20) pay periods. The Delta Dental Premier Plan maximum accumulated benefit shall be \$2000 of coverage per year and no orthodontic coverage will be provided for this plan.

The dental cap for both the Delta Dental Preferred Plan and the Delta Dental Premier Plan shall be fixed at the rates in effect on June 30, 2028, which shall reflect the full actual costs to the Board of the benefit for each employee. As part of the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service, employees who submit proof to the Board and Matawan Aberdeen Regional Education Association of substitute coverage shall be permitted to waive dental insurance coverage in return for a \$100 payment. Submission of proof and request to waive coverage must be completed on or before May 1, in the school year prior to the waiver. Payments for waiver shall be made in two equal installments in January and June of the school year for which coverage was waived. Employees will have the right to opt in/out of the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan each year by following the established procedure. In the event the Board seeks to change carriers during the course of this agreement, the Board must provide equal to or better coverage for the benefit plan then in effect.

- C. (1) The Board will replace the direct optical reimbursement of \$200 with the Optical Vision Plan. The Optical Vision Plan premiums will be paid by the board for up to family coverage, including domestic partner. This is a hardware-only policy and eye exams remain with medical policies. The employee will have the right to opt in/out of the plan each year by following the established procedure. No substitute coverage or waiver payment will be permitted if an employee chooses to opt-out. In the event the Board seeks to change carriers during the course of this agreement, the Board must provide equal to or better coverage for the benefit plan then in effect.
- (2) The Board will pay all premiums for full family coverage, including domestic partner, for mandatory generic prescription card with required co-payments of \$3.00 for generic drugs, \$10.00 for preferred drugs and \$5.00 for generic drugs and \$15 for preferred drugs for mail order. The Board shall provide the coverage through BeneCard. Major medical coverage of prescription co-pay amounts shall not be provided. In the event the Board seeks to change carriers during the course of the agreement, the Board must provide equal to or better coverage for the benefit plan then in effect.
- D. Any employee on an authorized unpaid sick leave of absence shall continue to have his/her health benefits (medical, dental, prescription, and optical plans) premiums paid for by the Board while on such an authorized sick leave in accordance with Chapter 78, using the Premium Sharing Chart found in Appendix A.
- E. Any employee who has opted into a section 125 Cafeteria Plan is allowed to carry over \$500.00 per year to a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan (effective January 1, 2016).

ARTICLE XVIII DEDUCTIONS FROM SALARY

A. Membership Dues:

1. The Board agrees to deduct from the salaries of its employees dues for the Matawan Aberdeen Regional Education Association, the Monmouth County Education

- Association, the New Jersey Education Association, and the National Education Association, or any one of any combinations of such Associations.
- 2. Such deductions shall be made in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-7. Said monies, together with records of any corrections, shall be transmitted to such person as may from time to time be designated by the MAREA by the fifteenth (15th) of each month following the monthly pay period in which deductions were made. The MAREA Treasurer shall disperse such monies to the appropriate association or associations. Employee authorizations shall be in writing using the appropriate form.
- 3. Each of the associations named in A.1 shall certify to the Board, in writing, the current rate of its membership dues. Any association which shall change the rate of its membership dues shall give the Board written notice prior to the effective date of such change.
- 4. Additional authorization for dues deduction may be received after August 1 under rules established by the State Department of Education.
- 5. The filing of notice of an employee's withdrawal shall be prior to December 1 and become effective to halt deductions as of January 1 next succeeding the date on which notice of withdrawal is filed.
- B. Teachers shall have the right to have deductions made from their salaries upon written authorization for deposit in their account in the First Financial Credit Union.
- C. Payroll deductions for Tax Sheltered Annuity Programs shall be provided for those teachers expressing an interest in participating in such a program. No more than one (1) change may be made in this selection per school year. This deduction is in addition to the deduction permissible for participation in the Supplemental Annuity Plan of the T.P.A.F.

ARTICLE XIX

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. This Agreement constitutes Board policy for the term of said Agreement, and the Board shall carry out the commitments contained herein and give them full force and effect as Board policy.
- B. If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is held to be contrary to law, then such provisions or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting, except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions or applications shall continue in full force and effect.

- C. Any individual contract between the Board and an individual teacher, heretofore or hereafter executed, shall be subject to and consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. If an individual contract contains any language inconsistent with this Agreement, this Agreement, during its duration, shall be controlling.
- D. The Board agrees to furnish to the Association, in response to reasonable requests from time to time, all publicly available information concerning the financial resources of the District, including but not limited to: annual financial reports and audits, register of certificated personnel, tentative budgets when adopted, agendas and minutes of all Board meetings, school census data when available, and names and addresses of all teachers. It is understood that this paragraph does not require the Board or any of its representatives to deliver any document in the nature of a working paper.
- E. Representatives of the Association, the New Jersey Education Association, the National Education Association shall be permitted to transact official Association business, on school property at all reasonable times, provided that this shall not interfere with or interrupt normal school operations.
- F. The rights and privileges of the Association and its representatives, as set forth in this Agreement, shall be granted only to the Association for the life of the contract and for so long as it is the majority representative and to no other organization.
- G. Copies of this Agreement shall be posted on the District's website within thirty (30) days after the Agreement is signed. If any employee wants a printed copy of this Agreement, that employee is permitted to print one (1) copy of the Agreement using District equipment and supplies.
- H. Whenever any notice is required to be given by either of the parties to this Agreement to the other, pursuant to the provision(s) of this Agreement, either party shall do so by e-mail with a read receipt, facsimile, or lawyer service, or registered letter at the following addresses:
 - (1) If by Association, to Board at 1027 Route 34 Aberdeen, NJ 07747.
 - (2) If by Board, to Association at Aberdeen Townsquare Shopping Center, 1075 B Highway 34, Aberdeen, NJ 07747.
- I. Employees shall be permitted to submit claims to the Board for damage to personal property as a result of actions taken by others on school grounds against the employee's property. The Board agrees to review the employee's claim for such losses; and subject to the employee's verification as to the cause of the damage, the Board shall determine the appropriate level of reimbursement.

ARTICLE XX

TERMINAL LEAVE

- A. Terminal leave shall be granted to all teachers with thirty (30) years of service in the District as of July 1, 2005 retiring after ten (10) years of continuous service in the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District in an amount equivalent to one-half (½) month's salary providing that said teachers meet the following conditions:
- (1) That they are members of a New Jersey State Plan that provides a pension based on their school district employment.
- (2) That they have applied for and received approval for retirement benefits from said plan.

This payment shall be made to the individual's 403(b) or 457 plan.

- B. The payment for unused sick leave earned in the district shall be granted to all teachers retiring after ten (10) years of continuous service in the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District in the amount of fifty-five (\$55.00) dollars per day. This payment shall be made to the individual's 403(b) or 457 plan.
 - C. In the event an employee with at least ten (10) years of continuous service in the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District dies while employed by the Board, his/her estate shall receive a) terminal leave payments in an amount in accordance with the provisions of Section A of this Article and b) payment for unused sick leave in accordance with the provisions of Section B of this Article.

ARTICLE XXI

ABSENCE AND FORFEITURE OF SALARY

A. NON-PROMOTION IN SALARY BECAUSE OF ABSENCE

A member of the teaching staff who has been absent from school during the previous school year, whether such absence has been excused or not, shall be given credit on the guide for the year in question in accordance with the following schedule:

- (1) Absences up to and including sixty (60) days full credit.
- (2) Absences between sixty one (61) days and one hundred twenty (120) days half step credit.
- (3) Absences in excess of one hundred twenty (120) days no credit.

B. APPROVED REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Teachers shall attend their duties faithfully and shall not be absent therefrom except for personal illness or for other good and sufficient reasons authorized by these Board rules and regulations, or approved by the Superintendent or the Board. Teachers absent from school duty shall forfeit full per diem salary during such absence as hereinafter provided.

C. SICK LEAVE

- (1) Sick leave is hereby defined to mean the absence of his or her post of duty for any of the reasons set forth in NJSA 18A:30.
- (2) A teacher absent from school because of personal illness shall suffer no deduction of pay for each of the first ten (10) days of absence in any school year.
- (3) If any teacher utilizes less than ten (10) days of sick leave in any school year, the number of days not utilized that year shall be accumulated to be used for additional sick leave if needed in subsequent years.
- (4) Teachers shall be given a written accounting of their accumulated sick leave days no later than September 15th of each school year.

D. SICK LEAVE BANK

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:30-10, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education ("Board") and the Matawan Aberdeen Regional Education Association ("MAREA") agreed to the establishment of a Sick Leave Bank ("SLB"). Sick leave drawn from the SLB shall be treated for all purposes as if it were accrued sick leave time of the employee who receives it. No employee shall be required to participate in the SLB. The SLB shall operate under the following provisions as mutually agreed upon by the Board and the MAREA:

1. Review Committee

A Review Committee shall be established by the Board and the MAREA. The Review Committee shall be comprised of six (6) members. The following members shall comprise the Review Committee:

- a. School Business Administrator
- b. Two (2) School Administrators
- c. Three (3) members of the MAREA

Should an MAREA member on the Review Committee request days from the SLB, he/she will be prohibited from any discussions regarding the approval/denial of the same application for usage. Rather, an MAREA Executive Board member shall be chosen by majority of the MAREA Executive Board members. This alternate member shall have the

same authority to review and approve/deny any applications for usage of the SLB as all other members of the Review Committee.

The Review committee shall receive a regular update on the number of days in the SLB not less than every two (2) months (excluding summer break).

The Review Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving or denying SLB requests. All approvals or denials of SLB requests must be voted upon by a majority of the full membership of the Review Committee. In other words, at a minimum, four (4) votes are required to approve or deny all SLB requests.

Only an employee who has exhausted or will exhaust his/her accumulated sick and personal days as a result of a prolonged absence caused by a catastrophic illness or injury will be given consideration for use of the SLB.

As part of its review, the Review Committee will take into account the frequency of intermittent use of sick days over the course of employment by the employee making the request. If an individual employee's request for usage of the SLB is denied, that individual employee retains the right to appeal the decision to the Review Committee, provided he/she presents new and germane information that was not included in the initial request.

Should the Review Committee deny the same request again, the employee will have exhausted his/her final opportunity for receiving days from the SLB for the catastrophic illness or injury for which the days were requested.

Said employee will retain no rights to take legal action. As such, legal action of any kind (including, but not limited to the filing of grievances or any other form of litigation), against the Board of Education (or any of its members individually), MAREA (or any of its members individually), the Administration, or Review Committee members is strictly prohibited.

The Review Committee is responsible for developing an SLB donation and request form. Said forms shall be distributed to employees at the following times:

- 1. Beginning of the year (September 1st through September 10th)
- 2. Upon hire, if after September 10th
- 3. When the SLB fall below fifty (50) days

An individual employee is required to donate to the SLB in order to receive/use donated days from the SLB. The maximum donation to the SLB is one (1) day per school year by each employee who participates in the SLB. If the number of sick leave days available in the SLB ever falls below fifty (50) days (even if the total days available fall below fifty (50) on multiple occasions), each and every time the number falls below fifty (50) days, individual donors may donate one (1) additional day.

The SLB shall never exceed 600 donated days. In order to be eligible to donate to the SLB, a donor must retain a minimum of nine (9) sick leave days after donating to the SLB. All donor contributions shall be voluntary. All contributions will be deducted from the

employee's accumulated sick leave total or from the current year's allotment of personal days. Any days donated shall not be refunded if unused by the end of the year. All donors have been advised, understand, and agree that when sick leave days are donated to the SLB, the sick leave days will be lost for use by the donor in subsequent years. Any sick leave days remaining in the SLB upon completion of the school year shall be used during the following school year.

Each request for usage of the SLB shall be 'limited to ninety (90) work days. Nothing shall prohibit an employee from making additional requests for more days.

An individual employee shall provide a written request for participation in the SLB on the donation and request form ("DRF"). Such DRF shall be provided to the employee by the Superintendent's office. All written requests shall be simultaneously provided on the DRF provided to the Superintendent and the School Business Administrator.

An individual employee's request for usage of the SLB shall include medical verification from a physician regarding the nature and anticipated duration of the personal disability due to the catastrophic illness or injury. If an individual employee is incapable of making and/or completing the written request for participation in the SLB, a family member or other responsible adult is allowed to make the request on the individual employee's behalf. The name of the family member or other responsible adult(s), and all necessary contact information, shall be provided on the written request from submitted to the Superintendent and School Business Administrator.

All documentation submitted by the individual employee, or by a family member or responsible adult, shall become part of the individual employee's permanent, confidential, medical file. Such documentation shall only be viewable by members of the Review Committee, and, if necessary, the Board-approved, District physician. Verification of continued personal disability due to catastrophic illness or injury may be required at reasonable intervals by either or both the Board of Education and/or the Review Committee.

The Review Committee shall render all decisions within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the written request. A completed written request shall contain all components necessary for the Review Committee to render its decision.

If one (1) or more components of a written request is/are missing or incomplete, then the Review Committee shall render its decision within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the corrected and completed written request. All decisions regarding a completed written request are strictly within the authority and discretion of the Review Committee.

E. ON THE JOB INJURY

(1) Whenever any full time employee of the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District is absent from his post of duty as a result of personal injury caused by an accident arising out of and in the course of his employment, such employee shall receive his full salary or wages for the period of such absence for up to one (l) calendar year without having such absence charged to the annual sick leave or the accumulated sick leave.

(2) Any amount of salary or wages paid or payable to the employee pursuant to this policy shall be reduced by the amount of any worker's compensation award made for temporary disability. Salary or wage payments provided by the section shall be made for absence during the waiting period and during the period the employee received or was eligible to receive a temporary disability benefit under Chapter 15 of Title 34 of the Revised Statute.

F. ABSENCE FOR DEATH OF RELATIVE

In case of the death of a parent, stepparent, brother, brother-in-law, step-brother, sister, sister-in-law step-sister, husband, wife, domestic partner, child, stepchild father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, and cousin or a relative who is a member of the immediate household of a teacher, the teacher, shall be excused, without loss of pay provided the absence does not exceed five (5) consecutive school days.

G. ABSENCE BY REASON OF QUARANTINE OR COURT ORDER

A teacher absent from school by reason of quarantine by the Board of Health, or in compliance with the requirements of a subpoena shall not suffer deductions in pay for such absence. The Association agrees that this rule does not apply to subpoenas for attendance at arbitration proceedings. Any employee absent because of a subpoena to appear at a legal proceeding shall suffer no deductions in pay except where the relevant employee is himself/herself a person in interest, either directly or on behalf of another person or organization representing the subpoenaed person in an action against the Board.

H. ABSENCE FOR APPEARANCE BEFORE OR SELECTIVE SERVICE OFFICIALS

No pay shall be deducted for absence for appearance before military or selective service officials concerning draft or enlistment. Such leave will be in addition to sick leave. One (1) day only is to be allowed.

I. ABSENCE IN CASE OF SERIOUS FAMILY ILLNESS / RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE DAYS

In case of absence because of illness of a parent, brother, sister, husband, wife, domestic partner, child, mother-in-law, father-in-law, or a relative who is a member of the immediate household of the teacher, or in the case of religious observance days, the teacher may be excused without loss of pay, provided the absences do not exceed three (3) days in any school year. Note: The total number of days taken for serious family illness and/or religious observance shall not exceed three (3) days in total per school year. For example, an employee can take 2 serious family illness days and 1 religious observance day, 2 religious observance days and 1 serious family illness day, 3 serious family illness days, or 3 religious observance days.

J. PERSONAL DAYS

Teachers shall enjoy two undesignated personal days per year. They shall suffer no loss of pay and no approval shall be required. These days shall be non-accumulative as personal days.

Teachers shall give their principal at least three (3) days' notice. The building principal, in his discretion, may waive the notice requirement in the event of an emergency.

No more than five (5) teachers in an elementary or middle school or ten (10) teachers in the high school may be out on any one day without the prior approval of the principal and the Superintendent.

Any unused undesignated personal days shall be added on to the individual's accumulated sick leave.

K. REPORT OF ABSENCE

A teacher who is absent from duty because of personal illness, death in the family, quarantine, appearance before military or selective service officials, or in compliance with the requirements of a court, shall notify the principal as early as possible, and notification shall be given in advance where possible. A teacher who is absent from duty for any other reason shall first secure permission from the Superintendent through the principal. The teacher shall, in reporting absence for personal illness, communicate to the principal the probable duration of the illness.

A teacher who has been absent for two (2) days or more shall, before the end of the school day prior to the return, notify the principal of his expected return.

L. EXAMNATION

The school physician shall examine all cases of absence for personal illness upon the request of the Superintendent or the Board unless the teacher prefers to arrange for an examination by the teacher's personal physician. If the absence because of personal illness exceeds seven (7) days in a calendar month, certification of such illness by the school physician or by the teacher's personal physician may be required.

ARTICLE XXII LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A. APPROVED REASONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Leaves of absence shall be granted only for the following reasons:

- (1) Personal illness including on-the-job injury.
- (2) Death in the immediate family as defined in Article XXI, Section E.
- (3) Death of relative as defined in Article XXI, Section E.

- (4) Quarantine or court subpoena.
- (5) Maternity/Paternity.
- (6) Personal business
 - May only be used one (1) time per school year, unless there is a documented emergency
 - Personal business leave without pay requests go directly to the superintendent or designee for consideration.

B. LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR PERSONAL ILLNESS

Leave of absence for personal illness may be granted a teacher by the Board. A leave of absence shall not be granted because of personal illness unless the applicant submits the form prescribed by the Board, signed by a regularly licensed Doctor of Medicine, which in all cases shall give such information as will satisfy the Board that the absence is necessary. In case of mouth ailments, the certificate may be signed by a Doctor of Dental Science or Doctor of Dental Surgery.

C. MATERNITY/PATERNITY LEAVE

- (1) The Board shall grant leaves of absence for medical reasons associated with pregnancy and birth to pregnant teachers on the same terms and conditions governing leaves of absence for other illness or medical disabilities as set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A:30-1 et seq. and the rules, regulations and policy statements and this Agreement.
- (2) It is recognized that a teacher's maternity leave application involves both a disability phase and a child care phase. The disability phase is that period of time, both pre-natal and post-natal, during which a physician certifies inability to work. The child care phase is that period of time selected by the teacher which follows the disability phase during which time the teacher voluntarily suspends her teaching career to care for the newborn child. The child care leave shall also be available to an adoptive parent or the father of a newborn infant.
- (a) DISABILITY PHASE: Any tenured or non-tenured teacher seeking a leave of absence on the basis of medical reasons associated with pregnancy or birth shall apply to the Board. At the time of application, which shall be made upon sixty (60) days' notice to the Board, the teacher shall specify in writing, the date on which she wishes to commence leave and the date on which she wishes to return to work after the birth. The Board shall require any teacher to produce a certificate from a physician in support of the requested leave dates. Where medical opinion is supportive of the leave dates requested, such request shall be granted by the Board. It is understood that the disability period as certified jointly by the teacher's and the Board's physicians may be treated as compensable sick leave time at the option of the teacher.
- (b) CHILD CARE PHASE: Where the requested leave dates are beyond the period of disability associated with pregnancy and is for child care purposes as defined above, the tenured teacher shall be granted, at his/her discretion, a leave for up to the balance of the

school year in which the birth or adoption occurred and the entire following school year. Any further extensions of child care leave shall be discretionary with the Board.

The Board need not grant or extend the leave of absence of any non-tenured teacher beyond the end of the Contract school year in which the leave is obtained.

- (3) A teacher returning from pregnancy leave of absence shall be entitled to all benefits to which teachers returning from other types of sick or disability leave would be entitled. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to require the Board to grant tenure to any non-tenured employee who would not otherwise have been granted tenure or to offer a new contract for a new school year to any non-tenured employee who would not have been otherwise offered such a contract.
- (4) No tenured or non-tenured teacher shall be barred from returning to work after the birth of her child solely on the ground that there has not been a stated or prescribed lapse of time between that birth and her desired date of return, except as is provided herein. Nothing contained in this article shall be construed to preclude the Board from requiring any teacher, after birth of her child, to produce a certificate from her physician showing that she is physically capable of resuming her duties.

D. LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR OTHER REASONS

Leave of absence with pay will be granted only for reasons specifically mentioned in this Agreement. A leave of absence with full loss of pay shall be granted for any other emergency or urgent reason upon written application to the building principal. For the protection of the employee and for proper payroll accounting and audit, every absence must be accounted for in writing.

E. LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE

Leave of absence shall be granted for entry into military or naval service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-33.

ARTICLE XXIII

SABBATICAL LEAVE

- A. Sabbatical leave for a full year shall be granted to one (1) teacher per year.
- B. A teacher, in order to be eligible for a sabbatical leave, shall have been employed in the school district for a minimum of seven (7) years at the time the requested leave is to commence. Candidate must be in good standing for prior 3 years (includes good evaluations, good attendance and no discipline letters).

- C. A sabbatical leave shall be granted only for an educational purpose that will enhance opportunities for student learning and strengthen student programs within our district. The teacher shall submit a sabbatical completion form and make it turn key by sharing their learning (without pay) with the school community (e.g., faculty) upon completion of the sabbatical.
- D. A teacher on sabbatical leave shall receive one half of the salary which the teacher would have received had he remained in the district.
- E. The teacher will submit an application in writing on forms provided. The application shall be filed with the Superintendent on or before March 15th of the school year preceding the school year in which the sabbatical leave is to commence. Candidate shall present their reasoning and rationale to the board for sabbatical request prior to board approval. Candidate is entitled to representation when presenting to the board. The sabbatical leave shall be granted on the basis of seniority in the school district. A staff member shall be precluded from taking a second sabbatical leave if another applicant has not previously been granted such a leave.
- F. Subject to limitations provided by law, pension and insurance payments will be deducted from the salary of the teacher while he is on leave, based on one hundred (100%) percent of his contractual salary; and health benefits for the year will be paid as if the teacher were not on leave.
- G. Salary payments will be made on the same basis as the regular staff. Payments will not be made in advance.
 - H. Sick leave shall not accrue while on leave.
- I. In the event of serious and/or lengthy illness which prevents the start or completion of the sabbatical program, the teacher will apply for normal sick leave, and/or other leave, if necessary, at which time the Board's sabbatical salary contribution shall cease.
- J. A teacher who is granted a sabbatical leave shall, upon completion of the sabbatical leave, either return to the district for a school year (according to district approved calendar) or shall reimburse the Board for all salary received while on leave.
 - K. Credit on the salary guide shall be earned by the teacher while on sabbatical leave.

ARTICLE XXIV

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

A. Effective July 1, 2014, teachers will be reimbursed for job or certificate related graduate courses taken and successfully completed. The maximum reimbursement per employee shall be the cost of a three (3) credit graduate course at Rutgers, the State University. Effective

- July 1, 2014, and continuing for the life of the successor collective bargaining agreements, the total tuition reimbursement is \$85,000.00. The parties have developed a procedure and formula for the equitable distribution of the tuition reimbursement pool of money.
- B. In order for a board of education to provide to an employee tuition assistance for coursework taken at an institution of higher education of additional compensation upon the acquisition of additional academic credits or completion of a degree program at an institution of higher education:
 - (1) The institution shall be a duly authorized institution of higher education as defined section 3 of PL,1986, c.87 (C.18A:3-15.3);
 - (2) The employee shall obtain approval from the superintendent of schools prior to enrollment in any course for which tuition assistance is sought. In the event that the superintendent denies the approval, the employee may appeal the denial to the board of education.
 - (3) The tuition assistance or additional compensation shall be provided only for a course or degree related to the employee's current or future job responsibilities.
- C. Actual reimbursement will follow within sixty (60) days of submission of transcript and tuition payment receipts, provided a grade of B or better is attained. In the case of a passfail grading system, pass is acceptable.
- D. In order to avoid a duplication of benefits from public funds those courses taken under the Veterans Benefit Act, National Science Foundation Grants, NDEA grants or other public scholarship and aids shall not apply.

E. Procedure for Tuition Reimbursement

- The total amount allotted to tuition reimbursement shall be divided equally among all applicants for tuition reimbursement.
- Teachers enrolled in courses during the summer, fall and spring semesters must submit their reimbursement form on or before January 15 of the current school year,
- Teachers, who may enroll in any courses that begin in May &/or June that will conclude before June 30, must also submit their request for reimbursement on or before January 15.
- These deadlines are firm and will not be waived.
- The Board shall confirm the amounts to be paid with the Association no later than February 1.
- Actual reimbursement for summer and fall courses shall be made on or about March 1st when the official transcript and tuition payment receipts have been submitted and provided a grade of B or better is attained. In the case of a passfail grading system, pass is acceptable. Actual reimbursement for the spring

courses shall be made within sixty (60) days of submission of official transcript and tuition payment receipts provided a grade of B or better is attained. In the case of a pass-fail grading system, pass is acceptable.

Tuition will only be reimbursed for courses taken from a duly authorized institution of higher learning licensed by the Commission of Higher Education or an out of state institution by the appropriate accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Education or the United States Department of Education.

ARTICLE XXV

MANAGEMENT RIGHTS CLAUSE

- A. The Board, on its own behalf and on the behalf of the electors of the District, hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitations, all powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and of the United States, including but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the right:
- (1) To the executive management and administrative control of the school system and its properties and facilities, and the activities of its employees while said employees are engaged in the performance of their duties.
- (2) To hire all employees and subject to the provisions of the law, to determine their qualifications, and the conditions for their continued employment, or their dismissal or demotion; and to promote, and transfer all such employees, to relieve employees from duty because of lack of work or other legitimate reasons. Where the Board has adopted procedures in the above areas, the Board will follow said procedures.
 - (a) The Board of Education shall have full discretion regarding salary guide placement of new hires.
- (3) To establish grades and courses of instruction, including special programs, and to provide for athletic, recreational, and social events for students, all as deemed necessary or advisable by the Board.
- (4) To decide upon the means and methods of instruction, the selection of textbooks and other teaching materials, and the use of teaching aids of every kind and nature. Where the Board has adopted procedures in the above areas, the Board will follow said procedures.
- (5) To determine class schedules, the hours of instruction, and the duties, responsibilities, and assignments of teachers and other employees with respect thereto.
- (6) To take whatever action maybe, necessary to carry out the mission of the school district in situations of emergency.

- B. The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authorities, duties, and responsibilities by the Board, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations, and practices in furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith shall be limited only by the specific and expressed terms of this Agreement and then only to the extent such specific and expressed terms hereof are in conformance with the Constitution and laws of the State of New Jersey, and the Constitution and laws of the United States.
- C. Nothing contained herein shall be considered to deny or restrict the Board of its rights, responsibilities, and authority under the New Jersey School Laws or any other national, state, county, or local laws or regulations as they pertain to education.

ARTICLE XXVI

NO REPRISAL CLAUSE

A. The Board and the Association mutually agree that there shall be no reprisals of any by either party against any member of the Board, administrator, teacher, parent, student, substitute teacher, or any other employee of the Board or other persons as a result of any action taken by any party of individual during the course of the negotiation process.

ARTICLE XXVII

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

- A. This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2024 and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2028.
 - B. The terms of this Agreement are retroactive to July 1, 2024, except as specified otherwise.
- C. This Agreement shall not be extended orally and it is expressly understood that it shall expire at midnight on June 30, 2028.

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

MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

ATTEST:	
	By:
LINDSEY CASE, Business Administrator/	DIANNA M. PELL, Board President
Board Secretary	
Date:8/a 9/24	Date: 8/29/24
MATAWAN-ABERDEEN	REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
ATTEST:	
Susan Pupple	By: Cin Barlo
SUSAN RIPPLE, Secretary	CASEY BARILKA, President
Date: 8 29 24	Date: 8/29/24

APPENDIX A Premium Sharing Contribution Table

Direct 15 and Direct 15/25

		Direct 15 and D	irect 15/25	*		
Family Coverage		Parent Child/2	2 Adults	Single		
Salary	Percent	Salary	Percent	Salary	Percent	
Under \$25,000	3.00%	Under \$25,000	3.50%	Under \$20,000	4.50%	
\$25,000-\$29,999.99	4.00%	\$25,000-\$29,999.99	4.50%	\$20,000-\$24,999.99	5.50%	
\$30,000-\$34,999.99	5.00%	\$30,000-\$34,999.99	6.00%	\$25,000-\$29,999.99	7.50%	
\$35,000-\$39,999.99	6.00%	\$35,000-\$39,999.99	7.00%	\$30,000-\$34,999.99	10.00%	
\$40,000-\$44,999.99	7.00%	\$40,000-\$44,999.99	8.00%	\$35,000-\$39,999.99	11.00%	
\$45,000-\$49,999.99	9.00%	\$45,000-\$49,999.99	10.00%	\$40,000-\$44,999.99	12.00%	
\$50,000-\$54,999.99	12.00%	\$50,000-\$54,999.99	15.00%	\$45,000-\$49,999.99	14.00%	
\$55,000-\$59,999.99	14.00%	\$55,000-\$59,999.99	17.00%	\$50,000-\$54,999.99	20.00%	
\$60,000-\$64,999.99	17.00%	\$60,000-\$64,999.99	21.00%	\$55,000-\$59,999.99	23.00%	
\$65,000-\$69,999.99	19.00%	\$65,000-\$69,999.99	23.00%	\$60,000-\$64,999.99	27.00%	
\$70,000-\$74,999.99	22.00%	\$70,000-\$74,999.99	26.00%	\$65,000-\$69,999.99	29.00%	
\$75,000-\$79,999.99	23.00%	\$75,000-\$79,999.99	27.00%	\$70,000-\$74,999.99	32.00%	
\$80,000-\$84,999.99	24.00%	\$80,000-\$84,999.99	28.00%	\$75,000-\$79,999.99	33.00%	
\$85,000-\$89,999.99	26.00%	\$85,000-\$89,999.99	30.00%	\$80,000-\$84,999.99	34.00%	
\$90,000-\$94,999.99	28.00%	\$90,000-\$94,999.99	30.00%	\$85,000-\$89,999.99	34.00%	
\$95,000-\$99,999.99	29.00%	\$95,000-\$99,999.99	30.00%	\$90,000-\$94,999.99	34.00%	
\$100,000 - \$109,999.99	32.00%	\$100,000 and Over	35.00%	\$95,000 and Over	35.00%	
\$110,000 and Over	35.00%					

Dire	ct 20/30 and a	Premium Sharing Contrib Ill Plans with Equal or Less		nan Direct 20/30		
Family Coverage Parent Child/2 Adults Single						
Salary	Percent	Salary	Percent	Salary	Percent	
Under \$25,000	2.25%	Under \$25,000	2.63%	Under \$20,000	3.38%	
\$25,000-\$29,999.99	3.00%	\$25,000-\$29,999.99	3.38%	\$20,000-\$24,999.99	4.13%	
\$30,000-\$34,999.99	3.75%	\$30,000-\$34,999.99	4.50%	\$25,000-\$29,999.99	5.63%	
\$35,000-\$39,999.99	4.50%	\$35,000-\$39,999.99	5.25%	\$30,000-\$34,999.99	7.50%	
\$40,000-\$44,999.99	5.25%	\$40,000-\$44,999.99	6.00%	\$35,000-\$39,999.99	8.25%	
\$45,000-\$49,999.99	6.75%	\$45,000-\$49,999.99	7.50%	\$40,000-\$44,999.99	9.00%	
\$50,000-\$54,999.99	9.00%	\$50,000-\$54,999.99	11.25%	\$45,000-\$49,999.99	10.50%	
\$55,000-\$59,999.99	10.50%	\$55,000-\$59,999.99	12.75%	\$50,000-\$54,999.99	15.00%	
\$60,000-\$64,999.99	12.75%	\$60,000-\$64,999.99	15.75%	\$55,000-\$59,999.99	17.25%	
\$65,000-\$69,999.99	14.25%	\$65,000-\$69,999.99	17.25%	\$60,000-\$64,999.99	20.25%	
\$70,000-\$74,999.99	16.50%	\$70,000-\$74,999.99	19.50%	\$65,000-\$69,999.99	21.75%	
\$75,000-\$79,999.99	17.25%	\$75,000-\$79,999.99	20.25%	\$70,000-\$74,999.99	24.00%	
\$80,000-\$84,999.99	18.00%	\$80,000-\$84,999.99	21.00%	\$75,000-\$79,999.99	24.75%	
\$85,000-\$89,999.99	19.50%	\$85,000-\$89,999.99	22.50%	\$80,000-\$84,999.99	25.50%	
\$90,000-\$94,999.99	21.00%	\$90,000-\$94,999.99	22.50%	\$85,000-\$89,999.99	25.50%	
\$95,000-\$99,999.99	21.75%	\$95,000-\$99,999.99	22.50%	\$90,000-\$94,999.99	25.50%	
\$100,000 - \$109,999.99	24.00%	\$100,000 and Over	26.25%	\$95,000 and Over	26.25%	
\$110,000 and Over	26.25%					

NJEHP										
Family Cover	rage		Parent Chi			2 Adults	S		Single	
Salary	Percent		Salary	Percent		Salary	Percent		Salary	Percent
Up to \$40,000	3.3%		Up to \$40,000	2.2%		Up to \$40,000	2.8%		Up to \$40,000	1.7%
\$40,001 to \$50,000	3.9%		\$40,001 to \$50,000	2.5%		\$40,001 to \$50,000	3.3%		\$40,001 to \$50,000	1.9%
\$50,001 to \$60,000	4.4%		\$50,001 to \$60,000	2.8%		\$50,001 to \$60,000	3.9%		\$50,001 to \$60,000	2.2%
\$60,001 to \$70,000	5.0%		\$60,001 to \$70,000	3.0%		\$60,001 to \$70,000	4.4%		\$60,001 to \$70,000	2.5%
\$70,001 to \$80,000	5.5%		\$70,001 to \$80,000	3.3%		\$70,001 to \$80,000	5.0%		\$70,001 to \$80,000	2.8%
\$80,001 to \$90,000	6.0%		\$80,001 to \$90,000	3.6%		\$80,001 to \$90,000	5.5%		\$80,001 to \$90,000	3.0%
\$90,001 to \$100,000	6.6%		\$90,001 to \$100,000	3.9%		\$90,001 to \$100,000	6.0%		\$90,001 to \$100,000	3.3%
\$100,001 to \$125,000	7.2%		\$100,001 to \$125,000	4.4%		\$100,001 to \$125,000	6.6%		\$100,001 to \$125,000	3.6%

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MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TEACHERS, NURSES AND CHILD STUDY TEAM MEMBERS SALARY SCHEDULE

Step	BA C	BA+30 D	MA E	60 Credit MA MA+30 F	DOCT G
1-2	57000	61900	64050	66400	70900
3	57275	62175	64325	66675	71175
4	57725	62625	64775	67125	71625
5	58475	63375	65525	67875	72375
6	60175	65075	67225	69575	74075
7	62075	66975	69125	71475	75975
8	64325	69225	71375	73725	78225
9	66625	71525	73675	76025	80525
10	69125	74025	76175	78525	83025
11	72025	76925	79075	81425	85925
12	76925	81825	83975	86325	90825
13	82425	87325	89475	91825	96325
14	88825	93725	95875	98225	102725

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1	58550	63450	65600	67950	72450
2-3	58850	63750	65900	68250	72750
4	59350	64250	66400	68750	73250
5	60100	65000	67150	69500	74000
6	61800	66700	68850	71200	75700
7	63700	68600	70750	73100	77600
8	65950	70850	73000	75350	79850
9	68250	73150	75300	77650	82150
10	70750	75650	77800	80150	84650
11	73650	78550	80700	83050	87550
12	78550	83450	85600	87950	92450
13	84025	88925	91075	93425	97925
14	90325	95225	97375	99725	104225

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1-2	61000	65900	68050	70400	74900
3-4	61400	66300	68450	70800	75300
5	62150	67050	69200	71550	76050
6	63850	68750	70900	73250	77750
7	65775	70675	72825	75175	79675
8	67975	72875	75025	77375	81875
9	70275	75175	77325	79675	84175
10	72775	77675	79825	82175	86675
11	75775	80675	82825	85175	89675
12	80625	85525	87675	90025	94525
13	86025	90925	93075	95425	99925
14	92225	97125	99275	101625	106125

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1	63000	67900	70050	72400	76900
2-3	63325	68225	70375	72725	77225
4-5	63825	68725	70875	73225	77725
6	65525	70425	72575	74925	79425
7	67475	72375	74525	76875	81375
8	69750	74650	76800	79150	83650
9	72050	76950	79100	81450	85950
10	74600	79500	81650	84000	88500
11	77675	82575	84725	87075	91575
12	82525	87425	89575	91925	96425
13	87925	92825	94975	97325	101825
14	94125	99025	101175	103525	108025

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1.5-2.5	57138	62038	64188	66538	71038
3.5	57500	62400	64550	66900	71400
4.5	58100	63000	65150	67500	72000
5.5	59325	64225	66375	68725	73225
6.5	61125	66025	68175	70525	75025
7.5	63200	68100	70250	72600	77100
8.5	65475	70375	72525	74875	79375
9.5	67875	72775	74925	77275	81775
10.5	70575	75475	77625	79975	84475
11.5	74475	79375	81525	83875	88375
12.5	79675	84575	86725	89075	93575
13.5	85625	90525	92675	95025	99525

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1.5	58700	63600	65750	68100	72600
2.5-3.5	59100	64000	66150	68500	73000
4.5	59725	64625	66775	69125	73625
5.5	60950	65850	68000	70350	74850
6.5	62750	67650	69800	72150	76650
7.5	64825	69725	71875	74225	78725
8.5	67100	72000	74150	76500	81000
9.5	69500	74400	76550	78900	83400
10.5	72200	77100	79250	81600	86100
11.5	76100	81000	83150	85500	90000
12.5	81288	86188	88338	90688	95188
13.5	87175	92075	94225	96575	101075

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Schedule A-1

MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TEACHERS, NURSES AND CHILD STUDY TEAM MEMBERS SALARY SCHEDULE

Step	BA C	BA+30 D	MA E	60 Credit MA MA+30 F	DOCT G
1.5 - 2.5	61200	66100	68250	70600	75100
3.5 - 4.5	61775	66675	68825	71175	75675
5.5	63000	67900	70050	72400	76900
6.5	64813	69713	71863	74213	78713
7.5	66875	71775	73925	76275	80775
8.5	69125	74025	76175	78525	83025
9.5	71525	76425	78575	80925	85425
10.5	74275	79175	81325	83675	88175
11.5	78200	83100	85250	87600	92100
12.5	83325	88225	90375	92725	97225
13.5	89125	94025	96175	98525	103025

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2027-2028

				60 Credit MA	
	$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{A}$	BA+30	MA	MA+30	DOCT
Step	\mathbf{C}	D	${f E}$	\mathbf{F}	\mathbf{G}
1.5	63163	68063	70213	72563	77063
2.5-3.5	63575	68475	70625	72975	77475
4.5-5.5	64675	69575	71725	74075	78575
6.5	66500	71400	73550	75900	80400
7.5	68613	73513	75663	78013	82513
8.5	70900	75800	77950	80300	84800
9.5	73325	78225	80375	82725	87225
10.5	76138	81038	83188	85538	90038
11.5	80100	85000	87150	89500	94000
12.5	85225	90125	92275	94625	99125
13.5	91025	95925	98075	100425	104925

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Schedule A-2 MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EXTRA-CURRICULAR COMPENSATION 2024-2025

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
Director of Athletics	12,230	13,250	14,250
Assistant Director of Athletics ¹	9,420	10,320	11,060
Associate Director of Athletics ²	9,230	10,080	10,930
Faculty Manager	7,180	8,170	9,120
Equipment Manager	5,540	6,130	6,770
Athletic Trainer*	12,540	13,430	14,340
Group I Sports			
A. Football, Basketball,			e
Girls' Basketball	9,480	10,030	10,090
Assistants ³	6,400	7,000	7,290
B. Baseball, Track, Girls' Track,			
Softball, Wrestling, Soccer,			
Girls' Field Hockey,	6,920	7,860	8,460
Cheerleaders (per season)	3,440	3,900	4,260
Dance Team (per season)	3,440	3,900	4,260
Assistants ³	5,170	5,670	6,200
Cheerleaders (per season)	2,560	2,800	3,120
Group II Sports			
Boys' Cross Country,			
Girls' Cross Country			
Winter Track (Boys/Girls),	5,690	6,300	6,820
Assistants ³	4,740	5,270	5,920
Group III Sports			
Boys' Bowling Girls' Bowling,			
Golf, Boys' Tennis, Girls' Tennis,			
Gymnastics, eSports	5,250	5,630	6,090
Assistants ³	4,670	5,080	5,600

Where paid ticket sellers are used, ticket sellers at all athletic events shall be paid at the rate of \$62.50 per game. Volunteers may be used at the discretion of the Board of Education

¹ Three release periods

² One release period.

³ High School Assistant Coaches to receive an additional \$750.00

^{*} The stipend shall include all hours for the Athletic Trainer position, night games under the lights, any tournament, and any work during the summer month of July.

Schedule A-2 MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EXTRA-CURRICULAR COMPENSATION

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
Director of Athletics	12,676.40	13,733.63	14,770.13
Assistant Director of Athletics ¹	9,763.83	10,696.68	11,463.69
Associate Director of Athletics ²	9,566.90	10,447.92	11,328.95
Faculty Manager	7,442.07	8,468.21	9,452.88
Equipment Manager	5,742.21	6,353.75	7,017.11
Athletic Trainer*	12,997.71	13,920.20	14,863.41
Group I Sports			
A. Football, Basketball,			
Girls' Basketball	9,826.02	10,396.10	10,458.29
Assistants ³	6,633.60	7,255.50	7,556.09
B. Baseball, Track, Girls' Track,			
Softball, Wrestling, Soccer,			
Girls' Field Hockey,	7,172.58	8,146.89	8,768.79
Cheerleaders (per season)	3,565.56	4,042.35	4,415.49
Dance Team (per season)	3,565.56	4,042.35	4,415.49
Assistants ³	5,358.71	5,876.96	6,426.30
Cheerleaders (per season)	2,653.44	2,902.20	3,233.88
Group II Sports			
Boys' Cross Country,			
Girls' Cross Country			
Winter Track (Boys/Girls),	5897.69	6529.95	7068.93
Assistants ³	4913.01	5462.36	6136.08
Group III Sports			
Boys' Bowling, Girls' Bowling,			
Golf Boys' Tennis, Girls' Tennis,	F 444 . CC	#00# #0	(0.1.0.0.5
Gymnastics, eSports	5441.63	5835.50	6312.29
Assistants ³	4840.46	5265.42	5804.40

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INTRAMURAL ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Middle School	2024-2025	<u>2025-2028</u>
Bowling club	1045 each	1083.14 each
Two Hand Touch (2)	1045 each	1083.14 each
Softball (2)	1045 each	1083.14 each
Winter Intramurals (4)	1045 each	1083.14 each
Fall Intramurals (2)	1045 each	1083.14 each
Spring Intramurals	1045 each	1083.14 each
Special Olympics		
Fall	1045 each	1083.14 each
Winter	1045 each	1083.14 each
Spring	1045 each	1083.14 each
Compensation for Non-Athletic Activity		
Adult High School Coordinator	14300	14821.95
Computer Equipment Manager	5330	5524.55
Director of Music	1740	1803.51
Local Professional Development Committee	1300	1347.45
School Level Professional Development Com		
Capped at \$5,000 per school year	40/hr.	41.46/hr.*
Mentoring Teachers - Alternate Route	940-1160	974.31 - 1202.34
-Traditional Route	580-850	601.17 - 881.03
Educational Technology Support	12100	12541.65
Special Classes Coordinator	4950	5130.68
Head Nurse	4950	5130.68
High Cahaal		
High School	1400	1451 10
Academic Challenge Afro-American Student Union	1400 1320	1451.10
	1320	1368.18 1368.18
Amnesty International ANIME Club	1400	1451.10
	1320	1368.18
Archery Club Art Club	1320	
Ass't Band Director	3040	1368.18
		3150.96 4073.45
Assistant Guard	3930	
Audio Visual Department	3350	3472.28
Band Director	7300	7566.45
Challenger Toors	1320	1368.18
Challenger Team Chamber Choir	4670	4840.46
Chamber Choir Chess Club	4660	4830.09
	1400	1451.10
Drama Coach	3330	3451.55
Drill Instructor	3940	4083.81
English Honor Society	1400	1451.10

	2024-2025	2025-2028
Environmental Club	1400	1451.10
F.B.L.A./D.E.C.A.	1320	1368.18
F.M.L.A.	1320	1368.18
Food & Fashion	1320	1368.18
Forensics	4260	4415.49
Freshmen Class Advisor	1340	1388.91
Girls' Flag Football	3000	3,109.50
Guard Instructor	3940	4083.81
Guitar Club	1320	1368.18
History & Govt. Club (3)	2540*	2632.71*
Honor Society	1400	1451.10
Honors Math Club - Math Comp. League	1320	1368.18
Interact	1320	1368.18
Investment Club	1320	1368.18
Jazz Band Director	3040	3150.96
Junior Class Advisor (2)	1740**	1803.51**
Junior Statesman of America	1320	1368.18
Key Club	1500	1554.75
Library Club	1400	1451.10
Literary Journal	2020	2093.73
Marching Band	1900	1969.35
Mathematics Competitions League	1320	1368.18
Math Honor Society	1320	1368.18
Mind Over Matter Yoga & Meditation Club	1400	1451.10
Mock Trial	1320	1368.18
Model UN	1400	1451.10
MRHS News	5420	5617.83
MSG Varsity	1080	1119.42
Peer Buddy	1830	1896.80
Peer Leadership	4530	4695.35
Assistants	2590	2684.54
Pep Club	1320	1368.18
Percussion	3920	4063.08
Physics Club	1320	1368.18
Radio Club	1320	1368.18
Robotics Club	1320	1368.18
SADD	1400	1451.10
Safe Space Club	1260	1305.99

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	2024-2025		2025-2028
Scholarship Coordinator	1320		1368.18
Science National Honor Society	1400		1451.10
Senior Class Advisor (2)	2200**	2.00	2280.30**
Sophomore Class Advisor	1400		1451.10
Sound and Lighting Club	2020		2093.73
Student Accounts	1400		1451.10
Student Council	5020		5203.23
Student Information System Coordinator	3800		3938.70
Technical Resource	1780		1844.97
Telecommunications	1320		1368.18
Testing Coordinator	9180		9515.07
TV Studio	5580		5783.67
Winter Guard Assistant Director	1600		1658.40
Winter Guard Director	1600		1658.40
Women's Empowerment	1320		1368.18
Woodworking Club	1320		1368.18
Work Study	4600		4767.90
World Language Club	1320		1368.18
Yearbook & Business Manager	5430		5628.20
High School			
Fall Drama			
Producer/Director	4920		5099.58
Production Assistant	1490		1544.39
Production Design/Construction	3340		3461.91
Fall Drama: Production/Technical Director	1320		1368.18
Spring Musical			
Choreographer	2970		3078.41
Consultant	1490		1544.39
Musical Director	3340		3461.91
Producer/Director	6570		6809.81
Production Assistant	1490		1544.39
Production Design/Construction	4020		4166.73
Technical Director	2580		2674.17
Vocal Director	3340		3461.91
Summer Production			
Choreographer (2)	2970		3078.41
Director	5920		6136.08
Director/Coordinator	6580		6820.17
Musical Director	3340		3461.91
Production Assistant	1490		1544.39
Production Design/Construction	4020		4166.73
Technical Director	2580		2674.17

	2024-2025	2025-2028
Vocal Director	3340	3461.91
Coordinator of SPS	13140	13619.61
Coordinator of Student Services	14300^{1}	14821.95
Substance Awareness Coordinator	5750*	5959.88*
	3730	3/3/.88
*Add'l compensation per negotiated agreement Department Chairpersons:	4950	5130.68
(Mathematics, Science, Social Studies,	4930	3130.08
Physical Ed./Health, English, Foreign Language,		
Industrial and Vocational Arts, Fine Arts, Special		
Education, EOC, Adult High School 1-5 in dept.		
Each add'l person	385	399.05
Summer work	40/hr	41.46/hr
Physical Education Facilitator	2800	2902.20
Thysical Education Facilitator	2000	2902.20
Middle School		
6 th Grade Class Advisor	1320	1368.18
7 th Grade Class Advisor	1320	1368.18
8 th Grade Class Advisor	1320	1368.18
Academic Bowl Advisor - 6-8 Gr.	1320	1368.18
Afro-American Student Union	1320	1368.18
Art Club	1320	1368.18
Ass't Band Director	1755	1819.06
Audio Visual Department	2020	2093.73
Band Director	3310	3430.82
Builders Club	1400	1451.10
Cheerleaders	1320	1368.18
Chess Club	1320	1368.18
Coordinator of Student Activities	14300^2	14821.95^2
Dulcimer Dynamos	1320	1368.18
Dylan's Wings	3000*	3109.50*
Environmental Club	1400	1451.10
Junior National Honor Society	1320	1368.18
Library Club	1400	1451.10
Literary Club	1320	1368.18
Literary/Art Magazine	2020	2093.73
Math Club	1320	1368.18
Multi-Cultural Club	1320	1368.18
National Geographic Competition Advisor	1260	1305.99

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	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2028</u>
Peer Buddy	1830	1896.80
Peer Leadership Asst	2590	2684.54
School Newspaper	2020	2093.73
Science Club	1260	1305.99
Science Competition Team	1260	1305.99
Speech & Debate	1130	1171.25
Student Account Manager	1400	1451.10
Student Organization	2020	2093.73
Technical Resource	1780	1844.97
Technology Club	1260	1305.99
Vocal Chorus	2050	2124.83
Willow Tree/Safe Space	1150	1191.98
World Language Club	1320	1368.18
Yearbook Advisor	4070	4218.56
Unit Leaders - 1-7	4950	5130.68
-each add'l person	385	399.05
Summer Work	40/hr	41.46/hr
Theater Arts		
Choreographer	2930	3036.95
Consultant	1490	1544.39
Director	6100	6322.65
Musical Director	3140	3254.61
Production Assistant	1490	1544.39
Production Design/Construction	2990	3099.14
Technical Director	2580	2674.17
Vocal Director	3130	3244.25
Elementary Schools		
Administrative Assistant	1730	1793.15
Book Room Manager	1130	1171.25
Clubs	1130	1171.25
Parent Resource Mgr.	1045	1083.14
Peer Buddy	1830	1896.80
Safety Patrol (One per Building)	1020	1057.23
Summer Work	40/hr	41.46/hr
Technical Resource	1780	1844.97

^{*}Clubs shall meet on average of two (2) times per month for the duration of the length of the club.

	2024-2025	<u>2025-2028</u>
Committee Work:	\$30.00 per hour	\$31.10 per hour
Crisis Team*:	\$50.00 per hour	\$51.83 per hour
Crowd Control:	\$62.50 per game	\$64.78 per hour
Curriculum Writing:	\$35.00 per hour	\$36.28 per hour
Detention:	\$25.00 per hour	\$25.91 per hour
Freshman Academy Teachers: (for preparation/non-student contact)	\$30.00 per hour	\$31.10 per hour
Freshman Academy Teachers: (with student contact)	\$40.00 per hour	\$41.46 per hour
Graduation Chaperones:	\$25.00 per hour	\$25.91 per hour
Home Instruction:	\$65.00 per hour	\$67.37 per hour
Interpreter:	\$50.00 per hour	\$51.83 per hour
Sub-certified Athletic Trainer:	\$25.00 per hour	\$25.91 per hour
Ticket Sellers:	\$62.50 per game	\$64.78 per hour
Timekeepers:	\$62.50 per game	\$64.78 per hour
Translator:	\$30.00 per hour	\$31.10 per hour
Tutorial:	\$35.00 per hour	\$36.28 per hour

^{*}Must adhere to the process set by Student Services. This is for any work beyond the school day and capped at the number of hours to conclude a full crisis assessment.