

AGREEMENT

2021-2025

**TOMS RIVER
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

**TOMS RIVER
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, upon expiration of the Collective Negotiations Agreement on June 30, 2021, the Parties agreed to a new agreement for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025, the terms of which are incorporated into a Memorandum of Agreement, signed by the parties on June 16 and June 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now wish to enter into a successor Collective Negotiations Agreement for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025, in accordance with a Memorandum of Agreement, signed by the parties on June 16 and June 17, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Agreement is entered into between the Board of Education of the Toms River Regional School District, Toms River Township, New Jersey, hereinafter called the “Board” and the Toms River Education Association, hereinafter called the “Association,” effective on the first day of July, 2021 and continuing until June 30, 2025.

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SECTION I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Applies to all

ARTICLE 1 - RECOGNITION

- A. The Board hereby recognizes the Association as the exclusive representative for collective negotiations concerning the terms and conditions of employment for all personnel whether under contract or on leave, employed on behalf of the following unit:

- Classroom Teachers;
- Special Teachers which includes Guidance Counselors and Coordinators;
- Media Specialists;
- Learning Disabilities Specialists, Social Workers;
- Psychologists, Behavioral Specialist;
- SAC/ASAP Counselors;
- Speech Language Specialists, Educational Interpreters;
- Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists;
- Administrative Assistants, Secretaries, Attendance Officers;
- Special Education Paraprofessionals, Tier II Paraprofessionals;
- Alternate School Aides;
- Supplemental Teachers - See Addendum A;
- TV Studio Secretary/Technician;
- Certified School Nurses, Registered Nurses;
- Athletic Trainers;
- Coaches*; and,
- Extra-Curricular Advisors*.

*Recognition limited to stipend-only positions.

But excluding:

- Administrators, Supervisors of Instruction;
- Custodians, Cafeteria Employees;
- Transportation Employees; and,
- All Other Employees of the Board.

- B. Unless otherwise defined, the term “employee” when used hereinafter in the Agreement shall refer to all employees represented by the Association in the negotiating unit and reference made to male employees shall include female employees.

ARTICLE 2 - NEGOTIATION PROCEDURE

- A. In accordance with Chapter 123, Public Law 1974, New Jersey Employer and Employee Relations Act, the Board and the Association agree to enter into negotiations concerning terms and conditions of employment and to meet in formal session to exchange demands in accordance with the

prescribed rules and regulations promulgated by the Public Relations Commission.

- B. Facts, opinions, proposals, and counter proposals will be exchanged freely during the meeting or meetings in an effort to reach mutual understanding in agreement. The Board shall make available, prior to and during negotiations, the Association for inspection, all pertinent records, data, and information of the Toms River School District which are within the public domain.
- C. All meetings between the parties shall be regularly scheduled, whenever possible, to take place when the employees involved are free from assigned instructional responsibilities. All costs shall be shared equally.
- D. The Board agrees not to negotiate with any organization other than that designated as the representative pursuant to Chapter 123, Public Law 1974, New Jersey Employer and Employee Relations Act, for the duration of this Agreement.
- E. This Agreement incorporates the entire understanding of the parties on 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 within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated or executed this Agreement.
- F. Except as this Agreement shall hereinafter provide, all terms and conditions of employment applicable on the effective date of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect except that proposed new rules or modifications of existing rules governing working conditions shall be negotiated with the majority representative before they are established.
- G. 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 3 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- A. Definition: A “grievance” shall mean a complaint by an employee that there has been to him a personal loss, injury, or inconvenience because of a violation, misinterpretation, or inequitable application of Board policy, of this Agreement, or of any administrative decision affecting members.

A grievance, to be considered under this procedure, must be initiated in writing by the employee or the Association within thirty (30) calendar days from the time when the employee knew or should know of its occurrence.

B. Procedure:

1. a. Failure at any step of this procedure to communicate the decision on a grievance within the specified time limits shall permit the aggrieved employee to proceed to the next step. Failure at any step of this procedure to appeal a grievance to the next step within the specified time limits shall be deemed to be an acceptance of the decision rendered at that step.

b. It is understood that employees shall during and notwithstanding the pendency of any grievance continue to observe all assignments and applicable rules and regulations of the Board until such grievance and any effect thereof shall have been fully determined.
2. The Association may process a grievance through all levels of the grievance procedure even though the aggrieved person does not wish to do so.
3. Any employee who has a grievance shall discuss it with his principal (or immediate superior or department head, if applicable) in an attempt to resolve the matter informally at that level.
4. If, as a result of the discussion, the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the employee within five (5) school days, he shall set forth his grievance in writing to the principal specifying:
 - a. The nature of the grievance;
 - b. The nature and extent of the injury, loss, or inconvenience;
 - c. The results of previous discussions; and,
 - d. His dissatisfaction with decisions previously rendered.

The principal shall communicate his decision to the employee in writing within three (3) school days of receipt of the written grievance.

5. The employee no later than five (5) school days after receipt of the principal's decision may appeal the principal's decision to the Superintendent of Schools.

The appeal to the Superintendent must be made in writing reciting the matter submitted to the principal as specified above and his or

her dissatisfaction with the decision previously rendered. A hearing shall be held at this level before the Superintendent or his or her designee if requested by the grievant. This hearing will occur before a decision at this level is rendered. The Superintendent shall attempt to resolve the matter as quickly as possible but within a period not to exceed ten (10) school days. The Superintendent shall communicate his decision in writing to the employee and the principal.

6. If the grievance is not resolved to the employee's satisfaction, he/she, no later than five (5) school days after receipt of the Superintendent's decision, may request a review by the Board of Education. The request shall be submitted in writing through the Superintendent of Schools who shall attach all related papers and forward the request to the Board. The Board, or a committee thereof, shall review the grievance and may hold a hearing with the employee. The Board shall render a decision in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the grievance by the Board.
7. If the decision of the Board does not resolve the grievance to the satisfaction of the Association and the Association wishes review by a third party, they shall so notify the Board through the Superintendent within ten (10) school days of receipt of the Board's decision except in the case of grievance involving any of the following points:
 - a. A complaint of a non-tenure employee which arises by reason of his not being re-employed;
 - b. Any matter for which a method of review is prescribed by law or any rule or regulation of the State Commissioner of Education such as, but not limited to, questions on tenure, increment denial, or suspension;
 - c. A complaint by any employee occasioned by appointment to or lack of appointment to, retention in or lack of retention in, any position for which tenure is either not possible or not required;
 - d. Any matter which, according to law, is either beyond the scope of Board authority or limited to action by the Board alone, except as limited by Chapter 123, Public Law 1974, New Jersey Employer and Employee Relations Act; and,
 - e. A complaint by an employee occasioned by the withholding of a salary increase or increment.

8. For those items specified as non-arbitrative, the Board shall if requested by the grievant meet and hear the grievant's position. In the specific case of a non-tenure employee who grieves by virtue of not having received a new contract, the Board need not give written reasons for its decision.
9.
 - a. The following procedure will be used to secure the services of an arbitrator:
 - (1) A request will be made to the Public Employment Relations Commission to submit a roster of persons qualified to function as arbitrators in the dispute in question.
 - (2) If the parties are unable to determine a mutually satisfactory arbitrator from the submitted list, they will request the Public Employment Relations Commission to submit a second roster of names.
 - (3) If the parties are unable to determine within ten (10) school days of either the initial request for arbitration or the second request, a mutually satisfactory arbitrator from the second submitted list, the Public Employment Relations Commission may be requested by either party to designate an arbitrator.
 - b. The arbitrator shall limit himself to the issues submitted to him 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 arbitrator shall be final and binding upon both parties. Only the Board and the aggrieved and his representative shall be given copies of the arbitrator's award. This shall be accomplished within thirty (30) calendar days of the completion of the arbitrator's hearings.
 - c. Rights of employees to representation:
 - (1) Any aggrieved person may be represented to all stages of the grievance procedure by himself, or, at his option, by a representative selected or approved by the Association. All documents, communications and records shall be filed in a

separate grievance file and shall not be kept in the personnel file of any of the participants.

- (2) When an employee is not represented by the Association in the processing of a grievance, the Association shall at the time of the submission of the grievance to the Superintendent or any later level be notified that the grievance is in process, have the right to be present and present its position in writing at all hearing sessions held concerning the grievance, and shall receive a copy of all decisions rendered. A copy of the principal's written decision made in response to a written grievance shall be given to the Association immediately.
 - (3) The Board and the Association shall assure the individual freedom from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal in presenting his appeal with respect to his personal grievances.
- d. The parties shall be responsible for all costs incurred by each, and only the fee and expenses, if any, of the arbitrator shall be shared by each party paying one-half (1/2).

ARTICLE 4 - EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

- A. Pursuant to Chapter 123, Public Law 1974, New Jersey Employer and Employee Relations Act, public employees included in the negotiating unit have, and shall be protected in the exercise of, the right, freely and without fear of penalty or reprisal, to form, join and assist any employee organization or refrain from any such activity. As a duly selected body exercising governmental powers under cover of the law of the State of New Jersey, the Board undertakes and agrees that it shall not directly or indirectly discourage or deprive or coerce any employee in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by Chapter 123, Public Law 1974, New Jersey Employer and Employee Relations Act, or other laws of New Jersey, or the Constitution of New Jersey and the United States.
- B. No employee shall be disciplined or reprimanded without just cause. Any such actions asserted by the Board, or any agent or representative thereof, shall be subject to the grievance procedure herein set forth.

- C. Whenever any employee is required to appear before the Board or Committee thereof 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 to, then he shall be given prior written notice of the reasons for such meeting or interview and shall be entitled to have a person of his own choosing to advise and represent him during such meeting.

If the representative selected is an employee of the Toms River Schools, said representative shall be released from all duties at the Board's expense for the duration of the meeting.

- D. Administrators and employees will act in a professional manner where instances of personal criticism are concerned. Any question or criticism by an administrator of an employee's performance/instructional methodology shall be made in confidence and not in the presence of students, parents, co-workers, or members of the public.

ARTICLE 5 - ASSOCIATION RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

- A. Pursuant to Chapter 123, Public Law 1974, New Jersey Employer and Employee Relations Act, public employees included in the negotiating unit have, and shall be protected in the exercise of, the right, freely and without fear of penalty or reprisal, to form, join and assist any employee organization or refrain from any such activity. As a duly selected body, exercising governmental powers under cover of law of the State of New Jersey, the Board undertakes and agrees that it shall not directly or indirectly discourage or deprive or coerce any employee in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by Chapter 123, Public Law 1974, New Jersey Employer and Employee Relations Act, or other laws of New Jersey, or the Constitution of New Jersey and the United States.
- B. Whenever any representative of the Association or any employee is mutually scheduled by the parties to participate during working hours in negotiations, or if required to so meet by decision of a mediator, fact-finder, or arbitrator, he shall suffer no loss in pay.
- C. Representatives of the Association, the New Jersey Education Association and the National Education Association shall be permitted to transact official Association business on school property at all reasonable times provided that this shall not interfere with or interrupt normal school operations and that the administration has been duly notified and approval has been secured.
- D. The Board agrees to furnish to the Association the agenda and minutes of all Board meetings and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all

employee members. The Board will provide the Association with health benefit and salary scattergrams on a yearly basis by October 31st.

- E. The Association and its representatives shall be permitted to use school buildings in accordance with Board policy.
- F. The Association may be permitted to use school building equipment, including typewriters, duplication equipment, calculating machines and all types of audio-visual equipment at reasonable times when such equipment is not otherwise in use. The Association shall pay for the reasonable cost of all materials and supplies incident to such use and shall be liable for damages which they cause to the equipment.
- G. The Association shall be permitted to purchase expendable office supplies and other materials from the Board's supplies at the price paid by the Board or from existent stock if such is available. In either event, a purchase order is required.
- H. The Association shall have, in each school building, the exclusive use of a bulletin board in each staff lounge. The Association shall also be assigned adequate space on the bulletin board in the central office for Association typed and meeting notices provided copies are presented in advance of posting to the appropriate administrator.
- I. The Association shall be permitted to use the interschool mail facilities and school mailboxes and school provided internet services.
- J. If the Association President or his designee is a teacher, he shall be assigned on the basis of four (4) period block teaching day and shall be released from all non-teaching duties. Upon notification to his principal, he may leave his building to perform Association business. If he enters another school, he must notify the principal immediately of his presence, and he cannot interfere with normal school activities or with a member in the performance of his classroom duties. If the Association President or designee is an elementary teacher not in a departmentalized situation, said teacher would be released of teaching responsibilities at 12:00 noon each day.

At the option of the Association, the President or his/her designee shall be released from all teaching and non-teaching duties for the full year with Board paying one-half (1/2) year's salary and continuing all benefits.

- K. One employee in each building designated by the association as Senior Building Representative, and the Association Vice President, if a teacher, will not be assigned non-teaching duties at his/her school.

ARTICLE 6 - SCHOOL CALENDAR

- A. The Association shall be consulted timely, before the submission of the annual school calendars of the Board.
- B. Subject to prior approval by the Superintendent or his designee, no more than ten (10) vacation days may be taken while school is in session, as per present Board procedures.

ARTICLE 7 - EMPLOYEE PRACTICES

- A. The salaries of all employees covered by this Agreement are set forth in Schedule "A" which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- B. Salary increases and increments shall be made in accordance with law: Title 18A: 29-14.
- C.
 - 1. Each presently employed employee shall be placed on his/her proper step on the salary schedule.
 - 2. The Board reserves to itself the right to grant credit for outside teaching experience and any experience which it deems of value to the school system at the time of initial employment or re-employment.
 - 3. Any employee moving to a different job category of non-certified employment within the district shall have his/her longevity recognized.
- D. Employees shall be given written notice of their contract and salary status not later than May 15 providing a master contract has been negotiated by that time.
- E. At the beginning of each month, the Board will provide the TREA with a list of personnel additions and changes.
- F. An employee who uses his/her personal car for approved school business will be reimbursed at the current OMB (Office of Management and Business) rate.
- G. Consistent tardiness on the part of any employee shall result in disciplinary action.

ARTICLE 8 - EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT

- A. In filling a vacancy with the negotiation unit, the Board agrees to give due weight to the background and attainments of all applicants, the length of time each has been in the school system and other relevant factors. The Superintendent has the authority to hire staff from outside the system as required.

ARTICLE 9 - PROMOTIONS

- A. Promotional positions are defined as follows: Positions on the administrative/ supervisory levels of responsibility and all vacancies in promotional positions, including specialist and/or special project teachers, pupil personnel workers, positions in programs funded by the Federal Government and vacancies in evening school and summer school shall be adequately publicized by the Superintendent in accordance with the following procedures:
1. When school is in session, a notice shall be posted in each school and on the website, as far in advance as practicable, ordinarily at least thirty (30) calendar days before the final date when applications must be submitted and in no event less than fifteen (15) calendar days before such date. A copy of said notice shall be given to the Association at the time of posting. Employees who desire to apply for such vacancies shall submit their applications in writing to the Superintendent within the time limit specified in the notice, and the Superintendent shall acknowledge promptly in writing the receipt of all applications.
 2. Employees who desire to apply for a promotional position which may be filled during the summer period when school is not regularly in session shall submit their application through the online application system. The employee shall receive verification of receipt of the application via email or written statement.
- B. The Superintendent shall notify such employees of any vacancy in a position for which they desire to apply. Such notice shall be sent as far in advance as practicable and in no event less than fifteen (15) calendar days before the final date of which application shall be accepted. In addition, the Superintendent shall, within the same time period, post a list of promotional positions to be filled during the summer period at the administration office, in each school and on the district website. A copy of said notice shall be given to the Association.
- C. In both situations set forth in Section A above, the qualifications for the position, its duties, and the rate of compensation, shall be clearly set forth.

The qualifications set forth for a particular position shall not be changed when such future vacancies occur unless the Association has been notified in advance of such changes and the reasons therefore.

- D. All qualified employees shall be given adequate opportunity to make application and no position shall be filled until all properly submitted applications have been considered. The Board agrees to give due consideration of all applications and other relevant factors. In filling such vacancies, preference shall be given to qualified employees' length of service in the Toms River Regional School District; however, the decision of the Board shall not be subject to arbitration as provided in Article 3-B-6 and 7. Each employee applicant not selected shall, upon written request, receive a written explanation, a copy of which shall become a part of his permanent file from the Superintendent. When possible, appointments shall be made not later than sixty (60) days after the notice is posted in the schools or the giving of notifications to the interested members. Announcements of appointments shall be made by posting a list in the office of the central administration and in each school building. The list shall be given to the Association and shall indicate which positions have been filled and by whom.

ARTICLE 10 - EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

- A. 1. Employee formal observation and evaluations shall be conducted consistent with statutory and code requirements.
2. All monitoring or observation of the work performance of an employee shall be conducted openly and with full knowledge of the employee.
- a. The observation and evaluation of employees is to be done by district administrators and supervisors who are full time actively employed in the district. TREA members shall not participate in peer evaluations.
- b. An employee shall be given a copy of each formal observation and evaluation report prepared by his/her evaluators at least two (2) school days prior to a post observation and evaluation conference.
- c. All formal observations and evaluations will be written in the agreed upon form to which the employee will have full access. The employee may respond to the evaluation with a written response within ten (10) days of the post observation/evaluation conference.

Qualitative descriptors will not be used in the attendance evaluation of employees. The number of days absent and category will be noted.

The principal of each school will establish a folder for each employee assigned to that school. The principal's copy of evaluations will be kept in this folder. All folders will remain in the possession of the principal. In the event that an employee is transferred to another school within the district, the employee's folder will be forwarded to the receiving principal.

- d. Whenever an employee leaves the district, the evaluation folder is to be permanently filed in the Personnel office.
 - e. At least forty-eight (48) hours prior to a post-observation conference the employee observed shall receive a written copy of the observation report.
- B. Twice a year, upon two (2) school days' notice, an employee shall have the right to review the content of his personnel file and to make reproduction of non-confidential file materials at his/her expense. No more than ten (10) employees on any one (1) day shall be given such review rights and no materials shall be removed. An employee shall have the right to submit a written answer to any materials contained in his/her file and have it attached to such material.
- C. Final evaluation of an employee upon termination of his employment shall be concluded prior to severance. No documents other than those pertaining to grievance settlements or the employee's performance shall be placed in his file after severance.
- D. Any employee shall have the right to make a request in writing for an observation of his/her work for the purpose of personal improvement of his/her job performance.
- E. Any material to be placed in the employee's personnel file shall be reproduced and a copy given to the employee involved.
- F. At least forty-eight (48) hours prior to a post-observation conference the employee observed shall receive a written and electronic copy of the observation report.
- G. Formal observations must be completed by May 31st for tenured staff.

ARTICLE 11 - EMPLOYEE FACILITIES

- A. Each school shall have the following facilities:
 - 1. The present facilities for a separate, private dining area for the exclusive use of the employees are adequate. The Association shall be consulted prior to any change to these current facilities, as long as they are comparable facilities.
 - 2. Free and adequate off-street paved parking facilities.
 - 3. Suitable closet space for each employee to store coats, overshoes, and personal articles.
 - 4. An appropriately furnished and air-conditioned room shall be reserved for the exclusive use of employees as a staff lounge. Although employees shall be expected to exercise reasonable care in maintaining the appearance and cleanliness of said lounge, it shall be regularly cleaned by the school's custodial staff.
- B. In order to permit freedom of access both during and after regular school hours, all employees, upon reasonable request, shall be provided access in the staff lounge and staff work area.
- C. Coffee and soda vending machines may be installed where practicable in the employees' lounge, providing such vending machine equipment covers all costs involved in its installation and operation. The operation of said machines is the sole responsibility of the Association, and the Association is liable for any damage or custodial service made necessary as a result of their operation.

ARTICLE 12 - ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATION LIAISON

- A. The Association representatives shall meet with the Superintendent and such administrators as he selects, normally once a month, unless it is mutually agreed to extend this period of time, to review and discuss current school problems and practices. The committee shall consist of five (5) representatives appointed by the Association and five (5) representatives appointed from the Administration selected by the Superintendent of Schools. This committee in no way alters or modifies the function of any committee which has been or shall be established by the Administration.
- B. Individual school principals shall meet with the Association representatives from that individual school building, normally once a month, unless it is mutually agreed to extend this period of time. The Association and the

principal shall agree on a calendar of meetings. These meetings shall in no way disrupt the educational program. Matters that pertain to individual grievances shall not be subject to these meetings.

ARTICLE 13 - SICK LEAVE

A. All employees employed shall be entitled to sick leave days for each school year as of the first official day of said school year whether or not they report for duty on that day, as follows:

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| 1. | Ten (10)-month employee | 10 days |
| 2. | Eleven (11)-month employee | 11 days |
| 3. | Twelve (12)-month employee | 12 days |

It is further agreed that such sick leave as may be unused shall be accumulative without limit from year to year.

B. If all of a member's sick days are exhausted, banked personal days may be converted to sick days.

C. 1. The Board may ask for an examination by a medical doctor of its own choosing at any time and use the results in reaching a decision when the circumstances so warrant. The cost of such medical examination will be paid by the Board. Employees may not be charged with a sick or personal day for this purpose.

2. The employee may be requested to provide the Superintendent or his designee with a doctor's certificate after three (3) consecutive sick days.

3. The Board, upon application, will consider hardship cases for extension of sick leave. However, any decision of the Board in such a case shall be final and binding.

4. A doctor's certificate may be required for any sick day absence before or after a holiday. Failure to submit a doctor's certificate may result in full loss of pay.

D. Written notice of accumulated sick leave days for the previous year shall be placed in each employee's mailbox not later than September 15th. Include the personal days that have accumulated since 1987 for the purpose of adding to the unused sick leave upon retirement purposes only.

- E. Should an employee die after submitting a letter of resignation, any benefits due them under the Sick Leave Incentive Board policy, those benefits will be paid to that person's estate.
- F. Should a retired employee die and has qualified for the Sick Leave Incentive Board policy; those benefits will be paid to that person's estate.
- G. Should an employee die, while in active service, the Board will pay the employee's estate for any unused sick leave capped at \$15,000.

ARTICLE 14 - TEMPORARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A. All employees shall be entitled to the following temporary non-accumulative leaves of absence with full pay each school year and such days of temporary leave must be taken as either one-half (½) or one (1) full school day. No leaves shall be taken immediately prior to or immediately after holidays and vacations. Only one of the three personal leave days may be taken immediately prior to or immediately after a holiday or vacation. Any exceptions must be requested in writing to the Superintendent or his designee and must have written approval.

- 1. Employees are entitled to three (3) days personal, non-accumulative leave, subject to advance notice. Such leave will be granted without reasons being given.

Personal leave means an activity that requires the employee's presence during the school day and is of such a nature that it cannot be attended to at a time when schools are not in session.

In the event of death or hospice of an employee's spouse, (or partner in a civil union pursuant to the definition of civil union under New Jersey law) child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, parent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, grandparent, spouse's (or civil union partner's) grandparent, the employees shall be entitled to five (5) days paid leave, any portion of these five (5) days used for hospice may be used non-consecutively. A member who has been named executor of the estate shall receive a total of five (5) non-consecutive days regardless of the familial relationship or any person with whom the employee has made his home and any other member of the immediate family. Special request for the use of a non-consecutive bereavement days shall be on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Superintendent. Hospice shall mean palliative care at or near the end of life.

2. In the case of the death of a near relative defined as first cousin, uncle, aunt, niece or nephew, there should be no deduction in the salary for absence the date of funeral subject to advance notice and approval of the Superintendent.
3. Any other leave of absence granted by the Board may be without pay.
4. No leave of absence shall be granted due to the requirements of a second job.
5. Professional leave for such purposes as attending meetings, seminars and visiting other schools may be granted.

Professional leave decisions rest with the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education. Professional leave decisions will not be subject to arbitration.
6. If an employee is subpoenaed by a court of law to appear on behalf of the Board, such employee shall do so without loss of pay.

ARTICLE 15 - EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- A. The Board agrees that one (1) employee designated by the Association shall, upon request, be granted a leave of absence without pay for one (1) year for the purpose of engaging in activities of the Association or its affiliates. Such leave shall be for one (1) school year and shall not be renewable.
- B. A leave of absence without pay of up to two (2) years shall be granted to any employee who joins the Peace Corps, VISTA, National Teacher Corps, or serves as an exchange teacher or overseas teacher, and is a full-time participant in any of such programs, or accepts a Fulbright Scholarship.
- C. An employee may be granted a maternity/paternity/adoption leave under one (1) of the following:

1. **OPTION ONE:** Said leave to be covered by sick leave.

The employee shall return to work when physically able, but within six (6) weeks after birth.

A reasonable notice (at least ten (10) days) shall be given in advance of said leave. A similar notice shall be given by the member prior to returning to work.

2. OPTION TWO: Said leave to be granted without pay.

The employee shall notify the Superintendent of Schools at least sixty

(60) days in advance of her leaving to take a maternity leave without salary.

If said leave starts prior to the month of January the employee is to return to work at the beginning of the school year of the following September. The return date for a twelve (12) month employee is July 1st.

If said leave starts after January 1, the employee is to return to work at the beginning of the school year of the following September or at the beginning of the school year in September of the next succeeding year. The return date for a twelve (12) month employee member is July 1.

In either instance, the employee on leave must notify the Superintendent of Schools by April 1 of her intention to return or not to return to work.

The practice of granting an additional year of maternity leave beyond the provision of Option Two will be continued for the duration of this Contract contingent upon written receipt for same to the Superintendent no later than April 1st of the preceding school year.

Lack of notification is considered a violation of the Contract.

- D. A leave of absence without pay of up to one (1) 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.
- E. Other leaves of absence without pay may be granted at the sole discretion of the Board.
- F. 1. Upon return from leave granted pursuant to Section B of this Article, an employee shall be considered as if he were actively employed by the Board during the leave and shall be placed on the salary schedule at the level he would have achieved if he had not been absent, provided, however, that time spent on said leave shall not count toward the fulfillment of the time requirements for acquiring tenure. An employee shall not receive increment credit for the time spent on any other leave granted pursuant to this

Article, nor shall time count toward the fulfillment of the time requirements for acquiring tenure.

2. All benefits to which an employee was entitled at the time of his leave of absence commenced, including unused accumulated sick leave and credit toward sabbatical eligibility, shall be restored to him upon his return, and he shall be assigned to the same position which he held at the time said leave commenced, if available, or, if not, to a substantially equivalent position.

G. An employee given an official leave of absence by the Board shall continue on the Board's insurance and medical policies provided:

1. The premium for three months shall be paid in advance by the employee on leave and shall continue to be paid three (3) months in advance during the approved leave of absence.
2. If the employee fails to pay in advance in accordance with Paragraph 1 above, a thirty (30) day grace period shall be allowed and if the three (3) months' payment is not made within this period, coverage shall lapse.

H. All extensions or renewals of leaves shall be applied for and granted in writing.

I. The Board shall grant a leave of absence for the school year, without pay, to any employee to campaign for or serve in public office, or to campaign for a candidate for public office other than himself.

J. Employees will be eligible for provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act consistent with State and Federal statutes.

ARTICLE 16 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

A. Continuing Education Unit Credits.

For the duration of the contract, the practice of awarding staff members Continuing Education Unit Credits for Board of Education approved in-service workshops/programs will be awarded in accordance with the following procedures/guidelines.

1. Ten (10) contact workshop hours will be required for each earned one (1) Continuing Education Unit Credit.

2. For every five (5) Continuing Education Unit Credits earned, two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars will be paid to the staff member. This money will be added to the staff member's base salary.

The maximum CEUs allowed per employee is one thousand five hundred (\$1,500) dollars or thirty (30) CEUs.

3. A committee consisting of three (3) members appointed by the Association and three (3) members appointed by the Superintendent shall review the CEU Program and applications for CEU Credit and, as such, will make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Education for its consideration through the Superintendent or his designee.
4. The Board of Education shall retain the right to accept or reject recommendations submitted by the committee.
5. In the event of discontinuance of the plan, by the Board of Education, earned CEU Credits not converted to salary payment at the time shall be reimbursed on a prorated basis to individual employees affected. This prorated amount will be added to employee's salary as in the above. In the event of discontinuance, employees enrolled in courses shall continue until those courses are completed.

ARTICLE 17 - PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS AND PROPERTY

- A. The Board shall continue to fulfill requirements placed upon it by law for the protection of employees, students, and property.
- B. Pursuant to the Statutes of the State of New Jersey, Title 18A: 6-1, no person employed or engaged in a school or educational institution, whether public or private, shall inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment upon a pupil attending such school or institution; but any such person may, within the scope of his employment, use and apply such amount of force as is reasonable and necessary:
 1. To quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others.
 2. To obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous object upon the person or within the control of a pupil.
 3. For the purpose of self-defense.

4. For the protection of persons or property and such acts, or any of them, shall not be construed to constitute corporal punishment within the meaning and intent of this section. Every resolution by law, rule, ordinance, or other act or authority permitted or authorizing corporal punishment to be inflicted upon a pupil attending a school or educational institution shall be void.
- C. Pursuant to the Statutes of the State of New Jersey, Title 18A: 16-6, whenever any civil action has been or shall be brought against any person holding any office, position, or employment under the jurisdiction of any board of education, including any student teacher, for any act or omission arising out of and in the course of the performance of duties of such office, position, employment, or student teachers, the board shall defray all costs of defending such action including reasonable counsel fees and expenses, together with costs of appeal, if any, and shall save harmless and protect such persons from any financial loss resulting there from and said board may arrange for and maintain appropriate insurance to cover all such damages, losses and expenses.
- D. Pursuant to the Statutes of the State of New Jersey, Title 18A: 16-6.1, should any criminal action be instituted against any such person for any such act or omission and should such proceeding be dismissed or result in a final disposition in favor of such person, the Board of Education shall reimburse him for the cost of defending such proceeding, including reasonable counsel fees and expenses of the original hearing or trial and all appeals.
- E.
1. Employees shall immediately report cases of assault suffered by them in connection with their employment to their principal or other immediate superior. This should be done on appropriate forms.
 2. Employees shall immediately report to their immediate supervisors cases of assault upon pupils. This should be done on appropriate forms.
 3. Such notification shall be immediately forwarded to the Superintendent by the building principal who shall comply with any reasonable request from the employees for any information in the possession of the Superintendent relating to the incident or the persons involved and shall act in appropriate ways as liaison between the employee, the police, and the courts.
 4. Employees will be apprised of their rights under the law in connection with any case of alleged assault.

- F. If an employee is working under conditions he considers unsafe or unhealthy, such employee shall first discuss this with his building principal and, if unsatisfactory, is entitled to institute a grievance.

ARTICLE 18 - INSURANCE PROTECTION

- A. New employees, certified and non-certified, with the exception of those new employees with three or more years’ experience in any public school system, shall receive single coverage with the option of purchasing other benefits offered to other employees of the Board of Education. New employees with three or more years’ experience in any public school system shall receive all benefits offered to the other employees of the Board of Education. All para-professionals hired after June 30, 2007, will receive single medical coverage only.
- B. Beginning Sept. 2004, new employees, certified and non-certified, with the exception of those employees with three or more years’ experience in any public school system, shall have the option of choosing either single coverage in a PPOA plan or a PPOB plan, with the option of purchasing benefits offered to other employees of the Board of Education.
- C. All employees enrolled in the Traditional plan, shall be enrolled in the district’s PPOA as of January 1, 2014. Employees currently in the PPOB may have the choice to remain in that plan. All employees shall be enrolled in the Prescription plan which mirrors the SEHBP Direct 10. Eligible members shall contribute to the amount pursuant to law towards premiums. The premium payment shall be set forth by the following chart:

Employee Health Care Premium Payment

Salary	Single	Parent/Child(ren)/Spouse	Family
\$0 - \$29,999	4.0%	3.0%	2.0%
\$30,000 - \$49,999	8.0%	6.0%	5.0%
\$50,000 - \$59,999	20.0%	16.0%	12.0%
\$60,000 - \$69,999	27.0%	22.0%	17.0%
\$70,000 - \$79,999	30.0%	26.0%	23.0%
\$80,000 - \$89,999	33.0%	28.0%	25.0%
\$90,000 +	33.0%	28.0%	27.0%

The Board shall provide the health care insurance protection designated below:

1. Provision of the health-care program shall be detailed in master policies in accordance with the rules of the carrier, as agreed upon between the Board and the Health Care Provider:
 - a. Eligibility – Effective Date
 - b. Important Information About your Medical Plan
 - c. Hospital Maintenance Organization
 - d. Hospital Benefits
 - e. Skilled Nursing Facility Benefits
 - f. Surgical Benefits
 - g. Second Opinion Surgical Benefits
 - h. Anesthesia Benefits
 - i. Assistant Surgeon Benefits
 - j. Doctor's Attendance Benefits
 - k. Laboratory and X-Ray Benefits
 - l. Radiotherapy Benefits
 - m. Prescription Drug Benefits
 - n. Emergency Accident Benefits
 - o. Major Medical Benefits
 - p. Medical Conversion Privilege
 - q. General Limitations
 - r. Medicare Eligibles
 - s. Coordination of Benefits
 - t. Payment of Benefits
 - u. Termination of Insurance
 - v. Benefits Extension
 - w. Accident and Health Provisions
2.
 - (a) Chiropractic Care: the Board's contribution towards chiropractic care shall be capped at \$4,000.00 per covered individual per year.
 - (b) Acupuncture Care: The Board's contribution towards acupuncture care shall be capped at \$4,000.00 per covered individual per year.

3. Prescription Co-Pays: effective December 1, 2013, member co-pays for prescriptions shall be as follows:

Brand Name	\$10.00
Generic	\$ 3.00
Mail Order	\$ 5.00 Generic
	\$15.00 Brand Name
Filled through PHC	\$ 0.00

4. Dental Plan - no deductible
5. Optical - Family Plan, \$10.00 co-pay to cover the annual costs of eye examinations, lenses, and frames.

The Toms River Board of Education and the Association agree that the Board has the latitude to investigate and implement alternative carriers for prescription drugs, dental and major medical carriers to provide that all benefits and acceptability remain equal or better.

- D. Effective December 1, 2013, a TREA member wishing to opt-out of the Board provided health insurance coverage, and showing proof of alternative coverage available to him or her, shall be entitled to an annual payment in the amount of \$2,500.00, prorated if appropriate, based upon the percentage of the July 1 – June 30 year for which the member is opting out. This opt-out payment will only be available if the result of the opt-out is that the board is not providing any health insurance coverage, treatment, or services for the member’s immediate family. If a member’s spouse or civil union partner is employed in the district and is eligible for health benefits, only the employee with the lower salary may opt out, and that employee will not receive any annual payment, but they will also not be subject to Employee Health Care Premium Payment provided by Paragraph (C), above.
- E. The Board and the Association shall provide to each employee a description of the health care insurance coverage provided under this Article, which shall include a clear description of conditions and limits of coverage as listed above.
- F. Subject to approval by the carrier, retirees shall be permitted by advance payment to purchase group health insurance at the group rate, at no cost to the Board of Education.
- G. All employees who are on an off-payroll status, with the exception of family leave, will be obligated to pay their insurance benefits premiums for the period of time they are off payroll.

ARTICLE 19 - DEDUCTION FROM SALARY

A. 1. I designate the Toms River Education Association to receive dues and distribute accordingly to the organization(s) indicated: Ocean County Council Education Association, the New Jersey State Education Association, or the National Education Association, or any one or any combination of such Associations as said employees individually and voluntarily authorize the Board to deduct. Such deductions shall be made in compliance with Chapter 310, Public Law, 1967 (NJSA 52: 14-15.9e) and under rules established by the State Department of Education. Said monies together with records of any corrections shall be transmitted to the membership chairperson of the Toms River Education Association by the 15th of each month following the monthly pay period in which deductions were made. The Association membership chairperson shall disburse such monies to the appropriate Association or Associations. Employee authorization shall be in writing in the form below:

Authorization
To Deduct Association Membership Dues

Name _____
Soc. Sec. No. _____
School Bldg. _____ District _____

To Disbursing Officer Toms River Regional Board of Education:

I hereby request and authorize the above named disbursing officer to deduct from my earnings an amount sufficient to provide for the payment of those yearly membership dues as certified by the organizations indicated in equal monthly payments for all or part of the current school year and for succeeding school years. I understand that the disbursing officer will discontinue such deductions only if I file such notice of withdrawal as of the January 1st and July 1st next succeeding the date on which notice of withdrawal is filed. I also agree that upon termination of employment, the disbursing officer shall deduct any remaining amount due for that current school year. I hereby waive all right and claim for said monies so deducted and transmitted in accordance with this authorization and relieve-the governing board and all of its officers from any liability therefore.

I designate the Toms River Education Association to receive dues and distribute according to the organization(s) indicated:

Toms River Education Association
Ocean County Council Education Association
New Jersey Education Association
National Education Association

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 said change.
 3. Additional authorization for dues deduction may be received after August 1st under rules established by the State Department of Education.
 4. The filing of notice of an employee's withdrawal shall be prior to December 1st and June 1st and become effective to halt deductions as of January 1st and July 1st next succeeding the date on which notice of withdrawal is filed.
- B. The Board agrees to deduct from employees' salaries money for the First Financial Federal Credit Union. Any employee may have such deduction discontinued or modified at any time upon sixty (60) days' written notice to the Board.

ARTICLE 20 - RIGHTS OF THE BOARD

- A. Except otherwise provided in this Agreement and under the provisions of Chapter 123, Public Law 1974, New Jersey Employer and Employee Relations Act, the Association recognizes that the Board has the responsibility and authority to manage and direct in behalf of the public, all the operations and activities of the Toms River School District to the extent authorized by law.
- B. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, nothing contained in any section, paragraph, or sub-section of the Agreement shall be interpreted in any manner or be so construed as to indicate that the Board has waived rights which are expressly required by the courts to be retained by the Board.

ARTICLE 21 - PERSONAL FREEDOM

- A. The Board and the Association agree that the private and personal life of an employee is not within the appropriate concern or attention of the Board,

except as it may interfere with the employee's responsibilities to and relationships with students and/or the school system.

- B. The Board and the Association agree that employees will be entitled to full rights of citizenship and no religious or political activities of any employee outside of school, or the lack thereof, will be grounds for any disciplinary action or discrimination with respect to the professional employment of such employee, providing they do not violate the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and the Statutes of the State of New Jersey.

ARTICLE 22 - VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS AND REASSIGNMENTS

- A.
 - 1. Employees who desire a change in assignment or who desire to transfer to another building may file a written statement of such desire with the Superintendent not later than January 30th. Such statement shall include the school and/or department to which he/she desires to be assigned and the school or schools to which he/she desires to be transferred, in order of preference.
 - 2. As soon as practicable, but no later than June 1, the Superintendent shall deliver to the Association a system-wide schedule showing the names of all employees who have been reassigned or transferred, and the nature of such reassignment or transfer.
- B. In the determination of requests for voluntary reassignment and/or transfer, the wishes of the individual employee shall be honored to the extent that the transfer does not conflict with the instructional requirements and no such request shall be denied arbitrarily, capriciously, or without basis in fact. A request for transfer must be submitted each school year.

ARTICLE 23 - INVOLUNTARY TRANSFER OR REASSIGNMENT

- A. An involuntary transfer or reassignment shall be made only after a meeting between the employee involved and the immediate supervisor, at which time the employee objects to the transfer or reassignment at this meeting, upon the request of the employee, the Superintendent shall meet with him/her. The employee may, at his option, have an Association Representative present at such a meeting. When possible, the administration shall notify the member by June 30th.

ARTICLE 24 - COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

- A. The principal shall immediately notify the employee of any complaint made by a parent, pupil, or other person regarding the employee if in the opinion of the principal/department supervisor; the complaint is of consequence and has merit.
- B. Whenever a complaint merits notification of the employee the principal shall meet with the employee to discuss possible solutions.
- C. No adverse action shall be taken against an employee as the result of a complaint without the employee first having an opportunity to respond and have counsel of the employee's own choosing.
- D. Any grievance generated as a result of paragraph C will start at step five (5) (Superintendent's level).

ARTICLE 25 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. If any provision of this Agreement or any application of the Agreement to any employee or groups of employees is held to be contrary to law, then such provisions or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting, except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions or applications shall continue in full force and effect.
- B. Any individual contract between the Board and an individual employee, heretofore or hereafter executed, shall be subject to and consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. If an individual contract contains any language inconsistent with the Agreement, this Agreement during its duration shall be controlling.
- C. The Board and the Association agree that there will be no discrimination, and that all practices, procedures, and policies of the school system shall clearly exemplify that there is 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, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
- D. Copies of this Agreement shall be printed within 60 days after the agreement is signed. The expense shall be shared equally by the Board and the Association. A copy shall be presented to all employees now employed, or thereafter employed.

E. Whenever any notice is required by this Agreement to be given by either of the parties to the other registered letter, pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, the following addresses will be used:

1. If by Association, to Board, at Board Office.
2. If by Board, to Association at 1410 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, N.J. 08753

ARTICLE 26 - REPRESENTATION FEE

A. The Association shall on or before September 30th 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 N.J.S.A. 34: 13A-5.4.
2. A statement that the Association has established a “demand and return system” in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 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 (85%) percent of the regular membership dues, fees, and assessments.
4. A list of all employees who have failed to arrange for and become members of the Association and a request that the presentation fee of such non-members be deducted in accordance with the Agreement.

B. Beginning with the first full pay period in February the Board will commence deductions from salaries of such employees in accordance with paragraph 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 in question. The deductions will begin with the first paycheck.
1. In February; or
 2. Thirty (30) days after the employee begins his/her employment in a bargaining unit position, unless the employee previously served in a bargaining unit position or was on lay-off, in which event, the deduction 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.
 3. Termination of Employment: If an employee who is required to pay a representation fee terminates his or her employment with the Board before the Association has received the full amount of the representation fee to which it is entitled under this Article, the Board will deduct the unpaid portion of the fee from the last paycheck paid to said employee during the membership year in question.
- 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 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 in equity, or before any administrative agency with regard to or arising from the deduction from the salaries of any employee or any sum of money as a representation fee under the provision of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 27 - SALARIES

- A. 1. Salary increases are as follows, inclusive of increment:

2021-2022	3.3% (athletic and co-curricular activity guides shall also be increased by 3.3%)
2022-2023	3.3%
2023-2024	3.8%
2024-2025	3.3% (athletic and co-curricular activity guides shall also be increased by 3.3%)

Tier II Paraprofessionals:

2021-2022	\$90/day
2022-2023	\$93/day
2023-2024	\$97/day
2024-2025	\$100/day

Salary guides shall be mutually developed and agreed upon.

- 2. Employees shall receive pay checks issued every two weeks.

In the event that schools are closed on a regularly scheduled payday, checks will be issued on the last day on which schools are open.
- 3. All ten (10) month employees shall receive their final checks on the last working day in June, provided all legal requirements have been met and information found to be accurate.
- 4. All co-curricular activities for which a contract is issued shall be paid on the pay-date closest to November 30th for the fall season, and shall be paid on the pay date closest to May 31st for all remaining activities.
- 5. The Board will offer a twelve (12) month (summer savings) pay option to all ten (10) month employees.
- 6. At the beginning of each school year the Board will provide a schedule of paydays for that year.

ARTICLE 28 - SICK LEAVE REDUCTION

- A. Upon retirement, having completed twenty years (20) or more of service in the district, any member of the TREA, as defined by Article 1, and has

accumulated fifty (50) or more days per the mutually agreed upon list dated November 19, 2013, shall be reimbursed in lieu of accumulated sick leave and personal days to a maximum of one hundred (100) days. Any member of TREA, as defined by Article 1, and has accumulated less than fifty (50) days per the mutually agreed upon list dated November 19, 2013, shall be reimbursed in lieu of accumulated sick leave and personal days to a maximum of eighty-five (85) days.

Payment per diem shall be calculated by dividing a number of contract days into the last year's salary or the salary in which the highest income was obtained whichever shall be greater by the number of contract days.

- * Ten-month contract divided by two hundred (200) days gives per diem
- * Eleven-month contracts divided by two hundred and twenty (220) days gives per diem
- * Twelve-month contracts divided by two hundred and forty (240) days gives per diem

The resulting per diem rate shall be multiplied by the total days accumulated to a maximum of one hundred (100) days or eighty-five (85) days respectively. The amount shall be payable in equal payments in a minimum of three (3) years.

In order to be eligible for such sick leave reduction incentive, employees must have been actively employed in the school district during the immediate 12 months prior to retirement. Actively employed means entitled members must have performed their assigned job description duties the 12 months immediately prior to eligibility for this incentive.

SECTION II – CERTIFIED PROVISIONS

Applies to all Classroom Teachers, Special Teachers which includes Guidance Counselors and Guidance Coordinators, Media Specialists, Learning Disabilities Specialists, Social Workers, Psychologists, Behavioral Specialists, SAC/ASAP Counselors, Speech Language Specialists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Athletic Trainers

ARTICLE 29 - TEACHERS RIGHTS

- A. The Board recognizes the responsibility of a teacher to determine promotion and grades within the grading policy of the Toms River School District based upon his/her professional judgment or available criteria pertaining to any given subject area or activity for which he/she is responsible. In the event the administration makes a change, reasons for that change shall be discussed with the teacher if he/she is available. If the teacher is not available a written copy of the reasons for the grade change shall be provided to the teacher. The teacher shall be able to add “grade changes as per administrator” to permanent record of student.

ARTICLE 30 - SCHOOL CALENDAR

- A. The in-school work year of teachers employed on a ten (10) month basis shall be 183 days, three (3) days longer than the school year for pupils in accordance with Article 6. The three professional development days will be at the Board’s discretion.

- B. All professional personnel on a twelve (12) month contract with one (1) year service in the system shall be granted three (3) weeks’ vacation with pay, plus those holidays accrued to the professional staff.

In addition, they shall be granted four (4) weeks’ vacation with pay after ten (10) years of service in the district.

- C. The in-school work year of Child Study Team and Guidance Coordinators members employed on an eleven (11) month basis shall be five (5) days longer than the in-school work year for teachers, as defined in Section A. These five days shall be worked at the end of June or during the summer. This shall be mutually agreed upon by the Coordinator and Administrations.

If mutually agreed upon by the Child Study Team member and their Supervisor, and if all of their work is completed, the Supervisor shall release the Child Study Team member from any or all of the remaining five (5) days.

The Guidance Coordinator shall receive a \$2500.00 stipend annually.

- D. Guidance Coordinators and Child Study Team members employed on an eleven (11) month basis shall work an equivalent of twenty (20) work days. These days shall be worked between the last day of the school year and prior to the first day of the successive year. The scheduling of the additional days

shall be developed by the employee and his/her immediate supervisor in order to meet the needs of the District and the employee.

If a Guidance Coordinator or Child Study Team member works beyond the equivalent of twenty (20) days, then they shall be paid at the summer rate.

Summer rates for Guidance Counselors, Nurses, CIE/CAP, and Athletic Trainers:

2021-2022	\$41.00/hr.
2022-2023	\$46.00/hr.
2023-2024	Settlement rate of 3.8% (\$47.75/hr.)
2024-2025	Settlement rate of 3.3% (\$49.33/hr.)

Compensation for these individuals shall be added to the yearly salary.

ARTICLE 31 - TEACHING HOURS AND TEACHING LOAD

A. All Certified Staff

1. All staff shall indicate their presence for duty by initialing the appropriate column of the faculty "sign in" roster.
2. All staff shall report for duty fifteen (15) minutes before the opening of the pupils' school day, as defined by the district website for each school, and shall remain fifteen (15) minutes at the end of the school day. The fifteen (15) minutes end of day requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Superintendent. The time required to remain after the close of the school day shall be extended for meetings with parents, conferences with other professionals and aid assistance to students as required. On the day before a holiday, the teacher work day shall end for each teacher with the completion of his assigned responsibilities.
3. Staff may leave the building without requesting permission during their scheduled duty free lunch period after notifying the main office by phone, email, or sign-out.
4. Beginning no later than the 2023-2024 school year, all certificated, instructional staff shall have a daily, uninterrupted, duty-free lunch period that is a minimum of forty (40) minutes.
5. In those cases where regular substitutes are not available, a teacher may volunteer for class coverage during their non- teaching time. In the absence of volunteers, a teacher shall be assigned to serve as

a substitute. Volunteers and assigned teachers shall be paid according to Schedule A-5 "per teaching period" providing they teach. If the teacher conducts a study session in lieu of teaching, he shall be paid according to Schedule A-5 "per study hall period."

If, in lieu of a substitute teacher being available, classes or portions of classes are combined for instructional purposes, then the classroom teacher shall be compensated at the current daily substitute rate. If the coverage is for less than a full day, then the teacher shall be compensated at the current class coverage rate for each period covered.

6. The Board will grant extra pay as set forth in the Toms River Schools Extra Curricular Guide to those teachers who are selected by the Superintendent of Schools and who agree to perform the enlisted assignment beyond the normal school day.

B. Faculty Meetings

1. Normally, faculty meetings of a period of forty-five (45) minutes shall occur no more than once each month except in cases of emergency. Such meetings shall begin no later than fifteen (15) minutes after pupil dismissal. Schools assigned to tiers three and four may hold faculty meetings before school. Such meetings may not start more than forty-five (45) minutes before the opening of school.
2. In a month where district professional development training shall extend beyond the end of a school day, no other faculty meetings shall be scheduled for that month. Professional development training shall not extend more than forty-five (45) minutes beyond the end of the contractual work day.
3. An Association representative may speak to the teachers at any faculty meeting at the conclusion of the meeting.
4. The notice of an agenda for any meeting shall be given to the teachers involved at least three (3) days prior to the meeting except in an emergency. Teachers shall have the opportunity to suggest items for the agenda.

C. Pre-K Classroom Teachers

1. Pre-K teachers shall have an uninterrupted duty free lunch period of not less than thirty (30) minutes.

2. Pre-K teachers shall have daily uninterrupted preparation time of not less than forty (40) minutes.
3. Pre-K teachers shall not be assigned to cafeteria duty or playground duty. Playground and cafeteria duty shall be performed by aides. In the event that the Board seeks teachers to supervise playground and cafeteria duty, such duty shall be provided by volunteers at the "in-school substitution rate per teaching period." In the event that an insufficient number of volunteers are available, the Superintendent or his designee shall have the authority to assign teachers to such duty.

D. Elementary School Classroom Teachers (K-5)

1. K-5 elementary teachers shall have an uninterrupted duty free lunch period of not less than thirty-five (35) minutes.
2. Daily uninterrupted, duty free preparation time shall be forty (40) minutes per day. All elementary teachers in grades K-5 shall be given a preparation period each day. In no event shall any elementary teacher be deprived of more than a total of four (4) preparation periods in one school year. In the event that more than four (4) preparation periods are lost, teachers shall submit a voucher at the current class coverage rate.
3. K-5 teachers shall not be assigned to cafeteria duty or playground duty. Playground and cafeteria duty shall be performed by aides. In the event that the Board seeks teachers to supervise playground and cafeteria duty, such duty shall be provided by volunteers at the "in-school substitution rate per teaching period". In the event that an insufficient number of volunteers are available, the Superintendent or his designee shall have the authority to assign teachers to such duty.
4. Elementary teachers shall not be required to be present when specialist teachers, such as teachers of art, physical education, music, librarians, etc. are working with their pupils. This time is to be considered preparation time by the teacher so relieved.

E. Intermediate School Classroom Teachers (6-8)

1. The Intermediate School day shall be no more than six (6) hours and fifty (50) minutes, inclusive of fifteen (15) minutes before and fifteen (15) minutes after the normally scheduled pupil school day. The teaching load shall be no more than six (6) hours of pupil

contact per day. Each teacher shall be guaranteed a daily thirty (30) minute uninterrupted, duty free lunch period.

2. Each teacher shall be guaranteed a minimum of a forty (40) minute daily uninterrupted, duty free preparation period.
3. In no event shall any teacher be deprived of more than a total of four (4) preparation periods in one school year. In the event that more than four (4) preparation periods are lost, teachers shall submit a voucher at the current class coverage rate.

F. High School Classroom Teachers (9-12)

1. The High School shall be no more than six (6) hours and fifty (50) minutes, inclusive of fifteen (15) minutes before and fifteen (15) minutes after the normally scheduled pupil school day. The daily teaching load in the senior high schools shall be five (5) teaching periods, a study hall or its equivalent, a preparation period, and a duty-free lunch period and shall not exceed five (5) hours of pupil contact per day.
2. If block scheduling is implemented, there can be no more than three (3) instructional blocks assigned per semester.
3. Senior high school teachers shall not be required to teach more than two (2) subject areas nor more than a total of two (2) teaching preparations at one time. Teachers may volunteer to teach additional subject areas and/or teaching preparations.
4. In no event shall any teacher be deprived of more than a total of four (4) preparation periods in one school year. In the event that more than four (4) preparation periods are lost, teachers shall submit a voucher at the current class coverage rate.

G. Student Assistance Coordinator ("SAC"). For the purposes of this section, an SAC may also be referred to as an ASAP ("Association of Student Assistant Professionals").

1. The work day shall be the same for ASAP as the high school times which includes a forty-two (42) minute lunch period.
2. Time worked beyond the regular work day may be compensated for with flexible time. Time worked beyond thirty- four (34) hours shall be compensated for on an hour for hour basis. After forty (40) hours, it will be an hour and a half for an hour.

3. If an ASAP staff member must attend an evening school function, the flexible time-can be prearranged with the district coordinator. However, since all teachers in the district must attend one back-to-school night, then the first evening function should count as this obligation and no flexible time will be honored.
 4. Flexible time must be taken within thirty (30) days of accrual.
 5. Any flexible time taken longer than two (2) hours will be arranged with three (3) days prior notice to the district.
 6. Professional Days that exceed the regular work day are not eligible for consideration for flexible time.
- H. The day of Guidance Coordinators, Guidance Counselors, Nurses, Child Study Team members, Media Specialist and Attendance Officers shall be equal in time to the teaching day with the starting times and ending times established for the specific needs of the school in which they are assigned. They shall be compensated at the class coverage rate for any work performed at any school other than his/her assigned school which is performed outside the normal work day or his/her assigned school.
- I. Guidance Coordinators, Guidance Counselors, Nurses, Child Study Team members, Media Specialists and Attendance Officers shall be guaranteed a minimum of a sixty (60) minute daily, uninterrupted, duty-free lunch. They shall not be assigned a prep period. They shall not be assigned a duty.
- J. Traveling Teachers. The end of the work day for teachers who teach in more than one (1) school shall be the closing time of the school that began their day.
- K. HIB Officer. When the HIB officer, who is a member of the bargaining unit, has a conflict with the offender, the district will assign an alternate HIB officer who is not a guidance counselor.
- L. Athletic Trainers. Athletic Trainers hired with an effective date of July 1, 2012 and later will work the same number of days as teaching staff members (183) per contract, but their working schedule will include said number of working days from August 15 through June 15 each school year. For time beyond 183 days, the trainer will be paid at the rate for additional work established for all certified staff.

ARTICLE 32 - NON-TEACHING DUTIES

- A. The Board will strive to minimize the non-academic duties of a teacher. In so doing, priority shall be given K-5, elementary.
- B. In assigning any duties outside the regular school day, the Board must first seek volunteers from within the District. If there are no volunteers, the Board must then seek personnel outside the District. Failing that, then the Board shall have the right to assign the duty.
- C. Preference in filling extra-curricular or coaching positions will be given to qualified TREA members. The Board will consider non-TREA applicants when there is no qualified TREA member applicant, as determined by the Administration for a vacant position. The only exception shall be the current retirees in coaching positions.
 - 1. All coaching vacancies that occur during the year shall be posted in the same manner as all other vacancies, except in emergency situations.
 - 2. Whenever possible, coaches shall be notified of their contract and salary status for the ensuing year no later than 60 days prior to the start of the season for all sports.
 - 3. Whenever possible, head coaches shall not be assigned to after school duties or activities during their coaching seasons.
 - 4. Each contract shall include the position and salary. Coaches' salaries shall be paid on the pay date closest to November 30th for the fall season, February 28th for the winter season, and May 31st for the spring season.

ARTICLE 33 - EMPLOYMENT

- A. A teacher with previous teaching experience in Toms River Regional School District shall upon returning to the system receive full credit on the salary schedule and be granted previously accumulated unused sick leave, for military experience or alternative civilian service required by the Selected Service System, Peace Corps, VISTA, or National Teacher Training Corps work and time spent on a Fulbright Scholarship.

ARTICLE 34 - TEACHER ASSIGNMENT

- A. Placement and assignment are made with the primary concern for the needs of students within the framework of experience, background, competency, certification, and interest of the teacher.
- B. Insofar as possible, all teachers shall be given written notice of their class, subject and building assignment for the forthcoming year as near as June 1st as possible, but not later than August 1st.
- C. In the event of an emergency, the teachers' work schedule may be changed after August 1st with notification to the teachers and the TREA President. Teachers affected will be afforded a conference by the principal or supervisor to explain the reasons for the change in the schedule not later than the first full week of school.
- D. The parties recognize that change in grade assignment in the elementary schools, changes in subject assignments in the high schools and transfer between schools may be necessary. Such transfer and change of assignment shall be on voluntary basis whenever possible. No transfer or change in assignment shall be made without a principal, assistant principal, superintendent, or assistant superintendent holding a prior conference with the teacher.
- E. Schedules of teachers who are assigned to more than one school shall be arranged so that no such teacher shall be required to engage in an unreasonable amount of inter-school travel. Such teachers shall be notified of any changes in their schedule as soon as practicable. Teachers who may be required by the Board to use their own automobile in the performance of their duties, and teachers who are assigned to more than one (1) school per day, shall be reimbursed for all such travel at the current OMB (Office of Management and Business) rate. Mileage payment shall apply only from school locations.
- F. Travel time. Traveling teachers shall be assigned a full duty period during which they shall use travel time with no other assignment. Each incident of travel time requires one such full-duty period.
- G. No later than January 15th of each school year, the Superintendent shall deliver to the Association and post on the school website and in all school buildings a list of known vacancies which shall occur during the following school year.
- H. Supervision of student teacher by a teacher shall be voluntary.

- I. Prior to the assignment of student teachers, the Superintendent or his designee shall provide each prospective cooperating teacher with a resume when available.
- J. High school athletic events and practices are to be covered by athletic trainers on a priority basis, with priority given to on campus (home) varsity events and practices. All varsity football games will be covered regardless of site location. A minimum notice of 24 hours is to be given to the athletic trainer for athletic event schedule changes, with the exception of changes that occur due to inclement weather whenever possible.
- K. Sixth period class. A sixth period teaching assignment shall be offered to available staff that period based on seniority. It shall not be assigned. The compensation shall be one-eighth (1/8) of the teacher's pro-rated salary. It shall replace the teacher's duty where possible.
- L. Teachers of Dual Enrollment Classes, with students enrolled in the Dual Enrollment program, shall have no assigned duties.

ARTICLE 35 - TEACHER EVALUATION

- A. Tenure and non-tenure teachers will be evaluated consistent with Board Policy.

ARTICLE 36 - TEACHER FACILITIES

- A. Each school shall have the following facilities:
 - 1. Space in each classroom in which teachers may store instructional materials and supplies.
 - 2. The present facilities for a teacher work area contain adequate equipment and supplies to aid in the preparation of instructional materials, and it is the intent of the Board to continue this practice in all new buildings. Air conditioning will be provided in existing members' lounges.
 - 3. A serviceable filing facility for the exclusive use of each teacher.
 - 4. A standard system enabling teachers to communicate with the main building office shall be devised for all buildings where no intercommunication system exists. The Board affirms its intention to install an inter-communication system in all new buildings.

5. Copies, exclusively for each teacher's use, of all texts used in each of the courses he is to teach.
6. Adequate chalkboard or whiteboard space in every classroom.
7. A Webster's Collegiate or unabridged dictionary in every classroom.
8. Adequate books, quality paper, pencils, pens, chalk, erasers, and other such materials required in daily teaching responsibility.
9. Office space for each Child Study Team member which is adequate for testing and meetings. Each office shall include a telephone, computer, desk/table, and space to store materials and supplies.

ARTICLE 37 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

- A. The Board shall provide payment or reimbursement of graduate credits, subject to the following regulations:
 1. The teacher must be fully certified and obtain tenure in any district.
 2. Such courses must be taken in an approved college and at the graduate level. To be eligible for reimbursement, applications must be submitted to the Superintendent prior to college enrollment. Courses will be reviewed and reimbursement made upon approval of the courses by the Board in concert with the Superintendent.
 3. Graduate course work that is successfully completed (grade C or better) will be reimbursed by the school district up to a maximum reimbursement of two hundred and forty dollars (\$240.00) per college credit. No more than nine (9) credits will be financed at the above rate in any twelve (12) month period which runs from September to September, for any one teacher.
 4. Reimbursement will not be made until after completion of the course or courses and after an official transcript has been forwarded to the Superintendent's Office.
 5. No reimbursement shall be made for credits for which a grant covering such cost is received by the teacher, nor shall such payment be made to a teacher on sabbatical leave.

- B. Athletic Trainers will receive four hundred sixteen dollars (\$416.00) for each year of the contract. Individual maximum to be one thousand three hundred ninety four dollars (\$1,394.00) and credits needed for re-certification not to be used towards CEUs.
- C. Speech-language Specialists will be fully compensated annually for American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) certificate of renewal. They will be fully compensated bi-yearly for renewal of their New Jersey State license. They will be fully compensated for the cost of conferences necessary to maintain a Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) and New Jersey State license. Credits obtained as a result of this section shall not be used toward CEUs.

ARTICLE 38 - MAINTENANCE OF CLASSROOM CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE

- A. The Board recognizes its responsibility to give administrative support and backing to its teachers, although each teacher bears the primary responsibility for maintaining control and discipline in the classroom. The teachers recognize that all disciplinary actions and methods invoked by them shall be reasonable and just and in accordance with established Board policy. It shall be the responsibility of the teacher to report to his principal in writing on forms provided the name of any student who, in the opinion of the teacher, needs particular assistance from skilled personnel. The teacher shall be advised by the principal of the disposition of the teacher's report that a particular student needs such assistance.
- B. When, in the judgment of a teacher, a student is, by his/her behavior, seriously disrupting the instructional program to the detriment of other students, the teacher may exclude the student from the classroom and refer him/her to the administration. No student shall be readmitted without administrative notification to the teacher regarding disposition.
- C. If a TREA staff member in a school is concerned with the manner in which a behavioral problem is being administered within that school, the matter will be discussed between the Association representative and the principal. If the matter is not satisfactorily resolved at that level, the Association representative may have the matter placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting between the Association and the Superintendent.

ARTICLE 39 - SABBATICAL LEAVE

- A. A joint committee consisting of four (4) teachers and four (4) members from the Board and/or Administrative and Supervisory Council shall be established to review all sabbatical leave requests.

Said committee shall be convened by the Superintendent no later than September 15th of each school year and shall be responsible for establishing rules, regulations, and forms, with necessary administrative support to be furnished by the office of the Superintendent.

1. No more than ten (10) members of the total professional staff may be on sabbatical leave during any one school year.
2. No one shall be eligible for sabbatical leave unless he shall have been employed by the Toms River School District for a minimum of seven (7) years.

No one shall be eligible for a repeated sabbatical leave without an intervening seven (7) years of continuous employment by the Toms River School District.

3. Sabbatical leave may be granted for purposes of study, research, or writing. In all cases there must be demonstrable and immediate benefit to the educational program of the district.

The committee shall make final and binding recommendations in regard to the granting of sabbatical leaves.

4. Sabbatical leave shall be granted for one (1) school year and the recipient shall receive half pay ($\frac{1}{2}$) for one (1) school year sabbatical. All other fringe benefits to be continued during the period of the employee's sabbatical leave.
5. Upon return from sabbatical leave, a teacher shall be placed on the salary schedule of the level which he would have achieved had he remained as a teacher in the system during the period of his absence.
6. Upon return from sabbatical leave, the teacher will be returned to his grade level or subject areas as a regular classroom teacher if a vacancy exists. The Board reserves the right to utilize such a teacher in any capacity covered by the teacher's certification if the Board deems it necessary.

7. Regular deductions for the state retirement fund and other normal deductions shall be made from the salary of any person on leave. The Board will match retirement funds, as required by law.
8. The granting of a sabbatical leave shall be contingent upon a commitment to return to the District and serve a minimum of two (2) years beginning with the first school year following completion of sabbatical leave.
9. All sabbatical leave recipients must sign a promissory note to ensure their return to the District upon completion of the sabbatical leave.

ARTICLE 40 - ACADEMIC FREEDOM

- A. The Board and the Association agree that academic freedom is essential to the fulfillment of the purposes of the school system, and they acknowledge the fundamental need to protect teachers from any censorship or restraint which might interfere with their obligation to pursue the truth in the performance of their classroom functions. Accordingly, the Board and the Association agree that:
 1. The nature of American democracy requires that citizens be able to listen to all sides of a controversial issue, sort out the facts and arrive at independent conclusions. Students in school, therefore, have a right to be exposed to issues which are within their intellectual grasp and are under current debate in our society.
 2. The rights of students impose certain obligations upon the Board, the teachers, the administration, and the community.
 3. The Board will attempt through its policies to employ capable teachers, supply them with the necessary teaching materials and maintain an atmosphere of academic freedom in the schools.
 4. Teachers as individuals through their councils, committees, departments, and faculties, will be responsible for determining when and how to deal with controversial issues according to the maturity and needs of students and the policies of the Board of Education.
 5. The community has a right to expect that controversial issues will be presented in a fair and unbiased manner and to communicate through proper channels to the Board if convinced they are not.

6. Teachers shall consult with the administration the appropriateness of discussing any planned controversial issues with children.

ARTICLE 41 - MATERIALS SELECTION POLICY

- A. Teachers, librarians, supervisors, and administrators shall select, for recommendation to the Board, educational materials which are carefully balanced to include various points of view on any controversial subject.
- B. In the event of criticisms of materials that are in the school, or their utilization, the following will be the procedure:
 1. The teacher, media specialist, or administrator will listen to the complaint but make no comment on the materials. He will request the complainant to complete a Citizens' Request for Reconsideration of Materials that are used in the School form stating his objections to the material.
 2. The materials in question are reviewed by a Materials Committee. This committee is to be made up of two (2) teachers, two (2) media specialists, (including the media specialist from the concerned school) and two (2) administrators (including the principal of the concerned school), appointed by the Superintendent.
 3. The committee reads (views or listens to) the material in question as well as reads the reviews of the materials wherever possible. General acceptance of the materials shall be reviewed by consulting authoritative lists, professional journals, and the holdings of similar schools. Passages (or section) of any material shall not be pulled out of context, but values and faults shall be weighed against each other and opinions based on the material as a whole. The decision at this point shall rest with the committee. It is the intent that the committee issues a report as soon as possible.
 4. The complainant is sent a copy of the report.
 5. If it becomes necessary for the Board to review the action of the Materials Committee, the final decision shall rest with the Board.
- C. For each of the years of the contract, there will be an allowance of twenty (\$20.00) dollars, per teacher, added to their base salary in September each year for the purchase of materials pertaining to their work.

ARTICLE 42 - FAIR DISMISSAL

- A. The Board will continue its policy of offering a hearing before the Board, if so requested, for a non-tenure teacher in the event of discharge or demotion in the employment status of the teacher.

SECTION III - NON-CERTIFIED PROVISIONS

Applies to secretaries, special education
paraprofessionals, alternate school aide, attendance
officers - as appropriate

ARTICLE 43 - SCHOOL CALENDAR

- A. Secretaries employed on ten (10) month basis shall have a work year from September 1 to two (2) days beyond the working year for teachers, less all holidays accruing to the professional staff.
- B. Secretaries employed on a twelve (12) month basis shall have a work year from July 1 to June 30, less all holidays accruing to the professional staff. After one (1) year of service they shall be granted two (2) weeks' vacation with pay. After six (6) years they shall be granted three (3) weeks' vacation with pay.

In addition, they shall be granted four (4) weeks' vacation with pay after fourteen (14) years of service in the district.
- C. For twelve (12) month secretaries, summer starting times will begin on the Monday of the first full week after the last day of the academic calendar and will continue until the Monday of the full week prior to the week that school begins in September.

ARTICLE 44 - EMPLOYMENT

- A. Any employee transferring to a different job category of non-certificated employment with the district shall:
 - 1. Not have his/her sick leave accrual interrupted and shall have the right to utilize all sick leave accrued for reimbursement upon retirement as contained in Article 13.
 - 2. Not have their seniority interrupted for purposes of vacation time.
 - 3. Maintain their seniority for purposes of reduction in force in any position from which the employee transferred.
 - 4. On Board transfers, an employee shall be placed on the step with the next higher salary than the salary the employee would have received for that year.
 - 5. In cases where the transfer was a result of an employee request to lower paying position, the employee shall be paid at the lower rate of their step.

- B. Paraprofessionals who need to tend to the intimate needs of their students may request assistance from another paraprofessional.

ARTICLE 45 - EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

- A. Upon receipt of certification from either the Professional Development Program (State level) or in the Professional Standards Program (National level), all secretaries will receive a raise of \$1,393.23 which will be added to the employee's base salary.

If enrolled in the Professional Development Program (State level), and upon earning of the first nine (9) credits, they shall receive one third of the appropriate amount; on the earning of thirty (30) credits an additional stipend of one third of the appropriate amount; upon the completion of sixty-four (64) credits, the final balance of the appropriate amount shall be received.

If enrolled in the Professional Standard Program (National level), and upon completion of the Basic Certificate level, they shall receive one third of the appropriate amount; on completion of the Associate Professional Certificate level, they shall receive an additional adjustment of one third of the appropriate amount; upon completion of the Associate Degree, the final balance of the appropriate amount shall be received.

In order to qualify for stipend, the employee must receive approval from the Board prior to enrollment in either program. Secretaries, who have begun work in this program prior to the adoption of this contract, may apply for this approval retroactively.

- B. Non-certificated staff that holds a Bachelors' degree shall receive a \$500.00 raise to their base salary. Non-certificated staff that holds a Master's degree shall receive a \$1000.00 raise to their base salary.

ARTICLE 46 - SENIORITY

- A. This Article applies to four categories of employees of this unit:

- 1. Secretaries
- 2. Attendance Officers
- 3. Special Education Paraprofessionals
- 4. Alternate School Aide

A seniority list shall be updated yearly for each of the above categories.

A seniority list shall be based on the employees' first day of employment and shall be calculated by months or any part thereof.

In the event of the necessity of staff reduction, lay-off shall start at the bottom of the seniority list. The last employee laid off will be the first to be rehired.

The lay-off pool shall continue for a period of twenty-four (24) months after lay-off.

Any personnel covered by this Article shall be given thirty (30) days' notice before any lay-off occurs.

ARTICLE 47 - DURATION OF AGREEMENT

- A. This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2021 and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2025 subject to the Association's right to negotiate over a successor Agreement as provided in Article 2. This Agreement shall not be extended orally and it is expressly understood that it shall expire on the date indicated.
- B. In witness whereof the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective presidents, attested by their respective secretaries, and their corporate seals to be placed hereon, all on the day and year first above written.
- C. Toms River Education Association and the Toms River Board of Education have agreed to implement the policy of distributing post-retirement contributions into 403(b) contracts established through representatives of 403(b) contributors to companies approved by the Toms River Board of Education. Each individual will be eligible if 55 years of age, at the time of retirement, or older and with \$2,000.00 or more, as defined in the policy, provided that such contributions shall not exceed the limits of Section 415(1) of the Code and shall not continue beyond the five (5) year period authorized under Section 403(b)(3) of the code.

ARTICLE 48 – TIER II PARAPROFESSIONALS

- A. A Tier II (2) Paraprofessional shall be defined as any Paraprofessional working 28.75 hours per week.
- B. Tier II (2) Paraprofessionals shall not be eligible for medical benefits. (#3)
- C. Tier II (2) Paraprofessionals shall not be eligible for personal days.

- D. A seniority list of Tier II (2) Paraprofessionals will be based on the employees first day of employment and shall be calculated by months or any part thereof. In the event of the necessity of staff reduction, lay-off shall start at the bottom of the seniority list. The last employee laid off will be the first rehired. The lay-off pool shall continue for a period of twenty-four (24) months after lay-off. Any personnel covered by this Article shall be given thirty (30) days' notice before any lay-off occurs.
- E. The members of this unit shall maintain or be enrolled in the NJ Pension system.
- F. Members of the Tier II Unit shall have the ability to apply for a full-time Paraprofessional position. Internal posting and interviews shall occur first with due weight given to their skills and work.
- G. Any personnel covered by this Article shall be given thirty (30) days' notice before any lay-off occurs.

ASSOCIATION,



 Scott Campbell, President

10/6/21

 Date

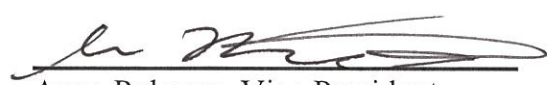


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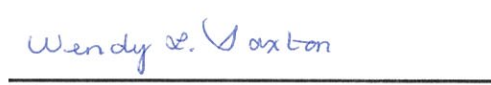
BOARD OF EDUCATION,



 Anna Polozzo, Vice President

10/13/2021

 Date



 Wendy Saxton, Secretary

10/12/21

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SECTION IV - SALARY SCHEDULES

Teachers Salary Guide Bachelor's Degree 2021-2025

Step	2020/21 BA Base	Step	2021/22 BA Base	Step	2022/23 BA Base	Step	2023/24 BA Base	Step	2024/25 BA Base
						1	\$56,225	1	\$57,030
				1	\$55,535	2	\$56,725	2	\$57,530
		1	\$55,005	2	\$56,035	3	\$57,225	3	\$58,030
1	\$54,450	2	\$55,505	3	\$56,535	4	\$57,725	4	\$58,530
2	\$54,950	3	\$56,005	4	\$57,035	5	\$58,225	5	\$59,030
3	\$55,450	4	\$56,505	5	\$57,535	6	\$58,725	6	\$59,530
4	\$55,950	5	\$57,005	6	\$58,035	7	\$59,825	7	\$60,630
5	\$56,450	6	\$57,505	7	\$59,135	8	\$61,125	8	\$61,830
6	\$56,950	7	\$58,705	8	\$60,435	9	\$62,525	9	\$63,130
7	\$58,350	8	\$60,070	9	\$61,835	10	\$63,925	10	\$64,520
8	\$59,750	9	\$61,470	10	\$63,235	11	\$65,325	11	\$65,920
9	\$61,150	10	\$62,870	11	\$64,635	12	\$66,925	12	\$67,420
10	\$62,550	11	\$64,270	12	\$66,135	13	\$68,525	13	\$69,020
11	\$63,950	12	\$65,695	13	\$67,635	14	\$70,225	14	\$70,720
12	\$65,350	13	\$67,195	14	\$69,345	15	\$72,320	15	\$72,820
13	\$66,795	14	\$68,895	15	\$71,345	16	\$75,020	16	\$75,520
14	\$68,495	15	\$70,895	16	\$74,095	17	\$77,920	17	\$78,420
15	\$70,495	16	\$73,795	17	\$77,095	18	\$80,920	18	\$81,420
16	\$73,395	17	\$76,795	18	\$80,095	19	\$84,020	19	\$84,620
17	\$76,395	18	\$79,695	19	\$83,095	20	\$87,320	20	\$87,920
18	\$79,095	19	\$82,595	20	\$86,395	21	\$91,220	21	\$91,820
19	\$81,995	20	\$85,895	21	\$90,295	22	\$95,120	22	\$95,720
20	\$85,195	21	\$89,795	22	\$94,295				
21	\$89,145	22	\$93,795						
22	\$93,295								

Note: No member will move to off-guide status and Step 22 shall be the top guide step.

- Plus: \$200 service increment at the end of 5 years
- \$300 service increment at the end of 15 years
- \$400 service increment at the end of 20 years
- \$1000 service increment at the end of 25 years and being on the top step for 2 years*
- \$750 service increment at the end of 30 years
- \$750 service increment at the end of 35 years
- Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, the 30-year service increment shall increase to \$1000
- Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, the 35-year service increment shall increase to \$1000

* Excluding anyone who received a "longevity" amount in the 2010-2013 contract Service increment means service in Toms River Schools

Note: Registered Nurses are paid on the Bachelors Guide -\$5,000

*Teachers Salary Guide
Bachelor's Degree +30
2021-2025*

Step	2020/21 BA+30 Base	Step	2021/22 BA+30 Base	Step	2022/23 BA+30 Base	Step	2023/24 BA+30 Base	Step	2024/25 BA+30 Base	
								1	\$58,730	
							1	\$57,925	2	\$59,230
				1	\$57,135	2	\$58,425	3	\$59,730	
		1	\$56,605	2	\$57,635	3	\$58,925	4	\$60,230	
1	\$55,950	2	\$57,105	3	\$58,135	4	\$59,425	5	\$60,730	
2	\$56,450	3	\$57,605	4	\$58,635	5	\$59,925	6	\$61,230	
3	\$56,950	4	\$58,105	5	\$59,135	6	\$60,425	7	\$62,330	
4	\$57,450	5	\$58,605	6	\$59,635	7	\$61,525	8	\$63,530	
5	\$57,950	6	\$59,105	7	\$60,735	8	\$62,825	9	\$64,830	
6	\$58,450	7	\$60,305	8	\$62,035	9	\$64,225	10	\$66,220	
7	\$59,850	8	\$61,670	9	\$63,435	10	\$65,625	11	\$67,620	
8	\$61,250	9	\$63,070	10	\$64,835	11	\$67,025	12	\$69,120	
9	\$62,650	10	\$64,470	11	\$66,235	12	\$68,625	13	\$70,720	
10	\$64,050	11	\$65,870	12	\$67,735	13	\$70,225	14	\$72,420	
11	\$65,450	12	\$67,295	13	\$69,235	14	\$71,925	15	\$74,520	
12	\$66,850	13	\$68,795	14	\$70,945	15	\$74,020	16	\$77,220	
13	\$68,295	14	\$70,495	15	\$72,945	16	\$76,720	17	\$80,120	
14	\$69,995	15	\$72,495	16	\$75,695	17	\$79,620	18	\$83,120	
15	\$71,995	16	\$75,395	17	\$78,695	18	\$82,620	19	\$86,320	
16	\$74,895	17	\$78,395	18	\$81,695	19	\$85,720	20	\$89,620	
17	\$77,895	18	\$81,295	19	\$84,695	20	\$89,020	21	\$93,520	
18	\$80,595	19	\$84,195	20	\$87,995	21	\$92,920	22	\$97,420	
19	\$83,495	20	\$87,495	21	\$91,895	22	\$96,820			
20	\$86,695	21	\$91,395	22	\$95,895					
21	\$90,645	22	\$95,395							
22	\$94,795									

Note: No member will move to off-guide status and Step 22 shall be the top guide step.

- Plus:
- \$200 service increment at the end of 5 years
 - \$300 service increment at the end of 15 years
 - \$400 service increment at the end of 20 years
 - \$1000 service increment at the end of 25 years and being on the top step for 2 years*
 - \$750 service increment at the end of 30 years
 - \$750 service increment at the end of 35 years
 - Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, the 30-year service increment shall increase to \$1000
 - Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, the 35-year service increment shall increase to \$1000

* Excluding anyone who received a "longevity" amount in the 2010-2013 contract Service increment means service in Toms River Schools

*Teachers Salary Guide
Master's Degree
2021-2025*

Step	2020/21 MA Base	Step	2021/22 MA Base	Step	2022/23 MA Base	Step	2023/24 MA Base	Step	2024/25 MA Base
								1	\$60,230
						1	\$59,425	2	\$60,730
				1	\$58,635	2	\$59,925	3	\$61,230
		1	\$58,105	2	\$59,135	3	\$60,425	4	\$61,730
1	\$57,450	2	\$58,605	3	\$59,635	4	\$60,925	5	\$62,230
2	\$57,950	3	\$59,105	4	\$60,135	5	\$61,425	6	\$62,730
3	\$58,450	4	\$59,605	5	\$60,635	6	\$61,925	7	\$63,830
4	\$58,950	5	\$60,105	6	\$61,135	7	\$63,025	8	\$65,030
5	\$59,450	6	\$60,605	7	\$62,235	8	\$64,325	9	\$66,330
6	\$59,950	7	\$61,805	8	\$63,535	9	\$65,725	10	\$67,720
7	\$61,350	8	\$63,170	9	\$64,935	10	\$67,125	11	\$69,120
8	\$62,750	9	\$64,570	10	\$66,335	11	\$68,525	12	\$70,620
9	\$64,150	10	\$65,970	11	\$67,735	12	\$70,125	13	\$72,220
10	\$65,550	11	\$67,370	12	\$69,235	13	\$71,725	14	\$73,920
11	\$66,950	12	\$68,795	13	\$70,735	14	\$73,425	15	\$76,020
12	\$68,350	13	\$70,295	14	\$72,445	15	\$75,520	16	\$78,720
13	\$69,795	14	\$71,995	15	\$74,445	16	\$78,220	17	\$81,620
14	\$71,495	15	\$73,995	16	\$77,195	17	\$81,120	18	\$84,620
15	\$73,495	16	\$76,895	17	\$80,195	18	\$84,120	19	\$87,820
16	\$76,395	17	\$79,895	18	\$83,195	19	\$87,220	20	\$91,120
17	\$79,395	18	\$82,795	19	\$86,195	20	\$90,520	21	\$95,020
18	\$82,095	19	\$85,695	20	\$89,495	21	\$94,420	22	\$98,920
19	\$84,995	20	\$88,995	21	\$93,395	22	\$98,320		
20	\$88,195	21	\$92,895	22	\$97,395				
21	\$92,145	22	\$96,895						
22	\$96,295								

Note: No member will move to off-guide status and Step 22 shall be the top guide step.

Step	2020/21	Step	2021/22	Step	2022/23	Step	2023/24	Step	2024/25
off	\$43,850	off	\$44,450	off	\$44,950	off	\$45,875	off	\$46,475
off	\$104,245	off	\$104,845	off	\$105,345	off	\$106,270	off	\$106,870

- Plus: \$200 service increment at the end of 5 years
 \$300 service increment at the end of 15 years
 \$400 service increment at the end of 20 years
 \$1000 service increment at the end of 25 years and being on the top step for 2 years*
 \$750 service increment at the end of 30 years
 \$750 service increment at the end of 35 years
 Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, the 30-year service increment shall increase to \$1000
 Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, the 35-year service increment shall increase to \$1000

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*Teachers Salary Guide
Master's Degree +30
2021-2025*

Step	2020/21 MA+30 Base	Step	2021/22 MA+30 Base	Step	2022/23 MA+30 Base	Step	2023/24 MA+30 Base	Step	2024/25 MA+30 Base
						1	\$60,425	1	\$61,230
				1	\$59,635	2	\$60,925	2	\$61,730
		1	\$59,105	2	\$60,135	3	\$61,425	4	\$62,730
1	\$58,450	2	\$59,605	3	\$60,635	4	\$61,925	5	\$63,230
2	\$58,950	3	\$60,105	4	\$61,135	5	\$62,425	6	\$63,730
3	\$59,450	4	\$60,605	5	\$61,635	6	\$62,925	7	\$64,830
4	\$59,950	5	\$61,105	6	\$62,135	7	\$64,025	8	\$66,030
5	\$60,450	6	\$61,605	7	\$63,235	8	\$65,325	9	\$67,330
6	\$60,950	7	\$62,805	8	\$64,535	9	\$66,725	10	\$68,720
7	\$62,350	8	\$64,170	9	\$65,935	10	\$68,125	11	\$70,120
8	\$63,750	9	\$65,570	10	\$67,335	11	\$69,525	12	\$71,620
9	\$65,150	10	\$66,970	11	\$68,735	12	\$71,125	13	\$73,220
10	\$66,550	11	\$68,370	12	\$70,235	13	\$72,725	14	\$74,920
11	\$67,950	12	\$69,795	13	\$71,735	14	\$74,425	15	\$77,020
12	\$69,350	13	\$71,295	14	\$73,445	15	\$76,520	16	\$79,720
13	\$70,795	14	\$72,995	15	\$75,445	16	\$79,220	17	\$82,620
14	\$72,495	15	\$74,995	16	\$78,195	17	\$82,120	18	\$85,620
15	\$74,495	16	\$77,895	17	\$81,195	18	\$85,120	19	\$88,820
16	\$77,395	17	\$80,895	18	\$84,195	19	\$88,220	20	\$92,120
17	\$80,395	18	\$83,795	19	\$87,195	20	\$91,520	21	\$96,020
18	\$83,095	19	\$86,695	20	\$90,495	21	\$95,420	22	\$99,920
19	\$85,995	20	\$89,995	21	\$94,395	22	\$99,320		
20	\$89,195	21	\$93,895	22	\$98,395				
21	\$93,145	22	\$97,895						
22	\$97,295								

Note: No member will move to off-guide status and Step 22 shall be the top guide step.

Step	2020/21	Step	2021/22	Step	2022/23	Step	2023/24	Step	2024/25
off	\$105,045	off	\$105,645	off	\$106,145	off	\$107,070	off	\$107,670

- Plus: \$200 service increment at the end of 5 years
- \$300 service increment at the end of 15 years
- \$400 service increment at the end of 20 years
- \$1000 service increment at the end of 25 years and being on the top step for 2 years*
- \$750 service increment at the end of 30 years
- \$750 service increment at the end of 35 years
- Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, the 30-year service increment shall increase to \$1000
- Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, the 35-year service increment shall increase to \$1000

* Excluding anyone who received a "longevity" amount in the 2010-2013 contract Service increment means service in Toms River Schools.

*Teachers Salary Guide
Doctorate Degree
2021-2025*

Step	2020/21 DR Base	Step	2021/22 DR Base	Step	2022/23 DR Base	Step	2023/24 DR Base	Step	2024/25 DR Base
						1	\$61,425	2	\$62,230
				1	\$60,635	2	\$61,925	3	\$63,230
		1	\$60,105	2	\$61,135	3	\$62,425	4	\$63,730
1	\$59,450	2	\$60,605	3	\$61,635	4	\$62,925	5	\$64,230
2	\$59,950	3	\$61,105	4	\$62,135	5	\$63,425	6	\$64,730
3	\$60,450	4	\$61,605	5	\$62,635	6	\$63,925	7	\$65,830
4	\$60,950	5	\$62,105	6	\$63,135	7	\$66,025	8	\$67,030
5	\$61,450	6	\$62,605	7	\$64,235	8	\$66,325	9	\$68,330
6	\$61,950	7	\$63,805	8	\$65,535	9	\$67,725	10	\$69,720
7	\$63,350	8	\$65,170	9	\$66,935	10	\$69,125	11	\$71,120
8	\$64,750	9	\$66,570	10	\$68,335	11	\$70,525	12	\$72,620
9	\$66,150	10	\$67,970	11	\$69,735	12	\$72,125	13	\$74,220
10	\$67,550	11	\$69,370	12	\$71,235	13	\$73,725	14	\$75,920
11	\$68,950	12	\$70,795	13	\$72,735	14	\$75,425	15	\$78,020
12	\$70,350	13	\$72,295	14	\$74,445	15	\$77,520	16	\$80,720
13	\$71,795	14	\$73,995	15	\$76,445	16	\$80,220	17	\$83,620
14	\$73,495	15	\$75,995	16	\$79,195	17	\$83,120	18	\$86,620
15	\$75,495	16	\$78,895	17	\$82,195	18	\$85,120	19	\$89,820
16	\$78,395	17	\$81,895	18	\$85,195	19	\$89,220	20	\$93,120
17	\$81,395	18	\$84,795	19	\$88,195	20	\$92,520	21	\$97,020
18	\$84,095	19	\$87,695	20	\$91,495	21	\$96,420	22	\$100,920
19	\$86,995	20	\$90,995	21	\$95,395	22	\$100,320		
20	\$90,195	21	\$94,895	22	\$99,395				
21	\$94,145	22	\$98,895						
22	\$98,295								

Note: No member will move to off-guide status and Step 22 shall be the top guide step.

- Plus: \$200 service increment at the end of 5 years
 \$300 service increment at the end of 15 years
 \$400 service increment at the end of 20 years
 \$1000 service increment at the end of 25 years and being on the top step for 2 years*
 \$750 service increment at the end of 30 years
 \$750 service increment at the end of 35 years
 Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, the 30-year service increment shall increase to \$1000
 Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, the 35-year service increment shall increase to \$1000

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**10-Month Secretary Salary Guide
2021-2025**

Step	2020/21 Base	Step	2021/22 Base	Step	2022/23 Base	Step	2023/24 Base	Step	2024/25 Base
						1	\$26,323	1	\$27,258
				1	\$25,313	2	\$26,723	3	\$28,058
		1	\$25,163	2	\$25,713	3	\$27,123	4	\$28,558
1	\$24,993	3	\$25,963	4	\$26,613	5	\$27,623	5	\$29,358
2	\$25,393	4	\$26,463	5	\$27,613	6	\$29,423	7	\$31,358
3	\$25,793	5	\$27,463	6	\$28,613	7	\$30,523	8	\$32,458
4	\$26,293	6	\$28,463	7	\$29,713	8	\$31,723	9	\$33,958
5	\$27,393	7	\$29,563	8	\$30,913	9	\$33,223	10	\$35,783
6	\$28,393	8	\$30,763	9	\$32,413	10	\$35,093	11	\$37,933
7	\$29,393	9	\$32,263	10	\$34,313	11	\$37,293	12	\$40,333
8	\$30,443	10	\$34,163	11	\$36,513	12	\$39,693	13	\$42,808
9	\$31,943	11	\$36,283	12	\$38,913	13	\$42,183		
10	\$33,818	12	\$38,683	13	\$41,508				
11	\$35,918	13	\$41,183						
12	\$38,318								
13	\$40,818								

Note: No member will move to off-guide status and Step 13 shall be the top guide step.

Step	2020/21	Step	2021/22	Step	2022/23	Step	2023/24	Step	2024/25
off	\$45,810	off	\$46,175	off	\$46,500	off	\$47,175	off	\$47,800
off	\$47,810	off	\$48,175	off	\$48,500	off	\$49,175	off	\$49,800

Plus: \$150 service increment at the end of 5 years
 \$200 service increment at the end of 15 years
 \$400 service increment at the end of 20 years
 \$1000 service increment at the end of 25 years and being on the top step for 2 years*

* Excluding anyone who received a "longevity" amount in the 2010-2013 contract Service increment means service in Toms River Schools.

*12-Month Secretary Salary Guide
2021-2025*

Step	2020/21 Base	Step	2021/22 Base	Step	2022/23 Base	Step	2023/24 Base	Step	2024/25 Base
								1	\$32,233
						1	\$31,061	2	\$32,706
				1	\$29,616	2	\$31,533	3	\$33,179
		1	\$29,252	2	\$30,084	3	\$32,005	4	\$33,770
1	\$29,054	2	\$29,717	3	\$30,552	4	\$32,595	5	\$34,716
2	\$29,519	3	\$30,182	4	\$31,137	5	\$33,539	6	\$35,898
3	\$29,984	4	\$30,763	5	\$32,307	6	\$34,719	7	\$37,081
4	\$30,566	5	\$31,926	6	\$33,478	7	\$36,019	8	\$38,382
5	\$31,844	6	\$33,302	7	\$35,063	8	\$37,435	9	\$40,155
6	\$33,220	7	\$34,886	8	\$36,479	9	\$39,203	10	\$42,313
7	\$34,685	8	\$36,302	9	\$38,247	10	\$41,409	11	\$45,520
8	\$35,924	9	\$38,070	10	\$40,489	11	\$44,752	12	\$48,400
9	\$37,692	10	\$40,312	11	\$43,816	12	\$47,632	13	\$51,370
10	\$39,905	11	\$43,540	12	\$46,696	13	\$50,620		
11	\$43,102	12	\$46,420	13	\$49,810				
12	\$45,982	13	\$49,420						
13	\$48,982								

Note: No member will move to off-guide status and Step 13 shall be the top guide step.

Step	2020/21	Step	2021/22	Step	2022/23	Step	2023/24	Step	2024/25
off	\$50,000	off	\$50,365	off	\$50,690	off	\$51,365	off	\$51,990
off	\$50,862	off	\$51,227	off	\$51,552	off	\$52,227	off	\$52,852
off	\$51,939	off	\$52,304	off	\$52,629	off	\$53,304	off	\$53,929

Plus: \$150 service increment at the end of 5 years
 \$200 service increment at the end of 15 years
 \$400 service increment at the end of 20 years
 \$1000 service increment at the end of 25 years and being on the top step for 2 years*

* Excluding anyone who received a "longevity" amount in the 2010-2013 contract Service increment means service in Toms River Schools.

*Administrative Assistant Salary Guide
2021-2025*

Step	2020/21 Base	Step	2021/22 Base	Step	2022/23 Base	Step	2023/24 Base	Step	2024/25 Base
						1	\$37,199	1	\$38,624
				1	\$35,924	2	\$37,599	2	\$39,024
		1	\$35,684	2	\$36,324	3	\$37,999	3	\$39,424
1	\$34,599	2	\$36,184	3	\$36,724	4	\$38,499	4	\$39,924
2	\$35,099	3	\$36,684	4	\$37,224	5	\$39,499	5	\$40,724
3	\$35,899	4	\$37,184	5	\$38,224	6	\$40,699	6	\$41,724
4	\$36,399	5	\$38,184	6	\$39,699	7	\$42,099	7	\$43,124
5	\$37,749	6	\$39,659	7	\$41,574	8	\$44,599	8	\$45,124
6	\$39,224	7	\$41,534	8	\$44,099	9	\$47,249	9	\$47,624
7	\$41,084	8	\$44,059	9	\$46,749	10	\$49,949	10	\$50,224
8	\$43,609	9	\$46,709	10	\$49,524	11	\$52,749	11	\$52,824
9	\$46,259	10	\$49,484	11	\$52,674	12	\$53,799	12	\$54,024
10	\$49,034	11	\$52,634	12	\$53,274	13	\$54,599	13	\$55,224
11	\$52,634	12	\$53,234	13	\$53,924				
12	\$53,234	13	\$53,599						
13	xxx								

Note: No member will move to off-guide status and Step 13 shall be the top guide step.

Step	2020/21	Step	2021/22	Step	2022/23	Step	2023/24	Step	2024/25
off	\$59,332	off	\$59,697	off	\$60,022	off	\$60,697	off	\$61,322
off	\$69,022	off	\$69,387	off	\$69,712	off	\$70,387	off	\$71,012

For the 2020-2021 School Years:

Plus: \$150 service increment at the end of 5 years

\$200 service increment at the end of 15 years

\$400 service increment at the end of 20 years

\$1000 service increment at the end of 25 years and being on the top step for 2 years*

* Excluding anyone who received a "longevity" amount in the **2010-2013** contract Service increment means service in Toms River Schools

**Tier I Paraprofessionals Salary Guide
2021-2025
(Work 6.5 hours per day)**

Step	2020/21 Base	Step	2021/22 Base	Step	2022/23 Base	Step	2023/24 Base	Step	2024/25 Base
						1	\$22,560	1	\$23,424
				1	\$21,635	2	\$22,960	2	\$23,824
						3	\$23,360	3	\$24,224
		1	\$20,976	2	\$22,035	4	\$23,660	4	\$24,624
1	\$20,450	2	\$21,376	3	\$22,435	5	\$23,760	5	\$25,374
2	\$20,950	3	\$21,876	4	\$22,935	6	\$24,610	6	\$26,224
3	\$21,450	4	\$22,376	5	\$23,785	7	\$25,460	7	\$27,074
4	\$21,945	5	\$23,226	6	\$24,635	8	\$26,310	8	\$28,074
5	\$22,745	6	\$24,076	7	\$25,485	9	\$27,310	9	\$29,074
6	\$23,595	7	\$24,926	8	\$26,485	10	\$28,310	10	\$30,074
7	\$24,495	8	\$25,926	9	\$27,485	11	\$29,310	11	\$32,074
8	\$25,440	9	\$26,926	10	\$28,485	12	\$31,310	12	\$34,074
9	\$26,390	10	\$27,926	11	\$30,485		\$33,310		
10	\$27,390	11	\$29,926	12	\$32,485				
11	\$29,365	12	\$31,926						
12	\$31,365								

Note: No member will move to off-guide status and Step 12 shall be the top guide step.

**Tier II Paraprofessionals Salary Guide
2021-2025**

2020/21 Base	2021/22 Base	2022/23 Base	2023/24 Base	2024/25 Base
\$14,823	\$16,470	\$17,019	\$17,751	\$18,300

Notes:

1. Annual increase is not automatic and requires satisfactory performance report by District Supervisor of Special Services.
2. The right to increase or decrease the work schedule shall remain a unilateral prerogative of the Board of Education and is not subject to arbitration.

\$250 service increment at the end of 15 years.

\$1000 service increment at the end of 25 years and being on the top step for 2 years*

* Excluding anyone who received a "longevity" amount in the **2010-2013** contract Service increment means service in Toms River Schools.

*Educational Interpreters Salary Guide
2021-2025*

Step	2020/21 Base	Step	2021/22 Base	Step	2022/23 Base	Step	2023/24 Base	Step	2024/25 Base
								1	\$45,860
						1	\$44,165	2	\$47,460
				1	\$42,283	2	\$45,765	3	\$49,060
		1	\$40,700	2	\$43,883	3	\$47,365	4	\$50,660
1	\$38,968	2	\$42,300	3	\$45,483	4	\$48,965	5	\$52,260
2	\$40,546	3	\$43,900	4	\$47,083	5	\$50,565	6	\$52,260
3	\$42,168	4	\$45,500	5	\$48,683	6	\$50,565	7	\$52,260
4	\$43,868	5	\$47,100	6	\$48,683	7	\$50,565		
5	\$45,568	6	\$47,100	7	\$48,683				
6	\$45,568	7	\$47,100						
7	\$45,568								

Note: No member will move to off-guide status and Step 7 shall be the top guide step.

Members holding a Bachelor's Degree receive \$1,500 added to the base salary
Members holding a Master's Degree receive additional \$1,500 added to the base salary

For the 2021-2025 School Years:

Plus: \$1000 service increment at the end of 25 years and being on the top step for 2 years*

* Excluding anyone who received a "longevity" amount in the **2010-2013** contract Service increment means service in Toms River Schools

*Attendance Officers Salary Guide
2021-2025*

Note: No member will move to off-guide status and Step 7 shall be the top guide step.

Plus: \$100 service increment at the end of 5 and 15 years.
 \$150 service increment at the end of 20 years.
 \$1000 service increment at the end of 25 years and being on the top step for 2 years*

* Excluding anyone who received a "longevity" amount in the **2010-2013** contract Service increment means service in Toms River Schools

Toms River Regional Schools
High School Head Coaches
Salary Guides 2021-2025

	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>
Football			
2021, 2022, 2023 seasons	\$6,194	\$6,671	\$9,530
2024 season	\$6,398	\$6,891	\$9,844
Basketball, Wrestling			
2021-22 thru 2023-24 seasons	\$5,917	\$6,368	\$9,101
2024-25 season	\$6,112	\$6,578	\$9,401
Swimming			
2021-22 thru 2023-24 seasons	\$5,434	\$5,854	\$8,360
2024-25 season	\$5,613	\$6,047	\$8,636
Baseball, Cross County, Field Hockey, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Ice Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Track (Winter/Spring), Volleyball			
2021-22 thru 2023-24 seasons	\$5,234	\$5,637	\$8,053
2024-25 season	\$5,407	\$5,823	\$8,319
Weight Training			
2021-22 thru 2023-24 seasons	\$3,886	\$4,184	\$5,376
2024-25 season	\$4,014	\$4,322	\$5,553
Cheerleading (Fall/Winter)			
2021-22 thru 2023-24 seasons	\$3,517	\$3,787	\$5,411
2024-25 season	\$3,633	\$3,912	\$5,590
Golf, Tennis			
2021-22 thru 2023-24 seasons	\$3,583	\$3,857	\$5,508
2024-25 season	\$3,701	\$3,984	\$5,690
Bowling			
2021-22 thru 2023-24 seasons	\$2,807	\$3,022	\$4,317
2024-25 season	\$2,900	\$3,122	\$4,459
Chess			
2021-22 thru 2023-24 seasons	\$2,479	\$2,669	\$3,816
2024-25 season	\$2,561	\$2,757	\$3,942

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	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>
Football			
2021, 2022, 2023 seasons	\$4,154	\$4,344	\$6,391
2024 season	\$4,291	\$4,487	\$6,602
Basketball, Wrestling			
2021-22 thru 2023-24 seasons	\$3,967	\$4,150	\$6,101
2024-25 season	\$4,098	\$4,287	\$6,302
Swimming			
2021-22 thru 2023-24 seasons	\$3,644	\$3,814	\$5,605
2024-25 season	\$3,764	\$3,940	\$5,790
Baseball, Cross County, Field Hockey, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Ice Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Track (Winter/Spring), Volleyball			
2021-22 thru 2023-24 seasons	\$3,512	\$3,669	\$5,401
2024-25 season	\$3,628	\$3,790	\$5,579
Cheerleading (Fall/Winter)			
2021-22 thru 2023-24 seasons	\$2,357	\$2,469	\$3,629
2024-25 season	\$2,435	\$2,550	\$3,749
Golf, Tennis			
2021-22 thru 2023-24 seasons	\$2,403	\$2,512	\$3,695
2024-25 season	\$2,482	\$2,595	\$3,817

Toms River Regional Schools
Intermediate Coaches
Salary Guides 2021-2025

	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>
Football, Basketball, Wrestling			
2021-22 thru 2023-24 seasons	\$3,421	\$3,674	\$5,264
2024-25 season	\$3,534	\$3,795	\$5,438
Baseball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Spring Track, Volleyball			
2021-22 thru 2023-24 seasons	\$3,029	\$3,263	\$4,660
2024-25 season	\$3,129	\$3,371	\$4,814

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High School

	2021 thru 2024	2024 - 2025
<u>Band:</u>		
Director	\$6,526	\$6,741
Assistant	\$5,001	\$5,166
Choral Director	\$2,544	\$2,628
General Accounts	\$6,125	\$6,327
Student Council	\$4,781	\$4,939
Student Activities Coordinator	\$5,103	\$5,271
Visual Aides	\$3,945	\$4,075
Athletic Coordinator	\$7,920	\$8,181
Equipment Manager	\$4,606	\$4,758
Ticket Sales Coordinator	\$4,606	\$4,758
<u>Annual:</u>		
Advisor	\$5,508	\$5,690
Business Advisor	\$3,475	\$3,590
Newspaper	\$4,154	\$4,291
Flag Squad	\$3,800	\$3,925
Rifle Squad	\$3,800	\$3,925
Twirling	\$3,800	\$3,925
Publicity Coordinator	\$3,324	\$3,434
Trouble Shooting	\$3,113	\$3,216
Science League Coordinator	\$3,324	\$3,434
Robotics	\$3,324	\$3,434
Building Technology Facilitator (Formerly "Web Page Designer)	\$1,550	\$1,601
Related Services Facilitator		
\$2,500	\$2,583	\$2,668
\$5,000	\$5,165	\$5,335
\$10,000	\$10,330	\$10,671

High School

	2021 thru 2024	2024 - 2025
<u>Class Advisors:</u>		
Senior Class Advisor	\$4,017	\$4,150
Junior Class Advisor	\$3,423	\$3,536
Sophomore Class Advisor	\$2,685	\$2,774
Freshman Class Advisor	\$1,815	\$1,875
<u>School Play:</u>		
Director	\$6,711	\$6,932
Assistant Director	\$3,475	\$3,590
Stage Manager	\$2,562	\$2,647
Wardrobe Coordinator	\$1,478	\$1,527
Band Director	\$2,562	\$2,647
Makeup Coordinator	\$1,121	\$1,158
Business Coordinator	\$1,121	\$1,158
Choreographer	\$1,194	\$1,233
Peer Leaders	\$1,356	\$1,401
Assistant Peer Leaders	\$965	\$997
T.E.A.M.	\$3,616	\$3,735
Key Club	\$1,298	\$1,341
National Honor Society	\$1,781	\$1,840
FBLA Advisor	\$1,466	\$1,514
DECA Advisor	\$1,466	\$1,514
Special Olympics	\$2,684	\$2,773
Challenger League Coach	\$4,649	\$4,802
Interact	\$1,272	\$1,314
Writing Center	\$1,240	\$1,314
Clubs (Maximum)	\$11,820	\$12,210

Intermediate School

	2021 thru 2024	2024 - 2025
Athletic Coordinator	\$5,825	\$6,017
Student Council	\$4,644	\$4,797
<u>Yearbook:</u>		
Advisor	\$3,927	\$4,057
Business Manager	\$1,151	\$1,189
Proofreader	\$594	\$614
<u>Newspaper:</u>		
Advisor	\$3,927	\$4,057
Proofreader	\$594	\$614
Band Director	\$4,233	\$4,373
Twirling/Color Guard	\$3,439	\$3,552
Flag Squad/Rifle Squad	\$3,439	\$3,552
Bookkeeper Activity Account	\$1,779	\$1,838
School Musical	\$11,432	\$11,809
Cheerleading	\$3,275	\$3,383
Clubs	\$39.28/hr.	\$40.58/hr.
(Club Maximum)	\$17,777	\$18,364

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Other Activities

	2021 thru 2024	2024 - 2025
Intramural Elementary Director	\$3,578	\$3,696
Intramural	\$40.89/hr.	\$42.24/hr.
District Mentoring Coordinator	\$3,420	\$3,533
Elementary Instrumental Music Equipment Advisor	\$3,420	\$3,533
Elementary World Language Teacher Advisor	\$3,420	\$3,533

Other Activities

	2021 thru 2024	2024 - 2025
Homebound/Bedside Instruction	\$44.23/hr.	\$45.69/hr.
Detention (HS & Intermediate)	\$30.81/hr.	\$31.83/hr.
In-School Substitution:		
Per Teaching Period	\$42.71/hr.	\$44.12/hr.
Per Study Hall	\$21.35/hr.	\$22.05/hr.
Any teacher who has over ten (10) consecutive days of instruction per class	\$53.66/hr.	\$55.43/hr.
Chaperone (Dances, Trips, Special Buses), Ticket Collectors, Football Chain Gang	\$55.37	\$57.20
Ticket Sellers	\$59.64	\$61.61
Announcers, Timers, Scorekeepers	\$62.33	\$64.39
Assistant Athletic Director	\$64.44	\$66.57
Ice Hockey Timer	\$36.85	\$38.07
Track Measurement	\$18.40	\$10.01
Pride/Excel	\$45.13	\$46.62
Elementary Schools		
Elementary Safety Patrol Coordinators	\$322.30	\$332.94

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The Board recognizes all Supplemental Teachers who have been appointed for a specific period of time and will be working a regular schedule, as employees of this group, for the purpose of establishing salaries and other conditions of employment.

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New employees shall be entitled to one (1) day of paid sick leave for each month of employment.

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ARTICLE 3 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. The Board will place the Supplemental Teachers in the appropriate pension fund with the option to purchase back service if approved by the Division of Pensions.
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ARTICLE 4 - SALARIES AND WORK SCHEDULE

- A. The hourly rate of pay for employees of the unit for 2021-2025 shall be as follows:
 - 2020-2021 \$58.72, pro-rated for actual teaching time.
 - 2021-2022 \$60.66, (3.3%), pro-rated for actual teaching time.
 - 2022-2023 \$62.66, (3.3%), pro-rated for actual teaching time.
 - 2023-2024 \$65.04, (3.8%), pro-rated for actual teaching time.
 - 2024-2025 \$67.19, (3.3%), pro-rated for actual teaching time.

- B. Employees of the unit shall be compensated for the (10%) percent of the time actually teaching and compensated for, as additional compensation, conference times expended.

- C. If unit employees are asked to work in more than one building; they shall receive a twenty-five (25) cents stipend.

- D. If a Supplemental Teacher shall be scheduled for certain periods or times, they shall be compensated for all such times, even where classes are canceled or where students do not show up, if the cancellation is in the middle of the schedule. If the periods or class canceled is at the start or end of the time schedules, and if advance notice of cancellation is given by Administration, there shall be no compensation for the period canceled.

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ASSOCIATION,

Scott Campbell 10/6/21
Scott Campbell, President Date

Dawn Elmo 10/6/21
Dawn Elmo, Secretary Date

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Anna Polozzo 10/13/2021
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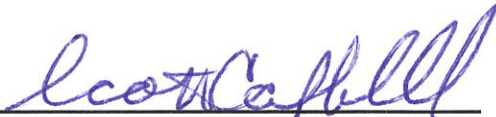
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- A. The salary guide for Educational Interpreters is attached hereto and made part of this agreement.
- B. The work day for Educational Interpreters shall conform to current practice. At the beginning of each school year, the interpreter shall meet with their principal/supervisor to review the student's IEP and develop a schedule which will best meet the educational needs of the student to whom the interpreter has been assigned.
- C. All interpreters will receive a duty free lunch as per the current practice at their assigned school.
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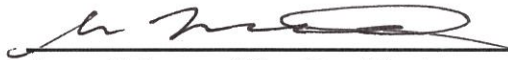
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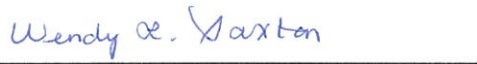
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