

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

THE JACKSON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 —JUNE 30, 2026

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement is entered into by and between the Board of Education of Jackson, the Township of Jackson, New Jersey, hereinafter called the "Board", and the Jackson Education Association, hereinafter called the "Association."

ARTICLE I
RECOGNITION

A. Unit

The Board hereby recognizes the Association as the exclusive and sole representative for collective negotiation concerning grievances and terms and conditions of employment for all personnel under contract, with the Jackson Board of Education, including:

Certified Staff

Teachers (including summer school and evening school)

Guidance Counselors

Nurses

Learning Consultants

Social Workers

Speech Teachers

School Psychologists

Educational Media Specialists (Librarians)

Athletic Trainer

OT/PT Therapists

Board Certified Behavior Analyst

SAC (Student Assistance Counselor)

2-Year Certified Support Staff

Educational Interpreter

Non-Certified Staff

School Secretaries

Paraprofessionals

Paraprofessional Interpreters for the Deaf

Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessionals

But Excluding

Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent

Board Secretary

Principals

Vice Principals

Directors (certified) Coordinators (certified)

Supervisors (certified)

All Secretarial/Clerical Staff employed to work for the Central Office including

Secretaries in Transportation

Grant Employees (not otherwise employed by district)

Lunchroom Assistants

Substitutes

All personnel represented by any other labor organizations

B. Definition of Employee

Unless otherwise indicated, the term "Employees" when used hereinafter in this Agreement, shall refer to all employees represented by the Association in the negotiating unit as above defined. The term teacher "applies" to certificated personnel listed above.

C. References to male employees include female employees and conversely.

D. References to "a husband and wife", and/or "spouse" shall include civil union partner or domestic partner.

ARTICLE II

NEGOTIATION OF SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT

A. Deadline

The parties agree to enter into collective negotiations over a successor agreement in accordance with NJSA 34:13A-1 et seq., (Chapter 123 Public Laws of 1974) in a good-faith effort to reach agreement on matters concerning the terms and conditions of employment. The parties agree to exchange contract proposals through the Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the negotiation schedule established by PERC. Any agreement so negotiated shall apply to all employees, be reduced to writing, be signed by the Board and the Association.

B. Understanding

This Agreement incorporates the entire understanding of the parties on all matters which were or could have been the subject of negotiation. During the term of this Agreement, neither party shall be required to negotiate with respect to any such matter whether or not covered by this Agreement nor whether or not within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated or executed this Agreement.

C. Modifications

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

ARTICLE III

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Definitions

1. It is understood and agreed between the parties hereto that a grievance shall be defined as any dispute arising over the interpretation or application of any particular terms of this Agreement entered into between the Jackson Township Board of Education and the Jackson Education Association.

2. It is understood and agreed between the parties that Steps One (1) through Three (3) may be utilized concerning any dispute arising over the interpretation, application and violation of policy or administrative decision affecting an employee.

3. Any employee represented by the Association having such a grievance is under obligation to follow proper procedures in an attempt to satisfy his grievance and in doing

so, he shall be assured freedom from prejudicial action, restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal in presenting his grievance.

4. "Days" when used herein shall mean days when school is in session unless otherwise indicated. Failure by the Board or any Representative of the Board to meet the deadlines established in the grievance procedure shall allow the grievance to be automatically moved to the next level. Failure by the Association to meet the deadlines established in the grievance procedure shall cause the grievance to be waived.
5. Upon request by the aggrieved, the Supervisor, at Steps One (1) and Two (2) of this procedure, may hold a hearing at which the aggrieved may have an opportunity to orally support the written grievance.

B. Procedure

STEP ONE

Any employee having a grievance must first present his complaint, in writing, to the principal/supervisor and the Association within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the occurrences of the grievance specifying:

- the nature of the grievance
- the nature and extent of the injury
- loss or inconvenience
- the result of the previous discussions
- the relief sought

The principal/supervisor shall then communicate his decision to the employee and the Association, in writing, within ten (10) days of the receipt of the written grievance.

STEP TWO

If, within five (5) days after receipt of the decision at Step One, the aggrieved person is not satisfied with the disposition of his grievance or if no decision has been rendered within ten (10) days after presenting the written grievance at Step One, the Association shall refer it to the Superintendent of Schools or designee, in writing, specifying the individual's dissatisfaction with the decision previously rendered. The Superintendent of Schools or designee shall attempt to resolve the matter as quickly as possible but within a period not to exceed ten (10) days. The Superintendent of Schools or designee shall communicate his decision, in writing, to the employee, the principal/supervisor, and the Association.

STEP THREE

If the grievance is not resolved to the employee's satisfaction, he, no later than ten (10) days after receipt of the Superintendent's or designee's decision, or if no decision has been rendered within eleven (11) days after presenting the grievance to the Superintendent or designee, may request a review by the Board of Education. The request shall be submitted, in writing, through the Superintendent of Schools who, within five (5) days, shall attach all related papers and forward the request to the Board of Education. The Board, or a committee thereof, shall review the grievance and shall, if requested, hold a hearing with the employee and render a decision,

in writing, to the employee, and the Association, within thirty (30) calendar days of transmittal of the grievance to the Board.

STEP FOUR

- a. If the decision of the Board does not resolve the grievance to the satisfaction of the employee and the employee wishes review by a third party, he shall file a request, in writing, within ten (10) days that the Association submit the grievance to Arbitration. If the Association determines that the grievance is meritorious, it may file a request for arbitration with the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the request from the aggrieved. The rules and procedures of PERC shall be used in selecting the arbitrator, conducting hearings and transmitting awards.
- b. The arbitrator shall limit himself to the issues submitted to him as well as the definition of grievance contained herein and shall consider nothing else. He can add nothing to nor subtract anything from the agreement between the parties or any policy of the Board of Education. The decision of the said arbitrator in connection with the said grievance as defined above shall be final and binding upon both parties for the duration of this agreement
- c. The arbitrator shall also decide, in rendering a decision, which party has prevailed in the processing of the grievance. The party determined not to have prevailed shall pay two-thirds (2/3) of the arbitrator's full and reasonable expenses. The party determined to have prevailed by the arbitrator shall pay one-third (1/3) of the arbitrator's full and reasonable expenses.

C. Employee Representation

Any employee presenting such a grievance may be represented at all stages of the grievance procedure by himself or at his option by a representative selected or approved by the Association.

D. Group Grievance

1. Grievance affecting a group or class of employees limited to one (1) building will be initiated at the building principal level; those involving more than one (1) building will be initiated at the Superintendent's level by the Association.
2. Group grievances will identify the approximate number of grievants and/or will identify the class of individuals (i.e., all second grade teachers, all high school teachers, all teachers assigned to a specified duty, all paraprofessionals, media specialists, secretaries, etc.).

E. Personnel Records

All documents, communications, and records dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed separately from the personnel files of the participants.

F. Exception to Time Limits

When a grievance is submitted on or after June first, time limits shall constitute weekdays, so that the matter may be resolved before the close of the school term or as soon as possible thereafter.

ARTICLE IV
EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

A. Statutory Savings Clause

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any employee such rights as he may have under New Jersey School Laws or other applicable laws and regulations. The rights granted to employees hereunder shall be deemed to be in addition to those provided elsewhere.

B. Evaluation of Students

The teacher will be given written notice if any administrator causes a student's assigned grade to be changed. Notice will be sent or given to the teacher within seven (7) days of the grade change

C. Association Identification

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

D. Just Cause

No employee shall be reprimanded or disciplined without being progressive in nature and just cause. Grievances involving reprimands or discipline shall not be arbitrable, if the dispute replaces or is inconsistent with an alternate statutory appeal procedure applicable to employees under tenure.

E. Required Meetings or Hearings

Whenever any employee is required to appear before the Superintendent's Office concerning any matter which could adversely affect the continuation of that employee in his office, position or employment or the salary or any increments pertaining hereto, then he shall be given prior written notice of the reasons for such meeting or interview and shall be entitled to have a representative of the Association present to advise him and represent him during such meeting or interview.

F. Notification of Accumulation

Employees shall be given a written accounting of accumulated sick leave days no later than September thirtieth of each school year electronically through Frontline Absence Management.

G. The Board has a right to assign Teaching and Non-Teaching duties. However, proposed new rules or modification of existing rules governing working conditions shall be negotiated pursuant to NJSA 34:13A-1 et seq. teaching duties shall be consistent with the individual's area(s) of certifications.

H. Employees shall not be required to use their personal car for transporting students.

I. Whenever possible, meetings between Association representatives and administrators will be scheduled in advance and the Party requesting the meeting will give advance written notice including the reason for such meeting.

J. Jury Duty

Employees keep mileage and reimburse the Board for jury pay.

K. Any suspension of an employee pending charges shall be with pay.

L. Reprimands

No employee shall be reprimanded in the presence of a student, member of the public or other member of the district's staff by any administrator without justifiable, substantive reasons.

M. The Board will offer CPR and AED training after regular work hours at least twice per year, one of which will be during the summer, for staff members who require such certification as part of their district positions.

N. The Board will reimburse all Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Speech Language Therapists, Board-Certified Behavioral Analysts and Nurses an amount up to one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) per staff member towards fees and costs associated with maintaining state required licenses, upon presentation of receipts.

ARTICLE V

TEACHER WORK YEAR

A. Ten-Month Personnel

The in-school work year for teachers employed on a ten (10) month basis shall be one hundred eighty-four (184) days inclusive of one (1) transition day, other than new personnel who may be required to attend one (1) to three (3) additional days of orientation in the summer. The administration reserves the right to schedule administrative or district-led activities on the Transition Day, however, semester-based High School and Middle School teachers will be permitted dedicated transition time on that day. New personnel will be compensated seventy-five dollars (\$75) for the summer orientation day(s). At the Administration's option, two (2) of the three (3) summer orientation days for new staff members may be replaced with up to four (4) professional development trainings in their first year of employment over and above the required meetings set forth in Article VI, Section D. If scheduled, such meetings will be limited to one (1) hour each. Upon completion of the four (4) hours of professional development, new staff members will be compensated seventy-five dollars (\$75). The payment amount will be prorated if the District schedules less than four (4) hours of professional development.

B. Definition of In-School Work Year

The in-school work year shall include days when pupils are in attendance, orientation days, and any other days on which teacher attendance is required.

C. Per Diem Calculation

When a teacher has used all accumulated leaves available, he will be docked one (1) divided by (days agreed to work) for each day of continued absences.

D. Inclement Weather

Employees' attendance shall not be required whenever student attendance is not required due to inclement weather.

E. Part-Time School Psychologist

The Part-Time School Psychologist shall report to work three (3) days per week. The work year for this position shall be ten (10) months and shall equal one hundred and ten (110) days. New personnel may be required to attend one (1) to three (3) additional days of orientation in the summer. New personnel will be compensated seventy-five dollars (\$75) for the summer orientation day(s). At the Administration's option, two (2) of the three (3) summer orientation days for new staff members may be replaced with up to four (4) professional development trainings in their first year of employment over and above the required meetings set forth in Article VI, Section D. If scheduled, such meetings will be limited to one (1) hour each. Upon completion of the four (4) hours of professional development, new staff members will be compensated seventy-five dollars (\$75). The payment amount will be prorated if the District schedules less than four (4) hours of professional development. The part-time certified School Psychologist shall not be required to attend one District professional day and one high school transition day.

ARTICLE VI

TEACHING HOURS, TEACHING LOAD, AND PREPARATION TIME

A. Teacher Day

1. Check in Procedure

As professionals, teachers are expected to devote to their assignments the time necessary to meet their responsibilities therefore; teachers shall be required to sign in and out each day by scanning their staff member ID. The Administration will consult with the Association regarding the placement of ID scanners, but the Administration shall have the managerial prerogative to determine final placement

2. Length of the Day

The teachers' in-school workday shall not exceed the following number of continuous hours, except on parent conference days that fall on single session days (days of approximately four (4) hours):

High Schools	Seven hours (7 hours)
Middle Schools	Seven and one-quarter hours (7 1/4 hours)
Elementary Schools	Six and three-quarter hours (6 3/4 hours)

On Fridays, on two required evening events and on days preceding school holidays, the teachers' in-school work day shall end at the close of the student day only if all assigned duties have been completed in a satisfactory manner. This attendance exception shall not apply if extenuating circumstances occur on such Fridays or days preceding school holidays which, in the judgment of the building administrator, requires teacher attendance, (i.e., emergencies, etc).

The end of the workday for teachers who teach in more than one (1) school shall be the closing time of the school that began their day.

3. Summer School

The teacher in-school workday shall not exceed four (4) hours and thirty (30) minutes of which four (4) hours will be instructional time.

B. Teaching Load

1. High Schools

The daily maximum teaching load in the high school shall be six (6) teaching periods and shall not exceed 4 hours, 40 minutes of instructional contact per day. Assignment to a supervised study period or non-compensated extra-curricular activity during school hours shall be considered a teaching period for the purpose of this Article.

Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, each High School Teacher will be available for the following each school day:

- a. Ten (10) minute homeroom period;
- b. Three (3) teaching periods (80 minutes each); and
- c. One (1) supervised study period (maximum of thirty (30) minutes per day).

2. Middle Schools

The daily maximum teaching load in the middle school shall be six (6) teaching periods and shall not exceed 4 hours, 48 minutes of instructional contact per day. Assignment to a supervised study period or non-compensated extra-curricular activity during school hours shall be considered a teaching period for the purpose of this Article.

Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, the daily maximum teaching load in the middle school shall be six (6) teaching periods plus homeroom, and shall not exceed 4 hours, 48 minutes of instructional contact per day. Assignment to a supervised study period or non-compensated extra-curricular activity during school hours shall be considered a teaching period for the purpose of this Article.

3. Elementary Schools

The daily teaching load in the elementary schools shall not exceed five hours, 48 minutes of instructional contact.

4. Continuous Teaching

Teachers shall not be required to teach continuously for more than three (3) hours, where possible. In the event a teacher is scheduled to teach consecutively for three (3) hours, the period immediately following must be assigned as a professional period or a lunch period. For elementary and middle school teachers, beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, homeroom shall be considered teaching time for purposes of this section.

C. Lunch Periods

1. Grade Level and Other

With the exception of school days with a modified schedule, such as shortened days, delayed openings, and standardized testing days, elementary teachers shall have a daily

duty-free lunch period of thirty (30) minutes, middle school teachers shall have a daily duty-free lunch period of twenty-one (21) minutes, and high school teachers shall have a daily duty-free lunch period of twenty-eight (28) minutes.

2. Leaving the Building

Employees may leave the building during their scheduled duty-free lunch periods provided each employee indicates his/her departure by initialing the appropriate column of the faculty "sign-out" roster. Employees shall also initial the appropriate column of the "sign-in" roster upon their return from lunch.

3. Elementary Lunch Room Duty

Teachers are entitled to two duty-free periods per day. Any additional unscheduled time may be assigned at the discretion of the Administration. A rotating schedule shall be developed by the Administration to ensure that no one staff member is constantly being utilized.

D. Meetings

1. Faculty and Other

Teachers may be required to arrive before or remain after the normal work day for a total of two (2) hours per month for required meetings; such meetings shall not be held on more than two (2) days per month. Morning and afternoon meetings will not be required on the same day for the same teachers. After-school meetings will begin ten (10) minutes after student dismissal.

Paraprofessionals may be required to arrive before or remain after the normal work day for a total of one (1) hour per month for required meetings; such meetings shall not be held on more than one (1) day per month. After-school meetings will begin ten (10) minutes after student dismissal.

2. Professional Development Meetings:

Elementary teachers may be required to arrive before or remain after the normal workday for a total of 40 minutes additional per month for required professional development; such meetings shall not be held on more than 2 days per month not to exceed the total of 40 minutes. Morning and afternoon meetings will not be required on the same day for the same teachers.

3. Prior to/or After Holidays and Weekends

Meetings which take place after the regular student day and which require attendance shall not be called on Fridays or on any day immediately preceding any holiday, or other day on which teacher attendance is not required at school except in the case of an emergency. Meetings held before school shall not be held on Mondays or any day immediately following a holiday.

4. Notice and Agenda

The notice or agenda for any meeting shall be given to the teachers involved at least two (2) days prior to the meetings, except in an emergency. Teachers shall have the

opportunity to suggest items for this agenda. The agenda can be added to or deleted from prior to the meeting.

5. Teachers may be required to attend up to two (2) evening meetings per year without a shortened work day for school related functions such as back-to-school night, recitals, and parent-teacher meetings. Required evening assignments will be made (in writing or posted) two (2) weeks in advance. None of these meetings shall require a teacher to be present more than three (3) hours.
6. All child study team members' workday will be of equal duration to the teacher's day in the school to which they are normally assigned. If child study team members are required by administration to attend before or after school meetings, they shall be compensated on an hourly basis as per Article VII, D, Tutorial and Bedside Instructors. In lieu of payment on an hourly basis, the administrator (in his discretion) may provide compensatory time. There will be no night meetings on Friday or before holidays unless scheduled by the child study team involved in the meeting. Compensatory time will be equal to the meeting time. Mileage will be reimbursed.

E. Professional Time

1. High School Teachers shall, in addition to their lunch period, have a daily professional time at least the length of one regular student period, during which they shall not be assigned to any other duties. The aforementioned statement shall apply to full session days only.

High School teachers may be assigned two forty-minute duty periods per week with a corresponding reduction from current levels of professional time. Standards for such assignments shall be jointly developed and agreed upon by the parties.

Teachers who volunteer for class coverage during an assigned professional period shall be compensated at the prevailing tutorial rate (per period).

2. Middle School Teachers shall, in addition to their lunch period, have a daily professional time at least the length of one regular student period, during which they shall not be assigned to any other duties. The aforementioned statement shall apply to full session days only.

Teachers who volunteer for class coverage during an assigned professional period shall be compensated at the prevailing tutorial rate (per period).

3. Elementary Teachers shall, in addition to their lunch period, have a daily professional time at least the length of one regular student period, during which they shall not be assigned to any other duties. If a classroom teacher loses professional released time as the direct result of the inability of the Board to provide substitute coverage for the full day absence of an art, music, physical education, librarian, computer teacher or any other teacher specialist said classroom teacher shall be reimbursed at the prevailing per hours (per period) tutorial rate. Any loss of released time because of field trips for elementary teachers does not qualify for reimbursement. Such professional released time shall constitute a period of at least thirty (30) consecutive minutes. Further, it is agreed by the parties that they will attempt to establish a mutually acceptable "pool system" for professional time coverage.

4. During the time provided in Section E. 1, 2 and 3 above, teachers shall be available for: Conference with child study team members, teacher evaluation conference, and parent conferences.

5. Emergency Substitution

The practice of using a regular teacher as a substitute, thereby depriving him of his professional period, is undesirable and shall be discouraged. Any such assignments shall be restricted to emergency situations only.

F. Class Size

The Board agrees to continue its efforts to keep class size at an acceptable number, as determined by the Board, dictated by the financial condition of the District, the building facilities available, the availability of qualified teachers, and the best interest of the District as being administratively feasible. It is agreed that the recommendations of the State Department of Education concerning class size shall be considered.

ARTICLE VII

SALARIES

A. Salary Schedule

The salaries for all employees covered by the Agreement are set forth in Schedules, which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

B. Extra-Curricular Schedules

Stipends for all extra-curricular positions are set forth in Schedule E, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

C. Coach Schedules

Stipends for all extra-curricular positions are set forth in Schedule E, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

D. Tutorial and Homebound Instructors

2023-2026	\$50 per hour
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E. Class coverage will be paid in thirty (30) minute increments (\$25.00 every 30 minutes or part thereof). High School Teachers that teach a fourth block shall receive \$75.00 for the entirety of the commitment. Payment for absences using paid leave shall be included provided the teacher is contracted for a long-term commitment (for example, leave replacement coverage).

F. Summer Work/ESY

All work completed by ten-month staff between the last contractual work day at the end of the school year and the first contractual work day at the start of the school day shall be considered "Summer Work." All Summer Work will be paid in accordance with the following rate schedule:

Summer Work Assignment	Summer Rate of Pay
ESY or Summer Program Teacher	\$49.00 per hour
ESY or Summer Program Paraprofessional	\$24.00 per hour
Summer CST or Guidance	\$49.00 per hour
Curriculum Writing	\$30.00 per hour
Professional Development Participant - Teacher	\$28.00 per hour
Professional Development Participant - Paraprofessional	\$19.00 per hour

The Board will post all known summer school and ESY assignments by April 1st of each year, which will include the expected number of hours and length of assignment per position. Additional summer school and ESY openings will be posted as they become known, which will also include the expected number of hours and length of the assignment.

All summer child study teamwork shall be posted and offered to district employees first. The length of time required will be determined by the number of pending cases. Compensation shall be pursuant to the prevailing summer school pay schedule.

G. Enrichment Teacher-Before or After School and Basic Skills Teacher-Before or After School

Enrichment and Basic Skills Teachers will be paid \$50.00 per hour for the duration of this Agreement. The Board will post all known Enrichment and Basic Skills positions for the upcoming school year by August 1st of each year, which will include the number of hours and length of assignment per position. Additional positions will be posted as they become known, which will also include the expected number of hours and length of the assignment..

H. Anti-Bullying Specialist

Each employee assigned to perform the duties of the School Anti-Bullying Specialist shall receive a stipend of Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$650) per full school year of assignment.

I. Notification of Contract and Salary

All certified employees shall be notified of their contract and salary status for the ensuing year no later than May 15.

J. Method of Payment

1. Ten (10) Month

All employees employed on a ten-month basis shall be paid in equal bi-weekly installments.

2. Exceptions

When a pay falls on or during a school holiday, vacation or weekend, all employees shall receive their paychecks on the last previous working day.

3. Final Pay

All employees shall receive their final pay on their last working day in June.

4. Twelve (12) Month

Employees shall have the option of a continuous 12-month payment schedule exercising the same bi-weekly receipt of payment.

5. Coaching Stipends

Coaching stipends will be paid after the season is completed.

6. Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Stipends

All stipends shall be paid as two (2) equal payments, during the months of December and June.

K. Expenses

Employees who may be required to use their own automobiles in the performance of their duties shall be reimbursed for all such travel at the NJ OMB rate.

L. Vouchers

Vouchers for amounts in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be submitted to the Principal for transmittal to the Board Secretary. Expenses in amounts less than ten dollars (\$10.00) will be accumulated by the individual and submitted, as above, when the accumulated amounts exceed ten dollars (\$ 10.00) or at the end of the school year, whichever is sooner. Vouchers shall be paid within forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of submission.

M. Guidance Counselors and Child Study Team Rate of Pay

Guidance counselors and members of the Child Study Team will work the same number of days as teachers.

Beginning in the 2023–2024 school year any new guidance counselor, child study team member or related services member will be required to work an extended year schedule that includes an additional ten or twenty (10 or 20) work days between the last teacher work day in June and the first teacher work day in September. Any staff member hired prior to 2023-2024 will have the choice to participate in the summer additional hours. The additional work days will be established by the administration in consultation with summer staff members by April 1st of every school year. The additional work days will follow the District's summer hours schedule. Staff members hired prior to 2023-2024 must inform the District of any change in status for summer work by April 1st.

One additional sick day shall be granted to those who work the additional 20 days.

Payment for working the extended schedule shall be calculated at 194 or 204 days with the additional days calculated at the per diem rate based on the 10-month salary scale. All pay received shall receive credit towards retirement. The 194 or 204-day schedule will be worked over the course of 12 months and the salary will be paid over 12 months. All salary earned will be reported to the New Jersey Department of the Treasury for pension purposes.

The above-mentioned summer hours are considered above and beyond any hours worked as part of the district's Extended School Year (ESY) program, which is compensated in accordance with Article VII, Section F.

The work year for the Part-Time School Psychologist certified staff member shall be one hundred ten (110) days. The Part-Time School Psychologist certified staff member shall not be required to attend one District professional day and one high school transition day. The Part-Time School Psychologist certified staff member shall be paid at the rate of 60% of Schedule C, Teacher Salary Guide and shall be placed on the certified staff salary guide as a six-tenths (0.6) employee.

N. To be eligible for placement in the appropriate column of the salary guide higher than BA level, advanced degrees and additional credits must be earned at a duly authorized institution of higher education, as defined in New Jersey education statutes and regulations.

O. High School Teacher Mentors

High School Teacher Mentors will be paid an annual stipend of \$1,500 per school year for the duration of this agreement. The stipend shall be paid as two (2) equal payments during the months of December and June. Each High School Teacher Mentor shall conduct check-in meetings with assigned students that shall not exceed more than one hour per week for a duration of thirty-two (32) weeks. All check-in meetings shall be conducted on school premises and shall occur either after school, before school, or during the assigned High School Teacher Mentor's lunch or professional period. Assignment to the High School Teacher Mentor position(s) will be based on need.

ARTICLE VIII

TEACHER ASSIGNMENT

A. Notifications

1. Date for Presently Employed Teachers

All teachers shall be given a tentative written notice of their class and/or subject assignments, building assignments and room assignments for the forthcoming year not later than June 15, or one (1) week prior to the close of school, whichever is sooner.

2. Revisions

In the event that changes in such schedules, class, and/or subject assignments, building assignments, or room assignments are proposed after June 15th, the teacher affected shall be notified promptly, in writing.

3. Transfers

Teachers notified during the summer months, between the end of the school year to August 31st, of an involuntary transfer out of the building in which they worked will be compensated \$175 for the time spent in district packing, unpacking, and preparing their classrooms. Teachers notified mid-semester during the school year of an involuntary transfer out of the building in which they worked will be provided two (2) release days for in-district packing, unpacking and preparing their classrooms. One (1) release day will be provided to teachers notified mid-semester of an involuntary transfer if the move is within the same building. The release day shall not apply to high school teachers moving from one school to another during the semester transition period. Secretaries notified of an involuntary transfer to a different building in the District will be provided with one (1) release day for packing, unpacking and preparing their duty location.

ARTICLE IX

PROMOTIONS AND VACANCIES

A. Definitions

1. Promotional vacancies to be posted shall include positions paying a salary differential and/or positions on the administrative or supervisory levels.
2. Other vacancies to be posted shall include:
 - a. Extra-curricular positions for which a stipend is paid, except where the incumbent is to be re-appointed
 - b. Resource Room
 - c. Compensatory Education
 - d. Speech
 - e. Reading Specialist
 - f. Media Specialist
 - g. Learning Consultant
 - h. Child Study Team
 - i. Guidance Counselors
 - j. Vacancies in all positions which occur during the school year and which are to be continued during the next subsequent year.

3. Athletic Event Extra and Co-Curricular Positions

Athletic Event, extra and co-curricular positions will be posted district-wide, and all qualified members shall be eligible to apply for said positions.

B. Posting Procedure

1. A notice of promotional vacancies as defined in this article shall be posted in each school for a period of not less than seven (7) business days prior to the final date for submission of applications.
2. A copy of such postings shall be forwarded to the Association office at the time of posting, including vacancies which occur when school is not in session.
3. On or before June first (1) of each year, a listing of known vacancies for the following school year shall be posted in each school and a copy forwarded to the Association office.
4. Position postings shall clearly set forth the qualifications, duties and rate of compensation for the position.
5. Candidates shall submit applications, online when possible, in accordance with specified time limits, which shall be acknowledged in writing.

C. Promotions and Vacancies

Openings in the following positions which occur during the school year will be posted in accordance with the provisions of Section B.1 above; Resource room, compensatory education, speech, reading, media, L.C., child study team and guidance counselors. All other vacancies occurring during the school year will be reposted in June for September 1st filling.

ARTICLE X

TEACHER EVALUATION

A. General Criteria

1. Evaluation of teachers will be consistent with the provisions of the Teacher Effectiveness and Accountability for the Children of New Jersey Act ("TEACH NJ"), N.J.S.A. 18A:61 17 et seq., and any regulations promulgated in furtherance of the Act.
2. Open Evaluation
All formal observation of the work performance of an employee shall be conducted openly and with full knowledge of the employee.
3. Evaluation by Certified Supervisors
Teachers shall be evaluated only by persons certificated by the New Jersey State Board of Examiners to supervise instruction.
Employees shall have a conference with their evaluator within 10 school days of the classroom visit.
4. Copies of Evaluation
Employees shall be given an electronic copy of any class visit or evaluation report prepared by his evaluator at least one day before any final conference to discuss it. No such report shall be submitted to the central office, placed in the employee's file or

otherwise acted upon without prior conference with the teacher. No employee shall be required to sign a blank or incomplete evaluation form.

5. The Association will be provided a copy of the list of observers/evaluators who have been certified by the chief school administrator as being competent in applying the educator practice instruments and any other evaluation rubrics and the criteria used to assess competence. The list shall be provided annually prior to any administrator conducting an observation or evaluation. The Board will provide the list of observers/evaluators to any teacher newly hired after September 1 of any school year within 15 days of commencement of service.
6. No teacher member of the School Improvement Panel (SclP), no other teaching staff member unless hired as a certificated supervisor or administrator in the district, nor any non-certificated staff member shall be permitted to evaluate, feed into the evaluation of, or participate in the evaluation in any way of any other certificated or non-certificated staff member. Use of any such information will render the evaluation null and void. The provisions of this paragraph shall not prevent peer-to-peer observations among teachers.
7. Use of Video and/or Audio Recording Devices in Evaluation. All monitoring or observation of the classroom work performance of a teacher shall be conducted openly and with full knowledge of the teacher. The use of eavesdropping, public address, camera, audio systems, and similar surveillance devices in the classroom shall be strictly prohibited unless otherwise agreed to by the Board and Association. All security cameras located on school grounds are primarily intended to be used for purposes of ensuring safety and security, but, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, may be used for other School District purposes. All use of cameras and related video systems is solely within the District's discretion and managerial prerogative. If the Board intends to use specific security camera video recordings in its possession for purposes of discipline or evaluation of a teacher outside the classroom setting, it will provide prior notice to the affect teacher of its intention to utilize such recording(s).
8. Corrective Action Plan (CAP).
 - a) Any Corrective Action Plan shall be developed collaboratively by the staff member who needs to address the deficiency or deficiencies which led to an "ineffective" or "partially effective" annual summative rating and the individual's certified supervisor.
 - b) The Corrective Action Plan must define both the individual's responsibilities and the district's and supervisors'/administrators' responsibilities in helping the employee address any identified deficiencies.
 - c) The plan shall spell out which specific evaluation component(s) and elements need to be addressed. It shall include the individual's opportunities to view modeling of "effective" representations of meeting the components by the certified supervisor and those rated "effective" or "highly effective" in such components/elements and provide opportunities to practice and demonstrate them.
 - d) The Corrective Action Plan shall be established for a period of at least 90 days in order to provide the individual with sufficient time and multiple resources to

address the identified deficiency or deficiencies, as well as the district to provide the necessary time, resources, and support.

- e) The employee who is required to have a Corrective Action Plan shall have the right to have an Association representative present during any conference where a Corrective Action Plan is created.
- f) Every individual on a Corrective Action Plan shall be provided regular and continuous support toward and feedback about their progress in addressing any deficiencies.
- g) Observations of individuals with Corrective Action Plans shall be conducted by multiple observers who shall be certified district supervisors.
- h) No School Improvement Panel teacher member will be involved in creating or meeting another staff member's Corrective Action Plan.

9. Training:

- a) Evaluation training shall be offered by the district as part of the professional development program during the school year and be fully funded by the school district. Training, where possible, shall be provided in-person in collaborative settings and not rely solely on pre-recorded video or other electronic means, except as providing an exemplar to spark collaborative discussions among those present at the training.
- b) When in-District training is provided to District certified supervisors who conduct evaluations and observations in the evaluation models, tools, and rubrics used to evaluate school staff, up to three (3) Association representatives, including the Association President, will be provided an opportunity to attend the training. If the training is conducted during the school day, the Association representatives will be provided release time to attend the training with no loss of compensation.

10. Notification of Student Roster for Student Growth Percentile (SGP) purposes.

- a) The District must consult with each teacher prior to the development of the list of students assigned for Student Growth Percentile calculation purposes. Teachers will be given the opportunity to discuss the students that they teach and the amount of time they spend with students teaching the content area.
- b) The District must provide the final list of students assigned to each teacher for the teacher's review prior to the list being submitted to the N.J. Department of Education.

11. School Improvement Panel: No teacher or other unit member who serves on the School Improvement Panel shall evaluate, participate in, or feed into the evaluation or any component of the evaluation of any other teacher or unit member, including formulating the Corrective Action Plan.

B. Personnel Records

1. File

All employees shall have the right, by appointment, to review the contents of their personnel file and to receive copies at Board expense of any documents contained therein. All employees shall be entitled to have a representative of the Association accompany them during such review.

2. Derogatory Material

Employees shall be given copies of all items to be placed in their file. The employee shall acknowledge that he has had the opportunity to see such material by affixing his signature to the copy to be filed with the express understanding that such signature in no way indicated agreement with the contents thereof. The employee shall also have the right to submit a written answer to such material and his answer shall be attached to the file copy.

ARTICLE XI

TEMPORARY LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. Types of Leave

1. Death in the Family

Employees shall be granted up to five (5) days per occurrence in the event of death of an employee's spouse, child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, parent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparents, grandchildren and any other members of the family unit living in the same household. Employees shall be granted up to two (2) days per occurrence in the event of death of an employee's relative outside the employees' immediate family as defined above. Additional days may be granted for special circumstances per Superintendent's approval. The above days may not be split when school is closed for four (4) or more consecutive days. Employees may defer one or more days to attend memorial services.

2. Sick Leave - Summer School

All summer school personnel may elect to use a maximum of one (1) sick day out of his/her accumulated sick leave balance per six-week summer session, which will be deducted from the balance once used. In the alternative, summer school personal may elect to take a maximum of one (1) day without pay due to personal illness.

3. Emergency Sick Leave

When an emergency arises whereby an employee is required to use sick days beyond his accumulated limit, it is understood and agreed between the parties that the Board, at its sole discretion, may, and if it so desires, provide additional sick days. Other leaves of absence with pay may be granted by the Board for good reason.

4. Personal Leave Days

All full-time employees are permitted three (3) days' absence with pay, per year for personal reasons. Unused personal days remaining after any school year shall thereafter

accumulate as sick leave and be added to the employee's sick leave balance annually on July 1st of every year.

Effective July 1, 2023, all banked personal days and unused personal days for staff members will be converted to sick days and added to the staff member's sick day balance.

Definition

Personal days will be defined as those days an employee will be absent during the school year, in which personal matters cannot be taken care of other than on school time (ie., house closing, drivers license, etc.). All requests for personal days must be submitted to the building principal for approval five (5) days in advance. Five (5) days' prior notification to the building principal will be waived only in emergency situations by the building principal, with the approval of the Superintendent's Office. Reasons for emergency absences must be stated. Reasons must be given when applying for a personal day to be taken on a Monday or Friday; on the day before or after a holiday; and after a person has used up his total accumulated sick days. Personal days may be used for Religious days.

5. Family Illness Days

For absence due to the illness of any relative in the employee's immediate family or a relative for whom one is responsible, employees shall be entitled to use their three personal days as family illness days each year.

ARTICLE XII

EXTENDED LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. Maternity

1. Natural Childbirth

Maternity leave for employees shall be granted in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and/or regulations of the Division of Civil Rights.

2. Any employee adopting a child shall, when requested, in writing, be granted leave in accordance with guidelines for natural childbirth.

3. Employees requesting a leave of absence for maternity leave shall submit the appropriate forms with required documentation.

B. Illness in Family

A leave of absence without pay up to one year shall be granted for the purpose of caring for a sick member of the employee's immediate family. Additional leave may be granted at the discretion of the Board.

C. Good Cause

Other leaves of absence without pay may be granted by the Board for good reason at the discretion of the Board.

D. Return from Leave (Benefits)

All benefits to which an employee was entitled at the time the leave of absence commenced, including unused accumulated sick leave and credits toward sabbatical eligibility, shall be restored upon return.

E. Extension and Renewals

All extensions, or renewals, of leaves shall be applied for, in writing when possible prior to Board approved return date, and shall be granted or denied in writing. Should there be a change in the return date if returning early, notify the Human Resources Department when possible prior to Board approved date of return.

F. Employees are required to work for a total of one hundred thirteen (113) school days to move to the next step on the salary guide. "Work" shall include sick days, paid personal leave, and any other day when compensation is provided, excluding donated days.

ARTICLE XIII

SABBATICAL LEAVE

A. Application of Leave

Application of intent for sabbatical leave shall be made through the Principal to the Superintendent of Schools on or before November 1st of any year. Final date for submitting application shall be May 1st, which application must have been preceded by an application of intent, submitted on or before November 1st. If approved, such leave shall officially begin at the beginning of the school year in accordance with the official school calendar. The Superintendent is to be kept informed of status, monthly.

Application shall include a formal sabbatical leave request, and shall also include a program or itinerary to be followed by the professional during the period of the leave.

As a condition prerequisite to the granting of a leave, the professional shall agree to continue in the service of the Jackson School System for a period of at least two (2) years after the expiration of the sabbatical leave.

If a teacher fails to continue in service after such leave is granted, such teacher shall repay to Jackson Township Board of Education a sum of money bearing the same ratio to the amount of salary received while on leave that the unperformed part of the two (2) subsequent years of service bears to the full two (2) years, unless such professional is incapacitated, has been discharged, or has been released for good and sufficient reason by the Board of Education from this obligation.

B. Salary

The salary granted to a teacher on sabbatical leave shall be one-half (1/2) of the salary to which he or she would be entitled if not on leave, less the regular deductions required by law, the Teacher's Pension Fund, and other deductions authorized by the professional. Salary shall be paid in accordance with the general time schedule for payment of salaries in the Jackson School System.

C. Outside Employment

During the period of sabbatical leave of absence, personnel may not engage in any remunerative employment unless such employment is a continuation of a previously held part-time job or is associated with the college or university program of learning being taken as part of the sabbatical.

D. Status of Tenure and Pension

The period of sabbatical leave shall count toward retirement in accordance with the rules of the Division of Pensions. Tenure rights shall not be impaired and the professional shall advance the usual step on the salary guide.

E. Reinstatement

At the expiration of sabbatical leave, the professional shall be reinstated as a full-time employee in the area for which the professional is properly certified.

F. Final Report

The professional will submit a final written report to the Superintendent of Schools which will be reprinted and distributed to the Board of Education. The report will relate the ideas gained, and subsequent benefits expected therefore, and will be submitted not later than ninety (90) days after the beginning of the school year immediately following the sabbatical leave.

G. Number of Leaves Authorized

Not more than two percent (2%) of the personnel eligible under this policy may be granted sabbatical leave for the same year. In granting such leaves of absence, due consideration shall be given to reasonable and equitable distribution of the applicants among the different schools and departments.

In the event more than two percent (2%) of the eligible personnel of the system shall apply, applications for study, independent research and/or problem observation leaves will be given preferential treatment. At all times, the needs of the school system as a whole shall be paramount.

H. Sabbatical Leaves Are Designed For:

1. Professional Improvement
2. Improved professional competence so as to benefit the general efficiency of the school system.

I. Eligibility

Any teacher, administrator or professional special services personnel, who has completed seven (7) or more years of full-time continuous satisfactory service in the Jackson Township School System may be granted a leave of absence for one (1) year upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and with the approval of the Board of Education. Such leave shall be understood to include one or more of the following activities.

1. Study in an accredited institution of learning.

2. Independent research and/or observation of problems connected with the schools or within the professional's area of responsibility.
3. Any other program approved by the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education. The Board will consider approving a reasonable request for travel if it is educationally oriented and the complete itinerary is presented to be approved by the Superintendent and the Board of Education, such leave not to be granted until after the fifteenth (15th) year of service.

ARTICLE XIV

INSURANCE BENEFITS

- A. 1. Employees shall pay insurance deductions in accordance with the attached Insurance Deduction Schedule through a payroll deduction and the Board shall pay the remainder of the premium to provide health insurance, up to and including full family coverage. Effective July 1, 2022, Aetna Choice POS II \$35 Plan shall be the base plan up to and including full family coverage. Employees hired between July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 shall be eligible for single base plan coverage with Aetna Choice POS II - \$35 Plan and up to and including full family coverage with Aetna Savings Plus Plan or the District's equivalent to the NJ Educator's Health Plan (EHP), with the option of receiving up to and including full family coverage once they have met the necessary timeline requirements to obtain tenure in the District. Employees hired on or after July 1, 2020 shall be eligible for up to and including full family coverage under the District's equivalent to the NJ Educator's Health Plan. Effective July 1, 2016, the co-pay for physician visits shall be \$35 for both primary care and specialist physicians for Aetna Choice POS II - \$35 Plan.
2. When both a husband and wife from the same household are employed by the Board, one (1) spouse will be eligible for benefits. In the event that the eligible spouse elects coverage under the District's plan, the Board will provide a yearly payment of \$750.00 to the spouse electing coverage. This payment will be prorated for partial year coverage.
3. Insurance benefits shall begin on the first day of employment for eligible employees.
- B. The Board will pay the cost of the enrolled plans, up to and including full family coverage for one (1) employee per household for Delta Dental Plan, minus the insurance deductions in accordance with the attached Insurance Deduction Schedule. The basic portion of the dental insurance program shall be an 80% - 20% plan. The maximum benefit for orthodontics shall be \$1000 per year. Effective July 2005, the employee will pay a \$25.00/\$75.00 deductible which is not applicable to preventive and diagnostic procedures (\$25.00 single/\$75.00 family).
- C. The Board intends to offer employees a voluntary high-deductible plan option and the Board shall contribute one-half (1/2) of the deductible each year.
- D. The Board will pay the premium cost for prescription insurance up to and including full family coverage for one (1) employee per household, minus the insurance deductions in accordance with the attached Insurance Deduction Schedule. July 1, 2015, co-payments for prescriptions shall be established as \$30 for brand name drugs and \$15 for generic drugs, and the same for prescriptions obtained through mail order (1 x) for Aetna Choice POS II - \$35 Plan.

- E. Replacement Teachers – Replacement Teachers are considered full-time, certificated teachers that are employed for the full school year in a single assignment and are not considered substitute teachers for purposes of this Agreement. Replacement Teachers, if employed for the full school year, will be entitled to the terms and conditions of employment as set forth in this Agreement. Long-term, rotating and daily substitutes are ineligible.
- F. Paraprofessional Benefits
1. The Board will provide employee-only medical insurance coverage to all paraprofessionals hired on or after July 1, 2012 who are regularly employed for at least 30 hours per week. Such paraprofessionals shall have the option to purchase at their expense dependent, spouse or family coverage at the District premium rate. Paraprofessionals hired prior to July 1, 2012 shall remain eligible for full-family coverage at District expense, minus the insurance deductions in accordance with the attached Insurance Deduction Schedule.
 2. Paraprofessionals who were receiving medical insurance coverage at the time of separation from employment due to a reduction in force and who are re-hired from the recall list prior to January 1, 2014 will also be provided up to full-family coverage where applicable at District expense, minus the insurance deductions in accordance with the attached Insurance Deduction Schedule.
 3. Any such paraprofessionals recalled on or after January 1, 2014 shall receive employee-only coverage in the same manner as paraprofessionals hired on or after July 1, 2012. Any paraprofessional receiving full family medical insurance coverage who is laid off during the term of this Agreement shall be entitled to receive full family medical insurance coverage upon recall by the Board to employment pursuant to recall list seniority.
- G. The Part-Time Ten-Month Certificated School Psychologist shall not be eligible for insurance benefits.
- H. The parties agree that the provisions of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (PL99-272) shall be enforced as required.
- i. For the period of this contract, the Board specifically agrees that persons who retire from the Jackson School District and who are eligible to receive pension payments from either the N.J.T.P.A.F. or the N.J.P.E.R.S. shall be entitled to retain medical insurance coverage at the appropriate group rates, plus the allowable administrative fee, provided that:
 - a. The appropriate monthly fee is received at Streamline HR on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the month proceeding the month of coverage (i.e., June 20th for July coverage).
 - b. Requested program coverage is the same as the coverage being provided at the time of retirement.
 - c. Monthly payments are received in check form made payable to the Jackson Township Board of Education.

- d. All other legal and/or administrative requirements are satisfied as may be necessary for the implementation of this program.
- ii. Employees who retire from the School District and qualify for a pension from either the New Jersey Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund or the New Jersey Public Employee Retirement System shall be entitled to convert unused accumulated sick leave days, and effective January 1, 1988, unused personal leave days accumulated from September 1, 1987, and each year thereafter to severance pay in accordance with the following rules:
 - a. The Board must receive written notice of the employees' intent to retire at least sixty (60) days prior to the retirement date, except in cases of emergency.
 - b. Days accumulated shall be compensated upon retirement at the rate of \$90 per day for Teachers and \$65 per day for Support Staff. Total payment shall be capped in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph 3 of this section.
 - c. Any employee who is eligible to receive more than \$15,000 in severance pay as of June 30, 2012, shall continue to be eligible for the full amount of such severance upon retirement. All other employees shall be subject to the \$15,000 limit; provided, however, that in the event legislation is adopted which mandates a lesser cap, the provisions of such legislation shall immediately govern the terms of such severance.
 - d. If the employee notifies the Board 6 months prior to date of retirement, payout of unused accumulated days will be in either an immediate total sum or the option of paid out over 2 years.
 - e. If the employee notifies the Board after the 6 months prior to date of retirement, payout of unused accumulated days will be paid out over 2 years.
 - f. Timelines may be suspended in the case special circumstances pending Superintendent approval.
 - g. Accumulated personal leave days may only be used for conversion to severance pay.
 - h. Above retirement benefits shall also be applicable to employees' beneficiaries in the event that an employee has been employed in the district for a minimum of fifteen (15) years prior to said employee's death.

I. Insurance Deduction Schedule

1. Annual insurance deductions shall be made in accordance with the schedule below.
2. Placement on the Insurance Deduction Schedule shall be determined by the employee's 2023-2024 salary.
3. New employees shall be placed on the Insurance Deduction Schedule below based on their salary at the date of hire.
4. Placement on the Insurance Deduction Schedule shall not be modified due to salary increases beyond an individual's initial placement on the schedule except in cases where the number of hours worked per week are changed.

5. In the event that an individual's hours worked per week change, the salary used for initial placement on the Insurance Deduction Schedule shall be prorated.
6. In the event an employee's plan selection and/or their level of coverage should change, the employee's insurance deduction shall be adjusted using the appropriate chart below at the salary used to determine original placement on the Insurance Deduction Schedule.

Insurance Deduction Schedule

FAMILY					
	\$35 POS		SAVINGS PLUS		DENTAL
Salary	Medical	Rx	Medical	Rx	
\$25,000-\$29,999	\$1,151.72	\$315.02	\$801.67	\$304.70	\$56.62
\$30,000-\$34,999	\$1,439.65	\$393.77	\$1,002.08	\$380.87	\$70.77
\$35,000-\$39,999	\$1,727.58	\$472.53	\$1,202.50	\$457.05	\$84.92
\$40,000-\$44,999	\$2,015.51	\$551.28	\$1,402.92	\$533.22	\$99.08
\$45,000-\$49,999	\$2,591.37	\$708.79	\$1,803.75	\$685.57	\$127.39
\$50,000-\$54,999	\$3,455.16	\$945.06	\$2,405.00	\$914.10	\$169.85
\$55,000-\$59,999	\$4,031.03	\$1,102.57	\$2,805.84	\$1,066.45	198.16
\$60,000-\$64,999	\$4,894.82	\$1,338.83	\$3,407.09	\$1,294.97	\$240.62
\$65,000-\$69,999	\$5,470.68	\$1,496.34	\$3,807.92	\$1,447.32	\$268.93
\$70,000-\$74,999	\$6,334.47	\$1,732.61	\$4,409.17	\$1,675.85	\$311.39
\$75,000-\$79,999	\$6,622.40	\$1,811.36	\$4,609.59	\$1,752.02	\$325.54
\$80,000-\$84,999	\$6,910.33	\$1,890.12	\$4,810.00	\$1,828.20	\$339.70
\$85,000-\$89,999	\$7,486.19	\$2,047.62	\$5,210.84	\$1,980.54	\$368.00
\$90,000 and above	\$8,062.05	\$2,205.10	\$5,611.67	\$2,132.89	\$396.31

PARENT/CHILD					
	\$35 POS		SAVINGS PLUS		DENTAL
Salary	Medical	Rx	Medical	Rx	
\$25,000-\$29,999	\$912.25	\$208.44	\$638.55	\$201.61	\$39.38
\$30,000-\$34,999	\$1,216.33	\$277.92	\$851.40	\$268.82	\$52.51
\$35,000-\$39,999	\$1,419.05	\$324.24	\$993.30	\$313.62	\$61.26
\$40,000-\$44,999	\$1,621.78	\$370.56	\$1,135.20	\$358.43	\$70.01
\$45,000-\$49,999	\$2,027.22	\$463.20	\$1,419.00	\$448.03	\$87.52
\$50,000-\$54,999	\$3,040.83	\$694.80	\$2,128.50	\$672.05	\$131.27
\$55,000-\$59,999	\$3,446.27	\$787.44	\$2,412.30	\$761.65	\$148.78
\$60,000-\$64,999	\$4,257.16	\$972.72	\$2,979.90	\$940.87	\$183.78

\$65,000-\$69,999		\$4,662.61	\$1,065.36	\$3,263.70	\$1030.47	\$201.29
\$70,000-\$74,999		\$5,270.77	\$1,204.32	\$3,689.40	\$1,164.88	\$227.54
\$75,000-\$79,999		\$5,473.49	\$1,250.64	\$3,831.30	\$1,209.69	\$236.29
\$80,000-\$84,999		\$5,676.22	\$1,296.96	\$3,973.20	\$1,254.49	\$245.04
\$85,000 and above		\$6,081.66	\$1,389.60	\$4,257.00	\$1,344.10	\$262.55

SINGLE						
		\$35 POS		SAVINGS PLUS		DENTAL
Salary		Medical	Rx	Medical	Rx	
\$25,000-\$29,999		\$855.40	\$208.13	\$572.72	\$201.29	\$32.18
\$30,000-\$34,999		\$1,140.53	\$277.51	\$763.62	\$268.38	\$42.90
\$35,000-\$39,999		\$1,254.58	\$305.26	\$839.98	\$295.22	\$47.19
\$40,000-\$44,999		\$1,368.63	\$333.01	\$916.34	\$322.06	\$51.48
\$45,000-\$49,999		\$1,596.74	\$388.52	\$1,069.07	\$375.73	\$60.06
\$50,000-\$54,999		\$2,281.06	\$555.02	\$1,527.24	\$536.76	\$85.80
\$55,000-\$59,999		\$2,623.21	\$638.28	\$1,756.33	\$617.27	\$98.67
\$60,000-\$64,999		\$3,079.43	\$749.28	\$2,061.77	\$724.63	\$115.83
\$65,000-\$69,999		\$3,307.53	\$804.78	\$2,214.50	\$778.30	\$124.41
\$70,000-\$74,999		\$3,649.69	\$888.04	\$2,443.58	\$858.82	\$137.28
\$75,000-\$79,999		\$3,763.74	\$915.79	\$2,519.95	\$885.65	\$141.57
\$80,000 and above		\$3, 877.80	\$943.54	\$2,596.31	\$912.49	\$145.86

2 ADULT						
		\$35 POS		SAVINGS PLUS		DENTAL
Salary		Medical	Rx	Medical	Rx	
\$25,000-\$29,999		\$958.81	\$262.26	\$755.34	\$253.66	\$39.38
\$30,000-\$34,999		\$1,278.40	\$349.68	\$1,007.12	\$338.21	\$52.51
\$35,000-\$39,999		\$1,491.48	\$407.96	\$1,174.98	\$394.58	\$61.26
\$40,000-\$44,999		\$1,704.50	\$466.24	\$1,342.83	\$450.95	\$70.01
\$45,000-\$49,999		\$2,130.68	\$582.80	\$1,678.54	\$563.69	\$87.52

\$50,000-\$54,999		\$3,196.03	\$874.21	\$2,517.80	\$845.53	\$131.27
\$55,000-\$59,999		\$3,622.16	\$990.77	\$2,853.51	\$958.27	\$148.78
\$60,000-\$64,999		\$4,474.44	\$1,223.89	\$3,524.93	\$1,183.74	\$183.78
\$65,000-\$69,999		\$4,900.57	\$1,340.45	\$3,860.63	\$1,296.48	\$201.29
\$70,000-\$74,999		\$5,539.78	\$1,515.29	\$4,364.19	\$1,465.59	\$227.54
\$75,000-\$79,999		\$5,752.85	\$1,573.57	\$4,532.05	\$1,521.96	\$236.29
\$80,000-\$84,999		\$5,965.92	\$1,631.85\$	\$4,699.90	\$1,578.33	\$245.04
\$85,000 and above		\$6,392.05	\$1,748.41	\$5,035.61	\$1,691.06	\$262.55

ARTICLE XV

REPRESENTATION FEE

- A. The Association shall, on or before September 30, deliver to the Board a written statement containing the following:
1. A statement that the Association has determined the amount of representation fee in accordance with the formulated requirements of MSA 34: 13A-5.4.
 2. A statement that the Association has established a "demand and return system" in accordance with requirements of MSA 34: 13A-5.4.
 3. A statement establishing the amount of yearly representation fees to be deducted from the salaries of each non-member. Such representation fee shall not exceed eighty-five percent (85%) of the regular membership dues, fees and assessments.
 4. A list of all employees who have failed to arrange to become members of the Association and a request that the representation fee of such non-members be deducted in accordance with the Agreement.
- B. Beginning with the first full pay period in November, the Board will commence deductions from salaries of such non-members as defined in Subsection A. 4 above, in accordance with Section C below, of the full amount of the representation fee and will promptly transmit the amount so deducted to the Association.
- C. Payroll Deduction Schedule
The Board will deduct the representation fee, in equal installments, as nearly as possible, from the paychecks paid to each employee on the aforesaid list, during the remainder of the membership year. The deductions will begin with the first paycheck:
1. in November, or
 2. thirty (30) days after the employee begins his/her employment in a bargaining unit position or was on lay-off, in which event, the deductions will begin with the first paycheck paid ten (10) days after the resumption of the employee's employment in a bargaining unit position, whichever is later. The mechanics for deduction of representation fees and the transmission of such fees due to the Association, as nearly as possible, shall be the same as those used for the deduction of regular membership to the Association.
- D. On or about the last day of each month, beginning with the month this Agreement becomes effective, the Board will submit to the Association, a list of all employees who began or ended their employment in a bargaining unit position during the preceding thirty (30) day period. The list will include names, job titles, and dates of employment for all such employees.
- E. The Association hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless the Board from any claim, suit, or action of any nature whatsoever which may be brought at law or equity, or before any administrative agency with regard to or arising from the deduction from the salaries of any employee of any sum of money as a representation fee under the provisions of this Agreement. In addition, the Board shall be required to make available any and all public records necessary for such defense.

ARTICLE XVI
DEDUCTIONS FROM SALARY

A. Association Payroll Dues Deduction

1. The Board agrees to deduct from the salaries of its employees dues from the Jackson Education Association, the Ocean County Council of Education Associations, the New Jersey Education Association and the National Education Association as said employees individually and voluntarily authorize the Board to deduct.

Such deductions shall be made in compliance with Chapter 233 N.J. Public Laws of 1969 (NJSA 52: 14-15.9e) and under rules established by the State Department of Education. Said monies, together with current records of any corrections, shall be transmitted to such person as may from time to time be designated by the Jackson Education Association by the fifteenth of each month following the monthly pay period in which deductions were made. The person designated shall disburse such monies to the appropriate association or associations.

2. Each of the associations named above shall certify to the Board, in writing, the current rate of its membership dues. Any association, which shall change the rate of its membership dues, shall give the Board written notice prior to the effective date of such change.

B. Direct Salary Deduction Plans

All employees covered by this Agreement shall have the option of having any percentage deducted from each payroll to be administered by any New Jersey bank.

C. Tax-sheltered Annuities and/or Savings Bonds

Arrangements can be made by all employees through the Board office to obtain tax-sheltered annuities and/or government saving bonds.

D. Save Harmless

The Association agrees to indemnify, defend and save the Board harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that shall rise out of or by reason of action taken by the Board in reliance upon payroll deductions authorized in accordance with the above provisions and transmitted by the Board to the appropriate agency.

ARTICLE XVII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. Non-Discrimination

The Board and the Association agree that there shall be no discrimination in the hiring, training, assignment, promotion, transfer, or discipline of employees or in the application or administration of this Agreement on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex domicile, marital status or sexual orientation.

B. Savings Clause

Except as this Agreement shall otherwise provide, all terms and conditions of employment applicable on the effective date of this Agreement to employees covered by this Agreement as established by the rules, regulations and/or policies of the Board, administrative procedures and practices in force on said date, shall continue to be so applicable during the terms of this Agreement. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, nothing contained herein shall be interpreted and/or applied so as to eliminate, reduce nor otherwise detract from any employee benefit existing prior to its effective date.

C. Separability

If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is held to be contrary to law, then such provision or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting, except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions or applications shall continue in full force and effect.

D. Compliance between individual Contract and Master Agreement

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

E. Notice

Whenever any notice is required to be given by either of the parties of this Agreement to the other, pursuant to the provision(s) of this Agreement, either party shall do so by telegram or registered letter at the following addresses:

1. If by Association, to Board at Board office
2. If by Board, to Association at home address of current Association President.

F. Professional Development

Effective July 1, 2017, a District Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC) shall be established. The DEAC shall be a joint committee. Serving on the committee shall be teachers appointed by the Association President and administrators appointed by the Superintendent. The committee shall meet to oversee and guide the planning and implementation of the districts evaluation policies and procedures.

All School Improvement Panel (ScIP) members shall be given release time during the school day to complete duties assigned to them as per N.J.S.A. C.18A:6-120. If meetings are scheduled outside of the regular workday, the committee members shall be compensated at the negotiated tutorial rate. No teacher or other unit member who serves on the SCIP shall evaluate, participate in, or feed into the evaluation or any component of the evaluation of any other teacher or unit member, including formulating the Corrective Action Plan.

G. Continuing Education Unit Language

Certified staff members who receive compensation for these Credits prior to July 1, 2015 shall continue to receive such payment as part of their base salary.

H. Tuition Reimbursement

The Board shall establish a fund to reimburse teachers for the tuition costs of graduate credits subject to the following conditions:

1. Eligibility for tuition reimbursement shall be in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-8.5, including but not limited to the requirement that the credits shall be part of a degree program related to the teacher's current or future job responsibilities.
2. The degree program and specific courses must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools or his designee for approval prior to the beginning of the course and reimbursement shall be subject to such approval.
3. The teacher must successfully complete the course with a grade of B or better in order to be eligible for reimbursement.
4. Reimbursement shall be contingent upon the teacher continuing to work for the school district for at least one (1) year following reimbursement for up to twelve (12) credits; for at least two (2) years following reimbursement for up to twenty-four (24) credits; and for three (3) years following reimbursement for the completion of a degree program. Any teacher who voluntarily resigns employment from the Jackson School District prior to that time shall be required to refund to the school district monies paid for tuition reimbursement.
5. The Board shall provide \$59,227 per school year during the term of this Agreement for tuition reimbursement pursuant to this program. The parties shall jointly develop and approve standards and procedures governing the distribution of these funds.
6. In addition to the tuition reimbursement program described above, the Board shall establish a fund to reimburse teaching staff members for all tuition and costs for courses taken at the request of the school district administration to meet the school district's needs. The Board shall provide \$59,227 per school year during the term of this Agreement to fund this program. All courses and degree programs pursuant to this program shall be subject to the advance approval of the Superintendent of Schools or his designee. Reimbursement shall be contingent upon the teacher continuing to work for the school district for at least one (1) year following reimbursement for up to twelve (12) credits; for at least two (2) years following reimbursement for up to twenty-four (24) credits; and for three (3) years following reimbursement for the completion of a degree program. Any teacher who voluntarily resigns employment from the Jackson School District prior to that time shall be required to refund to the school district monies

paid for tuition reimbursement. Those who voluntarily leave employment with the school district prior to these time limits shall be required to refund the reimbursements received.

I. Mentoring

This program is designed pursuant to the requirements of the State of New Jersey.

1. The Role of the Mentor is defined in the Board approved District Mentoring Plan.
2. Qualifications of Mentors are outlined in the District Mentoring Plan.
3. Selection of Mentoring Teachers shall occur in the following manner:
 - a. All applicants for the position of Mentor shall apply online each year.
 - b. Each Building Principal shall make recommendations on mentor candidates and pairings to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee, who shall, in turn, make his/her recommendations to the Board of Education.
 - c. In choosing candidates for mentor positions, preference should be given to candidates who did not serve as mentors in the previous school year, provided that the exercise for this preference does not result in the exclusion of a more highly qualified candidate.
 - d. No teacher shall be assigned to serve as a mentor to more than one provisional, alternate route or student teacher at the same time, if possible.

J. Release Time for Association President

Effective September 1, 2009, the Board shall provide full-time release to the Association President on condition that the salary of the Association President shall be borne equally (50% each) between the Board of Education and the NJEA. If the NJEA at any time ceases to fund their portion of salary obligation, the release time without loss of compensation shall be at the rate of five 1/2 days per week. A half-day shall not exceed three (3) periods or two (2) double periods per day.

K. Movement on the Salary Guide

When a member of the professional staff acquires a Masters Degree or a Doctorate conferred by a college or university whose courses are acceptable to the New Jersey Board of Education, or acquires thirty (30) credits beyond the Bachelors Degree or thirty (30) credits beyond the Masters Degree, the member shall be placed on the proper column of the salary guide. The Superintendent of Schools will recommend this adjustment to the Board of Education when the employee presents final proof of such degree. Movement to the new column shall take place 60 days after Board approval with retroactivity to date of submission of appropriate paperwork. Informal transcript is acceptable to begin timeline for placement.

- L. In order to receive a salary step increment for the next school year, a newly hired staff member shall be employed by the district before January 1st of the school year. Any newly hired staff member employed on or after January 1st shall remain at the same salary step for the following school year.

ARTICLE XVIII

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

A. Duration Period

This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2023 and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2026, subject to the Association's right to negotiate over a successor agreement as provided in Article II. This Agreement shall not be extended orally, and it is expressly understood that it shall expire on the date indicated, unless it is extended in writing.

B. Status of Incorporation

In witness whereof the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective presidents, attested by their respective secretaries, on the 20th day of ~~July~~, 2023.
September

JACKSON EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION

JACKSON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF EDUCATION

President

President

Secretary

Secretary

TEACHER SALARY GUIDE

SCHEDULE A

2023-2024

Step	BA	BA+30	MA	MA+30	PHD
1-2	56,637	58,037	59,337	61,137	63,137
3	56,887	58,287	59,587	61,387	63,387
4	57,137	58,537	59,837	61,637	63,637
5	57,387	58,787	60,087	61,887	63,887
6	57,937	59,337	60,637	62,437	64,437
7	59,687	61,087	62,387	64,187	66,187
8-10	61,787	63,187	64,487	66,287	68,287
11	63,887	65,287	66,587	68,387	70,387
12	66,287	67,687	68,987	70,787	72,787
13	69,387	70,787	72,087	73,887	75,887
14	72,537	73,937	75,237	77,037	79,037
15	75,737	77,137	78,437	80,237	82,237
16	79,137	80,537	81,837	83,637	85,637
17	83,237	84,637	85,937	87,737	89,737
18	90,227	91,627	92,927	94,727	96,727

All eligible staff on-guide shall advance one step each year of the contract. Once you reach the top step of the guide, you will remain on that step through the life of the contract. If you are currently on the last step of the guide, you will remain on that step through the life of the contract.

TEACHER SALARY GUIDE

SCHEDULE B

2024-2025

Step	BA	BA+30	MA	MA+30	PHD
1	57,727	59,177	60,477	62,277	64,277
2-3	58,227	59,677	60,977	62,777	64,777
4	58,727	60,177	61,477	63,277	65,277
5	59,502	60,952	62,252	64,052	66,052
6	60,402	61,852	63,152	64,952	66,952
7	61,402	62,852	64,152	65,952	67,952
8	63,202	64,652	65,952	67,752	69,752
9-11	65,202	66,652	67,952	69,752	71,752
12	67,802	69,252	70,552	72,352	74,352
13	70,902	72,352	73,652	75,452	77,452
14	74,052	75,502	76,802	78,602	80,602
15	77,252	78,702	80,002	81,802	83,802
16	80,552	82,002	83,302	85,102	87,102
17	84,552	86,002	87,302	89,102	91,102
18	91,527	92,977	94,277	96,077	98,077

All eligible staff on-guide shall advance one step each year of the contract. Once you reach the top step of the guide, you will remain on that step through the life of the contract. If you are currently on the last step of the guide, you will remain on that step through the life of the contract.

TEACHER SALARY GUIDE
SCHEDULE C
2025-2026

Step	BA	BA+30	MA	MA+30	PHD
1-2	60,742	62,242	63,542	65,342	67,342
3-4	61,242	62,742	64,042	65,842	67,842
5	61,742	63,242	64,542	66,342	68,342
6	62,442	63,942	65,242	67,042	69,042
7	63,442	64,942	66,242	68,042	70,042
8	64,942	66,442	67,742	69,542	71,542
9	66,942	68,442	69,742	71,542	73,542
10-12	69,542	71,042	72,342	74,142	76,142
13	72,642	74,142	75,442	77,242	79,242
14	75,792	77,292	78,592	80,392	82,392
15	78,992	80,492	81,792	83,592	85,592
16	82,292	83,792	85,092	86,892	88,892
17	86,292	87,792	89,092	90,892	92,892
18	93,152	94,652	95,952	97,752	99,752

All eligible staff on-guide shall advance one step each year of the contract. Once you reach the top step of the guide, you will remain on that step through the life of the contract. If you are currently on the last step of the guide, you will remain on that step through the life of the contract.

SCHEDULE D

2023-2026
LONGEVITY - TEACHERS

- A. Teachers, after completing the indicated years of active employment in the school district, shall receive the following longevity payments above their step on the salary guide:

17 years	\$1,500
20 years	\$2,000
25 years	\$2,500
30 years	\$3,000
35 years	\$3,500

Longevity payments shall be based on consecutive years of service. Resignations effective on July 1st 1987, and thereafter, shall be considered a break in service. Time spent on approved leaves of absence shall be credited in accordance with Board Policy 3431.1 for purposes of this Article.

- B. Longevity payment shall be made a part of the teacher's regular monthly pay.

SCHEDULE E
SALARIED NON-TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS
(CERTIFIED ONLY)

LOCATION	EXTRA CURRICULAR	POSITION LEVEL
High School	Art Club Advisor	A
High School	Art Club National Honor Society Advisor	A
High School	Art Honor Society	A
High School	Band, Jazz Ensemble Director	B
High School	Band, Spirit Pep Assistant Director	C
High School	Band, Spirit Pep Director	D
High School	Chess Club Advisor	A
High School	Chorus Advisor	B
High School	Color Guard Advisor	B
High School	Coordinator Medical Services	D
High School	Color Guard Instructor	B
High School	DECA Advisor	B
High School	District Printing Coordinator	B
High School	Drama Club Advisor	B
High School	E-Sports Advisor	B
High School	FBLA Advisor	B
High School	Freshman Class Advisor	B
High School	Interact Club Advisor	A
High School	Journal Advisor (Jaguar & Lion)	B
High School	Junior Class Advisor	B
High School	Key Club Advisor	A
High School	Literacy Magazine Advisor	B
High School	Marching Band Assistant Director	C
High School	Marching Band Director	D
High School	Math League Advisor	A
High School	Math Honor Society	A
High School	National Honor Society Advisor	A
High School	Percussion Advisor	A
High School	Percussion Ensemble Director	B
High School	School Musical Assistant Director	A
High School	School Musical Assistant Production Manager	B
High School	School Musical Conductor	B
High School	School Musical Director	D
High School	School Musical Production Manager	C
High School	School Musical Tech	A
High School	School Musical Vocal Director	B
High School	Science League Advisor	A
High School	Science Honor Society	A
High School	Senior Class Advisor	B
High School	Set Builder	B

High School	Set Designer	B
High School	Social Studies Honor Society	A
High School	Sophomore Class Advisor	B
High School	Student Council Advisor	C
High School	Student Human Relation Advisor	A
High School	Technology Club Advisor	A
High School	Tri-M Club Advisor	A
High School	Woodwind Choir Director	B
High School	World Language Club Advisor	A
High School	World Language Honor Society	A
High School	Yearbook Advisor	C
High School	Yearbook Assistant Advisor	A
Middle School	Bookstore Advisor	A
Middle School	Builder's Club Advisor	A
Middle School	Color Guard Director	C
Middle School	Drama Club Advisor	B
Middle School	FBLA Advisor	B
Middle School	Locker Coordinator	A
Middle School	Marching Band Assistant Director	B
Middle School	Marching Band Spirit Director	C
Middle School	Math League Advisor	A
Middle School	National Junior Honor Society Advisor	A
Middle School	Newspaper Advisor	A
Middle School	School Supplies Advisor	A
Middle School	Student Activities Advisor	B
Middle School	Student Council Advisor	A
Middle School	Yearbook Advisor	A
Elementary School	Lunchroom Duty	B

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SALARY GUIDE
2023-2024

STEP	A	B	C	D
1	\$3,377	\$3,874	\$4,988	\$6,269
2	\$3,403	\$3,905	\$5,031	\$6,325
3	\$3,430	\$3,936	\$5,073	\$6,380
4	\$3,457	\$4,068	\$5,116	\$6,437
5	\$3,585	\$4,140	\$5,282	\$6,648

Additional Stipend

Senior Class Advisor	\$857
Junior Class Advisor	\$642
Elementary Safety Patrol Advisor	\$1,739
Adventure Bound Advisor	\$7,078
Auditorium Coordinator	\$6,446
Adventure Bound Assistant Coordinator	\$5,875

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SALARY GUIDE
2024-2025

STEP	A	B	C	D
1	\$3,527	\$4,024	\$5,138	\$6,419
2	\$3,553	\$4,055	\$5,181	\$6,475
3	\$3,580	\$4,086	\$5,223	\$6,530
4	\$3,607	\$4,218	\$5,266	\$6,587
5	\$3,735	\$4,290	\$5,432	\$6,798

Additional Stipend

Senior Class Advisor	\$1,007
Junior Class Advisor	\$792
Elementary Safety Patrol Advisor	\$1,889
Adventure Bound Advisor	\$7,228
Auditorium Coordinator	\$6,657
Adventure Bound Assistant Coordinator	\$6,025

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SALARY GUIDE
2025-2026

STEP	A	B	C	D
1	\$3,677	\$4,174	\$5,288	\$6,569
2	\$3,703	\$4,205	\$5,331	\$6,625
3	\$3,730	\$4,236	\$5,373	\$6,680
4	\$3,757	\$4,368	\$5,416	\$6,737
5	\$3,885	\$4,440	\$5,582	\$6,948

Additional Stipend

Senior Class Advisor	\$1,157
Junior Class Advisor	\$942
Elementary Safety Patrol Advisor	\$2,039
Adventure Bound Advisor	\$7,379
Auditorium Coordinator	\$6,807
Adventure Bound Assistant Coordinator	\$6,175

COACHES SALARY GUIDE

HIGH SCHOOL

Football/Basketball/Wrestling

Head Coach			
Step	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
1	\$8,296	\$8,496	\$8,696
2	\$8,372	\$8,572	\$8,772
3	\$8,446	\$8,646	\$8,846
4	\$8,523	\$8,723	\$8,923
5	\$8,845	\$9,045	\$9,245
6	\$9,145	\$9,345	\$9,545

Assistant Coach			
Step	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
1	\$6,097	\$6,297	\$6,497
2	\$6,151	\$6,351	\$6,551
3	\$6,204	\$6,404	\$6,604
4	\$6,258	\$6,458	\$6,658
5	\$6,499	\$6,699	\$6,899
6	\$6,816	\$7,016	\$7,216

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HIGH SCHOOL

Soccer/Swimming/Spring Track/Baseball/Softball/Lacrosse/Field Hockey/Ice Hockey/Cross
Country/Volleyball/Gymnastics

Head Coach			
Step	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
1	\$6,983	\$7,183	\$7,383
2	\$7,045	\$7,245	\$7,445
3	\$7,107	\$7,307	\$7,507
4	\$7,170	\$7,370	\$7,570
5	\$7,410	\$7,610	\$7,810
6	\$7,648	\$7,848	\$8,048

Assistant Coach			
Step	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
1	\$4,605	\$4,805	\$5,005
2	\$4,643	\$4,843	\$5,043
3	\$4,681	\$4,881	\$5,081
4	\$4,730	\$4,930	\$5,130
5	\$4,840	\$5,040	\$5,240
6	\$5,158	\$5,358	\$5,558

COACHES SALARY GUIDE

HIGH SCHOOL

Tennis/Winter Track/Cheerleading/Golf/Bowling

Head Coach			
Step	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
1	\$4,840	\$5,040	\$5,240
2	\$4,880	\$5,080	\$5,280
3	\$4,921	\$5,121	\$5,321
4	\$4,961	\$5,161	\$5,361
5	\$5,081	\$5,281	\$5,481
6	\$5,323	\$5,523	\$5,723

Assistant Coach			
Step	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
1	\$4,467	\$4,667	\$4,867
2	\$4,503	\$4,703	\$4,903
3	\$4,540	\$4,740	\$4,940
4	\$4,578	\$4,778	\$4,978
5	\$4,697	\$4,897	\$5,097
6	\$4,975	\$5,175	\$5,375

Athletic Trainer

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
1	\$5,438	\$5,638	\$5,838

Equipment Manager

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
1	\$5,317	\$5,517	\$5,717

Athletic Coordinator

Fall/Winter/ Spring

Step	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
1	\$6,983	\$7,183	\$7,383
2	\$7,045	\$7,245	\$7,445
3	\$7,107	\$7,307	\$7,507
4	\$7,170	\$7,370	\$7,570
5	\$7,410	\$7,610	\$7,810
6	\$7,648	\$7,848	\$8,048

Weight Room Advisor

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Fall	\$5,471	\$5,671	\$5,871
Winter	\$5,471	\$5,671	\$5,871
Spring	\$5,471	\$5,671	\$5,871

COACHES SALARY GUIDE

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Basketball/Wrestling

Head Coach			
Step	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
1	\$5,481	\$5,681	\$5,881
2	\$5,528	\$5,728	\$5,928
3	\$5,575	\$5,775	\$5,975
4	\$5,623	\$5,823	\$6,023
5	\$5,719	\$5,919	\$6,119
6	\$6,047	\$6,247	\$6,447

Assistant Coach			
Step	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
1	\$5,342	\$5,542	\$5,742
2	\$5,387	\$5,587	\$5,787
3	\$5,433	\$5,633	\$5,833
4	\$5,479	\$5,679	\$5,879

COACHES SALARY GUIDE

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Track/Cross Country Field Hockey/Soccer/Cheerleading/Baseball/Football/Softball

Head Coach			
Step	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
1	\$4,458	\$4,658	\$4,858
2	\$4,494	\$4,694	\$4,894
3	\$4,531	\$4,731	\$4,931
4	\$4,569	\$4,769	\$4,969
5	\$4,811	\$5,011	\$5,211
6	\$5,160	\$5,360	\$5,560

Assistant Coach			
Step	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
1	\$4,303	\$4,503	\$4,703
2	\$4,337	\$4,537	\$4,737
3	\$4,372	\$4,572	\$4,772
4	\$4,408	\$4,608	\$4,808
5	\$4,652	\$4,852	\$5,052

SCHEDULE F
NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL
SPECIAL WORKING CONDITIONS

SECTION I: SECRETARY

- A. Summer hours for secretarial and clerical personnel will be six (6) hours per day, starting the first Monday after the close of school up to, but excluding, the last full week prior to the opening of school, which shall include a one-half (1/2) hour lunch.

Summer hours may also include a four (4) day flexible schedule of seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours per day which shall include a one-half (1/2) hour lunch as developed between the parties and subject to approval of the building principal.

Beginning with the summer following the 2020-2021 school year, in the event that summer hours include a four (4) day flexible schedule as set forth above, during summer hours Secretaries will be charged one and one-quarter (1 ¼) days for each day taken off due to sick time, vacation time, personal time or bereavement time.

The school year work day for secretaries shall be eight (8) hours per day including a one-hour lunch. The secretaries' work day will end one-half (1/2) hour after the teacher's work day on the last day of school prior to Thanksgiving recess, Winter recess, President's Day (school calendar permitting), Memorial Day and Spring Break recess, pending an emergency.

- B. School Secretary 12-month contract - July 1st to June 30th (follow teacher's calendar during student year and legal holidays off during balance of year).
1. Two weeks vacation (10 days)
 2. Three weeks vacation (15 days) after five years
 3. Four weeks vacation (20 days) after twelve years

No vacation shall be permitted during the calendar week (M-F) before the opening day of school, the calendar week (M-F) containing the opening day of school or the calendar week (M-F) containing the last day of school, unless the supervisor has determined that one or more of these weeks is/are not critical week(s) for the functioning of that Supervisor's department/school.

Employees will be able to carry over five (5) vacation days at the per diem rate when they were earned, pending Board approval.

- C. Secretary Vacation Buy Back

The Board agrees to buy back a maximum of ten (10) vacation days annually, at the member's request, at the member's current rate of pay. JEA members may elect to sell back vacation time during the first pay date in July and/or during the first pay date in January, but cannot exceed a total of ten (10) days per year. The JEA member must inform the Personnel department of their intent to sell vacation days in writing, a minimum of two weeks prior to the appropriate pay date.

D. Overtime Pay

Secretaries will be compensated at one and one-half (1 1/2) times their hourly rate for all work in excess of forty (40) hours per week. Paid sick days, personal days, or holidays will be included in the forty (40) hours. All overtime must have prior approval of the Superintendent's Office. It shall not be the secretary's responsibility to obtain approval for overtime from the Superintendent's office.

E. Secretaries called into work on the days when the schools are closed due to inclement weather shall receive their regular pay for the day plus one and one-half (1 1/2) times their hourly rate for all hours worked.

F. Longevity

1. After completing ten (10) years of full-time service in Jackson - an increment of \$ 1,000; after fifteen (15) years of service, \$1 ,250; after twenty (20) years of service, \$1,500.
2. Longevity payments will be made a part of the secretary's regular monthly pay.

G. Seniority Rights for Secretaries

1. Secretaries shall achieve layoff seniority rights only after three (3) consecutive years of employment.
2. Seniority shall terminate when an employee resigns or is discharged.

H. Support staff shall receive an additional pay differential each school year for their education. Support staff holding 60 credits and/or an Associate's Degree shall receive \$500 added to their base pay, annually.

I. Continuing Education Unit Language

1. Non-Certified staff members who receive compensation for these Credits prior to July 1 , 2017 shall continue to receive such payment as part of their base salary.

SECTION II: FULL-TIME PARAPROFESSIONAL, PART-TIME PRESCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL & PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETER FOR THE DEAF

A. With the exception of school days with a modified schedule, such as shortened days, delayed openings, and standardized testing days, paraprofessionals assigned to elementary schools shall have a daily duty-free lunch period of thirty (30) minutes, paraprofessionals assigned to middle schools shall have a daily duty-free lunch period of thirty (30) minutes, and paraprofessionals assigned to high school shall have a daily duty-free lunch period of twenty-eight (28) minutes.

B. Paraprofessional Interpreter for the Deaf Work Year

The work year for Paraprofessional Interpreters for the Deaf employed for ten (10) months shall be the same as that of a teacher.

C. Work Year

1. It is agreed by the JEA and the Board of Education that the work year for paraprofessionals, during the life of this Agreement, shall be 183 days to include the first day in September for staff only, and two in-Service days. The yearly salary for Full-Time Paraprofessionals shall be calculated at 183 times 6.75 hours, plus two (2) additional hours for Back-To-School Night. The yearly salary for Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessionals shall be calculated at 183 times 3 hours, plus two (2) additional hours for Back-To-School Night.

a. Full-Time Paraprofessionals, Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessionals and Professional Interpreters who are assigned to work with the preschool handicap, SOLVE, SMART, PDD programs or who are responsible to tend to personal hygiene duties shall receive a pensionable "Personal Hygiene" stipend or a pensionable "CPI" stipend of eight hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$825) in addition to their paraprofessional salary. Full-Time Paraprofessionals, Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessionals and Professional Interpreters shall only be eligible to receive one (1) pensionable stipend each year.

2. The length of the workday for each Full-Time Paraprofessional, Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessional and Professional Interpreter will be determined by the Board. In the event a Full-Time Paraprofessional, Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessional and Professional Interpreter workday is shortened due to inclement weather after the Full-Time Paraprofessional, Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessional or Professional Interpreter has reported for duty, the Full-Time Paraprofessional, Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessional or Professional Interpreter will be guaranteed a minimum of two (2) hours' work.

3. Full-Time Paraprofessionals, Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessionals and Professional Interpreters shall be notified of re-employment as soon as possible after student placement has been accomplished. In any case, every effort will be made to notify Full-Time Paraprofessionals, Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessionals and Professional Interpreters no later than July 15 annually.

4. Layoff of a Full-Time Paraprofessional, Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessional and Professional Interpreter

- a. Commencing with employees hired, as of September 1 1993, Paraprofessionals shall achieve layoff seniority rights within their job title only after three consecutive years of employment within a four-year period. Employees hired prior to September 1, 1993 shall retain seniority rights from their original date of hiring.
 - b. Seniority rights shall be accrued based on an employee's length of service in his or her individual job title: i.e., (a) Full-Time Paraprofessional, (b) Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessional or (c) Professional Interpreter for the Deaf. A Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessional shall be credited for his/her time in District on a half-time, pro-rated basis. In the event a Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessional is appointed to a Full-Time Paraprofessional position, seniority earned as a Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessional shall be carried over and credited as seniority in the new position.
 - c. Seniority shall terminate when an employee resigns or is discharged. Seniority shall not accrue during unpaid leaves of absence in excess of twenty (20) workdays or when the employee is laid off.
 - d. In the event of a layoff during the school year, the individual(s) in the position being eliminated will be laid off without considering seniority.
 - e. The Board will maintain a recall list for paraprofessionals whose employment is eliminated as a result of a reduction in force. For any layoffs occurring after July 1, 2012, the list will be in effect for a period of two years from the date of the layoff and shall expire at the conclusion of the two year period. Paraprofessionals with seniority who are on layoff will be offered the next available position provided the opening occurs within two years of the date of layoff. At the end of the two-year period the list will expire and paraprofessionals on the list shall have no further recall rights. While on the recall list, a paraprofessional with seniority who is on layoff shall be permitted to bump a less senior employee in the same category on September 1st immediately following layoff.
5. The Board shall reimburse Full-Time Paraprofessionals, Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessionals and Professional Interpreters employed prior to July 1, 2002 for the cost of obtaining education credits necessary to meet certification requirements. Only those Full-Time Paraprofessionals, Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessionals and Professional Interpreters assigned to positions for which certification requirements have been established are eligible for reimbursement under this program.
6. The Board agrees that it will not privatize paraprofessional unit positions during the term of this Agreement.

D. Paraprofessional Interpreters for the Deaf Preparation Time

Paraprofessional Interpreters for the Deaf shall have one (1) forty-minute preparation period per day.

E. Longevity

1. After completing ten (10) years of full-time service in Jackson - an increment of \$ 1,000; after fifteen (15) years of service, \$1 ,250; after twenty (20) years of service, \$1,500.
2. Longevity payments will be made a part of the employee's regular monthly pay.
3. The above longevity schedule will apply to Full-Time Paraprofessionals, Part-Time Preschool Paraprofessionals and Professional Interpreters.

SCHEDULE F

NON-CERTIFIED SALARY GUIDES

SECRETARY SALARY GUIDE

2023-2024, 2024-2026, 2025-2026

STEP	2023-2024	STEP	2024-2025	STEP	2025-2026
1-2	37,073	1	39,128		
3	37,273	2-3	39,328	1-2	41,558
4	37,473	4	39,528	3-4	41,758
5	37,763	5	39,728	5	41,958
6	38,053	6	39,928	6	42,158
7	38,953	7	40,218	7	42,358
8	39,953	8	41,118	8	42,648
9-10	40,953	9	42,118	9	43,548
11-12	42,253	10-11	43,118	10	44,518
13	43,603	12-13	44,118	11-12	45,518
14	45,003	14	45,118	13-14	46,518
15	46,603	15	46,683	15	47,518
16	48,303	16	48,583	16	49,083
17	50,233	17	50,483	17	51,083
18	52,633	18	52,883	18	53,083
19	55,333	19	55,583	19	55,783
20	58,758	20	59,008	20	59,208
21	62,608	21	62,808	21	63,008

- All eligible staff on-guide shall advance one step each year of the contract.
- Once you reach the top step of the guide, you will remain on that step through the life of the contract.
- If you are currently on the last step of the guide you will remain on that step through the life of the contract.

High School Principal Secretary - shall be paid an additional annual salary amount according to the following experience schedule (in position):

YEARS	2023-2026
1-4 Years	\$2,802
5-10 Years	\$4,630
Over 10 Years	\$7,192

To be eligible for this stipend, Employees must have begun their regular employment in the District prior to July 1, 2023.

FULL-TIME PARAPROFESSIONAL SALARY GUIDE

STEP	2023-2024	STEP	2024-2025	STEP	2025-2026
1	36,276	1	37,551	1	39,036
2	36,476	2	37,751	2	39,236
3	36,676	3	37,951	3	39,436
4	36,876	4	38,151	4	39,636
5	37,076	5	38,351	5	39,836
6	37,276	6	38,551	6	40,036
7	37,476	7	38,751	7	40,236
8	37,676	8	38,976	8	40,436
9	37,926	9	39,226	9	40,676

- All eligible staff on-guide shall advance one step each year of the contract.
- Once you reach the top step of the guide, you will remain on that step through the life of the contract.
- If you are currently on the last step of the guide you will remain on that step through the life of the contract.

PART-TIME PARAPROFESSIONAL SALARY GUIDE

STEP	2023-2024	STEP	2024-2025	STEP	2025-2026
1	\$16,324	1	\$16,898	1	\$17,566
2	\$16,414	2	\$16,988	2	\$17,656
3	\$16,504	3	\$17,078	3	\$17,746
4	\$16,594	4	\$17,168	4	\$17,836
5	\$16,684	5	\$17,258	5	\$17,926
6	\$16,774	6	\$17,348	6	\$18,016
7	\$16,864	7	\$17,438	7	\$18,106
8	\$16,954	8	\$17,539	8	\$18,196
9	\$17,067	9	\$17,652	9	\$18,304

- All eligible staff on-guide shall advance one step each year of the contract.
- Once you reach the top step of the guide, you will remain on that step through the life of the contract.
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PART-TIME NURSE'S AIDE

Hours Per Week	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
13.5	\$14,416	\$14,950	\$15,548
16.5	\$16,158	\$16,756	\$17,426

SCHEDULE G

2-YEAR CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF: EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETER ENDORSEMENT SPECIAL WORKING CONDITIONS

A. Educational Interpreter Work Day & Year

1. The work year for Interpreters employed for ten (10) months shall be the same as that of a teacher.
2. Interpreters shall have one (1) forty minute preparation period per day.
3. Interpreters shall be notified of re-employment as soon as possible after student placement has been accomplished. In any case, every effort will be made to notify interpreters no later than July 15 annually.
4. With the exception of school days with a modified schedule, such as shortened days, delayed openings, and standardized testing days, interpreters assigned to elementary schools shall have a daily duty-free lunch period of thirty (30) minutes, interpreters assigned to middle schools shall have a daily duty-free lunch period of twenty-one (21) minutes, and interpreters assigned to high school shall have a daily duty-free lunch period of twenty-eight (28) minutes.
5. Interpreters will have a central call-in service for absentees.

B. Overtime Pay

Interpreters will submit vouchers to supervisor for overtime pay for work outside contractual day, to include afterschool and summer events. Rate of pay shall be an hourly rate based on salary. All overtime must have prior approval of the Superintendent's Office. It shall not be the interpreter's responsibility to obtain approval for overtime from the Superintendent's office, but the supervisor's responsibility.

c. Longevity

1. After completing ten (10) years of full-time service in Jackson - an increment of \$1,000; after fifteen (15) years of service, \$1,250; after twenty (20) years of service, \$1,500.
2. Longevity payments will be made a part of the Interpreter's regular monthly pay.
3. The above longevity schedule will apply to Interpreters.

D. Educational Advancement

1. Interpreters shall benefit from free attendance at the Jackson Community School Continuing Education courses on a stand-by basis, once and if, the course sought is fully funded for the instructor's fee by standard enrollment of other students. A fee for

instructional materials in such courses may be charged to any such employee exercising these limited free-attendance rights.

2. The Board shall reimburse Interpreters employed prior to July 1, 2002 for the cost of obtaining education credits necessary to meet certification requirements. Only those interpreters assigned to positions for which certification requirements have been established are eligible for reimbursement under this program.
3. Support staff shall receive an additional pay differential each school year for their education. Support staff holding 60 credits and/or an Associate's Degree shall receive \$500 added to their base pay, annually.

E. Layoff of an Interpreter

1. Interpreters shall achieve layoff seniority rights only after three (3) consecutive years of employment.
2. As of September 1st, 1993, there shall be no categorical division of seniority rights by job title for Paraprofessionals, except for the title of Educational Interpreters.
3. Seniority shall terminate when an employee resigns or is discharged. Seniority shall not accrue during unpaid leaves of absence in excess of twenty (20) workdays or when the employee is laid off.
4. In the event of a layoff during the school year, the individual(s) in the position being eliminated will be laid off without considering seniority.
5. The Board will maintain a recall list for Educational Interpreters whose employment is eliminated as a result of a reduction in force. For any layoffs occurring after July 1, 2012, the list will be in effect for a period of two years from the date of the layoff and shall expire at the conclusion of the two-year period. Educational Interpreters with seniority who are on layoff will be offered the next available position provided the opening occurs within two years of the date of layoff. At the end of the two-year period the list will expire and Educational Interpreters on the list shall have no further recall rights. While on the recall list, an Educational Interpreter with seniority who is on layoff shall be permitted to bump a less senior employee on September 1st immediately following layoff.

E. Continuing Education Unit Language

1. 2-Year Certified Support Staff members who receive compensation for these Credits prior to July 1, 2017 shall continue to receive such payment as part of their base salary.

SCHEDULE G
2-YEAR CERTIFIED EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETER SALARY GUIDE

2023-2024			2024-2025			2025-2026		
STEP	Level A	Level B	STEP	Level A	Level B	STEP	Level A	Level B
1	\$50,246	\$53,332	1	\$52,105	\$55,306	1	\$54,189	\$57,518
2	\$50,453	\$53,539	2	\$52,319	\$55,520	2	\$54,412	\$57,741
3	\$50,660	\$53,747	3	\$52,534	\$55,735	3	\$54,636	\$57,965
4	\$50,867	\$53,954	4	\$52,749	\$55,950	4	\$54,859	\$58,188
5	\$51,281	\$54,368	5	\$53,178	\$56,380	5	\$55,306	\$58,635
6	\$51,695	\$54,782	6	\$53,608	\$56,809	6	\$55,752	\$59,081
7	\$52,213	\$55,300	7	\$54,145	\$57,346	7	\$56,311	\$59,640
8	\$52,731	\$55,818	8	\$54,682	\$57,883	8	\$56,869	\$60,198
9	\$53,249	\$56,335	9	\$55,219	\$58,420	9	\$57,427	\$60,757
10	\$53,766	\$56,853	10	\$55,756	\$58,957	10	\$57,986	\$61,315
11	\$54,284	\$57,371	11	\$56,293	\$59,494	11	\$58,544	\$61,873
12	\$54,802	\$57,889	12	\$56,829	\$60,030	12	\$59,103	\$62,432
13	\$55,320	\$58,406	13	\$57,366	\$60,567	13	\$59,661	\$62,990

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ARTICLE XVIII

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

A. Duration Period

This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2023 and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2026, subject to the Association's right to negotiate over a successor agreement as provided in Article II. This Agreement shall not be extended orally, and it is expressly understood that it shall expire on the date indicated, unless it is extended in writing.

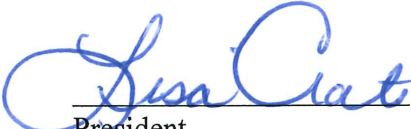
B. Status of Incorporation

In witness whereof the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective presidents, attested by their respective secretaries, on the 20th day of July, 2023.

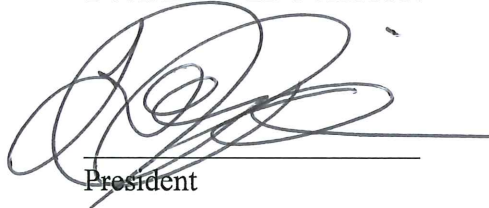
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