

AGREEMENT

Between

THE WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

And

THE WEST ORANGE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

July 1, 2020– June 30, 2025

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PREAMBLE

This agreement entered into this 28th day of March, 2022, between the Board of Education of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, hereinafter called the "Board", and the West Orange Education Association, hereinafter called the "Association", shall cover the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Board and the Association have carried on negotiations in order to implement the provisions of N.J.S. 34:13A-1 et seq. (New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act) and to encourage and increase the effective and harmonious working relationship between the parties hereof, and;

WHEREAS, as a result of said collective negotiations, the parties have reached certain agreements with respect to a collective negotiations agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of covenants hereinafter contained, it is mutually understood and agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION

A. The Board recognizes the Association as the exclusive representative in accordance with N.J.S. 34:13 A-1 et seq. for the appropriate unit of certificated personnel:

All Teachers, Certified School Nurses, Non-Certificated Nurses, School Counselors, Library Media Specialists, Social Workers, Learning Disability Teacher-Consultants, Psychologists, Learning Resource Teachers, Basic Skills Teachers, E.S.L. Teachers, , Speech-Language Specialists, Occupational Therapists and District Technology Integration Specialist.

a. All non-contract personnel employed on a summer work basis are specifically excluded from the unit in such capacity.

b. All non-contract personnel employed on a per diem or hourly basis are specifically excluded from the unit.

c. All teachers or other personnel in Article 1 who also hold office, position or employment as director and/or supervisory positions are expressly excluded from the unit.

B. Unless otherwise indicated, the term "teacher", when used hereinafter in the Agreement, shall refer to all professional employees represented by the Association in the negotiating unit as above defined, and references to any gender identity shall include all gender identities.

C. 1. The Board recognizes the Association as the exclusive representative in accordance with N.J.S. 34:13A -1 et seq. for the following personnel:

Elementary School Administrative Assistants

High School Library Administrative Assistants

Middle School Administrative Assistants

High School Administrative Assistants

Administrative Assistants in Administrative Offices (except as provided below)

Data Center Administrative Assistant

Salary and Benefits Coordinators

Administrative Assistant to Assistant Superintendent

Administrative Assistant to Plant Facilities Maintenance Engineer

Administrative Assistants to Director of Special Services

Data Base Maintenance Administrative Assistant

Administrative Assistants to Director of Transportation

High School Attendance Office Manager

Athletic Trainer

Computer Technicians

Network Administrator

District Network Surveillance and VOIP coordinator

Part- Time contracted clerical or secretarial employees regularly employed on at least a half -time basis

Excluding:

All confidential employees, as defined in N.J.S. 34: 13 A-1 et seq.

2. Unless otherwise indicated, the term "Administrative Assistant" when used hereinafter in this Agreement, shall refer to all office personnel represented by the Association in the negotiating unit as above-defined, and references to female Administrative Assistants shall include male Administrative Assistants.

3. Unless otherwise indicated, the term "computer technician" when used hereinafter in this Agreement, shall refer to all computer technicians, District Multimedia Coordinator, District Multimedia Technician, District Test Coordinator, Management Information Systems Coordinator, the Network Administrator and the District Network Surveillance, VOIP Coordinator, and Technology and Project Manager represented by the Association in the negotiating unit as above-defined, as well as all security officers.

D. The Board recognizes the Association as the exclusive representative for full-time and full year, fractionally employed part-time Paraprofessionals, whether referred to as Paraprofessionals, Instructional Aides, Teacher Assistants or any other similar titles. In this agreement, the term "Paraprofessional" shall refer to all persons serving in a paraprofessional capacity, howsoever same may be denominated by the Board or the State of New Jersey. It is acknowledged that non-contract paraprofessionals hired on a per diem or hourly basis are specifically excluded from the unit. It is also acknowledged that substitute teachers and lunch aides are specifically excluded from the unit.

E. The term "employee" when used hereinafter in this Agreement shall refer to all teachers, personnel and Paraprofessionals covered by this Agreement as defined in Article I.A, Article I.B, Article I.C., and Article I.D above.

F. Despite reference herein to the Board or Association as such, each reserves the right to act hereunder by committee, individual member, or designated representative, professional or lay, whether or not a member, in accordance with N.J.S. 34:13 A-1 et seq.

ARTICLE II - NEGOTIATION PROCEDURES

A. The parties agree to enter into collective negotiations over a successor Agreement in accordance with N.J.S. 34:13 A-1 et seq. and the rules and regulations of the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission. The parties agree to commence negotiations on a successor agreement not later than six months before the expiration of this Agreement.

B. All pertinent public records, data and public information of the West Orange School District shall be available to the Association for inspection during business hours at the office of the Board Secretary. As soon as available, the Board shall provide the Association with a complete tentative budget for the next fiscal year.

C. The parties mutually pledge that their representatives shall be clothed with all necessary power and authority to make proposals, consider proposals and make counterproposals in the course of negotiations.

D. This agreement incorporates the entire understanding of the parties on all matters which were or could have been the subject of negotiations. During the term of this Agreement, neither party shall be required to negotiate with respect to any such matter whether or not covered by this Agreement and whether or not within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated or executed this Agreement.

E. This Agreement shall not be modified in whole or in part by the parties except by an instrument in writing duly executed by both parties.

F. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, nothing contained herein shall be interpreted and/or applied so as to eliminate, reduce or otherwise detract from any employee benefit existing prior to its effective date.

ARTICLE III - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

A. Definitions

1. A "grievance" is a complaint by any employee, or group of employees, or the Association with respect to the interpretation, application or violation of this Agreement, and administrative decisions hereunder, affecting such employee, group of employees, or the Association.

2. A "grievant" is the person or persons making the complaint.

3. The term "Superintendent" shall mean the Superintendent of Schools or his designee.

4. The term "principal" or "immediate supervisor" shall mean the building administrator or department supervisor in the case of all building-based grievances.

5. For the purpose of this procedure, the term "school days" shall be interpreted as days when the Central Administrative Offices are open, except that in cases of employees who normally work the teacher work year, no such day which falls between the last day of school of one school year and the first day of school for teachers of the following school year shall be used to calculate the days in which such employees may file or process any grievance.

B. Procedure

1. The procedures set forth hereafter shall not apply to:

a. A complaint of a non-tenured employee which arises by reason of his or her not being re-employed: or

b. A complaint by any employee occasioned by lack of appointment to or lack of retention in any position for which tenure either is not possible or not required;

c. Voluntary and involuntary transfers and reassignments.

2. A grievance to be considered under this procedure must be initiated by the grievant within twelve (12) school days from the time the grievance arose.

3. a) Failure at any step of this procedure to communicate the decision on a grievance within the specified time limits shall permit the grievant to proceed to the next step. Unless the parties agree otherwise, failure to appeal a decision at any step within the specified time limits shall be deemed to be a waiver of further appeal of the decision.

b) It is understood that any grievant shall, during and notwithstanding the pendency of any grievance, continue to observe all assignments and applicable rules and regulations of the Board until such grievance and any effect thereof shall have been duly determined.

4. Any employee who has a grievance shall discuss it first with his/her principal or supervisor in an attempt to resolve the matter informally at that level. The principal or supervisor shall give a decision within ten (10) school days, which decision shall be in writing.

5. The employee, no later than fifteen (15) school days after receipt of the decision of his/her principal or immediate supervisor, which decision shall state the reasons for the decision may appeal the decision to the Superintendent of Schools. Prior to the submission of this appeal, the employee shall review the grievance with the Association. The appeal to the Superintendent shall be made in writing specifying, where applicable: (a) the nature of the grievance and reference to the provisions of this Agreement which are involved; (b) the nature and extent of any injury, loss or inconvenience; (c) the results of previous discussions; (d) his/her dissatisfaction with decisions previously rendered; and (e) the disposition of the case as recommended by the Association. The Superintendent shall attempt to resolve the matter as quickly as possible, but within a period not to exceed the twelve (12) school days from receipt of the appeal. If, during, his/her attempts to resolve the matter, the Superintendent requests a written statement from the principal or immediate supervisor, the grievant shall receive a copy. The Superintendent shall communicate his decision in writing to the grievant and to the Association.

6. If a decision of the Superintendent does not resolve the grievance to the satisfaction of the grievant and the grievant wishes further review of the grievance, he shall so notify the Association with five (5) school days of the receipt of the decision. If the Association determines that the grievance should be further reviewed, it shall so advise the Superintendent within fifteen (15) school days of the receipt of the Superintendent's decision. The parties shall be bound by the rules and procedures of the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC). The matter shall be submitted to Arbitration through PERC. The Arbitrator shall have no authority or power to add to, delete, disregard or modify any of the provisions of this Agreement.

The decision of the impartial arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties. All hearings, if possible, shall be held in West Orange, New Jersey.

C. Rights of Members to Representation

1. Any aggrieved person may be represented at all stages of the grievance procedure by himself or herself, or at his/her option by the Association or by a representative selected or approved by the Association.

2. When an employee is not represented by the Association in the processing of a grievance, the Association shall, at the time of submission of the grievance to the Superintendent, be notified

by the Superintendent that the grievance is in process and shall have the right to be present and present its views at all hearing sessions held concerning the grievance and shall receive a copy of all decisions rendered.

3. The Board and the Association shall ensure each grievant the individual freedom from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal in representing his appeal with respect to his/her personal grievances.

D. Right of Association to Process Grievance

The Association may process a grievance affecting it through all levels of the grievance procedure, irrespective of the membership status of any employee involved.

E. Time Limits Where Irreparable Harm May Ensnare

Since it is important that grievances be processed as rapidly as possible, every effort should be made to expedite the process. If adherence to the time limits set forth above will result in a grievance not being processed through all steps of the grievance procedure in time to prevent irreparable harm to a party, the time limits set forth above shall be reduced on request of such party so that the grievance may be completed as soon as practicable.

F. Segregation of Documents

All documents, communications, and records dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed in a separate grievance file and shall not be kept in the personnel file of any of the participants.

G. Costs

1. Each party will bear the total cost incurred by itself.
2. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the two parties.
3. The Board will make all reasonable efforts to schedule any grievance related proceeding at which a grievant may or must be present at a time not during the grievant's normal work day. In the event that a grievance related proceeding cannot reasonably be scheduled outside of the grievant's normal work day, the time lost by a grievant due to the proceedings shall be considered school business time and shall not result in a loss of sick or personal days unless the grievance is determined by an arbitrator to have been brought in bad faith.

H. Miscellaneous

The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible level, equitable solutions to those grievances which may from time to time arise. Both parties agree that the proceedings provided for above will be kept as informal and confidential as may be appropriate at all levels of the procedure.

ARTICLE IV - EMPLOYEES' RIGHTS

A. The rights granted to employees hereunder shall be deemed to be in addition to those provided elsewhere.

B. Whenever any employee is required to appear before any administrator or supervisor, the Board or any committee or member thereof concerning any matter which could adversely affect the continuation of that employee in his/her office, position, or employment, or the salary or any increments pertaining thereto, then he/she shall be given, whenever practicable, at least 24 hours prior written notice of the reason for such meeting or interview and shall be entitled to have the

Association and/ or a person of his/her own choosing present to advise him/her and represent him/her during such meeting or interview. The Association shall also be provided with said notices.

C. No employee shall be prevented from wearing pins or other identification of membership in the Association or its affiliates.

D. Any complaint regarding an employee made to any member of the administration by any parent, student, or other person shall be communicated to the employee as soon as practicable and, in any event, within two (2) school days. Any complaint which does or may influence the evaluation of a employee shall be processed as follows:

1. The principal or immediate supervisor shall meet with the employee to apprise the employee of the source and nature of the complaint.

2. Upon communication of the complaint to the employee, the employee may request a conference with the complainant, and, if the complainant is willing to attend such a conference, one shall be scheduled by the administrator involved. The employee, at such conference, shall be given full opportunity to respond to the complaint.

E. No material derogatory to an employee's conduct, service, character, or personality, and no written memorandum relating to a complaint against any employee or the resolution thereof, shall be placed in an employee's personnel file unless the employee has an opportunity to review the material. The employee shall acknowledge that he/she has had the opportunity to review such material by affixing his signature to the copy to be filed with the express understanding that such signature in no way indicates agreement with the contents thereof. The employee shall also have the right to submit a written response to be attached to such material.

F. All criticism and discipline administered against an employee shall be, to the greatest extent possible, administered confidentially.

ARTICLE V - WORK YEAR, WORK HOURS, AND WORK LOAD

A. 1. Teacher Work Year, Work Hours and Work Load

a. Each teacher shall report for duty each morning no later than ten (10) minutes before the opening of school. On each day of the week, excepting Fridays or on days preceding holidays or vacations, teachers shall remain thirty (30) minutes after the last class scheduled for that school each afternoon. On Fridays or on days preceding holidays or vacations, the teachers' day shall end at the close of the last class scheduled for that school for the day.

The foregoing time limits shall be subject to extension as may be reasonably necessary for the purpose of attending staff meetings, providing help for students and in cases of emergency. Teachers will be required to attend a total of not more than one full faculty meeting and one full department meeting per month, except in cases of emergency.

b. Each teacher shall report for duty each morning no later than ten (10) minutes before the opening of school. On each day of the week, excepting Fridays or on days preceding holidays or vacations, teachers shall remain thirty (30) minutes after the last class scheduled for that school each afternoon. On Fridays or on days preceding holidays or vacations, the teachers' day shall end at the close of the last class scheduled for that school for the day.

The foregoing time limits shall be subject to extension as may be reasonably necessary for the purpose of attending staff meetings, providing help for students and in cases of emergency. Teachers will be required to attend a total of not more than one full faculty meeting and one full department meeting per month, except in cases of emergency.

c. Individual teachers may be assigned to begin teaching one academic period earlier and leave one academic period earlier or to start one academic period later and leave one academic period later where the instructional program or scheduling flexibility require. Teachers who begin one academic period earlier shall not be required to remain after the end of their scheduled day for after-school meetings.

d. On the final day of the school year, following the dismissal of pupils (provided that the last day of pupil attendance is also the last day for teachers), each teacher will be excused and receive his final paycheck when he/she has met all the requirements of the building principal related to the annual closing of schools procedure.

e. The school day and year set forth herein shall apply to all teachers employed by the board, including those on special assignments, such as Guidance Counselors, HAP Teachers, High School Media Specialists, Technology Teachers, Librarians, Nurses, Special Education Coordinators, Transition Coordinators, Child Study Team Members and any other non-classroom teachers. For the stipends set forth in this contract, all current standards with respect to other and further assignments for teachers shall be maintained.

f. Teachers serving in more than one building during the school day (Itinerants) shall be released from duty at the dismissal time governing the teachers in the school in which the Itinerant starts the work day, including on days where there are after-school meetings. For purposes of calculating workload, each incident of travel from building to building shall be considered a duty for an Itinerant teacher.

g. Any employee called upon to provide language translation after their regularly scheduled hours, shall be entitled to compensation at the hourly rate of \$41.09 in 2021-2022; \$42.49 in 2022-2023; \$43.93 in 2023-2024; and \$45.47 in 2024-2025.

2.

a. The daily teaching load of teachers shall be as follows:

(a) ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

In all elementary schools, all regular classroom teachers teaching in Kindergarten through fifth grade shall have preparation periods at all times when the class is being taught by a special subject/related arts teacher. All elementary school teachers shall be entitled to a 45 minute duty free lunch period each day. In addition, the Board will provide all teachers a minimum of 30 minutes per day of continuous personal preparation time.

Guaranteed preparation time for classroom teachers shall include, but not be limited to, Physical Education, Art, Music, Instrumental and General Music, Chorus, World Languages and any other subject for which other certificated personnel are assigned primary teaching responsibilities. Librarians in the Elementary Schools shall have one morning per week set aside for administrative duties.

In the event of an emergency resulting in the nurse being called out of a health class for part of a period and a regular classroom teacher providing coverage for the remainder of the period, if such coverage is for more than one-half (1/2) of the period, the coverage shall be paid pursuant to Article V A.5., if such emergency coverage is for less than one-half (1/2) of the period, it shall be uncompensated.

When an assembly or other special schedule is in place, at the time when a classroom teacher would normally have a personal preparation period, if the special area teacher who would normally have the responsibility for the class at that time is available, they are to report and relieve the

classroom teacher so that the preparation period is not lost.

(b) MIDDLE SCHOOLS.

At the Middle School level, the Board may adopt one of the following two options to govern the workload. The Board may elect to apply either of these options at the Middle Schools on a school by school basis. The practices at the Middle Schools are not required to be consistent with each other, but must comply with the option elected for that school. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if more than one Middle School is operating under the same option, the practices in the schools operating under the same option must be consistent with each other. Once elected, that option shall apply for the entire school year, but may be changed from year to year.

- I. Option 1 - In the middle schools, the regular load of a core curriculum teacher (English, Language Arts, Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies and World Language) shall consist of not more than five classes and a maximum of three courses, plus one team planning period and one Advisory period as a supervisory duty. A core curriculum teacher holding a non-elementary endorsed license shall be assigned to teach in not more than two subject areas. A core curriculum teacher holding an elementary endorsed license shall be assigned to teach in not more than three subject areas. The regular load of a non-core curriculum teacher shall consist of not more than either (a) five instructional periods with a maximum of three courses and a duty assignment or (b) six instructional periods with a maximum of three courses and no other duty. (Example: As a maximum, a core curriculum teacher with a non-elementary license may be assigned two periods of regular English six, one period of top English six and two periods of regular Social Studies six, plus advisory and a team meeting. This load would consist of five classes in three courses, in no more than two subject areas.)
- II. Option 2 - In the middle schools, a nine period day may apply. The nine period day shall not change the times at which school shall start and stop. Under this option, the regular load of a core curriculum teacher (English, Language Arts, Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies and World Language) shall consist of not more than five classes and a maximum of three courses, plus one team planning period, one Advisory period or cafeteria duty as a supervisory duty and, during one semester of the academic year, a single period duty assignment (cafeteria duty, hall duty, tutoring duty, clerical duty, etc.) During the semester without this duty assignment, the teacher shall utilize this time for additional preparation, for curricular review, for consultation with colleagues, for common planning, parent conferences or for other professional purposes. A core curriculum teacher holding a non-elementary endorsed license shall be assigned to teach in not more than two subject areas. A core curriculum teacher holding an elementary endorsed license shall be assigned to teach in not more than three subject areas. The regular load of a non-core curriculum teacher shall consist of not more than either (a) five instructional periods with a maximum of three courses and a full year duty assignment or (b) six instructional periods with a maximum of three courses and no other duty. In addition to the foregoing, each non-core curriculum teacher shall, during one semester of the academic year, be assigned to a single period duty assignment (cafeteria duty, hall duty, tutoring duty, clerical duty, etc.) During the semester without this duty assignment, the teacher shall utilize this time for additional preparation, for curricular review, for consultation with colleagues, for common planning, parent conferences or for other professional purposes. (Example: As a maximum, a core curriculum teacher with a non-elementary license may be assigned two periods of regular English six, one period of top English six and two periods of regular Social Studies six, plus advisory, a team meeting and a single semester hall duty assignment. This load would consist of five classes in three courses, in no more than two subject areas, with applicable duty assignments.)

III. MIDDLE SCHOOL BLOCK SCHEDULING:

The existing block scheduling pilot program at Edison Middle School shall continue until the end of the 2012-2013 school year, subject to the provisions of Article V, Section A, Paragraph 2.b(e)

(c) HIGH SCHOOL

In the high school, the regular load of a core curriculum teacher (as defined in section (ii) above) shall consist of not more than five instructional periods with a maximum of three courses and two supervisory duties. The regular load of a non-core curriculum teacher shall consist of not more than either (a) five instructional periods with a maximum of three courses and a duty assignment or (b) six instructional periods with a maximum of three courses and no other duty. No high school teacher shall be assigned to teach in more than two subject areas. (Example: A teacher may be assigned to teach two sections of Math and three of Science, but may not be assigned to teach two sections of Math, two sections of Science and one section of History.)

ROTATING FLEXIBILITY: The District will give the Association six (6) months notification of any proposed change in schedule. The rotating flexibility schedule will include a twenty-five (25) minute duty free lunch, starting no later than Block 5 and no earlier than the beginning of the regular lunch block in addition to a daily preparation period.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, teachers who teach lab courses shall be limited to a maximum of five classes with no more than four labs.

Under an eight period schedule, teachers assigned five teaching periods at the high school level shall have one preparation period and two supervisory periods. A planning period shall be administratively assigned for purposes of meeting with parents, guidance counselors, child study team members, other teachers or the administration, or for other similar purposes. Teachers assigned six teaching periods or five teaching periods and one tutoring period at the high school level shall have two preparation periods.

In the place of a duty period (or planning period), teachers may be assigned to do curriculum work related to their Professional Development Plan; building, departmental or district objectives; and/or other assignments related to the development or revision of curriculum. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is acknowledged that the terms more specifically set forth in Article VII.E govern the curriculum writing process. Teachers assigned tutoring shall have a maximum of five students.

(d) ADDITIONAL TEACHING LOAD-MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

a. In the event that the needs of the district are such that it is necessary for a teacher's assignment to exceed the regular workload as defined above, the affected teachers shall be compensated with either additional preparation time, monetary compensation or both, and compensation for each day, including those days on which the class is dropped under the rotating schedule, during the period a teacher's assignment exceeds the regular workload shall be made according to the following chart and formula. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this agreement, including but not limited to the inclusion of appropriate provisions in the following chart, no teacher shall be compelled to teach in excess of six classes per day. Any such excessive assignments shall be strictly voluntary. Refusal of any teacher to accept such assignment shall not be deemed to be insubordination and shall not be the basis for any negative actions on the part of the Board or Administration, including the placement of negative information in the teacher's personnel records.

KEY TO CHART

1. Number of classes taught per day/maximum number of different courses.

2. Additional salary to be paid if (a) additional preparation period is provided and (b) no duties are assigned. (On assignment of 7 classes, no additional preparation period is possible. On assignment of 8 classes, no preparation period is possible.)

3. Additional salary to be paid if (a) no additional preparation period is provided and (b) a duty is assigned. (On assignment of 7 classes, no additional preparation period is possible. On assignment of 8 classes, no duty period is possible. All assignments of 8 classes shall be placed in column 3.)

Additional salary for each day of excess workload is to be calculated according to the following formula:

(teacher's annual salary) x $1/185$ x (appropriate fraction from chart)

1.	2.	3.
5/4	None	1/6
5/5	1/6	1/3
6/1,2 or 3	None	1/6
6/4	1/6	1/3
6/5	1/3	1/2
6/6	1/2*	2/3
7/1,2 or 3	1/6	1/3
7/4	1/3	1/2
7/5	1/2	2/3
7/6	2/3	5/6
7/7	5/6	1
8/1,2 or 3	N/A	1/2
8/4	N/A	2/3
8/5	N/A	5/6
8/6	N/A	1
8/7	N/A	7/6
8/8	N/A	4/3

b. Courses shall be defined, for this and all sections of this Agreement, as class assignments with different course numbers. Courses taught simultaneously by one teacher during one period shall *not* be considered different courses for the purposes of determining additional compensation under this section of the agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for determining whether additional compensation shall be paid due to excess workload, the following shall *not* be considered to be different courses:-

1. Foods for Fitness A and B;

2. Multicultural Foods A and B;
3. Photography and Advanced Photography;
4. Technical Drawing 1 and 2;
5. Home Maintenance and Residential Construction;
6. Interior Design A and B;
7. Fashion Clothing A and B;
8. Mach. Woodworking and Adv. Mach. Woodworking,

provided that no teacher is assigned more than one pair of such courses during one semester. In the event that a teacher is assigned more than one pair of such courses during a semester, the first pair shall be considered a single course, and every course beyond that shall be considered a separate course, even if it would otherwise be grouped with another course under this paragraph. (Example: In one semester, a teacher may be assigned to teach Multicultural Foods A and B, Foods for Fitness A, and Child Development, and such assignment shall be deemed to consist of three courses. If, however, a teacher is assigned to teach Multicultural Foods A and B, Foods for Fitness A and B, and Child Development, only the Multicultural Foods courses will be considered as one course, and the teacher will then be deemed to be teaching four courses and will be entitled to additional compensation as set forth above.)

c. As per current practice, in Special Education, teachers shall not be compensated for additional workload based on an excess number of subjects or courses taught. However, Special Education teachers are to be compensated in the same manner as regular education teachers with respect to the number of classes to be taught/number of preparation periods to which the teacher is entitled. (Example: A Special Education teacher who teaches six class periods per day shall be entitled to a second daily preparation period and shall not be assigned a duty. In the event a duty is assigned, the teacher shall be entitled to monetary compensation identical to that received by a regular education teacher who teaches six classes and three courses and is assigned a duty.)

d. If three or more members of a department are assigned more than the regular workload, then any member of that department assigned more than the regular workload shall have the option of taking on a duty assignment.

(e) Pilot Programs:

The Board and the Association agree that the Board retains the managerial prerogative to initiate a pilot program in any school, at any time, notwithstanding a teaching staff member vote on a former and/or different pilot program in a particular school.

The Board and the Association also agree that any recommended pilot program:

1. That alters mandatorily negotiable terms and conditions of employment will be resolved through legally-mandated processes between the Board and the Association; and
2. Will utilize a collaborative process involving the Association and the teaching staff at the particular school.

3.

- a. Any teacher employed in both a morning and an afternoon session shall be entitled to a duty-free lunch period during the hours normally used for lunch periods at the school. Except as

otherwise provided in Article V., Section A., Paragraph 2(c) such duty-free lunch period shall be not less than thirty (30) minutes, except in a school where the lunch period for students is less than thirty (30) minutes, in which case, the duty free lunch period shall not be less than the lunch period time allowed pupils.

b. Teachers may leave the building for school business during their scheduled preparation periods after first obtaining permission. Teachers may leave the building during their scheduled duty-free lunch periods provided they first sign out. If over 50% of the teachers have signed out, during any lunch period, permission must thereafter be obtained from the principal.

4. The practice of using a regular teacher as a substitute, thereby depriving him/her of his/her preparation period, is undesirable and shall be discouraged. In those emergency cases where substitutes are not available, teachers may be used as substitutes during their non- teaching time. The allocations of said assignments shall be reasonable.

In no case shall a mandatory coverage assignment result in a teacher being denied a duty-free lunch. A teacher who teaches six classes per day may not be compelled to accept more than two coverage assignments per week. If a teacher is requested to provide coverage in excess of the limitations set forth in the two preceding sentences, and the teacher refuses such excess coverage, such refusal shall not be considered insubordination and shall not be the basis for any disciplinary action against the teacher.

The practice of providing coverage by assigning students to a teacher's existing class, thereby adding to that teacher's load by requiring the assumption of additional students is undesirable and shall be discouraged. In case of emergency, and not more than two times per month, a teacher may be assigned such coverage without compensation. In any case where a teacher provides such coverage in excess of two times per month, the teacher providing same shall be entitled to compensation for each such coverage at the rate specified for coverage in the following section. This provision shall not apply to the assignment of additional students to a study hall.

5. Effective for the 2018-2019 school year, a teacher who is required to teach a class period as a substitute during his/her scheduled preparation period or who loses a scheduled preparation period due to required meetings or non-standard scheduling will be compensated for such coverage and loss of the preparation period at the rate of \$36.88 in 2021-2022; \$38.13 in 2022-2023; \$39.43 in 2023-2024; and \$40.81 in 2024-2025 for each occurrence. Notwithstanding the foregoing, teachers may be required, not more than two times per month, to attend IEP meetings during preparation periods, without compensation. Subsequent required meetings shall be compensated at the class coverage rate.

Any teacher used as a substitute during his/her preparation period for five or more consecutive days shall be paid an additional coverage stipend for the fifth and each further day of consecutive coverage.

In addition to the aforementioned, upon the assignment in one school year of the 25th coverage to a teacher, that teacher shall be paid an additional stipend of \$634.30 in 2021-2022; \$655.87 in 2022-2023; \$678.17 in 2023-2024; and \$701.91 in 2024-2025 ; upon the assignment in one school year of the 38th coverage to a teacher, that teacher shall be paid an additional stipend of \$317.15 in 2021-2022; \$327.93 in 2022-2023; \$339.08 in 2023-2024; and \$350.95 in 2024-2025; and upon the assignment in one school year of the 50th coverage to a teacher, that teacher shall be paid an additional stipend of \$317.15 in 2021-2022; \$327.93 in 2022-2023; \$339.08 in 2023-2024; and \$350.95 in 2024-2025. Teachers providing coverage must submit the appropriate payment vouchers within thirty (30) days of the date services are provided, or the claim to payment will be extinguished.

6. Teachers in the middle school shall receive one (1) daily duty-free lunch period and one (1) daily preparation period.

7. Except where a rate of payment is specified elsewhere in this Agreement, in the event that teachers provide services to the Board during times when school is not in session, they shall be compensated for such services with pay calculated as follows:

number of days worked x current salary x 1/185

Teachers providing such services must submit the appropriate payment vouchers within thirty (30) days of the date services are provided, or the claim to payment will be extinguished.

8. The work year shall be extended by one (1) additional day for the duration of this Agreement. The additional day will be pupil contact free and used for professional development purposes. For year one (1) of this Agreement, that day shall be on November 6, 2012. Certificated staff shall be required to attend one evening event per year (normally Back-to-School Night), but beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, all certificated staff shall be required to attend two evening events (ending no later than 9 p.m.) per school year (e.g. Back-to-School Night, parent-teacher conference, evening concerts, etc). On days of evening events where the majority of certificated staff are expected to return, there shall be an extended single session (early dismissal) for the students, and staff will be released at student dismissal.

B. Administrative Assistants', Paraprofessionals' and Computer Technicians' Hours of Employment and Work Year

1. Hours of Employment - Administrative Assistants

a. The regular workweek for Administrative Assistants shall consist of thirty-five (35) hours. It is expected that a Administrative Assistant will work reasonable overtime when requested to do so.

b. In the event that a Administrative Assistant works between thirty-five (35) hours and forty (40) hours in a workweek, he/she shall be paid for said time at his/her normal rate of pay.

c. In the event that an employee works more than forty (40) hours in any one work week, he/she shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times his/her normal rate of pay. For the purpose of computing overtime within a week, the workweek will be computed from 12:01 a.m. Sunday to 12:00 p.m. Saturday.

d. The normal workday shall consist of seven (7) working hours with a duty-free one-hour lunch period. The lunch period shall be scheduled by the employee's immediate supervisor. Each Administrative Assistant shall also be entitled to twenty minutes of break time per day, with such break(s) to be scheduled at the reasonable discretion of each Administrative Assistant's supervisor.

e. If a part-time employee works additional hours in any one work week over and above his/her regularly assigned hourly work week, he/she shall be paid at his/her normal rate of pay for all hours worked up to thirty-five (35) hours. The overtime provisions specified above will apply to any hours worked over and above thirty-five (35) in any one week.

f. When schools are closed for inclement weather, all Administrative Assistants will not be required to be in attendance.

2. Classifications - Administrative Assistants

For the purpose of the work year, employees are placed in the following classifications:

- I. Administrative Assistants in Elementary Schools.
- II. Administrative Assistants in Middle Schools.
Administrative Assistants in High School
- III. Central Office Receptionist
Buildings and Grounds Administrative Assistant
Special Services Administrative Assistants
Transportation Administrative Assistants
Business Office Administrative Assistants
Central Office Administrative Assistants
All other non-confidential Central Office Administrative Assistants
- IV. Human Resources Administrative Assistant
Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent
Administrative Assistant to Plant Facilities Maintenance Engineer
Administrative Assistant to Special Services Director
Data Base Maintenance Administrative Assistant
Student Support Services Financial Administrative Assistant
Registrar Administrative Assistant
Accounts Payable Administrative Assistant
Payroll Administrative Assistant
Benefits Administrative Assistant

3. Work Year - Administrative Assistants

- a. The work year for ten (10) month Administrative Assistants in Classification I shall be from September 1 to June 30. In addition, Administrative Assistants will report five working days immediately prior to September 1, the compensation for which is included within their salary guide. Said employees shall have the vacations and holidays as set forth in the school calendar, plus Labor Day.
- b. The work year for twelve (12) month school Administrative Assistants in Classification II shall be from July 1 to June 30. Said employees shall be subject to the provisions for earned vacations set forth in this Agreement, in addition to the school vacations and holidays provided in the school calendar, plus July 4 and Labor Day, and any other day the Central Administration Offices are closed.
- c. The work year for twelve (12) month Administrative Assistants in Classifications III and IV shall be from July 1 to June 30. Said employees shall be subject to the provisions for earned vacations set forth in this Agreement, in addition to the holidays provided for in the Central Office calendar.
- d.
 - 1. If an Administrative Assistant position is abolished, a non-tenured Administrative Assistant within the job title and classification of that position will be laid off. If there is no non-tenured Administrative Assistant, the least senior tenured Administrative Assistant within the job title and classification will be laid off.
 - 2. A tenured Administrative Assistant laid off by reason of abolition of position (s) will be placed on a preferred eligible list and will be entitled to recall, in the order of seniority on such list,

to any vacancy which shall occur in the job title and classification of the position from which he/she has been laid off within a period of three (3) years.

4. **Paraprofessionals' Work Year and Work Day**

The work year and the hours of the work day for Paraprofessionals shall be the same as it is for teachers.

It is understood and agreed that Paraprofessionals may be assigned to monitor the cafeteria in lieu of classroom duty. Each Paraprofessional shall be entitled to a duty-free lunch break of the same duration as the teachers in the building to which the Paraprofessional is assigned. Additionally, each Paraprofessional is entitled either to a duty free 30 minute break during the school day or, if such a break is not afforded, to leave at the end of the regular instructional day (at student dismissal).

5. **Computer Technicians.**

a. **Hours of Employment**

1) The regular workload for computer technicians shall consist of thirty-five (35) hours Monday through Friday.

2) In the event that a computer technician works between thirty-five (35) hours and forty (40) hours in a workweek, he/she shall be paid for said time at his/her normal rate of pay. In the event that a computer technician works for more than forty (40) hours in any one work week, he/she shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1 ½) times his/her normal rate of pay. For purposes of computing overtime within a week, the workweek shall be computed from 12:01 a.m. Sunday to 12:00 p.m. Saturday.

3) The normal workday shall consist of seven (7) working hours with a duty-free one-hour lunch period. The lunch period shall be scheduled by the employee's immediate supervisor.

4) When schools are closed for inclement weather, all computer technicians will not be required to be in attendance unless requested to attend work by a supervisor to deal with a computer problem, in which case the computer technician shall be paid overtime as provided in 5 (a) 2 above.

b. **Work Year—Computer technicians.**

1) The work year for twelve (12) month computer technicians shall be from July 1 to June 30.

2) Computer technicians shall work the central office calendar and shall be entitled to the holidays provided in said calendar.

c. No computer technician shall be dismissed or reduced in compensation or otherwise disciplined without just cause.

ARTICLE VI - COMPENSATION

A. Teachers

1. **Payment of Salaries**

a. Teachers employed on a ten (10) month basis shall be paid in twenty (20) equal semi-monthly installments.

b. All regular employees shall be paid one-half (1/2) monthly salary on the fifteenth

(15th) and the last calendar day of each month under contract except when such day is a non-working day, in which case salary shall be paid on the first preceding working day.

- c. Teachers shall receive their final check on the last working day in June.
- d. Payment of salary of teachers whose resignation is effective within the first sixty (60) days after the effective date of employment shall be at the rate of 1/200th of the contract salary for the actual days worked.

2. **Summer Payment Plan /12 Month Pay Option**

All teachers employed on a ten (10) month basis may elect to participate in a Summer Payment Plan or 12 Month Salary Plan. No employee may participate in both deferred compensation programs simultaneously.

(I) Summer Payment Plan

- a. A Summer Payment Plan is hereby established for all employees who are employed for an academic year in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 29-3.
- b. Any employee desiring to participate must complete the application form adopted as the official application form by the Board.
- c. All such applications must be properly completed and submitted to the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator on or before June 30 of each year. No applications may be submitted subsequent to said date.
- d. Any employee's participation in said plan may be terminated at any time upon the execution of the termination agreement attached to the official agreement form.
- e. Ten percent (10%) of monthly salary deducted from teacher's pay shall be credited to an interest- bearing account entitled "Board of Education Summer Payment Plan in Trust for Employee," in a financial institution insured by the Federal Government and selected by the Board.

(II) 12 Month Pay Option

All ten month employees shall have the option of having their salaries paid on a twelve month basis. The Board shall create reasonable procedures to effectuate the implementation of this option. There shall be no interest paid on the deferred portion of the salary under this option.

3. **Schedules A**

The salaries of all teachers covered by this Agreement, are set forth in Schedule A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

4. **Operation and Administration of the Salary Guides**

- a. Increases on all guides shall be based on meritorious service. Favorable reports by the Superintendent of Schools and those charged with supervisory responsibility and approved by the Board of Education are a prerequisite to the granting of all increases in salary. There shall be no automatic increments or increase in salary.
- b. If an employee is rated unsatisfactory during the school year, progress on the guide shall be withheld for the following year. When the employee is again rated satisfactory, such employee shall be returned to that step on the guide corresponding to the years of service rendered in West Orange.

- c. Four (4) years of training shall be evidenced by a Bachelor's Degree.
- d. To qualify for placement on the BA + 15 column or BA + 30 column, the teacher must evidence 15 or 30 semester hours, respectively, of approved graduate work beyond the Bachelor's degree in an educational institution approved for the granting of advanced degrees. Approval must be secured in writing from the Superintendent of Schools.
- e. Five (5) years of training shall be evidenced by a Master's Degree issued by an educational institution approved for the granting of advanced degrees. Approval must be secured in writing from the Superintendent of Schools.
- f. To qualify for placement on the MA + 15, MA + 30, or MA +45 column, the teacher must evidence additional credits of 15, 30, or 45 semester hours, respectively, of approved graduate work beyond the Master's degree in an educational institution approved for the granting of advanced degrees. Approval must be secured in writing from the Superintendent of Schools.
- g. The Doctor's degree shall be an earned degree from an educational institution accredited and/or recognized by the New Jersey State Department of Education for certification. If such Doctorate degree is in a field other than education and is not directly related to employee's function in the school system, the Superintendent shall have the discretion to reasonably approve or deny a teacher's request for placement in the Doctorate column.
- h. It shall be the responsibility of the teacher to inform the Superintendent of Schools regarding any change or contemplated change in training level for the following school year. Changes in placement to another training level shall be made as of September 1st or January 1st. Evidence of such change shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools not later than the first week of school in October or February, whichever is applicable, and a new salary notification shall then be issued retroactive to September 1st or January 1st.
- i. Each certified employee, upon completing requirements for a higher training level and upon proper notification as provided in i. shall be advanced to the proper guide for the new training level and shall receive a new salary notification for the ensuing school year. No employee shall receive more than one step on the guide in any one year. Upon acquiring a higher training level, an employee who has served at least one year at his/her maximum for one training level shall be transferred to the new level and granted one additional step yearly until the new maximum is reached.
- j. Employees who have been granted an unpaid leave of absence of any type must actually work 91 days within the school year to advance on the salary guide. Sick days, personal days, vacation days and transfer of sick days by donation count towards the 91 working days.

k. For the term of this agreement only (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020), should a teacher work at least 91 days in a school year and thereafter is absent for the entire subsequent school year on a Board-approved leave of absence (e.g., child-rearing leave) that teacher will be placed on the next step of the salary guide in the year that she returns. Should the salary of the next step be less than the salary of the previous step that the teacher occupied, the teacher's salary shall be "red-circled" (not reduced) and shall be paid an additional \$2000 to her base salary for the year in which she returns. Should the salary of the next step be greater than the salary of the previous step that the teacher occupied, but less than \$2,000 greater, the teacher will be given the difference so that she receives an increase not to exceed \$2000 for that year. In the subsequent year, the teacher will resume normal salary guide progression on the appropriate teacher salary guide.
- l. Employees who are hired on or before February 1 of any school year are eligible to advance as per the negotiated settlement for the given year. Employees hired after February 1 of any school year or who worked 90 or less days, shall not advance on the salary guide in the

following school year.” Should the salary of the step in the subsequent year be less than the previous step that the employee occupied, the employee’s salary shall be “red-circled” (not reduced).

m. There shall be no retroactive imposition of Chapter 78 contributions upon payment of retroactive pay to those employees entitled to receive same in accordance with the terms of this agreement.

5. **Schedules E and F**

SCHEDULE E - Co-Curricular Salary Guide

a. When the principal designates co-advisors, the total compensation allocated will be as indicated.

b. In all other cases where there is more than one advisor, the amount indicated would be shared as per the recommendation of the building principal.

c. Official chaperones for school dances and other social activities shall be compensated at the rate of \$126.44 in 2021-2022; \$130.74 in 2022-2023; \$135.18 in 2023-2024; and \$139.91 in 2024-2025 per evening, per official chaperone. It is understood that the advisor who is attending an activity related to that for which he is receiving compensation under the co-curricular schedule would not receive additional monies. The number of activities per school and the number of official chaperones to be assigned is at the discretion of the building principal, subject to budgetary guidelines. A chaperone stipend currently applies to elementary chaperones per school for both the winter concert and the spring concert and the number of official chaperones to be assigned is at the discretion of the building principal. It is understood that no chaperone fees shall be paid as a result of a student trips returning later than the time at which the teacher is normally dismissed unless that trip is intended to last at least four (4) hours beyond the normal dismissal time.

d. Faculty members who perform supervisory duties on overnight trips shall receive a stipend of \$223.38 in 2021-2022; \$230.97 in 2022-2023; \$238.82 in 2023-2024; and \$247.18 in 2024-2025 per night, notwithstanding the fact that any such faculty member may receive a different stipend for coaching a sport or moderating a club or activity, which is involved in such overnight trip(s).

e. The hourly rate for personnel engaged in home instruction, instruction at in-service courses and at test preparation courses shall be \$76.92 in 2021-2022; \$79.53 in 2022-2023; \$82.24 in 2023-2024; and \$85.11 in 2024-2025.

f. The hourly rate for persons engaged in curriculum workshops, for working on curriculum projects or other curriculum creation assignments, and for coaching intramural sports shall be \$41.09 in 2021-2022; \$42.49 in 2022-2023; \$43.93 in 2023-2024; and \$45.47 in 2024-2025.

g. Advisors who attend State Music Auditions as participants shall be compensated at the rate of \$126.44 in 2021-2022; \$130.74 in 2022-2023; \$135.18 in 2023-2024; and \$139.91 in 2024-2025 per audition.

h. Coaches stipends are for the first day of pre-season through any post-season competition. Coaches stipends for the duration of this Agreement are set forth in Schedule D, which is attached hereto and is made a part hereof.

i. The following schedule of stipends will be paid for the following assignments.

Middle School Team Leader: \$2904.94 in 2021-2022; \$3003.71 in 2022-2023; \$3105.83 in 2023-2024; and \$3214.54 in 2024-2025

Hourly rate for personnel engaged in in-service courses: \$41.09 in 2021-2022; \$42.49 in 2022-2023; \$43.93 in 2023-2024; and \$45.47 in 2024-2025

j. Those holding the position of Teacher in Charge, Attendance and Discipline shall be placed upon the Regular Teacher Salary Guide in the appropriate position for experience and training level, and shall be paid at a rate of 1.25 times their salary. The school year of a Teacher in Charge, Attendance and Discipline, unless mutually agreed upon, shall include ten (10) work days immediately preceding the opening of school and ten (10) working days immediately following the end of the regular school year. Those holding the position of Teacher in Charge, In-School Suspension and Conflict Resolution shall be placed upon the Regular Teacher Salary Guide in the appropriate position for experience and training level, and shall be paid at a rate of 1.25 times their salary. The school year of a Teacher in Charge, In-School Suspension and Conflict Resolution, unless mutually agreed upon, shall include ten (10) work days immediately preceding the opening of school and ten (10) working days immediately following the end of the regular school year. Given the varied schedules of the Athletic Trainers, each Athletic Trainer will be compensated at a rate of 1.25 times their salary. The Athletic Trainers' annual work schedules will be determined by the Athletic Director. The Athletic Trainer shall have 20 days of vacation to be mutually agreed upon by the Athletic Trainer and Athletic Director.

k. The per diem rate for guidance counselors and the supervisor of The Teenage Institute of the Garden State engaged in summer work shall be \$421.46 in 2021-2022; \$435.79 in 2022-2023; \$450.61 in 2023-2024; and \$466.38 in 2024-2025. Notwithstanding any language elsewhere in this Agreement, no additional stipend for overnight chaperoning shall apply to the supervision of the Teenage Institute of the Garden State.

l. High School Librarians may be required to remain up to 45 minutes beyond the scheduled workday, except for Fridays and days preceding holidays and vacations, as stated in Article V.A. 1

.b. Any High School Librarian who is required to remain past the end of the regular workday shall be compensated for each such day at the rate paid for a class coverage. In the High School, the after school Library Supervisor shall be paid at the class coverage rate for each day of library coverage from the time of dismissal until the first late bus is scheduled to depart.

m. Teachers working on Summer Printing Projects and other Non-Teaching Projects shall be compensated at a daily rate of \$306.62 in 2021-2022; \$317.04 in 2022-2023; \$327.82 in 2023-2024; and \$339.29 in 2024-2025.

n. The hourly rate of compensation for teachers teaching in the Summer Learning League and in the Special Education Extended Year Program shall be \$51.63 in 2021-2022; \$53.38 in 2022-2023; \$55.20 in 2023-2024; and \$57.13 in 2024-2025; the hourly rate of compensation for Paraprofessionals working in the Summer Learning League and in the Special Education Extended Year Program and for work other than the regular workday or work year shall be \$24.23 in 2021-2022; \$25.06 in 2022-2023; \$25.91 in 2023-2024; and \$26.82 in 2024-2025; the workday for each of the foregoing programs shall be a minimum of four hours per day. In the event that any teacher shall work five hours or more in a day (to a maximum of the length of a regular school day), such teachers shall be paid at the rate specified in Article V.A.7 of this Agreement.

o. Teachers providing crowd control/ticket sales/scoreboard operation or other supervision at Middle School and High School athletic events shall be compensated at a rate of \$57.85 in 2021-2022; \$59.81 in 2022-2023; \$61.85 in 2023-2024; and \$64.01 in 2024-2025 per single game event and \$88.51 in 2021-2022; \$91.52 in 2022-2023; \$94.63 in 2023-2024; and

\$97.94 in 2024-2025 per double game event. It is understood and agreed that these positions are created and filled at the discretion of the building principal.

p. Teachers providing "away game" crowd control or presence for emergency situations shall be compensated at a rate of 1.5 times the home game rate. It is understood and agreed that these positions are created and filled at the discretion of the building principal.

q. New clubs/activities shall ordinarily be compensated at one-half (1/2) the rate for similar organization during the first school year (or part thereof) in which they exist. In years after the pilot year (or part thereof), if the Board determines that such club/activity should continue, the advisor/moderator of any such club/activity shall be compensated at the rate of similar clubs/activities under the contract. The Association and the Superintendent will enter written agreements each June memorializing the clubs/activities to be added to the Schedule E for the following school year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board shall have the discretion to compensate an advisor/moderator during the first year of a new club/activity where it deems it appropriate.

r. Teachers serving as "Coordinators" shall be compensated at a rate of \$4452.77 in 2021-2022; \$4604.16 in 2022-2023; \$4760.70 in 2023-2024; and \$4927.33 in 2024-2025 per year in addition to their salaries.

s. The District Technology Integration Specialist will be placed upon the regular teacher salary guide in the appropriate position for experience and training level, and shall be paid at the rate of 1.1 times his/her salary.

The District Technology Integration Specialist shall work the school calendar plus 25 additional days during the summer months, approximately 1 week at the end of the school year, 1-2 weeks before the school year commences, and the balance of the days over the remainder of the summer, all as reasonably determined by the Director of Staff Development and Technology.

The Position of District Test Coordinator is a 12-month position and those holding this position shall be placed upon the Regular Teacher Salary Guide in the appropriate position for experience and training level, and shall be paid at a rate of 1.2 times their salary.

t. Any employee called upon to provide language translation services after their regularly scheduled hours shall be compensated at a rate of \$41.09 in 2021-2022; \$42.49 in 2022-2023; \$43.93 in 2023-2024; and \$45.47 in 2024-2025.

6. All co-curricular, extra-curricular, and coaching stipends shall be paid by separate check.

7. Elementary School co-curricular activities. A pool of funds will be allocated to each Elementary School for compensation of approved, but otherwise unfunded co-curricular activities.

In each Elementary School, sponsors of new and/or unfunded co-curricular organizations should, as early as possible in each school year, but no later than October 15, submit to their building principal a proposal for the new (or existing but unfunded) organization, including specific expectations as to the operation of same. If approved by the principal, the teacher should operate the organization until at least March 31 and maintain such records as to provide evidence of the actual operating nature of the organization, the number of meetings, average number of participants and any other items to establish the validity of the organization. At the end of the school year, the principal shall determine which of the organizations operated substantially in accordance with the approved proposal, as same may have been modified during the year by agreement with the principal, and shall divide the allocated funds equally between all such organizations within the school, provided, however, that in no event shall any teacher or teachers operating an organization

be paid more than \$765 per organization operated. Any organization determined by a principal to not have operated substantially in accordance with the approved proposal shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Superintendent, who shall have the discretion to reverse or sustain the principal's decision. (The allocated stipend shall be per organization, not per sponsor. Co-sponsors shall share any such stipend in accordance with Article VI.A.5.a hereof.) It is acknowledged that the stipend rate may vary from school to school and that no teacher shall have grounds for a grievance on the basis of unequal treatment because of the different number of organizations operating in the different schools.

The funds allocated for each Elementary School shall be \$3,000 per year subject to the per organization limitation set for herein.

Nothing herein shall be construed as preventing any teacher from initiating a club at any time after October 15. However, no club initiated after October 15 shall be compensated in that year.

Notwithstanding any other language of this Agreement, the Board reserves the right to create other cocurricular or coaching positions during the term of this Agreement, and shall retain the discretion to determine the rate of compensation for the first year that such position(s) shall exist. Thereafter, if the position is to continue, the Board shall enter a sidebar agreement with the Association to set the rate of compensation so that it is in accord with the compensation for other, similar positions set forth hereunder. No employee may be compelled to accept any such new position.

8. When a stipend position does not require the employee performing the task to hold a teaching certificate, all members of the Association may be considered for the positions.

B. Administrative Assistants, Paraprofessionals, Computer Technicians and Security Officers

1. Schedule B

The salaries to be paid all employees covered by this Agreement are set forth in the salary guide for Administrative Assistants adopted by the Board of Education, attached hereto as Schedule B.

2. Payment of Salaries

All regular employees shall be paid one-half (1/2) of the monthly salary on the fifteenth and the last calendar day of each month under contract except when such a day is a non- working day, in which case salary shall be paid on the first preceding working day. Monthly salary is deemed as one-tenth (1/10) of annual salary for all ten (10) month employees, and one-twelfth (1/12) annual salary for all twelve (12) month employees.

3. Summer Payment Plan /12 Month Payment Option

All 10 Month Administrative Assistants may elect to participate in the Summer Payment Plan /12 Month Payment Option as set forth in Article VI.A.2 above under the terms set forth therein.

4. Per Diem Rates

For ten (10) month employees, 1/185th of annual salary; for twelve (12) month employees, 1/200th of monthly salary.

5. Stipends for Professional Development

a. Administrative Assistants holding a Professional Standards Certificate, National Association of Educational Office Professionals (NAEOP), shall receive an annual stipend of \$2615.18 in 2021-2022; \$2704.10 in 2022-2023; \$2796.04 in 2023-2024; and \$2893.90 in 2024-

2025 . Said stipend shall be considered a part of annual compensation for pension purposes.

b. Administrative Assistants holding certificates in the Professional Development Program, New Jersey Association of Educational Office Professionals (NJAEOP), shall be awarded an annual stipend of \$1287.57 in 2021-2022; \$1331.35 in 2022-2023; \$1376.62 in 2023-2024; and \$1424.80 in 2024-2025 upon completion of the following approved college-level courses for the First Certificate:

Foundations of Education or Introduction to Education (3 credits)

Business Communications (3 credits) or Technical Writing (3 credits) or Technical Communication (3 credits)

Computer Application (3 credits) such as Introduction to Data Processing or a combination of such course such as Lotus 1-2-3, Windows, WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, etc. adding up to 3 credits

Said stipend shall be considered a part of annual compensation for pension purposes.

c. An additional stipend of \$2615.18 in 2021-2022; \$2704.10 in 2022-2023; \$2796.04 in 2023-2024; and \$2893.90 in 2024-2025 shall be awarded annually upon the attainment of the Second Certificate, New Jersey Association of Educational Office Professionals, which requires the completion of fifteen (15) credits in any business or approved curriculum area for a total of thirty (30) credits to include the completion of the above-listed courses plus the following two mandated courses:

School Law or Education Law (3 credits)

Psychology of Human Relations (3 credits) or Introduction to Sociology (3 credits) or Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)

Said stipends shall be considered a part of annual compensation for pension purposes.

d. A stipend of \$1011.51 in 2021-2022; \$1045.91 in 2022-2023; \$1081.47 in 2023-2024; and \$1119.32 in 2024-2025 shall be awarded annually upon the attainment of the Third Certificate, New Jersey Association of Educational Office Professionals, which requires an Associate Degree of sixty - four (64) credit hours of college work including the above-five mandated courses. Said stipends shall be considered a part of annual compensation for pension purposes.

e. Additionally, a stipend of \$1251.75 in 2021-2022; \$1294.31 in 2022-2023; \$1338.31 in 2023-2024; and \$1385.15 in 2024-2025 shall be awarded annually upon the attainment of a Bachelor's Degree. Said stipend shall be considered a part of annual compensation for pension purposes.

C. **Paraprofessionals**

1. **Payment of Salaries**

a. Paraprofessionals employed on a ten (10) month basis shall be paid in twenty (20) equal semi-monthly installments.

b. All regular employees shall be paid one-half (1/2) monthly salary on the fifteenth (15th) and the last calendar day of each month under contract except when such day is a non-working day, in which case salary shall be paid on the first preceding working day.

c. Paraprofessionals shall receive their final check on the last working day in June.

d. Payment of salary of Paraprofessionals whose resignation is effective within the first sixty (60) days after the effective date of employment shall be at the rate of 1/200th of the contract salary for the actual days worked.

2. **Summer Payment Plan / 12 Month Payment Option**

All Paraprofessionals may elect to participate in the Summer Payment Plan /12 Month Payment Option as set forth in Article VI.A.2 above under the terms set forth therein.

3. **Schedule C**

The salaries of all Paraprofessionals covered by this Agreement are set forth in Schedule C, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. For Paraprofessionals who were employed by the Board prior to the institution of the salary guide, past years of employment in the West Orange School System shall count for credit towards longevity.

4. **Operation and Administration of the Salary Guides**

a. Increases on all guides shall be based on meritorious service. Favorable reports, by the Superintendent of Schools and those charged with supervisory responsibility and approved by the Board of Education are a prerequisite to the granting of all increases in salary. There shall be no automatic increments or increase in salary.

b. If an employee is rated unsatisfactory during the school year, progress on the guide shall be withheld for the following year. When the employee is again rated satisfactory, such employee shall be returned to that step on the guide corresponding to the years of service rendered in West Orange.

c. Any Paraprofessional who has earned a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution of higher education shall be placed in the BA column of the salary guide.

d. Any Paraprofessional who has earned a Master's Degree from an accredited institution of higher education shall be placed in the MA column of the salary guide.

e. It shall be the responsibility of the Paraprofessional to inform the Superintendent of Schools regarding any change or contemplated change in training level for the following school year. Changes in placement to another training level shall be made as of September 1st or January 1st. Evidence of such change shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools not later than the first week of school in October or February, whichever is applicable, and a new salary notification shall then be issued retroactive to September 1st or January 1st.

f. Each Paraprofessional, upon completing requirements for a higher training level and upon proper notification as provided in e. shall be advanced to the proper guide for the new training level and shall receive a new salary notification for the ensuing school year. Upon acquiring a higher training level, an employee who has served at least one year at his/her maximum for one training level shall be transferred to the new level and granted one additional step yearly until the new maximum is reached.

D. District Computer Technicians

1. **Payment of Salaries**

All regular employees shall be paid one-half (1/2) of the monthly salary on the fifteenth and the last calendar day of each month under contract except when such a day is a non-working day, in which case salary shall be paid on the first preceding working day. Monthly salary is deemed as one-tenth (1/10) of annual salary for all ten (10) month employees, and one-twelfth (1/12) annual

salary for all twelve (12) month employees.

2. Computer technicians shall receive an allowance of \$26.34 in 2021-2022; \$27.24 in 2022-2023; \$28.16 in 2023-2024; and \$29.15 in 2024-2025 per month for reimbursement for the use of their personal cell phones.

3. Mileage – the computer technicians shall submit a mileage log and shall be reimbursed at the OMB rate.

4. Computer Technicians shall not be required to use personal vehicles for moving large quantities of computer equipment.

E. Longevity: Teachers, Administrative Assistants, Paraprofessionals and Computer Technicians

Employees who have completed the following specified years of service in the West Orange School District will receive the following stated additional compensation for each school year, prorated from the relevant service completion anniversary date:

1. Teachers – see Schedule A
2. Administrative Assistants – see Schedule B
3. Paraprofessionals – see Schedule C
4. Computer Technicians – see Schedule D

ARTICLE VII - NON-TEACHING DUTIES

A. School Collections

1. The collection of money or the raising of funds directly from pupils or through school projects shall be prohibited, except in the case of field trips, and other similar school-related activities.

2. A class or school organization may still initiate some special charitable project not connected with an outside agency. Such projects shall grow out of class activity organization and shall have educational value. Any such project must be approved by the principal. In case of doubt, it shall be referred by the principal to the Superintendent of Schools.

B. Ticket Sales

The sale of tickets in the schools for events not directly connected with the school program, whether by school personnel or by others, shall be discontinued. The only tickets sold shall be those for student functions and Parent- Teacher Association functions and shall not include tickets for outside functions which may be sponsored by a Parent- Teacher Association.

C. Distribution of Flyers

Distribution of flyers shall be limited to those flyers which have been approved by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee. Such approval of flyers shall be on the basis of whether the function is of direct educational and cultural interest and value, and of non-commercial nature. Posters for bulletin boards shall be limited to those functions of educational and cultural interest and value, sponsored by non-commercial organizations.

D. Teachers shall not be required to drive students.

E. CURRICULUM WRITING

PROCEDURE FOR CURRICULUM WRITING

Teachers who agree to write curriculum shall meet with the administrator overseeing the curriculum writing project, and shall agree to the following items:

- the nature and scope of the project to be undertaken;
- the estimated amount of time necessary for the completion of the project;
- the date when the project will be approximately half completed; and
- the date when the project will be completed.

On or before the date on which the project is expected to be half completed, the teachers shall deliver to the administrator overseeing the project that portion which has actually been completed along with a statement of the time worked to date on the project.

The administrator will promptly review the work and provide appropriate guidance and other feedback and either (a) instruct the teachers to continue to completion or (b) instruct the teachers to terminate work on the project.

If the teachers are instructed to terminate working on the project, the teachers will submit for payment at the contractual rate for the time already worked on the project, and the administrator will recommend approval of the payment at the earliest possible date. If the teachers are instructed to continue working to completion, they will do so, will deliver the completed project, will submit for payment at the contractual rate for time worked on the project, and the administrator will recommend approval of the payment at the earliest possible date.

ARTICLE VIII - TEACHER EMPLOYMENT

A. Any teacher entering the West Orange School District from another system in which he has been employed shall be placed on the salary guide corresponding to his/her salary and training level, provided the following regulations are observed:

1. The equivalent of teaching experience shall be granted for active military service as defined in the State Revised Minimum Salary Guides N.J.S. 18A:29-11, "Credit for Military Services," and as interpreted by the State Department of Education.
2. Up to four (4) years of prior experience shall be granted for active military service (as defined in 1. above). Credit for full-time teaching experience in the public schools may be granted if such experience is compatible with the teaching assignment in West Orange.
3. The equivalency of teaching experience may be granted for work experience which is directly related to the area of teaching in West Orange.
4. In no instance shall greater credit on the salary guide be allowed for services outside the West Orange School District than would be allowed for service within the system.

B. Progress to the next step of the guide for employees will be made as follows:

1. An employee hired prior to February 1st of the school year will progress to the next step of the guide as the commencement of the succeeding school year, subject to other provisions for the operation and administration of the salary guide.
2. Employees hired on and after February 1st of any school year will remain on their original step through the succeeding school year and will thereafter progress to the next step of the guide in accordance with other provisions for the operation and administration of the salary guide.

C. Teachers shall be notified of their contract and salary status for the ensuing year in accordance with New Jersey statutes.

ARTICLE IX - TEACHER ASSIGNMENT

A.

1. All teachers shall be given written notice of their class and/ or subject assignments, building assignments for the forthcoming year, as early as possible, before the end of the school year, The foregoing shall not be construed as to require that an assignment be made in cases where decision on the teacher's final assignment is delayed beyond the current school year pending determination as to the status of teachers who have been RIF'd but who may be rehired because of staffing needs and developments, In such cases, the written notice of the assignments shall be made as soon after the current school year as is practicable.

2. In the event that changes in schedules, class and/or subject assignments, building assignments are proposed after such notification, any teacher affected shall be notified as soon as practicable.

B. Teachers who may be required to use their own automobiles in the performance of their duties and teachers who are assigned to more than one (1) school per day shall be reimbursed for such travel at the prevailing I.R.S. approved rate, unless prohibited by state law. If prohibited by state law, the rate shall be the maximum allowable under state law, but shall not exceed the I.R.S. rate. Teachers who are required to travel between schools shall be permitted a 30 minute travel period.

ARTICLE X - VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS AND REASSIGNMENTS

A. Teachers who desire a change in grade and/or desire to transfer to another building may file a written statement of such desire with the Superintendent of Schools no later than May 15. Such statements shall include the grade and/or subjects to which the teacher desires to be assigned and the school or schools to which he/she desires to be transferred, in order of preference.

B. No later than June 1 of each school year, the Superintendent of Schools shall email the Association and post in all school buildings a list of the known vacancies as of that date which shall occur during the following school year.

C. In the determination of requests for voluntary reassignment or transfer, the wishes of the individual teacher shall be considered to the extent that the reassignment or transfer does not conflict with the instructional requirements and is for the best interest of the school system.

ARTICLE XI - INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS AND REASSIGNMENTS

A. Formal notice of a transfer or reassignment shall be given to teachers as soon as practicable.

B. The Board recognizes that the teachers have a valid interest in the position to which they are assigned. The Board agrees that, in the event of involuntary transfer, the teacher concerned shall be consulted prior to formal notification. The Association recognizes that the transfer of teachers is the exclusive prerogative of the Board.

ARTICLE XII - PROMOTIONS

A. Teachers

1. Promotional positions are defined as positions paying a salary differential and/or positions on the administrative-supervisory levels of responsibility, or any assignment to which an honorarium is attached. All vacancies in promotional positions, including specialists and/or special projects funded by the federal government, shall be adequately publicized by the Superintendent in accordance with the following procedure:

a. A notice of vacancy shall be posted in each school, except during the summer months when such notice shall be posted in the Central Administrative Offices. A copy of said notice shall be given to the Association at the time of posting. Teachers who desire to apply for such vacancies shall submit their application in writing to the Superintendent within the time limit specified in the notice, which shall not be less than ten (10) school days. The Superintendent or his designee shall acknowledge in writing the receipt of all such applications.

b. Teachers who desire consideration for future promotional positions may file a written statement of such desire with the Personnel Office at any time.

B. Administrative Assistants and Paraprofessionals

All notices of job opportunities, within the bargaining unit and/or of a promotional nature, shall be posted in all schools and offices a reasonable time in advance of interviewing. A copy of said notice shall be sent to the President of the Association.

ARTICLE XIII - EVALUATION OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF

A. All professional personnel are to be evaluated by the administrator in cooperation with the supervisor (director) who most closely supervises the work of the staff member.

B. Evaluation is to be conducted in accordance with state law and with the District's policies, such as the Teacher Supervision and Evaluation Packet distributed each year.

C. The administrator, supervisor, and teacher are to confer together concerning the evaluation reports prior to their submission to the office of the Superintendent of Schools. The signature of the teacher on the evaluation report indicates that he/she has had an opportunity to see the report. A copy of the evaluation report shall be given to the teacher following the conference.

D. Any teacher who feels that he/she desires to add to the evaluation being submitted by the administrator and supervisor is permitted to submit such additional information in writing to the Superintendent of Schools.

ARTICLE XIV - TEACHER FACILITIES

To the extent possible, taking into consideration the availability of space, funds, and facilities, the Board will aim to provide proper facilities for teachers.

ARTICLE XV - SICK LEAVE AND TEMPORARY LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. Sick Leave for Personal Illness

1. All full-time employees and part-time regularly contracted Administrative Assistants shall be allowed ten (10) days or two (2) calendar weeks' absence annually with full salary for sickness in person or quarantine. Notwithstanding the foregoing, employees employed on an eleven month basis or a ten month plus 20 or more days basis shall be allowed eleven (11) days absences with full salary for sickness in person or quarantine. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Administrative Assistants and computer technicians employed on a twelve month basis shall be allowed twelve (12) days absence with full salary for sickness in person or quarantine. All unused sick leave shall be added to the accumulated total. Full salary shall be paid for absence due to sickness until such accumulated leave is exhausted. Thereafter, full salary shall be deducted in accordance with the present method of calculating the daily rate.

2. Employees shall be given a written notice of accumulated sick leave and supplementary sick leave no later than September 30th of each year.

3. On written notice to the Superintendent or his designee, and subject to the limitations and conditions that follow, any employee may transfer any number of accumulated sick days to another employee with a prolonged or serious illness or who due to a prolonged or serious illness of a family member requires extended or repeated absences from work. All transfers shall be subject to the reasonable discretion of the Superintendent or his designee.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (1) no non-tenured employee may transfer sick days to another employee, except that Paraprofessionals who have been in the employ of the Board for more than three years and are otherwise qualified to transfer sick days shall be permitted to transfer sick days to another employee; (2) no employee with fewer than 25 accumulated sick days may transfer sick days to another employee, and no transfer may result in the transferring employee having fewer than 25 sick days; (3) with the exception of retiring employees, no employee who is not returning to the employ of the Board for the school year following the request to transfer sick days shall be permitted to transfer any sick days, and any transfer effectuated and followed within ten months by the resignation of the transferor shall be subject to rescission by the Superintendent if done with apparent intent to circumvent this prohibition; and (4) in the event an employee having in excess of 200 accumulated sick days shall elect to transfer sick days (in excess of the 200 already accumulated) to another employee, and if the transferring employee shall retire or otherwise terminate employment (except by reason of death) within three years from the date of transfer, then the compensation for accumulated sick days set forth in Article XV.D hereof shall be reduced as follows:

If the retiring employee accumulates, from the date of transfer to the date of retirement, the same or greater number of sick days than those transferred, there shall be no reduction from the compensation.

If the retiring employee accumulates less than the number of sick days transferred, then the number of accumulated sick days for which compensation shall be available shall be diminished by the difference between the number transferred and the number subsequently accumulated.

(For example, if an employee with 215 accumulated sick days transfers 12 sick days to another employee on January 1, 2006, and retires on June 30, 2008, having accumulated an additional 12 or more sick days, then no reduction in compensation shall occur; if the same transfer occurs, and the employee retires having accumulated 5 additional sick days, then the number of accumulated sick days for which compensation shall be available shall be reduced by the 7 days transferred but not re-accumulated; if the same transfer occurs and no additional days are accumulated, the transferor's right to compensation shall be reduced by the entire 12 days transferred. If an employee retires more than 3 calendar years after the date of transfer, no deduction shall be made.)

It is expressly acknowledged that the receipt and use of accumulated sick days will not shield an employee from administrative charges of unjustified excessive absences and the possible negative ramifications to the employee's status as a result of unjustified and excessive absences.

B. Credit for Unused Accumulated Sick Leave From Another School District in Same State/Prior Service in West Orange

1. Credit for unused accumulated sick leave days from another school district in New Jersey shall be granted by the Board, up to the maximum permitted by law.

2. The employee must present a certificate from the prior district, listing the unused sick days. This request must be presented within the first year of employment.

3. Previously accumulated unused sick leave and supplementary sick leave days shall be restored to all returning teachers with prior service in the West Orange Public Schools.

C. Compensation for Accumulated Sick Days Upon Retirement or Resignation

Upon retirement from a State administered retirement system, after twenty (20) years' service in the West Orange school system, or upon leaving the District after twenty-five (25) years' service in the West Orange school system, each teacher who has accumulated at least fifty (50) sick leave days during and from service in the West Orange school system shall be entitled to receive a lump sum retirement payment for such earned and unused accumulated sick leave not to exceed \$22,800 based on \$114 per day for each day of earned and unused accumulated sick leave. An Administrative Assistant or computer technician who has met the service requirements above and who has accumulated at least fifty (50) sick leave days in service in West Orange shall be entitled to receive a lump sum payment not to exceed \$17,200 based on \$86 per day for each day of earned and unused accumulated sick leave. An employee who leaves the District after completing less than twenty-five (25) years' service and who elects a deferred retirement benefit shall not be eligible for the retirement payment.

Employees who intend to retire (or to claim this benefit upon leaving the District) must notify the District on or before April 1st in order to receive any sick leave payout during July of the same calendar year. Notification of retirement after April 1st will cause the sick leave payout to be paid no later than July 31st of the following calendar year.

The foregoing is subject to a statute (18A:30-3.6) which reads: "Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, a board of education, or an agency or instrumentality thereof, shall not pay supplemental compensation to any employee for accumulated unused sick leave in an amount in excess of \$15,000. Supplemental compensation shall be payable only at the time of retirement from a State-administered or locally-administered retirement system based on the leave credited on the date of retirement. This provision shall apply only to employees who commence service with the board of education, or the agency or instrumentality thereof, on or after the effective date of May 21, 2010. This section shall not be construed to affect the terms in any collective negotiations agreement with a relevant provision in force on that effective date."

The benefit shall be paid to the Estate of an employee who has met the service requirements for the benefit if that employee dies (1) before retirement or (2) after retirement but before receipt of the benefit, irrespective of whether the employee filed a notice of intention to claim the benefit. In the event the benefit shall become payable to the Estate of an employee, the Estate must provide the Board with written notice of its claim to the benefit within one (1) year of the death of the employee who earned the benefit, or the Estate's right to claim to the benefit shall be extinguished.

The Board agrees that if it is legally permissible, at the retiring or resigning employee's direction, the benefit shall be paid in whole or in part to the employee's 403(b) or other retirement investment account, and that if multiple payments are directed, such payments may be made by the Board in separate calendar years. (For example, an employee entitled to the full benefit could direct that \$10,000 be paid in December of 2002, and \$10,000 be paid in January of 2003.) The Board agrees to immediately seek a legal opinion on the legal permissibility of this procedure, and if it is determined to be legally permissible, to implement this provision as soon as reasonably practicable.

D. Leave of Absence Due to Personal Illness

Employees may request, in writing, a leave of absence due to illness or health reasons. Such a request shall be made to the Superintendent of Schools who shall transmit the request for Board action. The Board reserves the right to grant special extension of such leave in individual cases which, in its judgment, are deserving of such. Accumulated sick leave and supplementary days will be paid to employees granted a Sick Leave of Absence. Payment of the above accumulated sick

days will terminate at the end of the leave of absence or when the accumulated days are exhausted, whichever comes first.

E. Compensable Absence

Whenever any employee entitled to sick leave is absent from the post of duty as a result of a personal injury caused by an accident arising out of and in the course of his employment, the Board shall pay to such employee the full salary or wages for the period of such absence for up to one calendar year without having such absence charged to the annual sick leave or accumulated sick leave provided in N.J.S. 18A:30-2 and 18:30-3. Salary or wage payments provided in this 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, Labor and Workers' Compensation, of the Revised Statutes. Any amount of salary or wages paid or payable to the employee pursuant to this section shall be reduced by the amount of any Workers' Compensation award made for temporary disability.

F. Emergency Absence

In addition to leave for personal illness as defined previously, an employee may be allowed a maximum of five (5) days in any one year with full salary because of death or serious illness within the immediate family, provided that in the case of serious illness within the immediate family the absence must necessary and unavoidable. A maximum of five (5) additional days may be granted with deduction of substitute's salary where such additional absence is necessary and unavoidable. The number of days shall be determined by the Superintendent of Schools on the merits of each individual case. Thereafter, full deduction shall be made.

1. Serious - shall mean an illness when the attending physician believes that the personal attention of the employee is required to ensure the proper recuperation of the patient.

2. Immediate

1. In the case of serious illness, IMMEDIATE shall be understood to include in the family the spouse, father, mother, child, brother, sister, grandchild and any relative making his or her home with the employee's family, provided that the absence is necessary and unavoidable. Notwithstanding the foregoing limitations, the term "spouse" shall be interpreted as including all those who have legal status under New Jersey or Federal law that can be reasonably interpreted as constituting "spousal equivalency" relationships, and shall specifically include those registered under the New Jersey Domestic Partnership Act or the New Jersey Civil Union Act.

2. In the case of death, IMMEDIATE shall be understood to include, in addition to the persons named in a. above, the following: mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister- in-law, and brother- in law, and in the case of spousal equivalency relationships, the immediate family members of the spousal equivalent.

3. Non-Immediate

In the case of death of a relative of the second degree or a close friend, absence of one full day may be allowed with full pay. Thereafter, full deductions shall be made. Relative of the second degree shall be understood to include aunt, uncle, grandparent, nephew, niece and cousin.

G. Business

1. An application for absence for personal business is to be made only when the absence cannot be avoided without substantial hardship.

2. Application for absence for personal business shall be made, in writing, at least three (3) school days prior to the time of absence, if possible, to the building principal or immediate supervisor for approval.

3. Three (3) days for personal leave with full pay are permissible without explanation where a substantial hardship exists. Thereafter, full deduction shall be made for personal business which has been explained to and approved by the Superintendent or his designee.

4. No teacher absence for Personal Leave shall be permitted prior to September 15, after June 15, or on the day preceding and the day following school recesses of two or more days duration. The Superintendent retains the discretion to grant leave during this period, under special circumstances. The decision will not be subject to the grievance procedure.

5. All personal business leave days not used during the school year will be changed to sick leave days at the end of the school year and added to the individual employee's accumulated sick leave.

H. Family Leave

The Board will provide leaves of absence for family leave as provided by the statutes and court decisions. (Except where medical complications exist, in the case of childbirth this currently consists of up to 20 days before due date and 20 days after the date of birth. In the event that the statutes and/or court decisions enlarge or contract these entitlements, family leaves will be governed by the limits of these new statutes and/or court decisions.)

I. Military Leave

The Board will provide leaves of absence for military service and training as provided by the statutes.

J Leaves Without Pay

A leave of absence without pay of up to two (2) years shall be granted upon recommendation of the Superintendent to any tenured teacher who joins the Peace Corps, VISTA, National Teacher Corps, or serves as an exchange teacher or overseas teacher, and is a full-time participant in such programs, upon return from such leave, a teacher shall be considered as if he/she were actively employed by the Board during the leave and shall be placed on the salary schedule at the level he would have achieved if he had not been absent. Unused accumulated sick leave and credits toward sabbatical eligibility shall be restored to the teacher upon his/her return.

K. Other leaves of absence without pay may be granted to tenured teachers.

L. Administrative Assistants, Paraprofessionals and Computer Technicians may be granted other leaves of absence, with or without pay at the Board's discretion. The decision of the Board will be final and not subject to the grievance procedure.

M. All applications and responses for leaves shall be in writing.

ARTICLE XVI - SABBATICAL LEAVE

A. Any teacher who has completed seven (7) or more years of continuous full-time service in the West Orange Public Schools shall, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be granted leave of absence by the Board for one (1) full year for study or travel, subject to the restrictions and limitations in this Article. After each subsequent period of seven (7) or more years of such service, a further leave for study or travel shall be granted. Travel shall be recognized as part of the sabbatical leave program when it is related to the improvement of teaching or is

connected with the program of study. No sabbatical leave shall be granted to a teacher for five (5) years before age sixty-two (62), if such teacher has previously had a sabbatical leave of absence.

B. Application for a sabbatical leave shall be made prior to February 1 previous to the year for which such leave is requested. Such application shall be made upon a regular form furnished by the Board. Action shall be taken on all such requests no later than April 1 following the making of the application.

C. Applicant shall agree to abide by all conditions set forth in this Article with respect to the type of sabbatical leave of absence granted.

D. As a condition of such leave, the teacher shall enter into a contract to continue in the service of the West Orange Public Schools for at least two (2) years after the expiration of the leave of absence. Failing to so continue in service, the teacher shall repay to the Board the full salary received while on leave. The teacher shall provide a non-surety personal bond which covers the salary received and which is satisfactory to the Board for the two (2) year mandatory service period after the expiration of the leave. The Board shall relieve the teacher of the two (2) year service obligation if the teacher becomes incapacitated and such incapacity is certified to by medical authority satisfactory to the Board.

E. The salary granted to a teacher on a sabbatical leave shall be eighty percent (80%) of the salary to which he would be entitled if not on leave. From such salary shall be deducted monthly the regular deductions authorized by the teacher. Salary payment shall be made monthly in accordance with the schedule for payment of salaries in the school system.

F. No more than two percent (2%) of all the teachers (positions covered by this Agreement) of the system shall be granted sabbatical leave for the same year. In granting such leaves of absence, due consideration shall be given to the reasonable and equitable distribution of the applicants among the different schools and department. In the high school, no more than four (4) teachers shall be absent on such a leave at any time; in each of the other schools, not more than one (1) teacher shall be absent at one time.

G. If more than two percent (2%) of all the teachers (positions covered by this Agreement) of the system shall apply for leave, the Board shall make its selection on the basis of seniority. In case it shall be necessary to choose from teachers of equal prior service, the selection shall be made upon the basis of benefits to the school system. At all times, the needs of the school system as a whole shall be paramount.

H. Teachers on sabbatical leave may not associate for compensation with any person, persons, or organizations during the school year, unless approval by the Board is obtained.

I. Teachers on sabbatical leave shall make such regular written reports to the Superintendent of Schools as he may reasonably require.

J. Teachers on sabbatical leave shall be considered as in the employ of the Board and the time thus spent shall count as regular service towards benefits and retirement and for consideration in regard to salary adjustments.

K. Sabbatical leaves of absence shall be without prejudice to the teachers' tenure rights.

L. The application and bond forms are available from the Central Office.

**ARTICLE XVII - VACATIONS-ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS, COMPUTER
TECHNICIANS, & SECURITY OFFICERS**

A. Administrative Assistants. All full-time and part-time twelve (12) month Administrative Assistants shall be eligible for vacations according to the following conditions:

1. Request for earned vacation time must be made in duplicate in advance of the vacation, using the form "Request for Administrative Assistant's Vacation Time." The supervisor of the employee must approve and sign the forms and return one to the employee and forward the other to the office of the Superintendent of Schools for recording.

2. In addition to school vacations and holidays designated by the Board of Education, all twelve (12) month Administrative Assistants who have worked at least four (4) months shall be entitled to two (2) days earned vacation for each month worked during the school year, not exceeding twenty- two (22) days in anyone year. The vacation period shall run from the following July 1 to June 30. Administrative Assistants in school offices are to use at least three- fourths (3/4) of their vacation days between July 1 and August 31. Any twelve (12) month Administrative Assistant employed on a part-time basis (number of days/5) shall be eligible for earned vacation on a fractional basis of the above rule. For example, an Administrative Assistant who is contracted for three (3) days per week shall be entitled to $3/5$ vacation days ($3/5 \times 22 \text{ days} = 13 \text{ days}$) and these earned vacation days shall be applied to the three (3) days per work week schedule.

3. In the event that an Administrative Assistant shall not use all vacation days in a single school year, up to five unused days may be carried over into the following school year as either sick days or vacation days, at the option of the Administrative Assistant. In the event that an Administrative Assistant shall have unused vacation days and shall fail to make a selection as to how those days should be carried over, they shall be carried over as sick days.

B. Computer Technicians.

1. Requests for earned vacation time must be made in duplicate in advance of the vacation, using the form "Request for Computer Tech's Vacation Time." The supervisor of the employee must approve and sign the forms and return one to the employee and forward the other to the office of the Superintendent of Schools for recording.

2. In addition to school vacations and holidays designated by the Board of Education, all computer technicians who have worked at least four (4) months shall be entitled to two (2) days earned vacation for each month worked during the school year, not exceeding twenty- two (22) days in any one year. The vacation period shall run from the following July 1 to June 30. Any computer technician employed on a part-time basis (number of days/5) shall be eligible for earned vacation on a fractional basis of the above rule. For example, a computer technician who is contracted for three (3) days per week shall be entitled to $3/5$ vacation days ($3/5 \times 22 \text{ days} = 13 \text{ days}$) and these earned vacation days shall be applied to the three (3) days per work week schedule.

3. In the event that a computer technician shall not use all vacation days in a single school year, up to five unused days may be carried over into the following school year as either sick days or vacation days, at the option of the computer technician. In the event that a computer technician shall have unused vacation days and shall fail to make a selection as to how those days should be carried over, they shall be carried over as sick days.

C. 12 Month Security Officers

1. Requests for earned vacation time must be made in duplicate in advance of the vacation, using the form "Request for Vacation Time." The supervisor of the employee must approve and

sign the forms and return one to the employee and forward the other to the office of the Superintendent of Schools for recording.

2. In addition to school vacations and holidays designated by the Board of Education, all 12 month Security Officers who have worked at least four (4) months shall be entitled to two (2) days earned vacation for each month worked during the school year, not exceeding twenty- two (22) days in any one year. The vacation period shall run from the following July 1 to June 30. Any 12 month Security Officer employed on a part-time basis (number of days/5) shall be eligible for earned vacation on a fractional basis of the above rule. For example, a 12 month Security Officer who is contracted for three (3) days per week shall be entitled to $\frac{3}{5}$ vacation days ($\frac{3}{5} \times 22$ days = 13 days) and these earned vacation days shall be applied to the three (3) days per work week schedule.

3. In the event that a 12 month Security Officer shall not use all vacation days in a single school year, up to five unused days may be carried over into the following school year as either sick days or vacation days, at the option of the 12 month Security Officer. In the event that a 12 month Security Officer shall have unused vacation days and shall fail to make a selection as to how those days should be carried over, they shall be carried over as sick days

ARTICLE XVIII - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

In our rapidly changing society, teachers must constantly review curricular content, teaching methods and materials, educational philosophy and goals, social change and other topics related to education. The Board recognizes that it shares with its professional staff responsibility for the upgrading and updating of teacher performance and attitudes. The Board and the Association support the principle of continuing training of teachers and the improvement of instruction

A. Teachers

1. The Board will continue to seek the cooperation of teachers in arranging in-service courses, workshops, and programs designed to improve the quality of instruction. A Professional Development committee will be established and maintained in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9C-4.1 et seq. Any courses, workshops and programs at which teacher attendance is required shall be conducted during regular working hours. Any such courses, workshops and programs conducted after regular working hours will be voluntary and will be compensated with in-service credits or monetary compensation, at the option of the teacher, plus hour for hour credit for 'professional development hours' towards the '20 hours' requirements of the State of New Jersey.

Notwithstanding any other term of this Agreement, the District may schedule a maximum of four (4) compulsory after-school professional development programs, no program to exceed ninety (90) minutes, for professional staff during each year of the contract. Staff will be compensated with hour for hour credit for 'professional development hours' towards the '20 hours' requirements of the State of New Jersey, where permissible, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9C-4.4. . With respect to the programs referred to in this paragraph, teachers may not opt for monetary compensation.

2. Tuition Refund Plan –Teachers and Computer Technicians

a. The West Orange Board of Education will pay for approved graduate work under any of the following conditions:

1. If the course or subject is part of a teacher or computer technician's development program worked out between the employees and the Superintendent of Schools, or certification in another subject field requested and approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

2. If the subject or course is directly related to the teacher or computer technician's function in the school system.

3. If the subject or course is part of a degree program which is directly related to the employee's function in the school system.

b. This tuition refund policy is applicable to contracted full-time employees who are not on sabbatical or any other extended leave.

c. Course Approval

1. To ensure that a proposed course will be approved for refund, the teacher or computer technician must submit an Application for Tuition Aid to the Superintendent of Schools and receive approval of the course(s) prior to the first class meeting. Included with the Application for Tuition Aid shall be a statement of the amount of tuition for which reimbursement is being sought.

2. The course or subject must be conducted under the auspices of a recognized educational institution accredited by the New Jersey State Department of Education for the granting of advanced degrees.

3. Distance learning or correspondence courses shall be approved provided that the college or program has been accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or the college or program has been accredited or approved by the State of New Jersey or the state in which the college exists.

4. Courses taken to complete certification requirements for the Standard Teacher Certificate shall not be eligible for Tuition Refund.

d. Tuition Refund

1. Subject to the total tuition allocations limitations set forth below, the Board of Education shall refund the teacher or computer technician's tuition up to that amount charged per credit by the State Colleges of New Jersey for credits taken at any such State College or, for credits taken at accredited recognized educational institutions other than State Colleges, shall refund the employee's tuition up to the in-state part time graduate student rate charged per credit by Montclair State University for a maximum of nine (9) credits taken in any one year (July 1 June 30) provided:

a) The Teacher or Computer Technician is actively employed by the Board at the time he registers for the course.

b) The teacher or computer technician has completed the course or subject, has received credit therefore, and has had the educational institution forward an official transcript to the Superintendent.

c) The teacher or computer technician completes the school year in which the application was approved and continues in the employ of the District for the following school year.

It is understood that for purposes of tuition reimbursement under this and every section of this Agreement, courses are considered to have been taken in the school year (July 1 to June 30) in which they end. For example, a course starting in January and ending in May, 2012, would be counted as applying to the 2011-12 school year, but one starting in June of 2012 and ending in August of 2012, would count for the 2012-13 school year.

2) Reimbursement shall be made in accordance with the following schedule provided that necessary documentation has been received prior to the date of payment:

For courses completed during the summer or fall semester, payment shall be on or before March 1 of the next succeeding year

3) For spring courses completed on or before June 1, payment shall be on or before July 15th of such year. If a teacher or computer technician is eligible to receive governmental or any other assistance for any course or subject which meets the requirements specified above, such teacher or computer technician would be entitled to receive the difference, if any, between such reimbursement and the amount allowed hereunder.

4) The costs of any fees, books, transportation, etc., are not eligible for reimbursement.

5) Total Tuition Allocation Limitations. Effective July 1, 2017, the Board shall pay no more than \$250,000 towards tuition reimbursement as set forth below:

The procedure shall be as follows: (1) teacher or computer technician's shall obtain regular approvals and submit documentation as set forth above; (2) On or before February 1 of that school year, the Board shall provide the Association with a report indicating the total tuition reimbursement requests for the preceding summer and fall and the following spring; (3) If the total tuition reimbursement requests do not exceed the amount remaining for reimbursement, then those who took summer and fall courses shall be paid, on or before March 1, the full amount permitted under Article XVII.A.2.d hereof, and those taking spring courses shall submit for reimbursement as set forth above and shall receive full reimbursement. Any remaining funds in the reimbursement pool shall be added to the available reimbursement pool for the following school year, and shall be in addition to the \$250,000 currently allocated for that purpose; (4) If the total tuition reimbursement requests exceed the amount remaining for reimbursement, then each teacher or computer technician requesting reimbursement shall be paid according to the following formula: (total reimbursement amount requested by teacher and computer technician's) times (total remaining in reimbursement pool) / (total reimbursement collectively requested by all teacher and computer technician's). Reimbursements shall be made on or before the dates set forth in subsection d.2 above.

On demand, and in no event less than once per year, the Board shall provide the Association with a tuition reimbursement report for the summer, fall and spring semesters.

6) The Board shall pay 100% of all costs for courses required of an employee by the Superintendent of Schools, and such costs shall not be considered a part of the reimbursement pool as set forth above.

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Salary Guide Credit

All provisions under this Article shall be administered in accordance with P.L. 2010, Chapter 13, cited as NJSA 18A:6-8.5 and 18A:6-8.6, which govern the requirements for tuition assistance and/or additional compensation (such as salary guide credit or movement), for completion of academic credits or degree programs, taken at an institution of higher education, as defined by the aforementioned statute.

B. New Teacher Training

The Board shall have the right to require all new faculty members to successfully complete five (5) days, no day to exceed six (6) hours, of professional in-service training prior to the opening of school, plus a maximum often (10) additional in-service training sessions during each of the teacher's first three school years, no session to exceed ninety (90) minutes in duration. Compensation shall be in-service credits, plus hour for hour credit for 'professional development

hours' towards the '100 hours' requirements of the State of New Jersey, where available. All training referred to in this paragraph shall be completed by a new faculty member before the first day of the faculty member's fourth year of employment.

At the discretion and option of the Board, in lieu of the foregoing annual training requirements, second and third year teachers may be required to five monthly sessions of 180 minutes or less, wherever possible to be scheduled on Mondays only, where for each such session the teachers required to attend shall be provided with a choice of at least two alternate dates on which to attend, and, unless mutually agreed upon, at least one of which will begin not later than 45 minutes after the end of the instructional day for the affected teachers. (For example, if a second year high school teacher is to be required to remain for a 3 hour meeting, and the high school instructional day ends at 2:25, at least one of the three meeting dates must begin by 3:10.) Alternate dates are not required to be Mondays.

Teachers who (a) have a minimum of five year's teaching experience prior to being employed in West Orange, and (b) successfully complete the first year requirements of this section shall, at the discretion of the Superintendent or his designee, be excused from the requirement to attend some or all of the training meetings in the second and third years of employment in West Orange.

Notwithstanding any past practices, it is expressly agreed that any and all mandatory assignments for the new teacher training program will be completed within the class time allotted for the training, and no assignments of any kind shall be required to be completed outside of the time in class. No optional assignments, including journal writing, to be performed outside of the training classes, will be required of any teacher.

C. Administrative Assistants

1. Reimbursement for reasonable expenses associated with attendance at approved out-of-district professional meetings and/or in-service workshops shall be made in accordance with established procedures. Mileage allowance for travel shall be at the IRS approved rate.

2. Tuition Reimbursement -Administrative Assistants

The Board will reimburse any Administrative Assistant who has satisfactorily completed an approved course under the following conditions:

- a. The course must receive prior approval by the Superintendent and must be directly and substantially related to the Administrative Assistant's work and function in the West Orange school system.
- b. The Administrative Assistant must be a full-time employee who is not on an extended leave.
- c. The Administrative Assistant must submit an Application for Tuition Aid to the Superintendent of Schools and receive written approval of the course prior to the first class meeting.
- d. The Board will refund the Administrative Assistant's tuition up to the amount charged per credit by the State Colleges of New Jersey for a maximum of six (6) credits per Administrative Assistant, per school year.
- e. The Administrative Assistant must be actively employed by the Board at the time he/she registers for the course, must have completed the course or subject and have received credit therefore, must have submitted satisfactory proof of such completion to the Superintendent, and must complete the contract year in which the application was approved and continue in the employ of the District for the following school year.

4. The Board shall provide the Administrative Assistants with training in the handling of telephone emergencies.

D. Paraprofessionals

1. Paraprofessionals may request participation in district in-service workshops or courses after work. Where the Superintendent deems it appropriate and class space permits, permission to participate shall be granted.

2. The Board shall consider providing training courses and other in-service workshops specifically targeted to the needs of the Paraprofessionals.

3. Reimbursement for reasonable expenses associated with required attendance at approved out-of-district workshops or meetings shall be made in accordance with established procedures governing similar expenses incurred by the teaching staff which shall be consistent with state law, rules and regulations.

E. Tuition Reimbursement

1. If a member who is eligible for tuition reimbursement is terminated for any reason other than for just cause, but followed all procedures to be reimbursed, the member shall receive reimbursement. A member who submits a letter of resignation in lieu of non-renewal for poor teaching performance shall receive reimbursement according to the provision of this article. A member who voluntarily resigns or leaves the district shall not be reimbursed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-8.5 and 18A:6-8.6 and the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE XIX - EMPLOYEE PROTECTION

A. Teacher Protection

1. The Board agrees to provide those protections which are prescribed in the Educational Law, N.J.S. Title 18A in order to make every reasonable effort to provide for the safety of teachers, students, and property.

2. Whenever any civil action has been or shall be brought against any teacher for any act or omission arising out of and in the course of the performance of the duties as such teacher, the Board shall defray all costs of defending such action, including reasonable counsel fees and expenses, together with costs of appeal, if any, and shall save harmless and protect such teacher from any financial losses resulting therefrom; and the Board may arrange for and maintain appropriate insurance to cover all such damages, losses and expenses as set forth in N.J.S. 18A:16-6.

3. Should any criminal action be instituted against any teacher for any act or omission arising out of and in the course of the performance of the duties as such teacher and should such proceeding be dismissed or result in a final disposition in favor of such teacher, the Board shall reimburse him for the costs of defending such proceedings, including reasonable counsel fees and expenses of the original hearing or trial and all appeals as set forth in N.J.S. 18A: 16-6.1.

B. Non-Teacher Employee Protection

1. The rights granted to non-teacher employees hereunder shall be in addition to those provided in N.J.S.A. Title 18A.

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3. The Board agrees to provide those protections which are prescribed in N.J.S.A. Title 18 A, in order to make every reasonable effort to provide for the safety of employees.

ARTICLE XX - INSURANCE PROTECTION

A. MEDICAL

1. TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS, COMPUTER TECHNICIANS and SECURITY GUARDS

The Board shall provide medical, dental and prescription insurance (employee working at least half time, plus dependents, including partners registered in accordance with either the New Jersey Domestic Partners Act or the New Jersey Civil Union Act, their eligible dependents and such other employees as the Superintendent, in his sole discretion, shall determine) protection as negotiated between the parties which will include but not be limited to:

Horizon Direct Access 10/20

High Deductible Plan

2. PARAPROFESSIONALS

Paraprofessionals shall have medical benefits identical to that of the teachers and Administrative Assistants, except that coverage shall be for the employee only.

3. There shall be an annual open enrollment period at such time as shall be determined by the Board of Education.

4. All employees shall continue contributions to his/her health care in accordance with the Tier IV rates set forth in Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, except that there shall be no retroactive imposition of Chapter 78 contributions upon payment of retroactive pay to those employees entitled to receive retroactive pay for the 2020-2021 school year

B. DENTAL

1. TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS, COMPUTER TECHNICIANS and SECURITY GUARDS

The Board shall provide dental insurance (employee plus dependents) based upon the Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) Fee concept.

Preventative and Diagnostic	100% (no deductible)
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All other services shall be subject to a \$50 per individual / \$100 maximum per family deductible. After the deductible is satisfied, coverage shall be as follows:

For remaining Basic Services	100%
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For Prosthodontic Benefits:	70%
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(including crowns, inlays and gold restorations)

For Orthodontic Benefits	50%
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The maximum amount payable by the insurance carrier for the above dental service provided an eligible patient in any calendar year, excluding Orthodontic Benefits, is \$2,500. Orthodontic

benefits are subject to an \$800 maximum per case, which is separate from the \$2,500 maximum applicable to Basic and Prosthodontic Benefits.

Dental insurance shall specifically include coverage for composite (non-metal) fillings.

2. PARAPROFESSIONALS

Paraprofessionals shall have dental benefits identical to that of the teachers and Administrative Assistants, except that coverage shall be for the employee only.

C. PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

1. TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS, COMPUTER TECHNICIANS and SECURITY GUARDS

Prescription Drug (including contraceptives) program with a payment schedule as follows:

The co-pay shall be \$10 for generic drugs, \$25 for preferred name brand drugs and \$50 for non-preferred name brand drugs. The mail order co-pay shall be \$10 for generic drugs, \$25 for preferred name brand drugs and \$50 for non-preferred name brand drugs. The mail order co-pay will cover a 90 day supply of generic, preferred or non-preferred name brand drugs.

2. PARAPROFESSIONALS

Paraprofessionals shall have prescription drug benefits identical to that of the teachers and Administrative Assistants, except that coverage shall be for the employee only.

3. The Board will not provide RX reimbursement (through major medical).

D. HIGH DEDUCTIBLE PLAN

Employees who select the High Deductible Plan will be provided with a Health Reimbursement Account ("HRA") and the Board will be responsible for fifty (50%) percent of the employee's annual deductible under the High Deductible Plan. Additionally, employees who select the High Deductible Plan will be entitled to additional monetary (non-pensionable) payments equal to fifty (50%) percent of his/her deductible amount under the High Deductible Plan, which shall be paid to the employee in his/her first paycheck of the school year (2017), less all applicable withholdings. Thereafter (starting in January 2018), and each January thereafter, because the deductible period resets, the Board will fully fund the HRA to fifty (50%) percent of the employee's annual deductible, and the additional monetary (non-pensionable) payments equal to fifty (50%) percent of the employee's deductible amount under the High Deductible Plan, which shall be paid to the employee in his/her first paycheck in January of each year. Employees who enroll in the High Deductible Plan prior to June 30th, due to a change in life circumstance, will receive the full HRA benefit and additional monies of the plan as set forth in the first two sentences of this section. Should an employee who has received these additional monies leave the District, he/she is responsible for repaying the District the pro-rata amount for the period of time remaining for the year in which he/she received the additional monies within thirty (30) days of separation. This provision will not apply to employees who leave the District in good standing, which includes retirees, non-renewals for ineffective performance, resignations in lieu of non-renewals, or Reductions in Force. The "claw back" will apply to terminations for cause, resignations in lieu of terminations for cause, and in cases where an employee resigns due to being hired by another school district. The High Deductible Plan shall include sixty (60) therapy visits.

E. HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Upon the issuance of an opinion by the Association and the approval of same by Board counsel,

the Board will authorize employees who wish to open personal Health Savings Accounts (HSA), which shall not be administered by the Board, to fund same through payroll deductions.

F. BOARD RIGHT TO CHANGE CARRIERS

The Association agrees that the Board may change insurance carriers upon written notification to the Association provided that the benefit levels are equal to or better than those being provided at such time.

G. BOARD RIGHT TO OFFER ALTERNATIVE PLANS

The Board's health insurance carrier may provide alternate forms of insurance coverage. Individual teachers may select such alternatives on a voluntary basis.

H. OPTING OUT OF BENEFIT PACKAGE

Association members will receive health benefits waivers at a rate of \$4000 for Family/2 Adults/Parent & Child/Single coverage for teachers, secretaries, computer technicians and security guards and \$2000 for Paraprofessionals who waive Single coverage.

I. SECTION 125 BENEFIT

The Board shall create and maintain an IRS Code 125 Plan.

ARTICLE XXI - DUES AND DEDUCTIONS

A. Dues deduction shall be made in accordance with 52.14-159e of the New Jersey Statutes and New Jersey Board of Education Rules and Regulations. The authorization form for deduction shall be as established and deductions will be made in accordance with the following schedule:

1. For authorization received after August 1 or prior to October 1, the first deduction should begin with November pay period, with deductions being retroactive for the September and October pay periods.
2. For authorization received after October 1 but prior to January 1, deductions should begin as of the February pay period and be based on five (5) equal deductions of the total amount.
3. For authorization received after January 1 or prior to February 15, the first deduction should begin with the March pay period, which places the employee on five (5) equal monthly deductions of the total amount.

B. Any employee who is not a member of the Association shall pay a representation fee in lieu of dues for services rendered by the Association. Such representation fee shall be paid and administered pursuant to the requirements of New Jersey law, and in no event, shall such representation fee exceed the legal maximum allowance percentage of the regular membership dues, fees and assessments. Membership in the Association is available to all employees on an equal basis and the Association has established and maintains a demand and return system which complies with the requirements of Sections 2 (c) and 3 of the Act. The payroll deductions for such representation fees shall be made pursuant to the procedure applicable in the District to salary deductions.

The Association agrees to indemnify and save the Board harmless from any damages or expenses, including attorneys' fees, which may be incurred by the Board as a result of claims made by any employee relating to this paragraph and any payroll deductions made hereunder, provided that:

1. The Board gives the Association timely notice in writing of any claim, demand, suit, or other form of liability in regard to which it will seek to implement this paragraph; and

2. If the Association so requests in writing, the Board will surrender to it full responsibility for the defense of such claim, demand, suit, or other form of liability and will cooperate fully with the Association in the defense of the claim.

ARTICLE XXII - ASSOCIATION RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

A. The Board agrees that the Association, its representatives and affiliates shall be permitted to continue to exercise and enjoy any and all present privileges pertaining to the Association's activities, said privileges to be exercised in accordance with the Board's existing Rules and Regulations. Association business shall not conflict with normal assignments and duties.

B. The rights and privileges granted to the Association and its representatives in this Agreement are granted only to the Association as the exclusive representative of the Teacher Paraprofessionals and Administrative Assistants and are not intended as a grant of any such rights and privileges to any other organization.

C. The Board agrees that the Association may hold a meeting of its members at the conclusion of any regularly-scheduled faculty meeting.

D. The Association President shall be granted five (5) days per year with full pay to attend to Association business.

ARTICLE XXIII - CURRICULUM COUNCIL

A. Organization

1. Purpose

The Superintendent will establish a Curriculum Council. The purpose of the Council shall be to recommend to the Superintendent for transmittal to the Board of Education programs to best meet the needs of the students, the schools and the community. The council shall focus its activities on curriculum improvements and/or change.

2. Membership

The Council shall consist of five (5) representatives of the administration appointed by the Superintendent and five (5) representatives appointed by the President of the Association.

3. Committees

The Council shall be authorized to establish sub-committees or ad-hoc committees for specific projects to allow for those who would be affected by Council recommendations to have an opportunity to be involved.

4. Individual Initiative for Suggestions

The Council shall encourage the initiation of ideas and suggestions for projects by individual teachers, departments, grade levels, Association committees, administrators, Board members, students, parents, or other interested parties.

5. Rules of Procedure

The Council shall establish its own rules of procedure and shall provide for a rotating chairperson who shall be responsible for the arrangement and conduct of meetings.

6. Meetings

The Council shall meet at least once a month. The members of the Council shall be granted release

time to attend two (2) Council meetings. The other eight (8) meetings will be held after school and compensated at the summer curriculum workshop rates.

B. Reports

1. Notification to the Superintendent of Schools

All reports or recommendations of the Council shall be referred to the Superintendent of Schools for transmittal to the Board. If the Superintendent has comments to any such reports or recommendations, he shall state the same in writing to the Council within twenty (20) school days of receipt.

After review by the Council of the Superintendent's comments, its reports or recommendations shall be forwarded to the Superintendent who shall transmit them to the Board within fifteen (15) school days of receipt.

2. Minority Reports

Reports of the Council or any sub-committee established by the Council may include minority as well as majority views.

C. Budget

As soon as possible, the Council shall submit to the Board of Education, through the Superintendent of Schools, a proposed budget (for committee activity) for the ensuing school year.

D. Clerical Assistance

The Superintendent shall approve secretarial and clerical assistance for the Council subject to budget limitations.

ARTICLE XXIV - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. 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 provision or application shall not to 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.

B. Any individual contract between the Board and an individual employee, heretofore or hereafter executed, shall be subject to and consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. If any individual contract contains any language inconsistent with this Agreement this Agreement, during its duration, shall be controlling.

C. Whenever any notice is required to be given by either of the parties to this Agreement to the other, pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, either party may do so at the following addresses:

1. If by Association, to Board at 179 Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange.
2. If by Board, to Association at the then current WOEI President at his/her place of employment or if no school is in session, to his/her home address.

D. Unless otherwise expressly agreed between the parties, all Joint Committees created or continued under this Agreement shall consist of three (3) representatives appointed by the Board and three (3) representatives appointed by the Association. Each committee shall establish its own rules of procedure and shall provide for election of a chairperson by the members of the Committee.

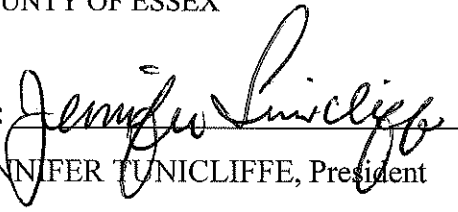
E. The shared cost of printing the Agreement shall be prorated by the number of copies requested by each party.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, The Board and the Association have caused this Agreement to be signed as of the date first above-mentioned.

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TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE

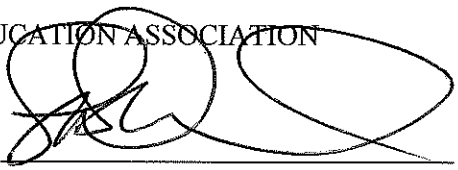
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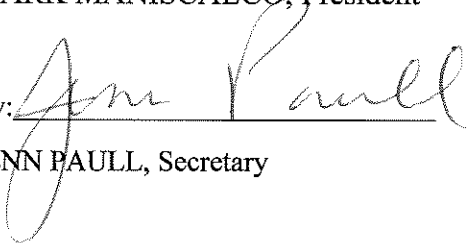
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MARK MANISCALCO, President

By: 
JENN PAULL, Secretary

SCHEDULE A

Teacher Salary Guide 2020-2021								
Steps	BA	BA+15	BA+30	MA	MA+15	MA+30	MA+45	DR
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	58,835	59,492	61,845	62,826	66,879	71,586	73,220	76,816
4	59,556	60,250	62,633	63,627	67,732	72,498	74,153	77,795
5	60,022	60,693	63,094	64,094	68,230	73,031	74,698	78,368
6	60,435	61,109	63,527	64,534	68,698	73,532	75,212	78,906
7	60,879	61,559	63,994	65,009	69,203	74,073	75,764	79,485
8	61,476	62,162	64,621	65,646	69,881	74,800	76,507	80,265
9	61,779	62,468	64,939	65,967	70,224	75,166	76,882	80,658
10	62,432	63,129	65,625	66,667	70,968	75,964	77,697	81,513
11	62,739	63,440	65,950	66,995	71,317	76,337	78,078	81,914
12	64,046	64,831	66,661	67,445	72,804	77,771	79,470	83,522
13	65,354	66,334	68,098	68,948	74,307	79,208	80,908	84,699
14	66,722	68,032	70,701	73,854	75,883	80,927	82,744	87,575
15	69,530	72,302	76,928	78,909	83,569	87,548	90,188	96,936
16	74,396	80,822	86,679	87,481	92,721	98,047	100,108	104,962
17	89,075	94,970	100,865	102,032	107,175	112,338	113,900	117,053
Longevity								
Paid years 15-19			5,502					
Paid years 20-24			7,079					
Paid years 25-29			8,667					
Paid years 30-33			10,266					
Paid years 34+			12,221					

Teacher Salary Guide 2021-2022								
Steps	BA	BA+15	BA+30	MA	MA+15	MA+30	MA+45	DR
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	60,011	60,681	63,082	64,082	68,217	73,017	74,684	78,353
4	61,188	61,871	64,318	65,339	69,555	74,449	76,148	79,889
5	61,521	62,238	64,700	65,726	69,967	74,890	76,600	80,362
6	62,003	62,696	65,176	66,209	70,481	75,441	77,163	80,954
7	62,429	63,126	65,624	66,663	70,965	75,959	77,694	81,510
8	62,888	63,590	66,106	67,154	71,486	76,518	78,265	82,108
9	63,505	64,213	66,754	67,812	72,188	77,268	79,032	82,914
10	63,817	64,529	67,081	68,144	72,542	77,647	79,419	83,319
11	64,493	65,212	67,791	68,867	73,310	78,471	80,261	84,203
12	64,810	65,533	68,126	69,206	73,671	78,856	80,655	84,617
13	66,160	66,971	68,860	69,670	75,206	80,338	82,092	86,278
14	67,510	68,523	70,846	74,006	76,759	81,822	83,578	87,694
15	69,624	72,481	77,135	79,013	83,715	87,690	90,323	97,028
16	74,433	80,936	86,712	87,557	93,054	98,125	101,072	105,140
17	90,634	96,632	102,630	103,818	109,050	114,304	115,893	119,101
Longevity								
Paid years 15-19			5,502					
Paid years 20-24			7,079					
Paid years 25-29			8,667					
Paid years 30-33			10,266					
Paid years 34+			12,221					

Teacher Salary Guide 2022-2023								
Steps	BA	BA+15	BA+30	MA	MA+15	MA+30	MA+45	DR
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	62,718	63,418	65,926	66,972	71,293	76,310	78,052	81,886
5	63,268	63,975	66,505	67,560	71,919	76,980	78,738	82,605
6	63,613	64,354	66,900	67,961	72,346	77,437	79,204	83,095
7	64,111	64,827	67,392	68,460	72,878	78,006	79,787	83,706
8	64,552	65,272	67,855	68,930	73,377	78,541	80,335	84,281
9	65,026	65,752	68,354	69,437	73,917	79,119	80,926	84,900
10	65,664	66,396	69,024	70,118	74,642	79,895	81,719	85,733
11	65,987	66,723	69,362	70,461	75,008	80,287	82,119	86,152
12	66,685	67,429	70,096	71,208	75,803	81,139	82,990	87,066
13	67,013	67,761	70,442	71,559	76,176	81,537	83,397	87,494
14	68,409	69,248	71,202	74,039	77,763	83,069	84,883	89,212
15	70,346	72,635	77,931	79,089	83,883	87,729	90,388	98,077
16	76,428	82,015	87,163	88,225	93,110	98,294	101,165	105,222
17	92,446	98,565	104,683	105,894	111,231	116,590	118,211	121,483
Longevity								
Paid years 15-19			5,612					
Paid years 20-24			7,221					
Paid years 25-29			8,840					
Paid years 30-33			10,471					
Paid years 34+			12,465					

Teacher Salary Guide 2023-2024								
Steps	BA	BA+15	BA+30	MA	MA+15	MA+30	MA+45	DR
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	64,286	65,003	67,575	68,647	73,076	78,218	80,003	83,933
5	64,856	65,580	68,174	69,256	73,725	78,912	80,714	84,678
6	65,420	66,150	68,766	69,857	74,365	79,598	81,415	85,414
7	65,776	66,542	69,174	70,272	74,806	80,070	81,897	85,920
8	66,291	67,032	69,683	70,787	75,355	80,658	82,500	86,552
9	66,746	67,491	70,162	71,273	75,872	81,212	83,067	87,146
10	67,237	67,988	70,678	71,798	76,430	81,809	83,677	87,787
11	67,896	68,654	71,370	72,502	77,180	82,611	84,497	88,648
12	68,231	68,992	71,721	72,857	77,558	83,016	84,911	89,081
13	68,953	69,722	72,479	73,629	78,380	83,897	85,812	90,026
14	69,292	70,065	72,837	74,120	78,766	84,309	86,233	90,469
15	73,198	74,095	78,186	79,222	84,007	88,884	90,825	98,457
16	77,105	82,445	87,265	88,416	93,199	98,547	101,319	105,923
17	94,480	100,733	106,986	108,224	113,678	119,155	120,812	124,156
Longevity								
Paid years 15-19			5,612					
Paid years 20-24			7,221					
Paid years 25-29			8,840					
Paid years 30-33			10,471					
Paid years 34+			12,465					

Teacher Salary Guide 2024-2025								
Steps	BA	BA+15	BA+30	MA	MA+15	MA+30	MA+45	DR
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	65,893	66,628	69,264	70,363	74,903	80,174	82,004	86,032
6	67,126	67,876	70,561	71,680	76,305	81,674	83,539	87,642
7	67,709	68,465	71,173	72,303	76,967	82,384	84,264	88,403
8	68,078	68,871	71,595	72,731	77,424	82,872	84,764	88,927
9	68,611	69,378	72,122	73,265	77,993	83,481	85,387	89,581
10	69,082	69,854	72,618	73,768	78,528	84,054	85,974	90,197
11	69,590	70,367	73,152	74,311	79,105	84,673	86,606	90,859
12	70,273	71,057	73,868	75,040	79,881	85,503	87,455	91,751
13	70,619	71,406	74,231	75,407	80,273	85,922	87,883	92,199
14	71,366	72,162	75,016	76,206	81,123	86,834	88,815	93,177
15	73,317	74,517	78,387	79,714	84,222	89,260	91,251	98,635
16	77,895	82,688	87,523	88,994	93,447	98,995	101,104	106,403
17	87,416	93,020	98,645	100,016	105,041	110,624	112,528	116,893
18	96,937	103,352	109,768	111,038	116,634	122,253	123,953	127,384
Longevity								
Paid years 15-19			5,612					
Paid years 20-24			7,221					
Paid years 25-29			8,840					
Paid years 30-33			10,471					
Paid years 34+			12,465					

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Secretarial Salary Guide 2020-2021				
Step	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4
1				
2	38,220	47,025	48,626	49,598
3	38,332	47,162	48,767	49,766
4	38,804	47,742	49,368	50,379
5	39,281	48,330	49,976	55,002
6	39,570	48,685	50,343	56,520
7	39,861	49,044	50,713	60,216
8	40,252	49,524	51,210	63,932
9	41,243	50,744	52,471	70,103
10	42,664	52,493	54,325	75,054
11	47,105	58,108	60,050	82,214
12	48,865	60,214	62,350	84,753
13	55,925	69,042	71,153	87,447
14	63,003	77,516	80,156	89,540
Days	191	235	243	243
Payroll Administrative Assistant, Benefits Administrative Assistant, HS Financial, AA and HS Attendance Office Coordinator shall be paid at a rate of 1.05 times their guide salary				
Longevity				
Paid years 15-19		\$4,815		
Paid years 20-24		\$6,402		
Paid years 25-29		\$8,042		
Paid years 30-33		\$9,650		
Paid years 34+		\$11,000		

Secretarial Salary Guide 2021-2022				
Step	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4
1				
2	39,176	48,200	49,841	50,838
3	39,481	48,577	50,230	51,234
4	39,596	48,718	50,377	51,408
5	40,084	49,318	50,997	52,041
6	40,577	49,925	51,624	56,817
7	40,876	50,292	52,004	58,385
8	41,177	50,663	52,387	62,203
9	41,580	51,159	52,900	66,042
10	42,738	52,583	54,373	75,216
11	47,250	58,135	60,114	82,331
12	49,107	60,420	62,476	84,927
13	56,195	69,140	71,494	87,550
14	64,137	78,911	81,598	91,152
Days	191	235	243	243
Payroll Administrative Assistant, Benefits Administrative Assistant, HS Financial, AA and HS Attendance Office Coordinator shall be paid at a rate of 1.05 times their guide salary				
Longevity				
Paid years 15-19		\$4,815		
Paid years 20-24		\$6,402		
Paid years 25-29		\$8,042		
Paid years 30-33		\$9,650		
Paid years 34+		\$11,000		

Secretarial Salary Guide 2022-2023				
Step	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4
1				
2	40,155	49,405	51,087	52,108
3	40,508	49,839	51,536	52,566
4	40,824	50,228	51,938	52,976
5	40,943	50,375	52,089	53,156
6	41,447	50,995	52,731	55,002
7	41,957	51,622	53,380	58,749
8	42,266	52,002	53,773	62,147
9	42,577	52,385	54,168	66,213
10	42,994	52,898	54,699	73,224
11	47,439	58,367	60,354	82,431
12	49,613	61,042	63,120	86,448
13	56,227	69,180	71,535	89,173
14	65,419	80,490	83,230	92,975
Days	191	235	243	243
Payroll Administrative Assistant, Benefits Administrative Assistant, HS Financial, AA and HS Attendance Office Coordinator shall be paid at a rate of 1.05 times their guide salary				
Longevity				
Paid years 15-19		\$4,911		
Paid years 20-24		\$6,530		
Paid years 25-29		\$8,203		
Paid years 30-33		\$9,843		
Paid years 34+		\$11,220		

Secretarial Salary Guide 2023-2024				
Step	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4
1				
2	41,159	50,641	52,365	53,411
3	41,561	51,135	52,875	53,932
4	41,925	51,584	53,340	54,406
5	42,253	51,986	53,756	54,830
6	42,376	52,138	53,913	56,017
7	42,898	52,780	54,577	58,927
8	43,425	53,429	55,248	62,305
9	43,745	53,822	55,655	66,322
10	44,067	54,219	56,064	73,330
11	47,499	58,441	60,431	82,487
12	50,599	62,255	64,375	86,516
13	56,338	69,316	71,676	90,067
14	61,598	75,788	78,369	92,544
15	66,859	82,260	85,061	95,020
Days	191	235	243	243
Payroll Administrative Assistant, Benefits Administrative Assistant, HS Financial, AA and HS Attendance Office Coordinator shall be paid at a rate of 1.05 times their guide salary				
Longevity				
Paid years 15-19		\$4,911		
Paid years 20-24		\$6,530		
Paid years 25-29		\$8,203		
Paid years 30-33		\$9,843		
Paid years 34+		\$11,220		

Secretarial Salary Guide 2024-2025				
Step	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4
1				
2	41,982	51,653	53,412	54,479
3	42,805	52,666	54,459	55,548
4	43,223	53,180	54,990	56,090
5	43,602	53,647	55,473	56,582
6	43,943	54,066	55,906	57,024
7	44,071	54,223	56,069	59,258
8	44,614	54,891	56,760	62,784
9	45,162	55,566	57,458	66,797
10	45,495	55,975	57,881	73,426
11	47,830	58,848	60,852	82,763
12	50,899	62,624	64,756	86,824
13	56,623	69,667	72,039	90,165
14	62,610	77,033	79,656	93,828
15	68,597	84,399	87,273	97,491
Days	191	235	243	243
Payroll Administrative Assistant, Benefits Administrative Assistant, HS Financial, AA and HS Attendance Office Coordinator shall be paid at a rate of 1.05 times their guide salary				
Longevity				
Paid years 15-19		\$4,911		
Paid years 20-24		\$6,530		
Paid years 25-29		\$8,203		
Paid years 30-33		\$9,843		
Paid years 34+		\$11,220		

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Paraprofessional Salary Guide 2020-2021			
Steps	Non-Deg.	BA	MA
1			
2			
3	29,273	31,421	33,571
4	29,530	31,697	33,866
5	29,747	31,931	34,114
6	30,285	32,529	34,771
7	31,118	33,423	35,728
8	31,873	33,505	35,993
9	32,185	33,832	36,346
10	32,598	34,267	36,811
11	33,075	34,635	37,112
12	33,974	35,713	38,363
13	36,360	37,875	40,211
Longevity			
Paid years 15-19		\$931	
Paid years 20-24		\$1,398	
Paid years 25-29		\$1,862	
Paid years 30-33		\$2,329	
Paid years 34+		\$2,444	

Paraprofessional Salary Guide 2021-2022			
Steps	Non-Deg.	BA	MA
1			
2			
3	30,005	32,207	34,410
4	30,239	32,458	34,679
5	30,504	32,743	34,983
6	30,729	32,985	35,239
7	31,284	33,602	35,919
8	32,145	34,526	36,907
9	32,925	34,610	37,180
10	33,247	34,949	37,546
11	33,674	35,398	38,026
12	34,166	35,778	38,415
13	37,051	38,594	40,975
Longevity			
Paid years 15-19		\$931	
Paid years 20-24		\$1,398	
Paid years 25-29		\$1,862	
Paid years 30-33		\$2,329	
Paid years 34+		\$2,444	

Paraprofessional Salary Guide 2022-2023			
Steps	Non-Deg.	BA	MA
1			
2			
3	30,755	33,012	35,270
4	31,040	33,318	35,597
5	31,282	33,578	35,875
6	31,557	33,873	36,190
7	31,789	34,123	36,455
8	32,364	34,761	37,158
9	33,254	35,717	38,180
10	34,061	35,804	38,463
11	34,394	36,155	38,841
12	35,357	37,167	39,928
13	37,977	39,559	42,000
Longevity			
Paid years 15-19		\$950	
Paid years 20-24		\$1,426	
Paid years 25-29		\$1,899	
Paid years 30-33		\$2,376	
Paid years 34+		\$2,493	

Paraprofessional Salary Guide 2023-2024			
Steps	Non-Deg.	BA	MA
1			
2			
3	31,678	34,002	36,328
4	31,831	34,168	36,505
5	32,126	34,484	36,843
6	32,377	34,753	37,131
7	32,661	35,058	37,457
8	32,902	35,317	37,731
9	33,496	35,978	38,459
10	34,418	36,967	39,516
11	35,253	37,058	39,809
12	35,770	37,601	40,395
13	39,116	40,746	43,260
Longevity			
Paid years 15-19		\$950	
Paid years 20-24		\$1,426	
Paid years 25-29		\$1,899	
Paid years 30-33		\$2,376	
Paid years 34+		\$2,493	

Paraprofessional Salary Guide 2024-2025			
Steps	Non-Deg.	BA	MA
1			
2			
3			
4	32,945	35,363	37,782
5	33,105	35,534	37,965
6	33,411	35,864	38,317
7	33,672	36,143	38,616
8	33,968	36,461	38,955
9	34,218	36,730	39,240
10	34,836	37,417	39,997
11	35,795	38,446	41,097
12	36,663	38,540	41,402
13	40,564	42,253	44,860
Longevity			
Paid years 15-19		\$950	
Paid years 20-24		\$1,426	
Paid years 25-29		\$1,899	
Paid years 30-33		\$2,376	
Paid years 34+		\$2,493	

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Technology					
Step	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
1	63,550	65,139	66,767	-	-
2	64,077	65,647	67,419	69,104	70,486
3	65,467	66,192	67,945	69,778	71,695
4	66,883	67,627	68,508	70,323	72,395
5	68,494	69,090	69,994	70,906	72,960
6	70,374	70,754	71,508	72,444	73,565
7	76,476	72,696	73,231	74,011	75,161
8	78,773	79,000	75,241	75,794	76,786
9	80,919	81,373	81,765	80,884	78,636
10	83,501	83,589	88,696	89,941	83,917
11	96,407	98,335	100,793	103,010	94,880
12	-	-	-	-	105,843
A/V Coord.	71,927	73,366	75,200	76,854	78,968
A/V Tech	55,724	56,839	58,260	59,542	61,179
Tech&Proj. Mgr*	87,729	96,263	98,670	100,840	103,613
Net Mgr.	138,946	141,725	145,269	148,464	152,547
MIS Coord.	117,509	121,387	125,514	129,781	134,324
*Title changed from VOIP Coord. in 2021-2022					
Longevity 2020-2022		Longevity 2022-2025			
Paid years 15-19		\$4,815	Paid years 15-19		\$4,911
Paid years 20-24		\$6,402	Paid years 20-24		\$6,530
Paid years 25-29		\$8,042	Paid years 25-29		\$8,203
Paid years 30-33		\$9,650	Paid years 30-33		\$9,843
Paid years 34+		\$11,000	Paid years 34+		\$11,220

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<u>Security</u>								
2020-2021			2021-2022			2022-2023		
Step	10 Month	12 Month	Step	10 Month	12 Month	Step	10 Month	12 Month
1	40,545	44,370	1	42,000	46,000	1	43,050	47,150
2	41,102	44,979	2	43,500	48,000	2	43,575	47,725
3	42,335	45,796	3	45,000	49,500	3	45,131	49,800
4	43,331	47,170	4	46,500	51,500	4	46,688	51,356
5	44,631	48,020	5	47,250	54,000	5	48,825	54,075
6	47,107	55,623	6	48,167	56,874	6	49,612	58,580
Coord		72,310	Coord		73,756	Coord		75,969
2023-2024			2024-2025					
Step	10 Month	12 Month	Step	10 Month	12 Month			
1	44,000	50,275	1	45,100	51,532			
2	45,250	51,500	2	46,834	53,303			
3	47,100	53,000	3	48,749	54,855			
4	48,225	55,200	4	49,913	57,132			
5	49,500	56,500	5	51,233	58,478			
6	51,299	60,572	6	53,351	62,995			
Coord		78,551	Coord		81,694			
Longevity 2020-2022			Longevity 2022-2025					
Paid years 15-19			\$2,000			Paid years 15-19		
						\$2,040		
Paid years 20-24			\$3,000			Paid years 20-24		
						\$3,060		
Paid years 25-29			\$3,500			Paid years 25-29		
						\$3,570		
Paid years 30-33			\$4,000			Paid years 30-33		
						\$4,080		
Paid years 34+			\$4,500			Paid years 34+		
						\$4,590		

SCHEDULE F

COCURRICULAR GUIDES			2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
WOHS							
Position							
Academic Quiz Team			2187	2259	2336	2415	2500
Air Force Jr. ROTC Coordinator (2)			4331	4474	4626	4783	4951
Jr. ROTC Rifle Team Drill			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
American Sign Language			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Anime Club			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Art Club			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Art Honor Society			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Asian Culture Club			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Athletic Trainers Club			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Audio-Visual Aide Advisor			5048	5215	5392	5575	5770
Black Student Union			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Chefs Club			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Chess Club			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Chinese Club			2187	2259	2336	2415	2500
Chinese Honor Society Class			836	864	893	923	956
advisor: Freshman Class			2187	2259	2336	2415	2500
advisor: Sophomore			2187	2259	2336	2415	2500
Class advisor: Junior			4316	4458	4610	4767	4934
Class advisor: Senior			4316	4458	4610	4767	4934
Color Guard: Winter Advisor			3290	3399	3514	3634	3761
Color Guard: Winter Assistant Director			2865	2960	3060	3164	3275
Color Guard: Winter Director			3876	4004	4140	4281	4431
Color Guard: Winter: Instructor			1530	1580	1634	1690	1749
Computer Coding Club (Video Game Design)			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Concert Piano Accompanists			100 per concert/50 per rehearsal not to exceed 3 per ensemble (life of contract)				
Dance Honor Society			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Design Technology Club			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Drama			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Drill Team			3765	3889	4021	4158	4304
English Honor Society (Esriptus)			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
ESL			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673

Fall Drama							
Assistant to Director			699	722	747	772	799
Director			5241	5414	5598	5788	5991
Lights			727	751	777	803	831
Makeup			306	316	327	338	350
Publicity			363	375	388	401	415
Set Construction			1212	1252	1295	1339	1385
Set Design			605	625	646	668	692
Sound			745	770	796	823	852
Stagecraft			1020	1054	1089	1127	1166
Ticket Manager			332	343	355	367	380
Family Career & Community			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Leaders of America (2)							
Fight for Green (Environmental Club)			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
French			2187	2259	2336	2415	2500
French Honor Society			836	864	893	923	956
Future Business Leaders of America			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Future Educators of America			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Gender-Sexuality Alliance (GSA) (formerly Gay-Straight Alliance)			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Girl Up!			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Glee			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Healthy Living			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Interact			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Israeli Culture			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Italian			2187	2259	2336	2415	2500
Italian Honor Society			836	864	893	923	956
Jazz Band I			2187	2259	2336	2415	2500
Jazz Band II			2187	2259	2336	2415	2500
Junior States of America			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Key Club			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Literary Magazine			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673

Marching Band						
Assistant Director (3)		5048	5215	5392	5575	5770
Associate Director		6512	6727	6956	7192	7444
Color Guard Instructor		3290	3399	3514	3634	3761
Color Guard Assistant Coordinator		4080	4215	4358	4506	4664
Color Guard Designer, Overall Effects,		3060	3161	3268	3380	3498
and Drill Designer						
Color Guard Drill		1530	1580	1634	1690	1749
Color Guard Flags		2040	2107	2179	2253	2332
Director		13632	14082	14561	15056	15583
Percussion Instructor		1530	1580	1634	1690	1749
Visual Consultant		510	527	545	563	583
Visual Drill and Design		3315	3424	3541	3661	3789
Visual Instruction (2)		1275	1317	1362	1408	1457
Math Honor Society (Mu Alpha Theta)		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Math Team		2187	2259	2336	2415	2500
Mock Trial		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Model Congress Model		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
UN Club Mountaineer		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Auto Club		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Mountaineer Book Club		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Music Honor Society		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
National Dance Honor Society		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
National Honor Society		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Newspaper (The Pioneer)		3600	3719	3845	3976	4115
Newspaper Assistant Advisor		1851	1912	1977	2044	2116
Percussion Ensemble-Indoor: Assistant Director		1046	1081	1117	1155	1196
Percussion Ensemble-Indoor: Director Percussion		2096	2165	2239	2315	2396
Ensemble-Indoor Pit Technician		2096	2165	2239	2315	2396
Pep Club		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Photography		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Project Adventrue Coordinator		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Royal Strings		2187	2259	2336	2415	2500
School Store Management Club (2)		1530	1580	1634	1690	1749
Science Honor Society		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Science Olympiad		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Science Team		2187	2259	2336	2415	2500
Screenwriters' Society		2187	2259	2336	2415	2500
Show Choir: Jubilee		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Skills USA		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Social Studies Honor Society (Rho kappa)		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Spanish		2187	2259	2336	2415	2500
Spanish Honor Society		836	864	893	923	956
Spring Musical						
Assistant to Director		1212	1252	1295	1339	1385

Choreographer			2423	2503	2588	2676	2770
Costumer Director			2423	2503	2588	2676	2770
Graphic Design			6407	6618	6843	7076	7324
			510	527	545	563	583
Lights			1454	1502	1553	1606	1662
Lobby Display			363	375	388	401	415
Makeup			510	527	545	563	583
Media Coordinator			1454	1502	1553	1606	1662
Pit Orchestra Director			2620	2706	2798	2894	2995
Pit Orchestra Musician (per performance)			\$125 per performance, \$60.00 per rehearsal (life of contract)				
Producer			2187	2259	2336	2415	2500
Rehearsal Pianist			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Set Construction			1212	1252	1295	1339	1385
Set Design			1817	1877	1941	2007	2077
Sound			1454	1502	1553	1606	1662
Stagecraft			1020	1054	1089	1127	1166
Ticket Manager			510	527	545	563	583
Vocal Director			2620	2706	2798	2894	2995
Step Team: Boys			3777	3902	4034	4171	4317
Step Team: Boys Choreographer	Step		1530	1580	1634	1690	1749
Team: Girls			3777	3902	4034	4171	4317
Step Team: Girls Choreographer			1530	1580	1634	1690	1749
Student Council			5048	5215	5392	5575	5770
Technology Students Association			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
The Collegiate Institute Coordinator (TCI)			4331	4474	4626	4783	4951
Three Dimensional Printing Club			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Thespian Honor Society			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Ultimate Frisbee			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Unity Club			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Yearbook			4316	4458	4610	4767	4934

MS COCURRICULARS			2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Academically Speaking			2812	2905	3004	3106	3214
ACASA			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Art			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Audio-Visual Aides			2812	2905	3004	3106	3214
Chamber Chorus (Select Chorus/Edison Singers)			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Chamber Orchestra (Select Strings)			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Coding Club			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Conflict Res/Peer Mediation			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Culture Club			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Spring Musical CoreographerSpring			1406	1452	1502	1553	1607
Mousical Director			2812	2905	3004	3106	3214
Spring Musical Music Director			1530	1580	1634	1690	1749
Spring Musical Producer			1269	1311	1356	1402	1451
Drama: Set Design/Construction			1406	1452	1502	1553	1607
Environmental Club			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Helping Hands			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Honor Band			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Italian			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Jazz Band			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Jr. Chinese			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Majority Ambassadors			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Math			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Newspaper			2186	2258	2335	2414	2499
Organization Club/Homework Club (per 45 mins)			35.70	37	38	39	41
Poetry			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Science (Explorer's Club)			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Service Club/Jr. Interact			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
STEM Club			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Strategic Gaming			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Student Council			2812	2905	3004	3106	3214
Totally Tech			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Weight Room			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
GSA (The Voice)			1464	1512	1564	1617	1673
Yearbook			2186	2258	2335	2414	2499

Elementary Cocurricular Positions							
(1 per elementary building)							
Position		2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	
Student Council		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673	
Conflict Resolution		1464	1512	1564	1617	1673	

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	HS COACHING POSITIONS						
Position			2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Site Manager			25950	26806	27718	28660	29663
Head Football Coach			14366	14840	15345	15866	16422
1st Assistant - Football (2)			11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Assistant Coach - Football (5)			10771	11126	11505	11896	12312
Football Equip. Mgr			6299	6507	6728	6957	7200
Head Boys Soccer Coach			11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Asst. Boys Soccer Coach (3)			8651	8936	9240	9554	9889
Head Girls Soccer Coach			11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Asst. Girls Soccer Coach (3)			8651	8936	9240	9554	9889
Head Boys Basketball Coach			11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Asst. Boys Basketball Coach (3)			8651	8936	9240	9554	9889
Head Girls Basketball Coach			11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Asst. Girls Basketball Coach (3)			8651	8936	9240	9554	9889
Head Wrestling Coach			11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Assistant Wrestling Coach (3)			8651	8936	9240	9554	9889
Head Ice Hockey Coach			11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Assistant Ice Hockey Coach			8651	8936	9240	9554	9889
Head Baseball Coach			11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Assistant Baseball Coach (3)			8651	8936	9240	9554	9889
Head Softball Coach			11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Assistant Softball Coach (3)			8651	8936	9240	9554	9889
Head Track Boys			11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Head Track Girls			11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Assistant Track (5)			8651	8936	9240	9554	9889
Head Cross Country Coach			8651	8936	9240	9554	9889
Asst. Cross Country Coach			6512	6727	6956	7192	7444
Head Swimming			11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Assistant Swimming			8651	8936	9240	9554	9889
Head Boys Tennis Coach			6512	6727	6956	7192	7444
Assistant Boys Tennis Coach			5048	5215	5392	5575	5770
Head Girls Tennis Coach			6512	6727	6956	7192	7444
Assistant Girls Tennis Coach			5048	5215	5392	5575	5770
Head Indoor Track Coach			11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Assistant Indoor Track Coach (3)			6512	6727	6956	7192	7444
Head Bowling			6512	6727	6956	7192	7444
Head Golf			6512	6727	6956	7192	7444

Head Cheerleading Coach		19379	20019	20699	21403	22152
Asst Cheerleading Coach (2)		14591	15073	15585	16115	16679
Head Boys Lacrosse Coach		11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Asst. Boys Lacrosse Coach (2)		8651	8936	9240	9554	9889
Head Girls Lacrosse Coach		11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Asst. Girls Lacrosse Coach (2)		8651	8936	9240	9554	9889
Head Girls Volleyball Coach		11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Asst. Girls Volleyball Coach (2)		8651	8936	9240	9554	9889
Head Boys Volleyball Coach		11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Asst. Boys Volleyball Coach (2)		8651	8936	9240	9554	9889
Fencing Coach		11504	11884	12288	12705	13150
Strength and Conditioning Coach (From Spring 21-22)(8)		5,487	5668	5855	6048	6248
Weight Training (Thru Winter 21-22)(3)		3833	3959			
Summer Weight Training (Thru Winter 22-22)(1)		3833	3959			
Strength and Conditioning Coach (Thru Winter 21-22)(4)		7140	7376			
LMS and RMS Coaching Positions						
(Each school has one of each position)						
Position		2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Soccer-Boys (2)		5048	5215	5392	5575	5770
Soccer-Girls (2)		5048	5215	5392	5575	5770
Basketball-Boys (2)		5048	5215	5392	5575	5770
Basketball-Girls (2)		5048	5215	5392	5575	5770
Baseball (2)		5048	5215	5392	5575	5770
Softball (2)		5048	5215	5392	5575	5770
Cross-Country (2)		5048	5215	5392	5575	5770
Cheerleading (2)		5048	5215	5392	5575	5770
Wrestling (2)		5048	5215	5392	5575	5770
Spring Track (2)		5048	5215	5392	5575	5770