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THE DEMAREST EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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between THE DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUÇATION, hereinafter called the "Board", and THE DEMAREST EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, hereinafter called the "Association".

The parties to this Agreement in the course of the negotiation hereof, having agreed that the paragraphs, clauses and/or sections of this Agreement, hereinafter set forth which are starred with a appropriate asterisk ("\*"), represent current unenforceable provisions which are not subject to the grievance procedure contained herein. Said provisions will remain unenforceable and not grievable until at some future date they may become legal under the laws governing the public employer/employee relationship through legislative action and/or judicial action. In the event of legislative action and/or judicial action as aforesaid, any such starred provision made legal by such action shall automatically become enforceable and subject to the grievance procedure without the necessity of renegotiation of such provision.

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### ARTICLE I

### RECOGNITION

- A. The Board recognizes the Association as the exclusive collective bargaining representative of all members of the teaching staff and all specialists, including the nurse, the librarian, the psychologist and the learning disability specialist but excluding all supervisory personnel and the social worker.
- B. Whenever the word "employee" is used in this Agreement, it shall be deemed to mean the employees in the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement, as defined in paragraph A above.
- C. Whenever the word "part-time employee" is used in this Agreement, it shall be deemed to mean any employee in the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement, as defined in paragraph A above, who is regularly scheduled to work less than a total of four (4) full days a week.

#### ARTICLE II

# POWERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ITS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Except as explicitly limited by a specific provision of this Agreement and L.1968, c. 303, as amended and supplemented, the Board, acting directly or through its Superintendant of Schools, shall continue to have the exclusive right to take any action it deems appropriate in the superintendence, management, and control of the educational affairs of the school district, and to this end it hereby reserves to itself all powers, functions, and prerogatives granted expressly or by implication, or reasonably necessary to discharge the duties imposed by the statutes of the State of New Jersey.

The Board's failure to exercise any function hereby reserved to it, or its exercise of any function in a particular way shall not be deemed a waiver of its right to exercise such function or preclude the Board from exercising the same in some other way not in direct conflict with the express provisions of this Agreement and L. 1968, c. 303, as amended and supplemented.

#### ARTICLE III

#### DUES DEDUCTION

#### A. AUTHORIZATION

- 1. When an employee duly executes and delivers to the Board, on the appropriate form, an authorization for Association dues deductions, the Board shall make such dues deductions in accordance with that authorization. Each such dues deduction shall be made in accordance with Chapter 233, Public Laws 1969. Any amount so deducted from the wages of an employee shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Association by the 15th of the month following said deductions.
- 2. Amount of Dues The Association shall notify the Board in writing of the amount of regular monthly membership dues. If this amount is changed at any time, the Association much give notice thereof to the Board in writing. In order to allow sufficient time for necessary adjustment in the payroll system, such notice shall not be effective until thirty (30) days after its receipt by the Board.

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#### ARTICLE IV

#### GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

#### A. DEFINITIONS

- 1. A grievance is a claim by an employee, group of employees, or the Association, based upon the interpretation, application or violation of this Agreement, Board policy or Administrative decision, affecting terms and conditions of employment.
- 2. An "aggrieved person" is the person, persons, or the Association making the claim.
- 3. "Association" means the D.E.A. or a committee designated by the D.E.A.

#### B. PROCEDURE

1. All grievances of employees shall be taken up in accordance with the following procedures:

FIRST STEP: The aggrieved person and/or his/her representative shall give written notification to the Building Principal within ten (10) school days after cause of complaint arises. The Building Principal shall give his/her written answer within three (3) school days thereafter.

SECOND STEP: If no satisfactory settlement is reached in the FIRST STEP, the aggrieved person shall present the grievance to the Superintendent in writing within five (5) school days after the Building Principal shall have given his/her

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written answer in the FIRST STEP.

Within ten (10) school days after the presentation of such grievance, the Superintendent or a designee shall meet with the aggrieved person or a designee for the purpose of discussing the matter and disposing of it in a mutually satisfactory manner. The Superintendent or a designee shall render a written decision within five (5) school days after such meeting.

THIRD STEP: If no satisfactory settlement is reached in the SECOND STEP, the aggrieved person may, within ten (10) school days after the receipt of the answer at the SECOND STEP, request in writing a formal hearing before the Board which shall be held within thirty (30) days thereafter. The Board shall render a written decision setting forth its findings and conclusion within thirty (30) days after the hearing is concluded.

#### FOURTH STEP:

1. In the event the grievance, to the extent that it pertains to an interpretation, application or violation of the terms of the Agreement, shall not have been resolved in the foregoing steps, the Association shall have the right to request the Public Employment Relations Commission, pursuant to L. 1968, c. 303, as amended and supplemented, to furnish one arbitrator to consider the grievance and render findings, which said findings shall be binding upon the parties.

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Such request for arbitration shall be made within ten (10) school days after the receipt of the Board's written decision under the THIRD STEP and a copy of said request shall be filed with the Superintendent.

- 2. The arbitrator shall determine the processes he/she shall use to gather information, statements, etc. required for his/her findings.
- 3. The arbitrator shall submit a written statement of his/her findings to each party within twenty (20) days of concluding hearings.
- 4. The arbitrator shall bill the Association and the Board severally for one-half (1/2) of the costs for his/her services.
- 5. If the normal procedures would extend beyond June 30, the appellant may choose to continue into the summer vacation or on September 1. The term "school days" in this article shall include an administrator's working days during the summer, i.e. Monday-Friday except holidays and vacations.

# C. <u>LIMITATIONS</u>

Any disposition of a grievance from which no appeal is taken within the time limits specified in paragraphs B (1) above shall be deemed resolved and shall not thereafter be subject to the grievance provisions of this Agreement.

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#### D. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Any aggrieved person may be represented at all stages of the grievance procedure by himself/herself or a representative of his/her choice. When a member is not represented by the Association, the Association may be present and state its views.

When submitting the grievance to the administrator or Board at any of the steps, the member or Association shall give written notification designating the representative(s).

No reprisals shall be taken against any aggrieved persons, their representatives or other participants, by reason of participation in the grievance procedure.

#### E. GRIEVANCE FILE

All documents, communications, records, etc.

dealing with a specific grievance shall be stored in a separate
grievance file in the Superintendent's office and not in the
personnel file of the participants.

#### F. GRIEVANCE FORM

The parties to this agreement, acknowledging the need for the identification of a grievance at the FIRST STEP, agree to the formation of a committee of four persons (two members representing the Board and two members representing the Association) who shall establish a grievance form to thereafter be presented to each party for approval.

#### ARTICLE V

#### SALARIES

- A. The salary guide for persons covered by this Agreement is set forth in Appendix A.
- (\*) B. An employee shall receive all increments on the salary guide and all increases provided he/she received a satisfactory evaluation from those charged with supervisory responsibility and provided further that such increment or increase is approved by the Board.
- (\*) C. In the event a tenure employee receives an unsatisfactory final evaluation during the school year, he/she shall receive written notice thereof and shall be given until February 15th of the following school year to correct and overcome the same. If by February 15th of the following school year, he/she shall not have corrected or overcome his/her unsatisfactory performance, he/she shall not receive an increment or increase for the following school year, provided that a tenure employee shall receive written notice from the Superintendent by February 25th that such increment or increase shall not be recommended, and provided further that if such tenure employee desires, he/she shall be afforded a formal hearing before the Board with or without representation to contest such action if he/she submits a written request to the Board within two (2) weeks after receipt of said written notice.

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- (\*) D. If an employee requests a formal hearing before the Board pursuant to paragraph C above, he/she shall receive such hearing within thirty (30) days. The Board shall render a written decision setting forth its findings of fact and conclusions within twenty (20) days after the hearing is concluded.
- (\*) E. If the tenure employee receives satisfactory final evaluations for the next two (2) years, at the beginning of the third school year, he/she shall be placed at that step of the salary guide where he/she would have been placed had he/she not received an unsatisfactory evaluation.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### INSURANCE PROTECTION AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

- A. The Board shall provide 100% insurance protection for individual employees covered by this Agreement and their families under the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program, (Blue Cross, Blue Shield with Extended Benefits and Major Medical).
- B. The Board shall pay a contribution of up to \$8,500.00 in each of the two years of this agreement in total towards the cost of a dental insurance program. The insurance carrier shall be mutually agreed upon.
- C. If the Board requires a physical examination of any employee, the Board shall pay up to \$75.00 for such examination. Employees may go to a physician of their choice for this examination, but such physician shall submit his/her findings to the Board via its School Physician.

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#### ARTICLE VII

#### PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

#### A. TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

The Board shall pay in the following manner a maximum total of \$3,500 toward the reimbursement of a maximum of 75% of the aggregate costs of tuition and fees required for enrollment, hereinafter referred to as "tuition", for approved courses taken by all employees who have served at least one year in the district.

- 1. Eligible staff members shall be reimbursed for 75% of the total tuition costs of the first 3 credits of approved courses taken during the school year provided however that, should the total costs of reimbursement to which they would otherwise be entitled exceed the sum of \$3,500 during the school year, the actual reimbursement to them shall be a percentage of their costs calculated from a fraction the numerator of which shall be \$3,500 and the denominator of which shall be the total tuition costs of the first 3 credits of approved courses taken during the school year by all eligible staff members.
- 2. In the event the sum of \$3,500 shall not have been exhausted pursuant to paragraph 1, the balance shall be applied to the reimbursement of tuition costs beyond the first 3 credits taken in the school year by all eligible staff members, such reimbursement to be a percentage of all such costs, which

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ercentage shall be calculated from a fraction the numerator of sich shall be such balance and the denominator of which shall the total of all such costs.

- 3. All payments for tuition costs made by the pard pursuant to this ARTICLE which shall exceed the limitations f paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be reimbursed to the Board through a eduction from the salary payments of the staff members next pllowing a determination that such limitations have been xceeded.
- 4. Courses to be taken and institutions to be ttended must be approved in writing by the Superintendent rior to registration. If the employee finds that the approved ourse is closed, he/she may obtain verbal approval from the uperintendent for an alternate course. Such verbal application hall be confirmed through use of the regular forms.
- 5. An official school or university transcript hall be submitted to the Superintendent indicating satisfactory ompletion of the course. If the employee fails to complete the ourse with an average (C) grade or better, he/she shall refund he tuition paid either in cash or through a deduction from alary during the subsequent three months.
- 6. Payment under the terms of this ARTICLE shall to limited to six (6) credits per semester during the school

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year (September 1 to June 30), and nine (9) credits during the summer (July-August). Part-time employees who are otherwise eligible shall receive reimbursement at a percentage equal to their working time, e.g., a .5 employee shall receive .5 of the reimbursement to which a full-time employee would be entitled.

7. Payment of tuition for approved courses may be made through educational credit payment plans which permit the employee to register without making any direct payment to the college.

If an employee pays tuition directly, he/she shall file proof of payment on or before October 1, March 1, and/or July 1 for reimbursement during that month. If the Board pays the total tuition, it shall, subject to the additional limitations of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, deduct 25% of such payment from the employee's salary in October, March or prior to termination of employment, whichever occurs first.

#### B. PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY

The Board shall allocate at least \$500.00 for the improvement of the professional library of periodicals and reference books or materials. This library shall remain the property of the Board and be available to all professional staff members. The Association, or its designated committee, shall recommend items to be purchased to the Superintendent on or

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efore February 1 of the current school year.

#### C. SUPPLEMENTAL AIDS

The Board shall allocate the sum of \$35.00 to ach full-time employee for purchasing supplemental teaching aterials. Employees serving less than full-time shall be atitled to an allocation equal to the percentage of time worked that employee, e.g. a .5 teacher shall be entitled to a .5 of 35.00 or \$17.50. The employee shall verify such purchases by abmitting receipts. Any unexpended funds shall be returned to be Board by June 1 of the current school year.

#### D. CONVENTION

The Board shall pay each employee who attends the inual NJEA Convention for two full days the sum of \$50.00 or one full day, the sum of \$15.00 if appropriate verification is such attendance is submitted with the claim voucher.

#### E. IN-SERVICE COURSES

The Board shall expend up to \$3,500 per year for the purpose of providing in-service courses. Said courses shall mandatory if held during school time (as defined in ARTICLE I) and voluntarily if held outside of school time.

# ARTICLE VIII LEAVES OF ABSENCE

#### A. PERSONAL ILLNESS LEAVE

- 1. Personal illness leave is defined to mean absence of the employee from his/her post of duty because of personal or family disability due to illness or injury. Such leave on account of family disability shall be granted only in the event of illness or injury to a member of the employee's immediate family (husband, wife, children, mother or father) who shall be residing with him and whose disability necessarily requires the employee's absence.
- 2. All regular full-time employees shall be allowed personal illness leave for eleven (11) working days in any school year. Personal illness leave not utilized by an employee in any one year shall be accumulated and may be used as required for personal illness in subsequent years so long as the employee continues in service within the school district.
- 3. Whenever an absence, defined in paragraph #1 of this Article, exceeds the annual sick leave granted herein, the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:30-6 shall apply.

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4. Any employee whose absence for personal illness is for a period of more than five (5) consecutive days
may be required to furnish a medical statement from the attending physician certifying to the disability.

#### B. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

- 1. When a death occurs in a full-time employee's and/or spouse's immediate family (husband, wife, children, mother or father, as well as brothers or sisters), the employee shall be allowed five (5) days' absence with full pay.
- 2. When the death of a relative outside the immediate family of an employee occurs, the employee shall be allowed one (1) day's absence with full pay.
- 3. Bereavement Leave shall be prorated for all full-time employees who begin service after the school year has started and for all part-time employees.

#### C. PERSONAL LEAVE

1. Full-time employees shall be allowed a total of three (3) days per year for leave on matters of personal business, including religious observance, upon application therefor to the Superintendent. Such personal leave shall be with full pay.

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- 2. This leave shall not be cumulative.
- 3. Personal leave shall be prorated for all full-time employees who begin service after the school year has started and for all part-time employees.
- 4. Except for emergency reasons, a minimum of one (1) week's notice of taking such leave shall be given to the employee's appropriate principal.

#### D. LEAVES FOR PROFESSIONAL REASONS

- 1. Professional staff members may be granted days of leave for professional activities upon the approval of the Superintendent.
- 2. Requests for such approval shall be submitted as far in advance as possible, preferably before any financial commitments are made, but not less than one week prior to the day(s) requested.
- 3. Approval of days for professional leaves does not obligate the Board to assume any costs for such leaves.

#### E. MILITARY LEAVE

Military leave shall be granted in accordance with applicable law.

- F. PREGNANCY LEAVES
- 1. Preliminary Provisions

A pregnant employee may apply for a leave of

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absence based upon a claim of disability in accordance with provisions hereinafter set forth, in which instance such leave of absence shall be chargeable to the sick leave account of said employee.

A pregnant employee may, in the alternative, apply for a leave of absence not based upon a claim of disability in accordance with the provisions hereinafter set forth, in which instance, said leave of absence shall be without pay and shall not be charged against sick leave.

All pregnant employees shall give written notification to the Superintendent of Schools through their Principals of the condition of pregnancy as soon as the condition of such pregnancy has been confirmed, but in no event later than the end of the fourth month of pregnancy.

- 2. Request for Pregnancy Leave Based on Claim of Disability:
- a. A pregnant employee who desires to continue in the performance of her duties during her period of pregnancy shall be permitted to do so provided she produces a statement of her physician stating that she is physically capable of continuing to perform her duties and further stating up to what ate, in the opinion of said physician, the employee is capable of performing said duties.

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- b. In the event the physician of a pregnant employee shall be of the opinion that said employee is capable of performing her duties up to a specified date but the medical examiner of the Board of Education shall be of a contrary opinion, then the employee and the Board shall mutually agree upon the appointment of an impartial third physician whose medical opinion shall be conclusive and binding on the issue of medical capacity to continue in the performance of duties. In the event of the inability of the employee and the Board to agree upon the appointment of the third physician, such appointment shall be made by the Bergen County Medical Society. The expense of any examination by the impartial third physician shall be shared equally by the employee and the Board.
- c. In no event shall the Board be obligated to permit a pregnant employee to continue in the performance of her duties where her performance has substantially declined from that performance demonstrated by her at the time immediately prior to her pregnancy.
- d. All policies, practices, rules and regulations applicable to employees who are granted sick leave pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:30-1 et seq. shall be applicable to pregnant employees applying for leave under Section F (1) of this Agreement. Such employees shall receive no lesser

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consideration than any other employees nor shall they receive any greater consideration.

- e. The employee requesting a pregnancy leave under the provisions of this Section F (1) shall specify in writing the date on which she wishes to commence her leave and the date on which she wishes to return to employment after birth. Such requests shall be consistent with the foregoing provisions.
- f. The Board shall have the right to require any pregnant employee who desires to return to her duties by a fixed date to produce a certificate from her physician stating that she is capable of resuming her duties. In the event of a difference of opinion between the employee's physician and the Medical Examiner of the Board relative to the resumption of duties by said employee, the provisions of Paragraph F (2) (b) shall be applicable as to the method of resolving such a disagreement.
- g. Whenever, in the opinion of the Board, the dates for the commencement of a pregnancy leave and/or the dates for the resumption of duties would substantially interfere with the administration of the school or with the education of the children, the requested dates may be changed by the Board.
- h. Ordinarily, a pregnant employee shall be expected to resume her duties, subject to the provisions of

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Paragraph F (2) (g) above, within (15) days of the date of the delivery of the child, provided, however, that such resumption of duties is not medically contraindicted.

- i. Where pregnancy leaves have been approved, the commencement or termination dates thereof may be further extended or reduced for medical reasons upon the application by the employee to the Board. Such extensions or reductions shall be granted by the Board for additional periods of time provided, however, that the Board may alter the requested dates upon a finding that such extension or reduction would substantially interfere with the administration of the school and/or with the education of the pupils and, provided further, that such change by the Board is not medically contraindicated. All extensions of such leaves shall in any event be subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:30-1 et seq. and specifically N.J.S.A. 18A:30-6 and 18A:30-7.
- j. The provisions of this Agreement shall not be deemed to impose on the Board any obligation to grant or extend a leave of absence of any non-tenured employee beyond the end of the contract school year in which the leave is obtained.
- k. Pregnant employees applying for leaves of absence under the provisions of this section may simultaneously

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make application for a Child Rearing Leave in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement hereinafter set forth.

- 3. Request For Pregnancy Leave Not Based on Claims of Disability:
- a. A pregnant employee who desires to commence a leave of absence without regard to any claim of disability as set forth in Section 1, ante, shall be permitted to do so in accordance with the provisions hereinafter set forth, but such leaves of absence shall be without pay.
- b. An employee requesting a pregnancy leave under the provisions of this Section (3) shall specify in writing the date on which she wishes to commence her leave and the date on which she wishes to return to employment after birth.
- c. Should there be any question as to the medical condition of any employee who desires to resume her duties by a specified date, then the provisions of Paragraph (b) and (f) of Section (2) of this Agreement shall be applicable.
- d. The provisions of Paragraph 2 (c), (g), (i), (j), and (h) are hereby made applicable to the provisions of this Section (3) of this Agreement and are incorporated herein by reference as though set forth at length.
  - G. CHILD REARING LEAVE
    - 1. In the case of a birth of a child any teacher

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shall have the right to apply for a leave without pay for child rearing purposes.

- 2. In cases where both husband and wife may be teachers in this school system, only one of said persons shall be entitled to such leave.
- 3. In the case of female teachers, the application for child rearing leave may be made to become effective immediately upon the termination of the pregnancy leave.
- 4. Child rearing leave may be granted for a period of up to the end of the school year in which the birth of the child occurs, but such leave may, at the option of the Board, upon the request of the teacher, be extended for one additional school year. Requests for extensions of such leaves must be made at least three (3) months prior to the expiration of the first period thereof.
- 5. Where the birth of a child is anticipated during the first month of a school year and a child rearing leave is being requested, the child rearing leave must commence at the start of the school year.
- 6. Where a child rearing leave is requested, the teacher requesting such leave shall not be permitted to return to the school system following such leave during the last month of the school year.

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- 7. Applications for child rearing leave shall be illed at least three (3) months before the anticipated birth of the child.
- 8. Where a teacher who has been granted a child rearing eave returns to the system at any time other than the start of the school year, such teacher may be assigned to any position deided upon by the Superintendent so long as such assignment is ithin the certification of such teacher, it being the purpose of uch assignment not to interfere with or disrupt the instruction f the pupils particularly where such pupils may have commenced heir instruction with a teacher who was assigned to such pupils the start of the school year.
- 9. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, a hild rearing leave granted to a non-tenure teacher need not be xtended beyond the end of the contract school year in which the eave is obtained.
- 10. The dates for the commencement and termination f childrearing leaves shall in all cases be subject to and ased upon a finding and determination by the Board that such eaves will not substantially interfere with the administration f school or with the education of the pupils.
  - H. PATERNITY LEAVE
  - 1. Paternity leave shall be granted with full pay to

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male employees for a maximum of five (5) days per school year, within 2 weeks of the time of the child's expected or actual birthdate.

#### I. OTHER LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Leaves of absence with or without pay for reasons other than those covered in paragraphs A through H may be granted by the Board upon such conditions as the Board in its discretion may prescribe.

#### J. EXPLANATION FOR ABSENCE

Absences upon any of the aforesaid grounds shall at the request of the Principal be fully explained on an "Absentee Report", that shall be developed by the Administration with the advice of the Superintendent's Liaison Committee.

Absences may also be required to be explained by further substantiating evidence at the request of the Principal. Refusal by the employee to explain his/her absence and/or to provide reasonable documentation to substantiate his/her explanation, shall be considered a violation of this Agreement, and may be considered a reasonable basis for loss of compensation for the absence in question. This provision shall not apply to leaves for personal business.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### SABBATICAL LEAVE

#### A. ELIGIBILITY

Any full-time member of the teaching staff who shall have completed a minimum of 7 continuous years of service in the school district as of June 30 of the year in which the application for sabbatical leave is submitted shall be eligible to apply for such leave in accordance with the provisions of this ARTICLE. A teacher who receives sabbatical leave hereunder shall not again be eligible to apply for such leave until 10 years shall have elapsed.

#### B. LENGTH OF LEAVE

Such leaves may be for one full school year (September 1 - June 30), or for one half of the school year (September 1 - January 31, or February 1 - June 30).

Exceptions to this provision may be made by the Board.

#### C. NUMBER OF LEAVES

Only one employee may be on sabbatical leave at a given time. Two different teachers may be granted successive half-year leaves during the same school year.

#### D. PURPOSES OF LEAVE

Sabbatical leaves will ordinarily be granted only for purposes of professional study, research and travel. An employee whose objectives do not fall within any of these

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categories may nevertheless submit an application provided the objectives of his application are fully and clearly set forth therein.

#### E. APPLICATIONS

- 1. The application for a sabbatical leave shall be in writing and shall be submitted prior to February 1 of the calendar year prior to the academic year for which the leave of absence is desired.
- 2. The written application should outline in detail the proposed professional improvement plan to be undertaken and how it is expected to improve the quality of instruction, and shall also contain any additional information which may be helpful in evaluating the request.
  - 3. The application shall include:
    - (a) Travel An itinerary of the trip, indicating specific ways in which such travel will contribute to the applicant's improvement as a classroom teacher in the particular field in which he/is engaged.
    - (b) Research The subject, the objectives and the methods to be followed in completing the research as well as the

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place or places where such research will be conducted. The applicant shall also state the nature of the work product which he/she intends or expects to her create as a result of his/said research.

(c) Study - The courses and objectives of the program of study as well as the institution where such program will be pursued. The policy on reimbursement for tuition is not applicable in instances where sabbatical leave is granted.

#### F. EVALUATION OF APPLICATION

- 1. The Superintendent shall evaluate each request and shall submit his/her recommendation to the Board.
- 2. In arriving at his/her recommendation, the Superintendent shall give primary consideration to those plans which involve greatest self-improvement and greatest benefit to the school system. A secondary consideration shall be the seniority of the staff members applying for leave.
- 3. The Board may request the presence of the applicant at the meeting at which the application is to be considered.

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#### G. CONDITION OF LEAVE

As a condition for the granting of sabbatical leave, the teacher, if so requested by the Board, shall enter into a contract with the Board to continue in service for a period of no less than 2 years after the expiration of the leave of absence. Upon failure to continue the teacher may be required to repay to the Board a sum bearing the same ratio to the amount of salary received while on sabbatical leave that the unfulfilled portion of the 2 subsequent years' service bears to the full 2 years. However, the teacher shall be released from such payment if his/her failure to serve the stipulated 2 years shall be due to his/her illness or disability, of if he/she is discharged from his/her position. In addition, no repayment shall be due from the employee's estate if he/she shall expire before the end of the 2 year period.

#### H. SALARY AND BENEFITS

- 1. An employee on sabbatical leave shall receive a salary equal to 50% of the salary he/she would have received had he/she continued to teach in the school system during the time of his/her leave.
- 2. Salary payments shall be made on the same basis as for regularly employed teachers.

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- 3. Regular deductions shall be made from such compensation for the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund and such other purposes as may be authorized by the teacher.
- 4. The Board shall continue its normal contribution for major-medical insurance and other fringe benefits for the employee during such leave of absence.
- 5. During a sabbatical leave, the employee shall continue to accumulate sick leave.
- 6. The leave of absence shall be counted for purposes of seniority and advancement on the salary guide. A teacher returning from sabbatical leave shall be placed on that step of the appropriate guide which he/she would have attained had he/she taught the entire previous year in the school district.
  - 1. NOTIFICATION TO TEACHER

Notification of the action taken by the Board on requests for sabbatical leaves shall normally be given in writing by April 1 following the submission of the application.

- J. SUBSTANTIAL INTERRUPTION AND TERMINATION OF LEAVE.
- 1. In the event of injury, illness or other reasons which cause the teacher to substantially interrupt or to terminate or frustrate the achievement of the objectives for

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which the sabbatical leave was granted, he/she shall notify the Superintendent thereof forthwith.

Upon receipt of such notification, the Superintendent shall, in the case of injury or illness, notify the Secretary of the Board and the employee that the provisions of the sick leave policy will be applicable from the first day of the next pay period following receipt of such notification. In instances where the leave is terminated by illness or injury, the employee shall receive sick pay for a period of time equal to his/her accumulated sick leave. The employee shall have the medical reasons for interruption of the leave verified by a medical doctor and have a report forwarded to the Superintendent. Upon release by his/her private physician and the approval of the school physician, the employee shall thereafter return to regular duty for the remainder of the school year or at the option of the Board, shall be permitted to resume his/her leave. If the employee returns to duty for the balance of the academic year, he/she shall be assigned as needed, at the discretion of the Superintendent, within the area in which the teacher is certified. If his/her accumulated sick leave is exhausted and the employee is either unable to resume his/her sabbatical leave of absence or unable to resume his/her teaching duties, the Board shall

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determine whether to grant the leave of absence for the balance of the academic year, and under what conditions.

3. In the event the purposes of the sabbatical leave are substantially interrupted, frustrated or terminated for reasons other than injury or illness, the Board shall determine whether the teacher shall return to teaching duties for the remainder of the school year and upon what terms or whether he/she shall be permitted to resume his/her sabbatical leave.

#### K. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION

The successful applicant agrees not to accept other employment during the period of the leave unless it pertains directly to his/her objectives and then only with the prior approval of the Superintendent.

#### L. REPORTS

At the completion of the leave, the teacher shall submit a written evaluation of his/her experiences in light of the objectives for which the leave was granted and in addition, an oral report may be requested by the Board. The teacher shall also report to the Superintendent from time to time during the period of the leave if requested to do so.

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#### M. REVOCATION OF LEAVE

If the Superintendent is of the firm opinion that the teacher is not fulfilling the purposes for which the leave was granted, he/she shall report this fact to the Board. If the Board believes that grounds for the revocation of leave may exist, it shall provide the teacher with an opportunity to be heard thereon. After evaluating the merits of the case, the Board shall either continue the leave or revoke it and return the teacher to teaching duties.

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#### ARTICLE X

# RIGHTS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS MEMBERS

- A. Whenever the parties authorize an employee to participate during working hours in meetings relating to the Administration of this Agreement, he/she shall suffer no loss in pay.
- B. The Association is guaranteed at least one meeting per month to be held on school premises outside of teaching hours but only with the prior permission of the Principal of the building in question. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- c. 1. The Board shall provide a bulletin board in each faculty lounge for use by the Association. All notices or bulletins on such bulletin boards shall be signed by a member of the Executive Committee of the Association.
- 2. Such bulletin boards shall not be used by the Association for attacking any individual or the Board nor for posting or distribution of polical matter of any kind whatsoever.
- 3. The Association shall remove from its bulletin boards any matter which does not comply in all respects with the provisions of this ARTICLE.
- 4. There shall be no distribution or posting of Association notices or literature at any other place in the

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school building, except at meetings or in the employee's mailbox, provided the Board has the right to know the contents of all material placed in said mailbox.

- D. The Association shall have the right to maintain a file cabinet in each faculty lounge for the exclusive use of the Association.
- E. The Demarest Education Association shall enjoy all rights granted under and by virtue of the provisions of L. 1968, c. 303, as amended and supplemented, as well as other applicable laws of the State of New Jersey and of the United States, and under the Constitution of the United States and of the State of New Jersey. Neither the Association nor any of its members shall be discriminated against, coerced or reprimanded by virtue of their exercise of such rights.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### LIAISON COMMITTEES

- A. It is agreed that in order to encourage and facilitate communications between the teaching staff and the administrators, 2 teacher-principal liaison committees shall be created, one to represent grades K-4, and the other to represent grades 5-8. To assure direct representation, the K-4 teachers shall select one teacher from each grade level to serve on the liaison committee. A specialist shall be qualified to represent the K-4 teachers.
- B. Four teachers shall be selected from grades 5-8, one from each grade level and one shall be selected to represent the specialists. A chairperson shall be chosen from each teacher-principal's liaison committee.
- C. The committees shall convene on a regular monthly basis, the time and place to be mutually agreed upon. Should both parties agree that no meeting is necessary for a specific month, that monthly meeting shall be cancelled.
- D. Agenda items shall be distributed to all staff members and administrators at least 3 days prior to the liaison meeting. There shall be no additions to the agenda once it has been submitted.

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- E. A recording secretary shall be chosen from the representatives present to record minutes of such meetings. These minutes shall be typed by a school secretary and distributed to all members of the faculty and the administration within two (2) school days after such meetings are held. Minutes shall be reviewed for accuracy prior to general distribution.
- F. A committee consisting of six liaison committee members, a minimum of two from each district school liaison committee and two at-large shall meet with the Superintendent and Building Principals on a regular monthly basis, the time and place to be mutually agreed upon. Such meetings shall be held teacherwithin ten (10) school days after the principal's liaison meeting to review and discuss school problems and practices relating to and affecting the teaching staff and the curriculum. Should all parties agree that no meeting is necessary for any specific month, such monthly meeting may be cancelled. A chairperson shall be chosen for the Superintendent's liaison committee.

Any matter which pertains to a particular teacher-building must first be raised with the /principal's liaison committee before it may be raised at the Superintendent's level.

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LIAISON COMMITTEES

Any matter which has system-wide impact, however, may be raised directly with the Superintendent's liaison committee.

- G. Agenda items shall be distributed to all staff members and administrators 3 days prior to the liaison meeting. There shall be no additions to the agenda once it has been submitted.
- H. A recording secretary shall be chosen from the representatives present to record minutes of such meetings. These minutes shall be typed by a school secretary on a rotating basis and distributed to all members of the faculty and administration within two (2) school days after such meetings are held. Minutes shall be reviewed for accuracy prior to general distribution.
- I. A committee consisting of three members of the Board of Education, three administrators, and six faculty members shall meet a minimum of six (6) times throughout the contract year to further opportunities for communication among the three components of school organization, and to provide a forum for discussion of problems that may be inhibiting the operation and development of the district as a whole.
- J. The chairperson and recording secretary shall be rotated among the Board, Administration, and Faculty three times per year.

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- K. The agenda shall consist of a maximum of three items—one item coming from each component member. Such items shall be submitted to the next meeting's chairperson. These items should be written in conceptual terms that express general rather than personal concerns. If, by a pre-arranged date, the chairperson does not receive an item from one component member, he/she may offer the opportunity to the other component members for an additional item. Agendas should be submitted to all members of the Board of Education, the Administration, and the faculty at least ten (10) school days prior to the meeting in order to insure adequate input from all concerned parties. If no items are submitted by a pre-arranged date, then no meeting will be held.
- L. Minutes of such meetings shall be typed by a school secretary on a rotating basis and distributed to all members of the Board of Education, the Administration, and the Faculty within one (1) week after such meeting. Minutes shall be reviewed for accuracy prior to general distribution.
- M. In the event the DEA President shall not be a member of any of the aforesaid liaison committees, he/she shall nevertheless be permitted to attend such meetings and participate.
- N. The liaison committee meetings shall not be intended to by-pass the grievance procedure.

#### ARTICLE XII

# HOURS AND ASSIGNMENTS

#### A. TEACHERS DAY

- 1. Employees shall not be required to report to work earlier than 30 minutes before and may leave 30 minutes after their building's pupil day, except when staff meetings are convened, in which case the employee shall not be required to remain later than 4:30 P.M. This provision does not apply to teacher assignments at special events or for emergencies.
- 2. Employees shall personally indicate their arrival or leaving by placing a checkmark next to their name.
- (\*) 3. In the event evening meetings are deemed necessary, the teachers shall be consulted as to the date and time of the meeting. 1 P.M. dismissals for pupils shall be provided on the days of formal parent conferences. 3 P.M. dismissals shall be provided for teachers attending back-to-school nights or other evening meetings.

#### B. ASSIGNMENT

- 1. Each employee shall be given notification of his/her teaching assignment for the next school year on or before June 1, if possible. These assignments may be changed in accordance with changing conditions, particularly enrollments, but the staff member shall be notified forthwith.
- 2. All staff shall be informed of vacancies as they occur, and they may indicate their interest in such

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vacancies and shall receive full consideration for such openings. Their assignment shall not be required, however.

#### C. CLASS COVERAGE

- 1. During the course of any school year, the first two (2) class coverages by any one teacher shall be performed without compensation.
- 2. After the first two (2) such coverages referred to in paragraph 1 above without compensation, a teacher shall be entitled to one-seventh (1/7) of their daily rate for each period in the Middle School and one-fifth (1/5) of their daily rate for each hour in the Elementary School for each subsequent class coverage performed by a teacher in any school year commencing with the third (3rd) such coverage.

#### D. PREPARATION PERIODS

- 1. Full-time teachers shall be entitled to five (5) preparation periods per week. Teachers employed on a less than full time basis will be entitled to a preparation time on a pro-rated basis. Such periods shall be utilized at the discretion of the individual teacher. It is understood, however, that assemblies, standardized tests, shortened work days, parental conferences and individual meetings with a Principal or Superintendent may reduce the number of periods in any week.
- 2. No more than two (2) preparation periods per week may be used for the purpose of holding a team and/or child study team meeting in any week, where applicable.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### IN-SCHOOL WORK YEAR

A. The in-school work year for the ten (10) month professional staff shall consist of the student calendar plus two (2) full days and additional days for teachers new to our district for purposes of orientation as the Administration shall determine.

The in-school work year schedule shall be published not later than June 1 preceding the school year in which it is to become effective.

- B. The Superintendent shall prepare a student calendar and shall consult with the Association, other individuals and organizations within the school system, and, as he/she sees fit, individuals and organizations other than within the school community, and shall recommend a student calendar to the Board.
- C. The two (2) professional staff days mentioned above shall be designated within the dates of the ten (10) month contracted year and shall be exclusive of the NJEA convention.

  Attendance at school shall not be required of teachers not attending the NJEA convention.
- (\*) D. The Superintendent shall consult with the Association, other individuals and organizations within the school system prior to any modification of the "in-school work year" due to an emergency situation.

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E. It is hereby understood that the student calendar is a non-negotiable item.

#### ARTICLE XIV

#### **EVALUATION PROCEDURES**

The parties agree that any provision, sentence, clause or section of this Article which violates any statute or state administrative code regulation, shall be governed by the applicable statute or code provision.

A. PHILOSOPHY OF TEACHER SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION PROCESS.

We believe that the fundamental purposes of an evaluation process is to encourage effective teaching and to stimulate the professional growth of the teaching staff.

The primary function of the evaluation is, therefore, to be directed toward the identification and commendation of, effective performance as well as to define areas requiring attention and to make recommendations which shall assist the teacher in improving instruction and developing his or her maximum potential.

While any evaluation process must of necessity serve as the basis for the reaching of administrative decisions on such matters as rehiring, the granting of tenure, or the withholding of increment, we wish to emphasize the positive purposes of evaluation as being the improvement of the effectiveness of the individual practitioner, the inspiring of professional growth, and the shaping of a successful teaching career.

- B. DESCRIPTION OF OBSERVATION EVALUATION CYCLE
  - Non-Tenured Classroom Teachers
     Each non-tenured teaching staff member shall

#### **EVALUATION PROCEDURES**

be observed a minimum of three (3) times during each school year by a member of the administrative and supervisory staff of the district. At least one of these observations shall be preceded by a conference between the teacher and the administrator for the purpose of discussing and developing their expectations of the observation.

## 2. Tenured Classroom Teachers

Each tenured teaching staff member shall be formally observed at least once during each school year by a member of the administrative and supervisory staff of the district. Additional observations may be made should the administrator or supervisor deem them necessary. If the observation-evaluation is negative, the teacher may request that any additional observation, preceded by a pre-conference, be held and such request shall not be unreasonably denied.

3. Non-tenured Professional Support Personnel (Member of Child Study Team, Nurse, Speech Therapist, Media Specialist, etc.)

Each non-tenured member of the professional support staff shall be formally observed in the performance of his or her duties, as outlined in the job description for his or her position, at least three (3) times during each school year by members of the administrative and supervisory staff of the district.

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At least one of these observations shall be preceded by a conference between the professional support person and the administrator for the purpose of discussing and developing their expectations of the observation.

#### 4. Tenured Professional Support Personnel

Each tenured member of the professional support staff shall be formally observed in the performance of his/her duties, as outlined in the job description for his or her position, at least once by a member of the administrative or supervisory staff of the district. Additional observations may be conducted should the administrator or supervisor deem them necessary. If the evaluation report based upon this observation process is negative, the professional support person may request that an additional observation, preceded by a pre-conference, take place and such request shall not be unreasonably denied.

#### 5. Observation Format

The written observation shall be in narrative format and shall include the following components:

a. A description of the lesson observed;

b. Comments relating to "Evaluation Criteria" applicable to the lessons observed.

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- c. Comments relating to other "Evaluative Criteria";
- d. Summary and/or recommendations;
- e. Teacher comments;
- f. Signatures of both parties.

# 6. Observation Process

Each observation shall be followed within a reasonable period of time, but no longer than 15 school days, by a conference to indicate areas of strength and weakness and to make specific recommendations which shall assist the teacher in the improvement and/or correction of observed deficiencies. In addition, the administrative and supervisory staff person performing the observations shall discuss with the teacher any and all areas of the "Evaluation Criteria" for which there is concern and about which the administration may have knowledge at the time of the observation. Following the conference, an observation/evaluation report shall be prepared in triplicate within a reasonable period of time, but no longer than 15 school days after the conference, which shall be signed by both the administrator and staff member. One copy shall be retained by the staff member, one copy shall be retained in the building administrator's office and one copy shall be maintained in the staff member's permanent folder in the District Office.

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staff member shall have the right to make additional comments or explanations on the observation/evaluation form. The signature of the staff member shall not necessarily represent acceptance of the report but shall constitute an acknowledgment that he or she has read its contents.

## C. SUMMATIVE EVALUATION

#### 1. General

In addition to the observation evaluation report or reports, a summative evaluation of each professional staff member's total performance as an employee of the district shall be prepared by his or her administrator or supervisor. Said evaluation shall be based on the "Evaluation Criteria" developed for that purpose and adopted by the Board of Education. Professional support personnel shall be evaluated utilizing their approved job description.

Prior to the preparation of the summative evaluation report, the administrator or supervisor may request information on those individual criteria which he or she feels may require elaboration. Within a reasonable time thereafter, but not in excess of fifteen (15) school days, a conference shall be held for the purpose of discussing areas of strength and possible deficiency in the staff member's performance and to make recommendations for improvement.

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Each professional staff member shall be responsible for identifying and striving to achieve professional job targets. The number of job targets and their areas of concentration shall be mutually developed between the staff member and the administrator. Proposed job targets for teachers working under their first contract in the district shall be mutually determined no earlier than May 15th. It is understood that the parties may mutually modify the target content and/or time frame for achievement.

The job target process shall be directly related to the year-end summative evaluation of each staff member's performance through criteria 7 and 8 established in Category VI, "Professional Competency and Practices."

#### 2. Summative Evaluation

The Summative Evaluation Form for classroom teachers shall be broken down into the following broad performance categories:

- a. Effective Instruction
- b. Teaching Strategies
- c. Class Management
- d. Pupil Evaluation/Communication and Community Relations
- e. Preparation and Planning
- f. Professional Competence and Practices

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Each classroom teacher shall be evaluated in narrative form within each of the broad performance categories listed above. Said evaluation shall be based upon all criteria contained within the category, but the administrative and supervisory staff of the district shall be required to address themselves in writing only to those criteria which they may select. Any criteria not addressed shall be deemed to be satisfactory or not applicable. Any criteria which are negatively assessed must be followed by specific recommendations which shall assist the teacher in improving areas of deficiency. Professional support persons shall be evaluated as above stated utilizing their approved job description.

At the conclusion of the summative evaluation report, the administrator shall make a written assessment as to whether he or she finds the total performance of the professional staff member satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Said assessment shall be based upon his or her perception of overall performance.

The summative evaluation report shall be prepared in triplicate and signed by both the administrator and the staff member. One copy shall be retained by the staff member, one copy shall be retained in the building administrator's office

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# ARTICLE XV OTHER COMPENSATION OR STIPENDS

A. The Board shall pay annual stipends to teachers assigned to extra-curricular activities which, in the judgment of the Board, require significant, regularly scheduled time outside of the regular school day as follows:

	1980-81	1981-82
Athletic Program	\$1435	\$1555
Student Council	425	470
Demarest Middle School AVA/Media Aide	575	625
County Road School AVA Aide	300	325
Yearbook	475	540
8th Grade Advisor	425	470
Dramatics	425	470
Science Facilitator	475	495
Chorus Advisor	600	650
Child Study Team Chairperson	630	650

#### OTHER COMPENSATION OR STIPENDS

- B. An automobile allowance shall be paid to each employee who shall be assigned to more than one school building per day. Said allowance shall be paid at the rate of \$8 per annum for each week day said employee shall be assigned to two schools and \$14 per annum for each week day said employee shall be assigned to three schools.
- C. For preparing and teaching in-service courses, a fee of \$17.50 shall be paid for each hour of actual instruction of an in-service course which is approved by the school administration.
- D. If a college does not pay a teacher to supervise a student teacher, this district shall do so at the same rates that are set by the New Jersey state colleges for this service.

#### ARTICLE XVI

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- (\*) A. The Board shall provide two full-time clerical aides for the teaching staff and one part-time secretary for the Child Study Team and nurse, combined.
- (\*) B. The Board shall furnish lunchtime aides as follows, provided that the school in question has a lunchtime program:

2 aides to the Middle School

1 aide to County Road School

If possible, substitute aides shall be employed on days when the regular aide is absent.

- C. The Board shall supply two sets of uniforms, with the following limits for each, science (\$20), art (\$20), and physical education (\$85) teacher. Said uniforms shall be the property of the Board but shall be cleaned and maintained by the teachers.
- D. There shall be an air-conditioned staff lounge in each school building owned by the Board for the use of all staff members during the school day.

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# ARTICLE XVII DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement includes all terms and conditions of employment negotiated between the Board and the Association and shall be effective as of July 1, 1980, and shall continue in full force and effect to and including June 30, 1982. Commencing no later than October 1, 1981, the parties shall meet to discuss and negotiate any proposals with respect to an agreement to be effective on July 1, 1982.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective presidents and attested by their respective secretaries all on the day and year first above written.

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THE DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

By Chester C. Je

President

THE DEMAREST EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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## PLACEMENT AND MOVEMENT ON SALARY GUIDE

- 1. The initial salary placement on this guide shall be negotiated by the candidate and the Board. If the candidate agrees to start a step lower than his/her years of experience outside the district, he/she may not claim credit for these years during subsequent years. However, no employee will be paid less than the Step 1 salary for his/her educational level.
- 2. Teachers holding or gaining tenure shall be compensated at \$500 above the salary specified on their appropriate guide.
- 3. A teacher, whose years of experience credited in 1979-80 exceeds the number of steps on the guide appropriate to his/her educational level, shall receive the higher salary when computed in the following alternate ways:
  - a. His/her previous year's salary plus the agreed upon percentage increase, to wit, 9.5% for the 1980-81 year and 8.5% for the 1981-82 year, or
  - b. His/her guide level maximum plus tenure pay.
- 4. Initial employment beginning on or before January 1 and continuing to June 30 shall be considered a full year of service for salary purposes. No credit shall be given for less than one full year's service.
- 5. No more than 8 in-service credits may be used to move horizontally from one guide level to another and such in-service credits are subject to prior administrative approval.
- 6. Horizontal movement on the guide shall take effect only on September 1, provided, however, that in the event a teacher shall submit a transcript showing completion of a college or graduate course, or in the case of in-service credits, a certificate of completion, prior to November 1, horizontal movements shall be retroactive to September 1. Teachers presently at the maximum level on this guide in one column, plus other increases which effectively place them off of the guide, who achieve sufficient academic credits and/or degree warranting a movement to a higher level column, shall receive the salary increase designated for the higher level column maximum step.
- 7. No credits obtained before the granting of a degree may be used for a salary guide movement beyond such degree.
- 8. No in-service credits obtained prior to September 1, 1974 shall be applicable to future horizontal movement on the guide after July 1, 1975.
- 9. All references herein to B.A. degree shall include B.S. degree and all references herein to M.A. degree shall include M.S. degree.

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