

COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE

WACHUSETT REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

AND THE

WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

UNIT A

JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029

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Preamble

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), this Agreement is made between the Wachusett Regional School Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee," and the Wachusett Regional Education Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Association" or the "WREA".

The provisions of this Agreement listed below shall supersede and take precedence over any and all like provisions, practices, or interpretations contained in collective bargaining agreements entered into prior to the effective date of this Agreement.

The parties recognize that this Agreement sets expectations for employment between and among the District and the members of the Association. The parties recognize that this Agreement has as its goal the engagement of students in learning and their academic achievement.

NOTE: Wherever this Agreement refers to "employee," or "member(s)," that term means "member of the bargaining unit." Wherever this Agreement refers to "District" or "Superintendent" these terms mean the "Superintendent or designee" and denotes an administrative function.

ARTICLE 1 Recognition

For the purposes of collective bargaining with respect to wages, hours, other conditions of employment, the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements, and any questions arising thereunder, the District recognizes the Association as the exclusive bargaining agent and representative of all instructional staff to include teachers, counselors, librarians/unified media specialists, speech, occupational, and physical therapists, psychologists, reading specialists, curriculum and technology integrationists, long term substitutes filling a position for one person for 91 school days or more, and any other job title agreed by both parties in writing, and excluding all day to day substitutes (whose assignments vary daily), short-term substitutes (anyone who fills in for one person for a period of less than 90 days), as well as all managerial and confidential employees not specifically listed above.

ARTICLE 2

Continuation of Old Agreement and Complete Agreement

- A. 1. The effective date of this agreement shall be on July 1, 2026. All provisions for school year employees shall be effective July 1, 2026, and shall continue up to and including June 30, 2029, and shall thereafter automatically renew itself for successive terms of one year unless by the October 1st prior to the expiration of the contract year involved, either the Committee or the Association shall have given the other written notice of its desire to modify or terminate this Contract; whereupon the parties shall meet in good faith negotiations for a successor agreement. During negotiations this contract shall remain in effect in its entirety.
2. Full year employees will remain on the same salary and benefit structure until the start of each new school year.
- B. This contract represents the entire agreement of the parties. There are no inducements, promises, terms, conditions, or obligations made or entered into by either party other than those contained herein. This agreement fulfills and resolves all outstanding grievances existing prior to its effective date.

_____/_____
James M. Reilly, MSW, Ed.D. / Date
Superintendent of Schools
Wachusett Regional School District

_____/_____
Linda Sasso / Date
President
Wachusett Regional Educational Association

_____/_____
Linda Woodland, Chair
Wachusett Regional School District Committee / Date

ARTICLE 3

Waiver

In the event that any provision of this agreement is or shall at any time be declared contrary to law, and as a consequence thereof, members would lose a benefit which they currently possess under this agreement, the parties agree to negotiate a replacement benefit of comparable value. All other provisions of this agreement shall continue in effect.

ARTICLE 4

Just Cause

No member covered by the recognition clause of this contract shall be suspended without pay or discharged without just cause. Nothing in this article shall limit the parties' rights as outlined in the Massachusetts General Laws.

ARTICLE 5

No Strike

Both parties to this agreement agree to abide by MGL, c. 150E, s. 9A.

ARTICLE 6

Management Rights

The District retains and reserves all regular and customary functions of management and all powers, rights, and duties it has under law, except as abridged, delegated, granted, or modified by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 7

Association Rights

- A. The Employer shall provide a list of all members to the Association by November 15th and May 15th of each year. The list shall include each unit member's name, job title/assignment, work site location, home address, work telephone number, home and personal cellular telephone number, work email address, and personal email address. To the extent permitted by MGL, c. 4, s. 7, clause 26, the Employer shall not disclose to third parties the date of birth, home address, personal email address, home telephone number, or cellular telephone number of any employee or member of the employee's family, as well as bargaining units and groupings of employees and emails or other communications between employee organizations and their

members as the information is not a “public record” and are prohibited from disclosure.

- B. The District will comply with any employee/association notification obligations it has pursuant to MGL c. 150E, s. 5A, this shall include, but not limited to, the rights to meet with newly-hired employees with the charge to pay or leave time of the employees, for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes, not later than ten (10) calendar days after the date of hire, during new employee orientations or, if the employer does not conduct a new employee orientation, at individual group meetings scheduled by the Association. The employer shall notify the Association by email of hiring decisions no later than ten (10) days. This paragraph is non-arbitrable.

ARTICLE 8

Grievance Procedure

A. Definition

Any claim or complaint by the Association or one or more members thereof that there has been a violation, misrepresentation, or misapplication of this Agreement relating to wages, hours, or other conditions of employment shall be a grievance, but matters covered by applicable law or by regulation of any agency having jurisdiction over the parties hereto shall not be deemed a grievance.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible administrative level, equitable solutions to problems, which may from time to time arise under this Agreement affecting the working conditions of employees covered by this Agreement. Both parties agree that these proceedings shall be kept as informal and confidential as may be appropriate at any level of the procedure.

C. Informal Procedure

1. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting the right of any employee covered by this Agreement having a grievance to discuss that matter informally with any appropriate member of the administration, and to have the grievance adjusted on such a basis without bringing in the Association, provided the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of the Agreement.
2. A written copy of the adjustment shall be forwarded to the WREA president and the Superintendent from both parties within five (5) school days of the decision.

3. At the option of the employee covered by this Agreement, a representative of the Association will be given the opportunity to be present at the conclusion of the informal procedure and to state its views. It is understood that only by the procedure delineated in Section D below may a party proceed to Level Three arbitration.

D. Formal Procedure

Level One - Principal

1. An employee covered by this Agreement who has a grievance will first set forth their grievance in writing on the Grievance Report attached to this Agreement APPENDIX I, Grievance Report and submit it to the principal within twenty (20) school days from the date of the event or events giving rise to the grievance or within twenty (20) school days from the date the grievant was aware of, or reasonably should have been aware of, the event or events giving rise to the grievance, but not to exceed sixty (60) school days from the event or events giving rise to grievance. Said grievance shall include the provision(s) of the contract that the grievant(s) contend(s) was (were) violated or misapplied.
2. For the purposes of this Article, a school day is defined as a day school is actually in session.
3. The principal has five (5) school days to meet with the grievant.
4. Following this meeting, the principal has five (5) school days to render a written decision.

Level Two - Superintendent

1. If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level One or if no written decision has been rendered within the time limits set forth in Level One, the grievant must file an appeal within twenty (20) school days after the written decision was due at Level One.
2. Such appeal shall be in writing, setting forth the details of the grievance, the applicable provisions of the Agreement, and the decision, if any, rendered at Level One.
3. Within ten (10) school days after the receipt by the Superintendent or designee of the written grievance, the Superintendent or designee shall meet with the Association and the grievant.

4. Within ten (10) school days, the Superintendent shall render a decision in writing.

Level Three - School Committee

1. The School Committee may designate a subcommittee to hear grievances in accordance with the process set forth below. The subcommittee shall have the authority to settle all grievances with the Association that are heard at Level 3 of the grievance procedures in this agreement.
2. If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level Two or if no written decision has been rendered within the time limits set forth in Level Two, the grievant must file an appeal within twenty (20) school days after the written decision was due at Level Two.
3. Such appeal shall be in writing, setting forth the details of the grievance, the applicable provisions of the Agreement, and the decision, if any rendered at Level Two.
4. Within ten (10) school days after the receipt by the School Committee or designee of the written grievance, the School Committee shall schedule a hearing with the Association and the grievant in executive session at the next regularly scheduled School Committee meeting.
5. Within ten (10) school days, the School Committee shall render a decision in writing.

Level Four - Arbitration

1. If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision of the School Committee or the School Committee has rendered no decision, the Association may, within fifteen (15) school days thereafter, submit the grievance to arbitration by notifying the School Committee in writing of its desire to have the grievance arbitrated.
2. The Association may submit the grievance to the American Arbitration Association to be arbitrated in accordance with its current rules.
3. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding.
4. The arbitrator's decision shall be submitted within thirty (30) days from the date of the hearing completion.

5. The costs of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the District and the Association, including per diem expense, if any, and actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses.
6. The arbitrator's award shall be in writing and shall set forth the findings of fact, reasoning, and conclusions. The arbitrator shall have no power to add to, subtract from, or modify any of this Agreement.

E. Miscellaneous

1. All written grievance communications, documents and records shall be maintained in a file separate from the personnel file of any employee involved in a grievance proceeding. Unless requested in writing to do otherwise by all employees named in such records, any documents, communications and records dealing with the processing of the grievance will be kept in the strictest confidence.
2. The Superintendent will, upon request in writing, make available to the Association, school department records, including employee personnel files, when authorized by the employee whose file is requested, and documents in its possession necessary to the processing of any grievance.
3. Every effort will be made by all parties in interest to schedule grievance and/or arbitration sessions in the participants' non-working hours or after school. However, arbitration proceedings may be scheduled by the District or its agent during the school day.
 - a. Two (2) Association representatives will be released from assigned duties to attend arbitration hearings scheduled during the school day.
 - b. Employees will be released from assigned duties without loss of pay as necessary and as required by any party in interest, to permit participation in the proceedings as a witness.
 - c. Such witness will be covered for the amount of time necessary to travel to and from the hearing and to testify at said hearing.
4. Any grievance that is Member(s) or Building specific shall be filed at Level One; all others may be initiated by the Association at Level Two. The Superintendent may remand any matter initially filed at Level Two to the Building Level for a period of ten (10) school days.

5. The District and the Association view the grievance and arbitration procedure, as a problem-solving procedure, which may be used with impunity.
6. If the grievant fails to present the grievance at each level in writing within the specified time, said grievance shall be considered to be waived.
7. By mutual agreement, the parties may agree to extend any of the time limits delineated in this Article.

ARTICLE 9

Reduction In Force (RIF)

It is recognized that it is within the sole discretion of the School Committee and the Superintendent to reduce the staff, if necessary, because of a decrease in enrollment, a decrease in revenues, or for any other reason sufficient under the General Laws of this Commonwealth. Any implementation of reduction in force not in accordance with these procedures may be subject to grievance, arbitration, or bargaining at the election of the Association. The reduction shall be accomplished as follows:

- A. In the event it becomes necessary for the Administration to reduce the number of employees in the bargaining unit because of financial limitations, decrease in pupil enrollment, changes in curriculum, or reorganization the procedures set forth in the Article will govern the layoff and recall of employees who are affected by such reduction.
- B. Members with fewer than three (3) years of experience are not covered by the reduction in force language. Notification of non-renewal shall take place not later than June 15 of the year prior to the start of the school year in which the reduction will take place.
- C. No member with professional status shall be laid off if there is a non-professional status member whose position such member with professional status is qualified to fill. Qualified shall mean certified by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- D. For the purposes of complying with MGL c. 71, s. 42 as amended by St. 2012, c. 131, s.3 and as these new statutory amendments are effective September 1, 2016, if layoffs are determined to be necessary by the Superintendent, they shall be conducted in the following manner:

Members with Non-Professional Member Status and those with fewer than three (3) years of experience in the district shall be non-renewed before any members with Professional Member Status.

Prior to implementing a layoff or Reduction in Force, the Superintendent shall:

- Meet and discuss its intentions with the Association.
- Meet with the affected employee(s) and a union representative chosen by the employee to discuss how the decision was made.

Layoffs shall be conducted within targeted disciplines based on the member's job performance and the best interest of the students. A targeted discipline for the purpose of this section is the area of certification in which members are teaching and for which a layoff is contemplated. A member's job performance and the best interest of the students shall be defined as the member's past summative overall evaluation ratings as compared to other members' past summative overall evaluation ratings in the discipline targeted to be reduced. Summative ratings of Proficient and Exemplary are considered equal and valued the highest. As such, members with such ratings shall be more qualified than members with a summative rating of "Needs Improvement," who, in turn, shall be considered more qualified than the members with a summative rating of "Unsatisfactory." If two or more members are considered equally qualified, the least senior member(s) shall be displaced based on seniority.

The number of summative evaluations compared will include all those evaluations written for members during the time equal to the most recently hired professional status member in the targeted discipline, but not to exceed six (6) years and excluding the most recent summative evaluation that is to be determined for the year of the reduction. If there is a tie using the above criteria, the tie shall be broken by seniority, with the least senior member in the discipline targeted laid off first.

A member with Professional Member Status, with a proficient or exemplary summative rating, reached for layoff in a specific discipline may bump the least senior member in another discipline for which the senior member is qualified using the criteria established above.

The parties agree that should MGL c. 71, s. 42 as amended by St. 2012, c. 131, s.3 be repealed or otherwise changed, the language in this section will be negotiated between parties.

E. Notification

The Superintendent shall provide written notice to the Association and notification by certified mail at the address of record to the employee(s) to be affected by reduction in force, providing reasons therefore, as soon as reasonably possible prior to the start of a school year. It is the sole responsibility of the employee to keep the District informed of any changes in their address of record.

F. Recall

1. Any reduced employee laid off pursuant to this article shall have the rights to any position for which the employee is licensed for a period equal to the number of years of service to the District but not more than two years commencing from date of notification. Such recalled employee shall be placed on the salary schedule at no lower level than the employee would have attained in the year following lay off and with continued seniority. Further, the recalled employee shall be granted any benefits the employee had accrued up to the point of their termination.
2. A laid-off member who attains a new licensure may bump the least senior member within that area of licensure at the beginning of the school year. The laid-off member shall provide the District the license or demonstrate to the District the ability to obtain a license at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the opening of school. This two year window may be extended by the Superintendent due to extenuating circumstances related to the licensure process.
3. Reduced employees with professional status shall be recalled in their inverse order of reduction to positions within their area(s) of licensure.
4. The Superintendent shall notify, by certified mail to their last address of record, a reduced employee to be recalled. If a reduced employee fails to notify the Superintendent within fifteen (15) days from the date of mailing of said notice, the employee shall forfeit all such recall rights. It is the sole responsibility of the reduced employee to keep the District informed of any change in their address of record and licensure status.

G. Attrition

To the extent possible and practical, and subject to member certification laws, regulations, and qualifications, normal attrition will be used to accomplish any reduction in force.

H. Curriculum

Nothing in this Article shall limit the District's right to eliminate courses, consolidate classes, revise curriculum, or reorganize the school system. The Superintendent will make every effort to provide alternative opportunities for displaced employees wherever possible in accordance with this Article. The exceptions to the District's right are detailed in ARTICLE 14 paragraph B.

I. Introduction of Change

1. Technology shall be used as a tool to enhance the learning and teaching process of students and shall not be used for the purpose of Reduction in Force. Members are responsible to upgrade their skills in the use of technology.
2. The District and Association agree to work collaboratively and cooperatively to improve the skills of members.
3. Members will not be reduced in force as a result of sub-contracting services.

ARTICLE 10

Vacancies, Promotions and Transfers

- A. Whenever any vacancy in a bargaining unit position occurs, the vacancy will be publicized by being posted on the District's website or the employee self-service portal established by the District.
 1. Position(s) will be posted internally for a minimum of seven (7) calendar days before being filled.
 2. The qualifications for a position and its duties shall be included in the posting.
 3. The District will interview at least three (3) qualified applicants from within the bargaining unit. If there are fewer than three (3) qualified applicants from within the bargaining unit, all qualified members will be interviewed.
 4. If the District, in its sole discretion, does not select any of the candidates from within the bargaining unit, the position may be filled by a candidate who is not a member.
- B. For members, at the end of the first or second year of the transfer position, either the member or the principal, in their respective discretion, may require a transfer back to

the previous year's position, provided that the position (or comparable position) is available.

- C. The provisions cited in this Article dealing with the principal's exercise of discretion shall not be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedures outlined in this Agreement.
- D. For newly employed members, initial salary step placement shall be at the District's discretion. Academic credentials shall determine lane placement.
- E. The District shall make every effort to fill permanent vacancies in a timely manner with permanent replacements who are members of the bargaining unit. For the purposes of this section, a six-month period is considered a reasonable period while a two-year period is considered to be an unreasonable period.

ARTICLE 11

Involuntary Transfers

- A. Involuntary transfer will occur only when necessitated by unusual situations or during reduction in force situations.
 - 1. An unusual situation is defined as any situation where involuntary transfer would be in the best interest of the member and the District as determined by the Superintendent.
 - 2. Reduction in force situations would include any situation where an involuntary transfer would be necessitated by programmatic changes implemented by the District.
- B. When involuntary transfers are necessary, a meeting may take place, at the affected member's request, with the member(s) involved, the Superintendent and the Association president at which time the member(s) will be notified of the reason for the transfer.

ARTICLE 12

Provisions for the School Year and Calendar

- A. The work year for members shall consist of 184 workdays to include 180 teaching days, one (1) staff orientation day, and three (3) in-service days, not to be held after May 15.

- B. Prior to finalizing the school calendar, the District will provide the Association the opportunity to have input.
- C. The District and the Association agree that the overall traditional recesses in the school year shall be maintained.
- D. The school year MAY begin on the Monday before Labor Day. In no event will returning members be required to start their work year before August 25.
- E. The school year will end no later than June 30.
- F. Newly hired members who are placed on the salary schedule and who have not gained professional status shall work three (3) days prior to the start of school, and an additional fifteen (15) hours of after-school orientation, instruction, and training in their first year; two (2) days prior to the start of school as well as ten (10) hours of after-school orientation, instruction, and training during their second school year.
 - 1. The orientation/training days that take place before the start of the school year may be scheduled consecutively up to ten (10) business days before the first day of school for students. Orientation/training will be appropriate to the position of the newly hired employee.
 - 2. These days shall not be scheduled during the traditional recesses in the school year calendar.
- G. In the event that the District requires the services of a “Related Service Provider,” which shall be defined to only include Occupational Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, or Physical Therapists, beyond the school-year, the Superintendent shall request volunteers from Related Service Providers currently employed within the District. In the event that a currently-employed Related Service Provider accepts the work beyond the school year, the member shall be compensated at their regular per diem hourly rate or sixty dollars per hour (\$60.00), whichever is greater. Such services from Related Service Providers may not be required.
- H. Other working conditions pertaining to summer recess shall remain intact.

ARTICLE 13

Provisions for the Work and School Day

- A. No school day in the District shall begin prior to 7:00 AM.
- B. Dismissal of PreK-8 students shall be no later than 3:45 PM. Dismissal of high school students shall be no later than 2:30 PM.
- C. If any curtailed school day is creditable as a full pupil attendance day under State Department of Education regulations, said school day shall also be counted as a full workday for members.
 - 1. In the event the District needs to alter school times in order to meet the minimum aggregate time requirements as determined by the State Department of Education Time on Learning Regulations as of September 1, 1997, the District will work in collaboration with the Association, in a timely fashion, to meet said minimum aggregate time requirements, at no additional cost to the District.
 - 2. In the event that no agreement is made by the parties, the District retains the authority to alter the schedule to meet this minimum requirement.

D. Work Day

1. Pre-Kindergarten - 8

- a. The workday for PreK-8 members will be a contiguous six (6) hours and fifty (50) minutes to include bus duty; except in the case of an emergency, the District agrees to have an Administrator, Principal, or Assistant Principal supervise students when buses are arriving late. This provision is subject to other provisions of this agreement.
- b. Grades (PreK-8): Members will have one (1) duty-free preparation period of not less than forty-five (45) contiguous minutes each work day.
- c. Preparation periods may only be postponed or shortened due to unforeseen emergencies. Whenever this occurs, the Administration shall restore any lost preparation time within five (5) school days from the postponement or shortening of a preparation period.

2. High School Provisions

- a. The workday for professional staff shall not exceed six (6) hours and fifty (50) minutes. This provision is subject to other provisions in this agreement.
- b. No member shall be required to teach or supervise students for more than the average of twenty-five (25) class periods per week, which does not include Activity Periods. Class Periods shall be forty-five (45) to ninety (90) minutes, except on days with Activity Periods or shortened school days.
- c. Activity periods shall be up to forty-five (45) minutes, which may include but are not limited to advisory periods and homerooms. There shall be no more than fifty (50) activity periods per year. Activity periods are to be used for induction, orientation, and guidance activities, with the following clarifications:
 - These periods are intended to be discrete from the traditional teaching duties assigned to members; members will not be required to prepare and/or plan lessons prior to the activity period.
 - Members will not be required to assess students' activity period performance.
 - Members recognize the importance of supervising students and implementing student activities during these activity periods.
- d. Members will not be required to supervise students in the cafeteria, cafeteria areas, or late bus areas nor will they be assigned to duties within the lavatories.
- e. Each member of the professional staff shall have a minimum of one (1) contiguous duty-free preparation/planning time period per school day.
- f. Each professional staff member shall, without additional compensation, assist in the supplemental educational operation of the school, which may consist of club sponsorship, chaperonage, detention duty, accreditation work and the like. Such education operations of the school held outside of the work day as defined within Article 13, shall be assigned by administration on a voluntary basis where possible. In cases where a volunteer is not available, the administration shall assign the duties on an equitable rotating basis. Members who are paid for activities are not excluded from this position.

- g. The parties agree that the administration may change educator/student schedule and structure during the duration of the contract. In that event, the parties agree to impact bargain over this change.

3. Other PreK-12 Work Provisions

1. The members' workday shall include a contiguous thirty (30) minute duty free lunch to be scheduled at the discretion of the building principal consistent with MGL, c. 71, s. 80. The District, with the consent of the member, may appoint the member to a stipend position during the member's duty-free lunch to assist with the administration of the building. The amount of the stipend shall be determined through agreement between the District and the Association.
2. Practices in place for recess and lunch duties as of September 1, 2000 shall remain in place.
3. Members recognize that student help beyond the school day may be necessary. Therefore, members will arrange a mutually agreeable time to provide assistance to students. Members should encourage students to avail themselves of opportunities to seek additional assistance. Such student help does not include extended day programs and/or new programs such as, but not limited to Title I, Wingspan and MCAS Tutorial programs.
4. Members may be asked to participate in special education team meetings, 504 meetings, and administratively scheduled parent meetings. Eight (8) of those meetings can be held during the school day utilizing member's preparation periods. Beyond those eight (8) preparation period meetings, members may be required to participate in future meetings during their regularly scheduled class time, in which case their class will be covered by the District. Up to four (4) additional meetings can take place before or after the workday, so long as those meetings do not take up more than one hour of the members time for each meeting, and so long as those meetings are held contiguous with the work day.
5. Within the members' workday, members will be on duty prior to the regularly scheduled arrival of students. At the close of the school day, members shall complete their assigned responsibilities which includes, where applicable, arranging for pupils to report to additional assignments within the building.

6. Other than duty free lunch, members will not leave the building without authorization for the building principal/designee except in emergencies when the principal/designee will be notified of the nature of same.
7. Members shall attend, when necessary, faculty/curriculum/grade alike meetings which may be scheduled no more than two (2) times per month, not to exceed two (2) hours total meeting time per month. These meetings will start promptly after the workday ends or to be held prior to the start of the workday. Every effort will be made to provide agendas of specific items to be addressed prior to the meeting. Members will be given the opportunity to present issues of importance for consideration and discussion.
8. In the event professional development time runs beyond the members' contractual work days, the member and District will find a mutually agreeable time for the member to be released of all professional responsibilities to compensate for the additional work time.
9. Members will attend two evening responsibilities to facilitate communication with parents. Such obligations are to be equitable across all schools. These obligations shall be scheduled by the principal after seeking input from the staff on the best agreeable date.
 - a. Open House Night is currently scheduled for ninety (90) minutes.
 - b. Parent Member Conference Night is currently scheduled for two and one half (2.5) hours.
 - i. To compensate for this additional obligation outside of normal hours, the District guarantees a district-wide half-day, with no professional obligations in the afternoon which will occur on the Friday that Parent Member Conference night is scheduled.
 - ii. Members who have children enrolled in the District may schedule their own child's Parent-Member Conference at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to scheduling becoming available to the general public. The District will make

reasonable effort to facilitate easy scheduling via the electronic platform utilized by all others.

- iii. In the event the District seeks to change the duration of Open House Night or Parent Member Conference Night, the District will provide prior notice and commence bargaining over the changes.
10. Members recognize the importance of joining with their colleagues and administration to: develop curricula and assessments, analyze student work and create interventions for exceptional students. In recognition of this importance, members will show evidence of collaboration on a routine basis. Such work may be completed during the school day, or after school, as appropriate, exclusive of scheduled meeting time.
 11. Itinerant service providers shall not be assigned duties.
 12. District assigned common planning time shall be in addition to the members' preparation period, as guaranteed by ARTICLE 13.

ARTICLE 14

Working Conditions

A. General Conditions

Although the principal responsibility of members is to teach, guidance counselors to counsel, and all other recognized groups to function within their area of licensure or expertise, all members contribute individually and collectively to the successful operation of school buildings, the school District, and the education of the students therein.

1. In assigning students to classes, the administration shall make every effort to work with staff to determine appropriate class sizes relative to educational, safety, and financial considerations.
2. Members accept responsibility for effectively communicating with parents and students at times convenient to both parties. If a mutual time cannot be established, the principal shall set a time contiguous with the school day. Parental visitations shall be coordinated through the building principal with consideration given to the preference of the member for the appropriate times.

3. The District will determine class assignments in which a member will teach within their licensure and in conformance with state law or regulation. Every effort will be made to assign staff members to teach in not more than two (2) areas of licensure.

If it is necessary, under extenuating circumstances, the District may assign a member to teach in more than two (2) areas of which the member is licensed. The WREA president will be notified by the building principal when the District assigns a member to more than two areas of licensure as soon as reasonable.

4. In all matters relating to member workload, member assignment, distribution and balance of class sizes, non-teaching duties, after school meetings, and similar matters, the administration will make every reasonable effort that fair, impartial, and equitable treatment and consideration is given to each such circumstances.

Each member providing special education services is encouraged to provide written input to his or her supervisor regarding the status of their caseload. In the event a member finds their caseload and/or workload to be unreasonable, the member may request to meet with administration and an Association representative to discuss the member's caseload. The meeting will take place within fifteen (15) school days of the request. No more than two (2) meetings per year need be granted. If a member is not satisfied with the outcome, the member may request to meet with the superintendent or designee.

5. Every effort will be made to inform members of their assignments by the close of the current school year for the next school year. All members employed by the District prior to the close of the previous school year will receive notification of step and lane placement, salary, longevity payments, full time and/or part-time status, location of employment, and position on the District's electronic platform no later than August 1st.
6. The parties agree to work together to provide for the orderly and safe operation of school buildings. Members shall maintain visibility in corridors and make regular visits to student lavatories to prevent infractions of school rules.
7. Members accept responsibility for classroom order and management. In the event that individual student behavior becomes disruptive to the education of others in the class, members shall receive administrative support.

B. Annual Flexible Work Time Assignments

Work time assignment is defined as the daily work start and end times in conformance with the workday included in this Agreement.

1. Nothing in this Agreement will prevent the District from implementing a flexible work schedule in any District school building in emergency situations.
2. Flexible scheduling will be used only when the District does not have sufficient facilities within a building to accommodate the educational program of the students and should be considered as an emergency temporary measure only.
3. The conversion to flexible work times shall not be for the direct purpose of eliminating existing program offerings. Nothing in this Article limits the rights of the parties as outlined in ARTICLE 9, Reduction in Force.
4. In schools where there are flexible work times, the principal/designee shall request input from members regarding their work time preferences on an annual basis prior to the commencement of the annual scheduling process. Every effort will be made to accommodate the member's preference.
5. The most senior member within licensure and area of concentration shall be given preference, whenever possible, in work time assignment on an annual basis within a school building.
6. Members employed as of June 20, 1997, shall work a contiguous workday.

C. Additional Teaching Assignment

If a teaching assignment is scheduled and the District desires to fill this position with an existing staff member within the building who holds a full time work load and said individual wishes to accept such teaching assignment, the member shall be paid 1/900 of the member's annual salary for each teaching period worked.

1. Preference will be given to the senior staff member within licensure, area of teaching, and teaching experience.
2. This provision does not pertain to emergency substitute assignments included in ARTICLE 15, Emergency Class Coverage.

3. Members who accept such a teaching assignment as a long-term replacement instructor shall be paid a stipend commensurate with their current salary and contractual teaching obligations.

ARTICLE 15

Emergency Class Coverage

- A. The parties agree that, when the administration is unable to secure a substitute member, any member shall accept assignment in the substitute position during their unassigned period(s), if in the judgment of the administration, the best interests of the pupils will be served by making such assignment.
- B. Such assignments shall be made on a rotating basis by free period. Where possible, members will be assigned their discipline.
- C. Any member who substitutes more than ten (10) periods a year will be paid 1/900 of their base pay for each period beyond ten (10), except when the member substitutes for a member who is absent for the whole day for whom a substitute has not been procured, in which case the member will be paid 1/900 of their base pay for each period the member substitutes. WREA members must input all absences, and request a substitute, into ReadySub, or the successor platform, unless otherwise directed in writing by the building administration. Members substituting for fellow members who do not request a substitute in ReadySub, or its successor, will fall under this provision and the substituted class will count towards one of the ten (10) periods per year.

ARTICLE 16

Staff Development Planning

- A. The Professional Development Committee will be comprised of three (3) members of the WREA, appointed by the President, and up to three (3) members designated by the Superintendent. The committee will meet no less than five (5) times per school year. The roles of the committee are to review the current professional development activities within the district, review participant feedback and to make recommendations. Additionally, the committee shall be given the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the annual program of professional development opportunities for the following school year and will categorize the PDPs for each district-sponsored professional development activity offered. It is understood by both parties that the Superintendent will provide the most recent version of the PD

plan to the WREA President no later than August 15th prior to the start of the school year.

- B. This time shall be planned so as to provide eligibility for credit necessary to maintain professional status. Individual groups of members may submit proposals to the Principal, for Superintendent and Principal approval, for staff development programs for these days.
- C. Members may submit proposals for professional development opportunities to their building administrator and/or Superintendent five (5) months prior to the professional development day.
- D. Recognizing the importance of professional development in maintaining a highly qualified teaching staff, the District will set aside a sum of money each fiscal year equal to two (2) times the Masters, Step 1 salary for that year. These funds will be for the specific use by the members of the WREA to help defray the costs associated with professional development.
 - 1. These costs may include, but are not limited to, conference expenses, school visits, course fees, travel directly associated with professional development, workshop fees, and class coverage for WREA members attending professional development.
 - 2. WREA members who wish to avail themselves of professional development opportunities as outlined in this article may apply to the District in writing for payment up to, but not exceeding, the costs associated with such professional development, pending administrative approval. The District reserves the right to retroactively increase funding if all professional development monies have not been requested by June 1 of the school year.
 - 3. Any monies that have not been spent during the current school year will be forfeited.
 - 4. When possible, WREA requests for administrative approval and payment under this article must be made, in writing at least ten (10) school days prior to the opportunity and also must contain an explanation of the educational value of the request.

5. Upon completion of professional development as outlined in this article, members may be requested to share this experience in writing and/or in person with other members of the District staff.

ARTICLE 17

Complaints and Discipline

- A. Any complaints (except charges of criminal conduct or administrative complaints of a nonacademic nature) regarding a member made by any parent, student or other person, and impelling some official cognizance by the Superintendent, shall be promptly called to the attention of the member in order that the member may rectify the situation or answer such complaints.
- B. The member will be first notified of the charges to be proffered against them and will be entitled to have representation of their own choice present during the discipline session.
- C. Members will be treated in a professional manner.

ARTICLE 18

Member Evaluation System

The member evaluation system is hereby incorporated into this agreement by reference. A subcommittee representing both parties will review and update the evaluation tool annually to reflect the DESE requirements and needs of the District. Only substantive changes need to be ratified by the parties.

ARTICLE 19

Provisions for Leave

A. Sick Leave

1. All members shall earn sick leave at the rate of one and one half (1.5) days per month of employment; such annual accrual shall be capped at fifteen (15) days per year and a member may carry over a maximum of one hundred eighty four (184) days each school year.
2. All members shall be credited with their annual sick leave accrual as of the first day of work of each work year.

3. If the member terminates service prior to the conclusion of the work year in which such sick leave was credited, the member shall reimburse the District for any sick leave used in excess of the monthly allowance.
4. A member absent due to sickness or injury, will record their absence in the district approved platform prior to the agreed upon call out time for each assignment.
5. The District may require a medical examination of any member claiming leave under this Article in its discretion. Such examination is to be at the expense of the District by a physician selected by it.
6. In the case of absence due to an industrial accident, the District agrees to allow the member to make up the difference between regular take home pay and the amount received from workers' compensation. The amount of such difference shall be charged against the employee's accrued sick leave. If no sick leave is available, the employee may not recover any difference in pay.
7. For illness of the member of the employee's immediate family, which necessitates the employee's absence from school, up to ten (10) days per year may be charged to the employee's personal sick leave.

B. Personal Leave

1. All members shall be entitled to three (3) personal days per year, for the purpose of conducting personal business that must be conducted during regular work hours, two (2) days of which can be used consecutively for reasons such as weddings and graduations that require travel. Personal days require the prior approval of the Building Principal and are at full pay. The District reserves its right to make requests regarding the use of personal time by Association members when adherence to the definition of personal time is in question. Any day denied by the Principal may be reviewed by the Superintendent.
2. In cases of emergency, the notice requirement for prior approval may be waived by the Principal. The District shall reply to said requests promptly.
3. Members' unused personal days shall be converted to unused sick days and be added to the members' total sick day accrual at the end of the school year. Members may carry over one (1) unused personal day per year with a cap of four (4) personal days allowed.

4. The following list of reasons for personal days is considered examples acceptable by the District but is not considered exhaustive or exclusive of other reasons not listed: family medical appointment, legal matters, graduations, funerals, personal real estate transactions, and estate or inheritance transactions.

C. Bereavement Leave

1. In the event of the death of a member of an employee's immediate family, the employee will be allowed to take up to five (5) bereavement days per event at full pay. Immediate family members may include, but not limited to, spouse, domestic partner, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, person living in the same household, or someone who has acted in loco parentis. All step- and in-laws are included in the previous sentence.
2. Bereavement may include a member's reproductive loss event.
3. Members will be granted one (1) day at full pay per event on the death of an aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew, or cousin who lives at an address other than that of the employee.
4. In cases where there is a need to travel out of the area for funeral services, the employee may appeal for additional bereavement day(s).
5. Members may request additional bereavement leave or bereavement leave for reasons not listed which will be granted at the discretion of the Superintendent.

D. Parental Leave and Child Rearing Leave

1. All members who have been employed by the school district for at least three (3) months are eligible for parental leave for the birth or adoption of a child provided the member gives forty-five (45) days notice, unless medical necessity prevents such notice. Massachusetts law requires employers with six (6) or more employees to provide eight (8) weeks of unpaid leave for the purpose of giving birth or for the placement of a child under the age of 18 (or under the age of 23 if the child is mentally or physically disabled) for adoption. Members who are eligible for time under FMLA may receive a total of twelve weeks. Below outlines how members may be paid for this leave time.
 - a. Leave must be taken continuously and shall begin within twelve (12) months of the date of birth or of placement for adoption.

- b. Members employed for three (3) months or longer:
 - i. All eligible members shall receive up to four (4) consecutive weeks of paid Parental Leave, not deducted from sick time.
 - ii. All eligible members may use up to eight (8) additional weeks of consecutive accrued personal sick leave for the remainder of the total twelve (12) weeks without providing medical documentation of continuing disability.
 - c. If both parents are employees of the District, both members will be entitled to the full parental leave per this article. Parents may choose to take their leaves at the same time or consecutively with each other.
 - d. When calculating the twelve (12) week period under this section of the contract, the full December, February and April vacation weeks and the summer vacation period will not count towards the twelve (12) weeks, This does not include weeks there is a weekday holiday (Veteran's Day), Memorial Day, etc). Those weeks shall count as full weeks per this policy. This provision mirrors the Federal FMLA process.
- 2. The District does not currently participate in the Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) coverage offered by the state. Should the District vote to approve M.G.L. c .175M (Paid Family Leave), the parties agree that the provisions shall be null and void and agree to negotiate this section of the contract consistent with the benefits available under the paid parental leave law.
- 3. Parental leave will run concurrently with FMLA leave and all other statutory leaves if the employee is eligible for such leave.
- 4. **Extended Child Rearing Leave**

At the end of the parental leave (or with the arrival of an adopted child), child rearing leave may be granted at the discretion of the Superintendent after the written request of the employee for a period of up to the remainder of the school year. A member may apply for additional unpaid leaves of absence, subject to the Unpaid Leave provision detailed below.
- 5. **Return From Leave**

The member is entitled to return to a similar position with at least the same salary level and benefits coverage for which the member was eligible under the contract in force on the date that the member's leave commenced (subject to exceptions defined in MGL. c.149.s.105d).

- a. During extended child rearing leave, members shall not accrue time toward professional status, sick leave, seniority, or other advantage or right of employment normally incidental to the employee's position, provided, however, that upon return to work such employee shall be granted all leave, seniority, and length of service credit which the employee had at the start to the extended child rearing leave.
- b. In cases where members have completed half of the school year in which leave commences, members will be eligible for customary salary progression upon return.
- c. In cases where the member has been granted a child rearing leave for the remainder of the school year, said member must notify the District of their intention to return to their position in the following school year by February 1 of the school year in which the leave is taken.

E. Family and Medical Leave.

Up to twelve (12) weeks of leave may be granted to eligible members for family and medical leave purposes in accordance with the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993. FMLA leave time will run concurrent with any other leave to which the employee is entitled. WREA members shall be able to use any and all sick time during an eligible leave without risk of separation of service from WRSD. Members are encouraged to contact the WREA and/or the WRSD for clarification when contractual Provisions for Leave are combined with Family Medical Leave benefits.

F. Military Leave

An employee in the Armed Forces Reserve or the National Guard, who shall be required to and does attend annual active duty for training, shall be paid the difference between compensation regarding official government records, and their regular compensation; provided that such military leave does not exceed seventeen (17) days in any twelve (12) month period, and shall not include payment to members of the Armed Forces Reserve or National Guard who may be mobilized during an emergency.

G. Court/Jury Duty

Members will be granted three (3) days at full pay per call to jury duty. In accordance with MGL, c.234A, any employee required to serve jury duty shall be paid the difference, if any, between their regular wages and the jury duty pay, over

and above the amount the member receives for jury duty, exclusive of allowance for travel and meals.

H. Unpaid Leave

A member covered by this Agreement may, upon application to the District, be granted authorized absence without pay.

1. Leave of absence without pay of up to one (1) year may be granted to any recognized member, at the discretion of the District. When applying for such leave, the employee must include the reason for said request. A member may apply for additional unpaid leaves of absence.
2. If the stated purpose for the requested leave changes before or after its approval, the member must immediately notify the Superintendent and such member be subject to immediate recall.
3. Continued participation in the District's insurance coverage plans shall be allowed for all employees on approved leaves of absence, provided the member pays 100% of the premium.

I. General Provisions on Return from Leave

All salary and benefits to which a member was entitled at the time the leave of absence commenced including unused accumulated sick leave shall be restored upon return, and the member shall be assigned to a similar position to that held at the time said leave commenced. If the same position is not available, the employee will be assigned to the most nearly equivalent position.

J. Sabbatical Leave

1. The purpose of a sabbatical leave is to encourage, promote, and enhance the education of the member in order to better serve the District and the students therein. Sabbatical leaves may include graduate programs, travel programs, field experience, and research programs.
2. A member who has completed a minimum of six (6) years of continuous service to the District in a position covered by this Agreement is eligible for a sabbatical leave.
3. Individuals applying for a sabbatical leave shall notify the District by October 1 preceding the proposed sabbatical leave. A detailed plan of the sabbatical

leave program will be submitted to the District by November 1 of the same year. The District shall render its decision no later than December 1 preceding the proposed sabbatical leave. Exceptions shall be made in this calendar under extenuating circumstances.

4. In accordance with state law, an individual granted sabbatical leave must return to the system for a period of time equal to twice the length of their leave. In default of completing such services, the member shall refund to the District an amount equal to the proportion of salary received while on leave as the amount of service not actually rendered as agreed bears on the whole amount of service agreed to be rendered. Exceptions could be made in cases of illness, death, or other extenuating circumstances to be considered by the District.
5. Provisions of professional member status, position classification, and placement on the salary schedule would continue on the same basis as if the member had not been granted the sabbatical leave.
6. Sabbatical leaves shall be for one (1) school year at two-thirds (2/3) base pay. A member shall be paid on this schedule unless other financial arrangements are agreed to by the District and the member.

K. Sick Bank Leave

1. Any actively employed member covered by this agreement is eligible for membership in this sick bank. WREA members will notify the Sick Bank Committee by October 1st, or within thirty (30) calendar days of hire, that they want to contribute to the sick bank.
2. Any contributing member of this sick bank is eligible to receive benefits.
3. Membership in this bank shall be voluntary. Each member shall make an initial non-refundable contribution of two (2) sick days effective on the first pay period of enrollment in the bank.
4. If the bank's total number of accumulated days falls below three hundred (300), members shall contribute one (1) day each year until the balance of days in the bank exceeds three hundred (300).
5. Any Sick Bank days shall be carried over to successive years.

6. Sick Bank days may only be drawn after an applicant who is on a leave approved by the District has exhausted all accumulated or accrued sick days.
7. Sick Bank days may only be granted for the applicant's extended disability due to illness and/or accident.
8. Members must have been employed by the District at least ninety (90) days in order to access sick bank days.
9. The Sick Bank shall be administered by a Sick Bank Leave Committee, which shall consist of three (3) members designated by the WREA President or their designee; two (2) members of the administration designated by the Superintendent. Decisions by the Committee require a majority vote of three (3). The following criteria shall be used by the Sick Leave Bank Committee in administering the bank and in determining eligibility and amount of leave:
 - a. Medical Evidence
 - b. Prior utilization of eligible sick leave and sick leave bank
 - c. Length of service in the Wachusett Regional Public School District
10. Applications for benefits can be made by an active, contributing member of the Sick Bank. Applications must be in writing, and at least twenty (20) days prior to the point at which the employee's sick leave is exhausted. (For extenuating circumstances, the twenty (20) day waiting period can be waived.) The application must be accompanied by a doctor's letter certifying the need for extended leave and estimating the number of days needed for recovery.
11. The Sick Bank Leave Committee cannot act without a physician's statement.
12. The initial grant of sick leave by the Sick Bank Leave Committee cannot exceed twenty (20) days. Additional leave may be extended upon reconsideration of need by the Sick Bank Leave Committee.
13. The decision of the above Sick Bank Leave Committee shall be final and binding upon the members, the Committee, and the Association with respect to the administration of the sick leave bank and shall not be subject to grievance or arbitration.

L. Extended Illness Leave

1. Any member who has exhausted their accumulated sick leave and any allotted days from the sick bank may opt for extended illness leave. The member will be entitled to receive the difference between their regular salary and the substitute's compensation for an additional period (not to exceed ninety (90) days) equal to the number of sick days they had accumulated at the beginning of school year when the illness leave began.
2. A member who has opted not to join the sick bank may opt for extended leave when they exhaust their accumulated sick days.
3. The daily substitute rate will be determined by the Committee.
4. Days may only be granted for the applicant's extended disability resulting from serious illness and/or accident.
5. A physician's certificate will accompany all requests for extended illness leave.
6. Days beyond what the member was entitled to may be considered by the Superintendent on a case by case basis.
7. As with the sick bank, the total number of extended illness days a member qualifies for (based on their accumulated sick leave at the beginning of the illness) will be carried over into the subsequent school year and may be used after the member uses their new allotment of sick days.
8. Members who are on Worker's Compensation are not eligible for this benefit.

M. Job Sharing

Job sharing, in accordance, with the following, shall be available to all members represented by the WREA.

Definition:

For the purposes of this contract, "job sharing" shall be defined as the allocation of all of the duties of one full-time teaching position between two (2) licensed members and within the Wachusett Regional School District such that the cost of the job sharing does not exceed the cost of one (1) member. The division of these duties shall be according to the terms set forth below:

Application:

Members interested in job sharing shall jointly submit a job-sharing proposal to the Superintendent no later than February 1st of the school year preceding the school year during which the job is to be shared. The proposal shall set forth the following details:

- The position to be shared;
- The manner in which the job is to be shared, e.g. the percentage of the job each is to work;
- Whether members shall be eligible for health insurance benefits consistent with state law and District practice;
- Any other relevant information to the implementation of the proposal.

Approval:

The proposal shall be reviewed by the building principal and the Superintendent who shall notify the members of the decision, with the reasons for granting or denying, no later than May 15th. The decision whether or not to allow the job sharing proposal shall not be grievable or arbitrable.

Condition:

In the event that the job sharing proposal is approved, the following conditions shall apply:

- Both members shall work the first, second, and last day of the student school year;
- Both members shall work the three (3) Professional Development Days;
- Both members shall attend all parent/member conferences and all staff meetings;
- Both members shall attend Open Houses/Curriculum Nights;
- In the event that one (1) of the members is absent, the partner member shall make every reasonable effort to cover the absence; and
- Where applicable, benefits shall be pro-rated (e.g. each member shall receive the appropriate percentage of their salary, and shall receive a pro-rated number of sick and personal days).

Term:

The term of the job sharing shall be for one school year, and the partner members shall return to their respective assignments beginning with the school year following the school year during which the job was shared. If the partner members wish to extend the job sharing beyond one school year, they shall apply in accordance with the Application provision in this Article.

- N. Under extraordinary circumstances not covered above, a member may apply to the district for special leave consideration.

ARTICLE 20

Personnel Files

A. Storage and Viewing

All personnel files dealing with employees covered by this agreement shall be housed at the Office of the Superintendent or other place as designated by the Superintendent or designee. Supporting documentation, including notes, preliminary evaluations, or any similar type of material may be retained by administrative personnel in the personnel file, even after an evaluation or report that is filed in the personnel file has been completed.

B. Examination of Files

1. The members covered by this agreement may examine all material in their personnel file, as provided in MGL, c. 149, s. 52C and c. 71, s 42C. Any document that the employee wishes to copy shall be subject to a reasonable copying fee established by the District.
2. Only authorized members of the District administration, clerical personnel in the Superintendent's Office, or a designated agent of the District shall have access to the contents of any employee's personnel file without the written consent of that employee.

C. Right to Review

Employees covered by this agreement shall have the right to review and respond to any material placed in their file with said response placed in the file.

D. Derogatory Material

1. The member will acknowledge that they have had the opportunity to review such material by affixing their signature to the copy to be filed with the express understanding that such signature in no way indicates agreement with the contents thereof.
2. Derogatory material not referenced in ARTICLE 17, which relates to an event or events that the District was aware of, or reasonably should have been aware of, may not be entered into the file after a period of sixty (60) days of the date of the event or the knowledge thereof.

ARTICLE 21

Payroll Deductions

A. Method of Salary Payment

Members will inform the District of the payment plan if they desire a change for the next year by June 1 of the previous school year.

1. Twenty-six equal biweekly installments:
 - a. Checks distributed over twenty-six (26) equal installments.
 - b. Checks calculated in twenty-six (26) equal installments; all money due after the final pay period falling in the regular school year shall be paid in one (1) total sum, the final payment being due and payable the last working day.
2. Twenty-one equal biweekly installments:
 - a. All money due after the final pay period falling in the regular school year shall be paid in one (1) total sum.
 - b. The final payment being due and payable the last working day.

B. Stipends

The employee will be paid for work done throughout a period of time in two equally-spaced payments, the first payment equal to one-half the stipend paid halfway through the period of service, and the remaining half at the completion of service.

C. Credit Unions, TSA's etc.

Payroll deductions for the IRA's, TSA's, retirement, stipends, savings accounts, insurance, and association dues but not limited to these shall be made by the payroll department according to law.

D. Section 125 Deductions

1. Employee contributions toward medical insurance coverage can be excluded from taxable income, maintained by the District under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the regulations issued there under as from time to time are amended, supplemented, and superseded by laws of similar effect.
2. At the time of employment, employees may elect to take advantage of Section 125.

E. Direct Deposit

At the employee's request, the District shall make direct deposit payments to a financial institution that participates in direct deposit.

ARTICLE 22

Personal Injury and Indemnification

- A.** Members shall be eligible for Workers Compensation benefits for personal injury arising in the course of their employment.
- B.** To the extent applicable, the Committee agrees to provide the indemnification established under MGL, c. 258, as amended, subject to the conditions set forth in said statute.

ARTICLE 23

Insurance

Note: Additional District employee benefits relative to insurance may be found in the Wachusett Regional School District Employee Handbook and/or on the Wachusett Regional School District website.

Employees covered by this Agreement who work at least twenty (20) hours per week on a regular basis may enroll in the following types of family and individual insurance programs:

A. Insurance

Health, dental, life, disability (long-term) and vision insurance shall be provided by the District in conformance with the PEC agreement.

B. Leave

Continued participation in the foregoing insurance coverage plans shall be allowed for all employees on approved leaves of absence, provided they pay 100% of the premium.

C. Flexible Spending Accounts

The District agrees to establish Flexible Spending Accounts, administered by the District, for members.

ARTICLE 24

WREA President

The Association President and the Superintendent agree to work together in a cooperative relationship to benefit the children and staff of the District and to promote the District throughout the community and state. In that endeavor, the President may request accommodation to assist in accomplishing the above. Such accommodation may be provided at the discretion of the Superintendent after consideration of the effect such accommodation would have on the instructional program.

ARTICLE 25

Association Activities

The District agrees to provide each Executive Board Officer of the Association, days for Association Activities, not to exceed twenty-one (21) days total per academic year, not to exceed five (5) days per individual per academic year with the exception of the Association President who will be allotted six (6) days per academic year. The Association President will be allotted six (6) days per academic year, or as determined by a Memorandum of Agreement between the District and President.

One (1) member who is elected to attend the MTA Annual meeting to represent WREA can access one (1) Association Activity Day to attend the meeting. This day is not to be deducted from other areas of leave. This day is to be unpaid by the District.

ARTICLE 26

Retirement Benefits

Upon retirement or the death of an employee continuously employed by the Wachusett Regional School District or its predecessors, said employee shall be paid a retirement benefit consistent with the following schedule. Such payment shall be made, at the District's discretion, within one (1) year after retirement or death or no earlier than the employee's requested date of payment.

A. Retirement After Eleven (11) Years Continuous Service

1. Any member having completed eleven (11) continuous years of service to the District or its predecessors shall be able to receive payment for thirty (30) of their accumulated sick leave days as of the date of retirement or death.

2. Members employed as of June 20, 1997 at Wachusett Regional High School shall receive payment for each day at the rate of \$60 per day plus the rate paid to all members.
3. All members shall receive payment for each day at the rate of \$40 per day.
4. Any member who is voluntarily or involuntarily transferred to the high school or fills a vacant position at the high school after June 20, 1997 will not be eligible for the benefit paid to high school members detailed above but will retain eligibility for the benefit paid to all members.
5. Members employed at the high school as of June 20, 1997 shall retain the benefit detailed above throughout their continuous service to the District as a member.

B. Retirement After Fifteen (15) Years Continuous Service

1. Any member having completed fifteen (15) continuous years of service to the District or its predecessors shall be able to receive payment for fifty (50) of their accumulated sick leave days as of the date of retirement or death.
2. Members employed as of June 20, 1997 at Wachusett Regional High School shall receive payment for each day at the rate of \$60 per day plus the rate paid to all members.
3. All members shall receive payment for each day at the rate of \$40 per day.
4. Any member who is voluntarily or involuntarily transferred to the high school or fills a vacant position at the high school after June 20, 1997 will not be eligible for the benefit paid to high school members detailed above but will retain eligibility for the benefit paid to all members.
5. Members employed at the high school as of June 20, 1997 shall retain the benefit detailed above throughout their continuous service to the District as a member of the bargaining unit.

C. Retirement After Twenty-one (21) Years Continuous Service

1. Any member having completed twenty-one (21) continuous years of service to the District or its predecessors shall be able to receive payment for ninety (90) of their accumulated sick leave days as of the date of retirement or death.

2. Members employed as of June 20, 1997 at Wachusett Regional High School shall receive payment for each day at the rate of \$60 per day plus the rate paid to all members.
 3. All members shall receive payment for each day at the rate of \$45 per day.
 4. Any member who is voluntarily or involuntarily transferred to the high school or fills a vacant position at the high school after June 20, 1997 will not be eligible for the benefit paid to high school members detailed above but will retain eligibility for the benefit paid to all members.
 5. Members employed at the high school as of June 20, 1997 shall retain the benefit detailed above throughout their continuous service to the District as a member.
 6. Members employed as of June 20, 1997 at Wachusett Regional High School shall remain eligible for the high school retirement benefit included in the collective bargaining agreement after having completed steps 11, 15, and 21 as they relate to years of teaching service. These same members shall be eligible for the additional district-wide benefit consistent with the service requirements contained in the collective bargaining agreement. For example, a member employed at Wachusett as of June 1, 1997 who taught twenty years in another school district, who is currently at step 22, and who retires in June 2000, shall be eligible for the payment of the \$5,400 benefit contained in the collective bargaining agreement, but shall not be eligible for payment of the additional \$45 per day up to \$4,050. Said member is only eligible for the \$5,400 because the member had not provided twenty one 21 years of continuous service to the Wachusett Regional School District.
- D.** Effective July 1, 2026, the District agrees to honor the Rutland Retirement Benefit as outlined in the July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026 collective bargaining agreement for any eligible employee.

E. Reduction In Force Provision

Members reduced pursuant to the Reduction in Force provisions of this Agreement shall be paid the retirement benefit in full for which they meet the eligibility requirement upon termination of recall rights.

ARTICLE 27

Longevity and Salary

A. Salary Schedule

Members who were hired at the Start Lane (now Master's Lane) and do not acquire a Master's Degree by the time they have attained Step 5 shall remain at Step 5 on Master's Lane until such time as the Master's Degree is completed. The member will then move on the Master's Lane to the step commensurate with their years of service with the District.

1. Any member with a Master's Degree requiring fifty (50) or more credits will be placed in the M+15 column on the salary grid.
2. Any member with a Master's Degree requiring sixty (60) or more credits will be placed in the M+30 column.

B. Longevity

1. All members will receive longevity payments in the following manner:
 - Starting in Year 15, your annual longevity payment will be \$3200 in total.
 - Starting in Year 16, your annual longevity payment will be \$4050 in total (\$3200 from Year 15 with an additional \$850).
 - Starting in Year 22, your annual longevity payment will be \$4900 in total (\$4050 from the previous year, with an additional \$850).
 - Starting in Year 30, your annual longevity payment will be \$6150 in total (\$4900 from the previous years, with an additional \$1250).
2. If employed prior to June 20, 1997, years of service for longevity include service within the district and service in another district. If employed after June 20, 1997, years of service for longevity only include service within the district.
3. All unit members employed on or before June 30, 2018 will receive the Year 15 longevity payment of \$3200 beginning in the year following the completion of Step 14. All unit members employed on or after July 1, 2018 will receive the Year 15 longevity payment of \$3,200 beginning in the year following fourteen (14) years of service to the District.

C. The ABA classroom member will work a longer day and a longer school year.

1. The work year will be 209 days for PreK-8. Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, the work year will be 210 days for PreK-8.

2. The work year will be 205 days for high school. Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, the work year will be 206 days for high school.
3. The work day will be seven hours and thirty-five minutes.
4. The ABA classroom member will not work during regularly scheduled school vacations. The member will work during the extended year program with two (2) additional preparation days. The member will have at least two (2) full weeks of recess during the summer, one week before the start of the extended year and one after the conclusion of the extended year.
5. The ABA member will receive a differential of 26.7%.
6. All ABA members will receive a total of five (5) personal days.

D. Retirement Compensation

A one-time incentive payment of \$1,000 will be paid to members at the time of retirement if the member submits their intent to retire by November 1st and agrees to remain employed by the District until the end of the school year in which the member plans to retire.

1. An eligible member shall be defined as a person covered by this Agreement who has completed at least fifteen (15) years of service in the bargaining unit as of August 31st immediately following the completion of the school year which the member intends to be their last year of service in the Wachusett Regional School District.
2. In order to receive this amount, the member must complete the entire school year, not return for the next school year, and retire in accordance with the rules and regulations of the MTRS within a reasonable time period.
3. The lump sum amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), (less legally required tax withholding) shall be paid to the eligible member under this section. No individual shall be eligible, under any circumstances, to receive this payment more than once.

Procedure

1. An applicant shall declare their intention to participate in this plan by submitting their written intention to retire to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools by November 1st of the school year in which they intend to be their last year of service in the Wachusett Regional Schools.
2. The letter of intent to retire is irrevocable after February 1 unless there are extenuating circumstances. In such cases, the Superintendent of Schools shall have the discretion to waive this restriction. The Superintendent may also waive this restriction if in the Superintendent's sole determination, it would be in the best interest of the District.
3. The retirement incentive shall be paid by the last payroll of the school year, which is the applicant's last year of service in the Wachusett Regional Schools. However, members who retire in accordance with this provision shall have the option of receiving the retirement incentive on the first payroll in January following their retirement.

E. Lane Changes/Course Approval

All salary schedule placement changes to a higher level of preparation shall be as of September and February of each year.

1. By January 1st of the school year prior to when a member anticipates making an academic achievement wage lane change, the member must provide the Superintendent with written notice of the anticipated change and indicate whether the lane change is anticipated to occur the following September 1st or the following February 1st -- the only two times during the school year when lane changes may occur.
2. Before the lane change may occur, the member shall submit an official transcript, or other official documents, as verification of course and degree completion by delivering them to the Superintendent as soon as reasonably possible. For lane changes occurring in September, the verification documents must be submitted by August 31st. For lane changes occurring in February, the verification documents must be submitted no later than January 31st.
3. Lane change verification documentation that is not timely received by one of the two above due dates (August 31st/January 31st) will result in the adjustment becoming effective on the next regularly occurring subsequent adjustment due date (September-February).

4. Requests for lane change advancement, which include courses that have been taken entirely electronically (i.e., via email and/or the Internet), will include documentation that such course(s) were approved by the superintendent or their designee. Failure to include such documentation may result in such course(s) being disallowed by the district. Members of the association will have the right to meet with the superintendent within ten (10) days of written notification that a course has been disallowed to appeal this decision. It is further agreed that the salary placement of new hires will adhere to this protocol. The parties agree that the superintendent maintains the right to make the final decision and this decision is not grievable.
5. In order to advance to a column beyond the Master's, all applicable credits must be earned after the completion of the Master's Degree.
6. A Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) will only be recognized if the program requires at least thirty (30) graduate credits. When a Master's Degree requires forty-five (45) credits or beyond, a CAGS program of less than 30 credits may be approved by the Superintendent.
7. Members who participate in the SEI Endorsement Course as required by the RETELL (Rethinking Equity and Teaching for English Language Learners) will be compensated for participating in the SEI Endorsement Course with three (3) graduate credits (to be used for lane advancement) upon successful completion to the course or successful completion of the online assessment (MTEL).

F. Salary Grid

2026-2027 3% COLA	BA	BA +15	MA	MA +15	MA + 30	2MA/CAGS	PhD
1	\$56,353	\$58,916	\$62,568	\$64,923	\$67,346	\$69,497	\$71,650
2	\$58,455	\$61,042	\$64,916	\$67,359	\$69,873	\$72,106	\$74,338
3	\$60,635	\$63,246	\$67,349	\$69,886	\$72,492	\$74,809	\$77,125
4	\$62,895	\$65,532	\$69,876	\$72,505	\$75,330	\$77,615	\$80,019
5	\$65,237	\$67,898	\$72,496	\$75,224	\$78,030	\$80,523	\$83,018
6	\$67,670	\$70,350	\$75,214	\$78,045	\$80,958	\$83,544	\$86,134
7	\$70,192	\$72,891	\$78,034	\$80,972	\$83,990	\$86,678	\$89,361
8	\$72,809	\$75,522	\$80,962	\$84,008	\$87,141	\$89,927	\$92,713
9	\$75,523	\$78,250	\$83,998	\$87,117	\$90,409	\$93,302	\$96,190
10	\$78,339	\$81,075	\$87,146	\$90,426	\$93,799	\$96,798	\$99,797
11	\$81,259	\$84,004	\$90,415	\$93,819	\$97,319	\$100,431	\$103,540
12	\$84,289	\$87,037	\$93,805	\$97,336	\$100,969	\$104,191	\$107,423
13	\$87,429	\$90,179	\$97,325	\$100,987	\$104,753	\$108,102	\$111,449
14	\$90,690	\$93,436	\$100,973	\$104,772	\$108,681	\$112,157	\$115,629

2027-2028 3% COLA	BA	BA +15	MA	MA +15	MA + 30	2MA/CAGS	PhD
1	\$58,044	\$60,683	\$64,445	\$66,871	\$69,366	\$71,582	\$73,800
2	\$60,209	\$62,873	\$66,863	\$69,380	\$71,969	\$74,269	\$76,568
3	\$62,454	\$65,143	\$69,369	\$71,983	\$74,667	\$77,053	\$79,439
4	\$64,782	\$67,498	\$71,972	\$74,680	\$77,590	\$79,943	\$82,420
5	\$67,194	\$69,935	\$74,671	\$77,481	\$80,371	\$82,939	\$85,509
6	\$69,700	\$72,461	\$77,470	\$80,386	\$83,387	\$86,050	\$88,718
7	\$72,298	\$75,078	\$80,375	\$83,401	\$86,510	\$89,278	\$92,042
8	\$74,993	\$77,788	\$83,391	\$86,528	\$89,755	\$92,625	\$95,494
9	\$77,789	\$80,598	\$86,518	\$89,731	\$93,121	\$96,101	\$99,076
10	\$80,689	\$83,507	\$89,760	\$93,139	\$96,613	\$99,702	\$102,791
11	\$83,697	\$86,524	\$93,127	\$96,634	\$100,239	\$103,444	\$106,646
12	\$86,818	\$89,648	\$96,619	\$100,256	\$103,998	\$107,317	\$110,646
13	\$90,052	\$92,884	\$100,245	\$104,017	\$107,896	\$111,345	\$114,792
14	\$93,411	\$96,239	\$104,002	\$107,915	\$111,941	\$115,522	\$119,098

2028-2029 3% COLA	BA	BA +15	MA	MA +15	MA + 30	2MA/CAGS	PhD
1	\$59,785	\$62,503	\$66,378	\$68,877	\$71,447	\$73,729	\$76,014
2	\$62,015	\$64,759	\$68,869	\$71,461	\$74,128	\$76,497	\$78,865
3	\$64,328	\$67,097	\$71,450	\$74,142	\$76,907	\$79,365	\$81,822
4	\$66,725	\$69,523	\$74,131	\$76,920	\$79,918	\$82,341	\$84,893
5	\$69,210	\$72,033	\$76,911	\$79,805	\$82,782	\$85,427	\$88,074
6	\$71,791	\$74,635	\$79,794	\$82,798	\$85,889	\$88,632	\$91,380
7	\$74,467	\$77,330	\$82,786	\$85,903	\$89,105	\$91,956	\$94,803
8	\$77,243	\$80,122	\$85,893	\$89,124	\$92,448	\$95,404	\$98,359
9	\$80,123	\$83,016	\$89,114	\$92,423	\$95,915	\$98,984	\$102,048
10	\$83,110	\$86,012	\$92,453	\$95,933	\$99,511	\$102,693	\$105,875
11	\$86,208	\$89,120	\$95,921	\$99,533	\$103,246	\$106,547	\$109,845
12	\$89,423	\$92,337	\$99,518	\$103,264	\$107,118	\$110,537	\$113,965
13	\$92,754	\$95,671	\$103,252	\$107,138	\$111,133	\$114,685	\$118,236
14	\$96,213	\$99,126	\$107,122	\$111,152	\$115,299	\$118,988	\$122,671

ARTICLE 28

General Provisions

A. Mileage Reimbursement

Each member shall be reimbursed for prior-approved, official district related travel consistent with applicable School Committee policy.

B. Course Reimbursement

Members will be fully reimbursed for any course or conference approved in advance by the Superintendent. Any member who wishes to have a course or conference reimbursed shall make a written request to the Superintendent prior to matriculating into the course or conference. If approval is not granted by the Superintendent prior to the first day the course or conference meets, the District shall not reimburse the member for any costs associated with said course or conference. The approval of reimbursement is the sole and exclusive discretion of the District.

C. Establishment of Committee

The WREA agrees to establish a committee whose charge shall be to work cooperatively with the Wachusett Regional School Committee on issues of common

interest. Such issues shall include, but not be limited to, passing overrides, increasing State education funding, improving the District's image, and supporting budget presentations at town meetings. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit an individual unit member's political rights.

ARTICLE 29

Part-Time Employees

- A. Part-time employees covered by the terms of this Agreement shall have their salaries pro-rated in accordance with the proportion of their service in relation to a full-time schedule.
- B. Part-time employees shall be entitled to all other applicable benefits of the Agreement except as set forth below:
 - a. Sick Leave - A part-time Employee shall be entitled to an allotment of days pro-rated based on either the proportion of a day or a proportion of the week usually worked.
 - b. Personal Leave - A part-time Employee shall be entitled to at least one (1) personal leave day, and if employed sixty (60%) percent or more of a full-time schedule to two (2) personal leave days.
 - c. Employees who work a part-time schedule are expected to participate in all evening conferences. Any part time Employee who is unable to attend due to other work commitments must notify the principal and make other arrangements to meet parents.
- C. Part-time Employees who do not work on days of scheduled staff meetings are expected to obtain the information covered.
 - a. Part-time Employees who are not scheduled to work on professional development days are encouraged to attend and will receive a per diem rate.
 - b. Part-time Employees are required to complete a full orientation program appropriate to their position. They will receive a per diem rate for time they were not scheduled to work.
- D. Part-time Employees are eligible for prep-time on a pro-rated basis.

APPENDIX I
WACHUSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT/ WACHUSETT
REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Grievance Report

Name of Grievant:
School/Location:
Date Filed:
Grievance Number:
Nature of Grievance:
Remedy Sought:

Grievant Signature

Association Representative Signature

Grievant Print Name

Association Representative Print Name

Level One:

Principal's Response:
Date:

Level Two:

Due Date:
Superintendent's Response:
Date:

Level Three:

Due Date:
School Committee's Response:

Level Four:

Due Date:
Arbitrator's Award:
Date:

APPENDIX II

Extracurricular, Coaching, and Department Heads

1. When members assume stipend positions attached to this Agreement they shall be compensated in accordance with the agreed percentage of Master's/Step 1 of the collective bargaining agreement.
2. It is expressly understood that nothing herein shall modify the rights of the District to make annual hiring decisions, determine the hours and duties to be performed, and determine the amount of any stipend and method of payment. Nothing herein shall require the District to fill open or annual positions with members.
3. The parties agree and understand that with the exception of the list of positions with salaries, no other provisions of the collective bargaining agreement pertain to these positions. In addition, the District reserves the right to abolish and/or decide not to fill any of the positions contained herein.
4. Upon request, the District shall furnish the Association President with a list of all positions subject to this agreement and such positions shall become a part of the collective bargaining agreement for that year.
5. English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language, and Special Education Department Heads will teach three out of five (3/5) courses per semester.
6. Wachusett Partnership Pathways Program, Art, Music, and Physical Education Department Heads will teach four of five (4/5) courses per semester.
7. Department heads may assist with the administration of evaluations, but may not be the primary evaluator.

Extracurricular Stipends (Non-Athletic)

HIGH SCHOOL WRHS	% Masters Step 1
Science Project Coordinator (2)	3.75%
Student Media Advisors (2)	2.0%
Learning Ambassadors (2)	2.0%
Unified Track Coach - Fall	4.0%
Unified Track Coach - Spring	4.0%
Unified Track Assistant Coach - Fall	1.5%
Unified Tack Assistant Coach - Spring	1.5%
Unified Basketball Coach	4.0%
Unified Basketball Assistant Coach	1.5%
Special Olympics School Day Coordinator	3.5%
Special Olympics Day Coach (2)	1.2%
English Department Head	25.00%
Math Department Head	25.00%
Science Department Head	25.00%
Guidance Department Head	25.00%
Social Studies Department Head	25.00%
Foreign Language Department Head	25.00%
Art Department Head	23.00%
Music Department Head	23.00%
Physical Education Department Head	23.00%
Wachusett Pathways Program Dept. Head	23.00%
Special Education Department Head	25.00%
Audio Visual Director	20.00%
Mentor of First Year New Member	\$525.00
Mentor of Second Year New Member	\$350.00
Music Director-Band	10.00%
Music Director-Other 3 positions	8.00%
Model UN Advisor	2.50%

Echo Advisor	6.00%
Echo Graphics Advisor	3.50%
Rhubarb Pie Advisor (2)	1.00%
Student Council Advisor	5.00%
Yearbook Advisor	9.00%
Yearbook Financial Advisor	3.00%
Faculty Manager	9.00%
Energy Educator	
National Honor Society Advisor	1.00%
Senior Class Advisor (5)	1.25%
Junior Class Advisor (5)	1.25%
Sophomore Class Advisor (5)	0.62%
Freshman Class Advisor (5)	0.62%
Messiah Director - biannual	
Messiah Accompanist - biannual	

Grant Funded Positions	
Smaller Learning Communities	
Leadership Team (15)	\$1,000

WRHS Revolving	
SAT Prep	Varies
Summer School	Varies

Theatre Stipends	
Stage Manager	1.50%
Costumer	0.80%
Choreographer	2.50%
Music Director	4.00%
Assistant Musical Director	1.50%
Technical Director	\$1,000
Program Coordinator	0.80%

Director	4.00%
Assistant Director-- Musical	0.75%
Production Director	3.50%
Box Office Manager	0.80%
Program Coordinator	1.00%
Producer -- Musical	3.00%
Winter Festival/Competition Director	3.50%
Summer Camp Director	0.00%
Summer Camp Dance Instructor	0.00%
Summer Camp Music Instructor	0.00%
Summer Camp Art Instructor	0.00%

Cafeteria Monitor	
Per Shift (Shift is 2 lunch periods)	2.75%

Drivers Education	
Drivers Ed. Coordinator	\$1,500
Classroom Instructor	\$650/class
Drivers Ed. Instructors (5)	\$24/Hour

MIDDLE SCHOOL	
Best Buddies Advisor	2.50%
Mountview	
Theater Director	2.50%
Theater Assistant Director	1.50%
Yearbook Advisor	2.00%
Student Council Advisor	1.50%
Central District Music	0.80%
Central Tree	
Theater Director	2.50%
Theater Assistant Director	1.50%
Yearbook Advisor	1.50%

Student Council Advisor	2.00%
Thomas Prince	
Student Council Advisor	2.00%
Theater Director	2.50%
Theater Assistant Director	1.50%
Yearbook Advisor	1.50%
Chocksett	
Theater Director	2.50%
Theater Assistant Director	1.50%
Student Council Advisor	2.00%
Yearbook Advisor	1.50%
Paxton	
Theater Director	2.50%
Theater Assistant Director	1.50%
Student Council Advisor	2.00%
Yearbook Advisor	1.50%
Elementary School	
Best Buddies	2.50%

Guide for Coaching Salaries					
% Masters Step 1					
Ranges	Minimum		Mid-point		Maximum
Level 1	14.0%	15.0%	16.0%	17.0%	18.0%
includes Head Football Coach					
Level 2	9.0%	9.5%	10.0%	10.5%	11.5%
includes Varsity (Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Ice Hockey, Basketball, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Wrestling, Outdoor Track-Spring, Indoor Track-Winter, Lacrosse, Strength-Winter, Strength- Spring and Swimming)					
Level 3	7.0%	7.5%	8.5%	9.0%	10.0%
includes Varsity (Cross Country-Fall, Gymnastics and Alpine Skiing)					
includes Assistant (Football and Ice Hockey)					
includes JV Basketball					
Level 4	5.5%	6.0%	6.5%	7.0%	7.5%
includes Varsity (Tennis, Golf and Cheerleading)					
includes Assistant Swimming					
includes JV/Assistant (Soccer, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Ice Hockey, Indoor Track, Wrestling, Baseball, Softball, Gymnastics and Lacrosse)					
Level 5	4.0%	4.5%	5.0%	5.5%	6.0%
includes ALL Freshman Sports and JV Cheerleading					
Athletic Trainer		0.035%	per hour	580 hours	
Middle Schools	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.50%	3.00%
**JV and Assistant or JV/Ass't are the same job - paid at Level 4 unless noted					

Coaching Positions

WRHS FALL	Football: Head Coach Assistant Coach* Assistant Coach* Assistant Coach* Assistant Coach* Assistant Coach* Assistant Coach* *Assistant Coaches are also utilized as JV coaches and freshman coaches	WRHS WINTER	Boys Basketball Head Coach Assistant/JV Coach Freshman Girls Basketball Head Coach Assistant/JV Coach Freshman
	Football Cheerleading Head Coach Assistant Coach		Basketball Cheerleading Head Coach JV Coach
	Boys Soccer Head Coach Freshman Coach Assistant/JV Coach		Girls Gymnastics Head Coach
	Girls Soccer Head Coach Freshman Coach Assistant/JV Coach		Ice Hockey Head Coach Assistant Coach JV Coach
	Girls Volleyball Head Coach Assistant/JV Coach		Hockey Cheerleading Head Coach
	Field Hockey Head Coach Assistant/JV Coach		Indoor Track Boys/Girls Head Coach Assistant Coach Assistant Coach Assistant Coach
	Boys Golf Head Coach		Westling Head Coach

			Assistant/JV Coach
	Track Boys Cross Country Girls Cross Counter		Swimming Head Coach Assistant/JV Coach
	Strength Head Coach		Strength Head Coach
WRHS SPRING	Baseball Head Coach Assistant/JV Coach	WRHS SPRING	Boys Lacrosse Head Coach Assistant/JV Coach
	Softball Head Coach JV Coach		Girls Lacrosse Head Coach Assistant/JV Coach
	Girls Golf Head Coach		Strength Head Coach
	Tennis Head Girls Head Boys		
	Outdoor Track Head Coach Boys Assistant Coach Boys Head Coach Girls Assistant Coach Girls		
	Boys Volleyball Head Coach Assistant/JV Coach		

MOUNTVIEW FALL	Track Boys Girls	MOUNTVIEW WINTER	Basketball Boys Girls Intramurals- Boys Intramurals- Girls
	Soccer Boys Girls		Cheerleading
	Field Hockey		

CHOCKSETT FALL	Track Boys Girls	CHOCKSETT WINTER	Basketball Boys Girls Intramurals- Boys Intramurals- Girls
	Field Hockey		Cheerleading

PAXTON CENTER FALL	Track Boys Girls	PAXTON CENTER WINTER	Basketball Boys Girls Intramurals- Boys Intramurals- Girls
			Cheerleading

THOMAS PRINCE FALL	Track Boys Girls	THOMAS PRINCE WINTER	Basketball Boys Girls Intramurals- Boys Intramurals- Girls
			Cheerleading

MOUNTVIEW SPRING	Flag Football Baseball Softball	CENTRAL TREE SPRING	Flag Football Baseball Softball
CHOCKSETT SPRING	Flag Football Baseball Softball Lacrosse	PAXTON CENTER SPRING	Flag Football Baseball Softball
		THOMAS PRINCE SPRING	Flag Football Baseball

ARTICLE 2

Continuation of Old Agreement and Complete Agreement

- A. 1. The effective date of this agreement shall be on July 1, 2026. All provisions for school year employees shall be effective July 1, 2026, and shall continue up to and including June 30, 2029, and shall thereafter automatically renew itself for successive terms of one year unless by the October 1st prior to the expiration of the contract year involved, either the Committee or the Association shall have given the other written notice of its desire to modify or terminate this Contract; whereupon the parties shall meet in good faith negotiations for a successor agreement. During negotiations this contract shall remain in effect in its entirety.
2. Full year employees will remain on the same salary and benefit structure until the start of each new school year.
- B. This contract represents the entire agreement of the parties. There are no inducements, promises, terms, conditions, or obligations made or entered into by either party other than those contained herein. This agreement fulfills and resolves all outstanding grievances existing prior to its effective date.

 / 9/14/26
James M. Reilly, MSW, Ed.D. / Date
Superintendent of Schools
Wachusett Regional School District

 / 9/14/2026
Linda Sasso / Date
President
Wachusett Regional Educational Association

 / 9/14/2026
Linda Woodland, Chair
Wachusett Regional School District Committee / Date