

AGREEMENT

between

MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

and

MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

(Clerical Employees/Assistants)

JULY 1, 2024 through JUNE 30, 2028

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement made and entered into on August 29, 2024, between the MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION, hereinafter referred to as the "Board", and the MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, a labor organization hereinafter referred to as the "Association."

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, the Board has an obligation pursuant to Chapter 123, Public Laws, 1974, to negotiate with the Association as the representative of employees hereinafter designated with respect to the terms and conditions of employment, and

Whereas, the parties have reached certain understandings which they desire to confirm in this Agreement,

In consideration of the following mutual covenants, it is hereby agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I
RECOGNITION

A. The Board hereby recognizes the Association as the exclusive and sole representative for collective negotiations concerning the terms and conditions of employment for all clerical employees and assistants whether under contract, on leave, on an hourly or per diem basis, employed or to be employed by the Board, including:

secretaries, - payroll clerks, office managers, information services specialists, non-instructional assistants, instructional assistants, assistants to Business Administrator, secretaries/bookkeepers, information services, specialists/community relations, clerical assistants, Media Clerk, Security Guards and secretaries to Food Service Manager;

but excluding: confidential executive secretaries to the Superintendent of Schools, confidential executive secretaries to the Assistant Superintendent, confidential executive secretaries to the Deputy Superintendent, Administrative Assistants to the Board Secretary, Administrative Assistants for personnel, labor relations and Administrative Assistants for payroll, benefits, and negotiations.

B. Unless otherwise indicated, the term "employee," when used hereinafter in this Agreement, shall refer specifically to those employees in the negotiating units. The term immediate superior shall refer to the principal or such person acting as the principal in the latter's absence, or the office administrator in central office.

ARTICLE II
NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURE

A. The parties agree to enter into collective negotiations over a successor Agreement, provided the Association still represents a majority of the employees in the bargaining unit, in accordance with Chapter 123, Public Laws, 1974. These negotiations shall be in a good-faith effort to reach agreement on all matters concerning the terms and conditions of employment. Such negotiations shall begin on a date in the year in which the Agreement expires as mutually agreed upon by the parties. Any Agreement so negotiated shall apply to all employees in the bargaining unit, shall be reduced to writing and shall be signed by the Board and by the Association.

B. During the negotiations, the Board, through its negotiating committee, and the Association, through its negotiating committee, shall present relevant data and exchange points of view.

C. Neither party in any negotiations shall have any control over the selection of the negotiating representatives of the other party. Either side may invite one or more consultants or spokespersons to attend and participate in any negotiating session.

D. The Board agrees not to negotiate concerning any employee in the negotiating unit as defined in Article I of this Agreement, in violation of Chapter 123 of the Public Laws of 1974 or any rules or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

ARTICLE III

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. DEFINITIONS

Grievance — A “grievance” shall mean a Complaint by an employee alleging a violation, misinterpretation, or inequitable application of any provision of this Agreement, Board Policy, or Board and/or administrative practice which adversely affects the terms and conditions employment, except that the term, “grievance”, shall not apply to:

- (1) Any rule or regulation of the State Department of Education having the force and effect of law.
- (2) Any rule or regulation of the State Commissioner of Education having the force and effect of law.
- (3) Any matter which, according to law, is beyond the scope of Board authority.
- (4) Any matter which, according to law, is exclusively within the discretion of the Board.

Grievant - Grievant shall mean an employee believing to have been or to be aggrieved.

Employee - An employee shall mean an employee within the negotiating unit.

Immediate Superior - The principal or such person acting as the principal in the latter's absence.

B. PRINCIPLES

- (1) A grievance to be considered under this procedure shall be presented by the grievant or his/her representative not later than twenty (20) calendar days following its occurrence or the time when he/she should have known about it. The number of days allotted at each step of the grievance procedure is to be considered as a maximum time limit. Every attempt should be made to resolve grievances as quickly as possible. A grievance which occurs near the end of the school year shall be presented on or before June 30th of the school year in which it occurred.

- (2) A grievant may present and process his/her grievance personally or through the Association. Should the grievant want to process his/her grievance personally, he/she may do so;

however, the Association shall be notified and shall have the right to have its own representative present at all proceedings.

- (3) No reprisals shall be taken by the Board or Administration against any employee because he/she utilizes the grievance procedure.
- (4) Should a grievance result from action taken by the Superintendent or the Board, a grievant may present his/her grievance initially at STEP THREE of the grievance procedure.
- (5) Forms developed jointly by the Board and the Association will be used for the filing of grievances.

C. PROCEDURE

STEP ONE:

(a) A grievant may initially discuss the matter identified as a grievance with the Immediate Superior in an attempt to settle the grievance informally. This is not intended to extend the time limitation as set forth in Section B, sub-section I.

STEP TWO:

(a) A grievant or the Association shall file a grievance in writing by presenting the written grievance to the immediate Superior and forwarding copies to the Superintendent and the Association.

(b) The grievant and/or the Association and the Immediate Superior shall meet in an attempt to resolve the grievance not later than seven (7) calendar days following the date on which it is filed.

(c) The Immediate Superior shall communicate his/her decision in writing to the grievant not later than seven (7) calendar days following the meeting between the grievant and the Immediate Superior. A copy of the written decision shall also be forwarded, at the same time, to the Superintendent and the Association.

STEP THREE:

(a) If the grievance has not been resolved at STEP TWO of the procedure, the grievant and/or the Association may request a meeting of his/her grievance by the Superintendent or his/her designated representative. This shall be done not later than seven (7) calendar days following the Immediate Superior's written decision.

(b) The grievant and/or the Association and Superintendent or his/her designated representative shall meet in an attempt to resolve the grievance not later than seven (7) calendar days following the date on which the meeting was requested.

(c) The Superintendent or his/her designated representative shall communicate his/her decision in writing to the grievant not later than thirty (30) calendar days following the meeting. A copy of the Written decision shall also be forwarded, at the same time, to the Association.

STEP FOUR

- (a) In the event the grievant is dissatisfied with the determination of the Superintendent or his/her designated representative's written decision, and in the further event the grievance involves the interpretation or application of this Agreement, the matter may be submitted to binding Arbitration. The grievant shall request in writing that the Association submit his/her grievance to Arbitration. If the Association decides the grievance is meritorious, it may submit the grievance to Arbitration. A Request for Arbitration and application to secure a list of Arbitrators through the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission ("NJ PERC") shall be made in writing within fifteen (15) school days following the written determination of the Superintendent or his/her designated representative. The parties shall then be bound by the rules and procedures of the NJ PERC in the selection of an Arbitrator. Failure to request Arbitration and make said application to the NJ PERC within the above period of time shall constitute an absolute bar to such Arbitration unless the Superintendent and the Association shall mutually agree upon, in writing, a longer time period within which to assert such a demand.
- (b) The Superintendent may also request Arbitration concerning any dispute regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement. The time limits applicable to the Association are also applicable to the Superintendent.
- (c) The Arbitrator shall have no power or authority to add to, subtract from, change, or modify any of the terms of this Agreement.
- (d) The Arbitrator so selected shall confer with the Superintendent and the Association and hold hearings promptly, and the Arbitrator shall issue his/her written decision not later than twenty (20) calendar days from the close of hearings, or, if oral hearings have been waived, then from the date that the final statements and proofs are submitted to him/her. The Arbitrator's decision shall be in writing and shall set forth his/her findings of fact, reasoning, and conclusions on the issue submitted. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be submitted to the Superintendent and the Association and shall be final and binding on both parties.
- (e) The costs for the services of the Arbitrator, including per diem expenses, if any, and the cost of the hearing room, if any, shall be borne equally between the parties. Any other expenses incurred shall be paid by the party incurring the expense.

ARTICLE IV

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

A. Pursuant to Chapter 123, Public Laws 1974, the Board hereby agrees that every employee of the Board shall have the right freely to organize, join, and support the Association and its affiliates for the purpose of engaging in collective negotiations. 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 Laws, 1974, or other laws of New Jersey or the Constitutions of New Jersey and the United States; that it shall not discriminate against any employee with respect to terms and conditions of employment by reason of membership in the Association and its affiliates, participation in any activities of the Association and its affiliates, participation in collective negotiations with the Board, or institution of any grievance, complaint or proceeding under this Agreement.

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

C. Whenever any employee is required to appear before the Superintendent or his/her designee, Board, or any committee member, representative or agent thereof concerning any matter which could adversely affect the continuation of employment or the salary or any increments pertaining thereto, then he/she shall be given prior written notice of the reasons for such meeting or interview and shall be entitled to have a representative of the Association present to advise and represent him/her during such meeting or interview.

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

E. No employee shall be disciplined, reprimanded or reduced in rank or compensation without just cause. Any such action asserted by the Board, or any agent or representative thereof, shall be subject to the grievance procedure, provided however, that no disciplinary action for which a statutory form of relief is provided, including, but not limited to tenure charges, increment withholdings, and non-renewal of non-tenured employees, shall be subject to these provisions.

F. The Association and its representatives shall have the right to use school buildings at all reasonable hours for meetings. The business administrator shall be notified in advance of the time and place of all such meetings. If the room requested is occupied, other arrangements must be made. No approval shall be required.

G. The Association shall have the right to use school facilities.

H. The Association shall have, in each school building, the exclusive use of a bulletin board in each staff lounge and dining room. The Association shall also be assigned adequate space on the bulletin board in the Central Office for Union notices. Copies of all materials to be posted on such bulletin boards shall be given to the building principal, but no approval shall be required.

I. The Association shall have the right to use inter-school mail facilities and school mail boxes as it deems necessary and without the approval of building principals or other members of the Administration.

J. An orientation program and/or written orientation packet shall be presented to all new employees. The Association shall have the right to speak to all new employees and, if there is an orientation program, to be present and speak.

ARTICLE V

SALARY AND HOURS OF WORK

A.1. The salaries of all employees covered by this Agreement are set forth in Schedule A. Effective July 1, 2024, the Board of Education reserves the right to hire new employees at a step on the salary guide commensurate with their experience in a previous similar setting.

2. Stipends for newly earned degrees or credits, pursuant to Schedule A, shall be effective on February 1 of each calendar year, where full documentation is submitted to the Administration by January 15th of the same year. This shall in no way affect the practice of granting degree credit for September 15th payroll which are fully documented by September 1 of each year.

3. Instructional assistants who have been certified in sign language to communicate with hearing impaired students shall receive an additional annual stipend of \$1,000 prorated on a ten-month basis.

4. Visual Impairment instructor for one to one as driven by specialized programs (e.g., IEP, 504), evaluated on a case by case basis as determined by student need (e.g., Braille translation).

For the 24-25 school year, stipend rate of \$4950 and a translator rate of \$30 per hour for work done outside the contractual hours, not to exceed 16 hours per month. For the remaining contract years, stipend rate of \$5130.68 and a translator rate of \$31.10 per hour for work done outside the contractual hours, not to exceed 16 hours per month.

B.1. The length of the workday for 12 month secretaries shall be seven (7) hours exclusive of a one hour duty free lunch. The length of workday for ten (10) month and ten and one-half (10½) employees, exclusive of instructional assistants, shall be six and one-half (6 and 1/2) hours exclusive of a forty (40) minute duty-free lunch at Matawan Avenue and the High School, and a forty-five (45) minute duty-free lunch at the elementary Schools. All 10.5 month and 12 month

secretaries shall work 4 ½ hours on any day(s) which is/are a 4 hour session for students and staff. The length of workday for Instructional Assistants, in their assigned building, shall be the same as the teachers' workday in that same building. The instructional assistants' workday is inclusive of a duty-free lunch period. Instructional Assistants work year shall be equivalent to the student year plus one (1) day. The aforementioned day, prior or subsequent to the student year, shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Board. Full-time instructional assistants and hall monitors shall work the entire day on parent conference days, and the two (2) four (4) hour Pre-K to Grade 8 sessions scheduled at the end of the 1st and 2nd Marking Periods as referenced in Article VI, C.(2) of the Teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement. Professional development shall be provided to instructional assistants and hall monitors beginning at the conclusion of the students' day. If an agenda is not provided by the end of the work day prior to the next work day's professional development day, or, if professional development is not scheduled, the work day will be four and one-half (4½ hours.) Instructional assistants shall work four and one half (4½) hour sessions on the following days: day before Thanksgiving, day before Christmas, and the last two (2) days of school. Effective July 1, 2024, instructional assistants in all District buildings are required to attend one (1) Back to School Night. In exchange for the required attendance at this one (1) Back to School Night, the Board agrees to schedule a four (4) hour workday during the course of each school year. Effective July 1, 2024, preschool instructional assistants will be required to attend one (1) additional paid (by voucher) professional development day based on the District-approved calendar. The voucher will be paid according to voucher submission dates following the District-approved calendar.

2. The Summer Work Schedule for all twelve (12) month Association members shall be seven (7) hours daily, Monday through and including Friday. The daily work hours shall be 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. All twelve (12) month Association members working the Summer Work Schedule shall receive sixty (60) minutes of lunch daily.

The Summer Work Schedule is defined as the first (1st) working day after the students leave for the just completed school year and the last working day before the teachers return for the new school year.

All usage of sick, personal, or bereavement leave during the Summer Work Schedule shall be charged at the rate of 1.00 day per day utilized.

C. Vacations: Twelve (12) month employees shall be entitled to a vacation with pay earned in accordance with the following schedule:

Completed Years of Service	Vacation Days
0-1 Year of Service*	0.833 day per month
1 Year or More of Service	10 Working Days' Vacation
5 Years or More of Service	15 Working Days' Vacation
10 Years or More of Service	20 Working Days' Vacation

* In the event that an employee begins employment after July 1st of any year, all vacation time will be prorated accordingly.

1. Vacation requests shall be made to and scheduled with the employee's immediate supervisor and shall be subject to the approval of the Superintendent. Said vacations shall preferably be taken during July or August of each year, or, under special circumstances, may be taken at other times.

2. If the employee should leave employment with the Matawan/Aberdeen Regional Board of Education, vacation days accrued at the time of leaving shall be calculated and he/she shall receive compensation for those days.
3. In the event an employee is transferred from a ten-month or ten and one-half month (10 and 1/2) to a twelve-month position, the employee shall be credited with all months worked when calculating entitlement to vacation as a twelve-month employee.
4. On July 1, unused vacation days for 12 month secretaries shall carry over to the next calendar year.

D. The work calendar for twelve-month employees shall be established by the Superintendent of Schools after consultation with the Association.

E. The work calendar for ten-month employees shall be established by the Superintendent of Schools after consultation with the Association. Any such ten-month employee who engages in extra work during the summer months (i.e. July and/or August) shall receive a per diem rate of compensation which is calculated as 1/181 based upon the ten-month employee's previous year's salary. The work year for ten (10) month secretaries shall commence two (2) weeks prior to the start of the student school year. All ten and one-half (10 ½) month secretaries who work up to these two (2) weeks shall be paid via a voucher at their regular rate of pay according to voucher submission dates following the District approved calendar. All ten and one-half (10 ½) month secretaries who work up to these two (2) weeks will be paid for those days worked as scheduled and assigned for that particular school year by the Board based on the District-approved calendar.

F. Compensatory time off shall be granted at the rate of an hour of compensatory time for one hour worked for those employees who remain after their normal hours to complete an assignment. Any employee with accumulated compensatory time who is unable to utilize such time before June 30th due to the press of school business may, with the permission of the immediate superior carry forward such compensatory time to the next school year only.

G. Employees who engage in extra work shall be compensated at their regular hourly rate of pay for each hour or part thereof up to the first forty (40) hours; over forty (40) hours of work in a week, they will be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times their regular hourly rate of pay. Extra jobs shall be offered to regular employees within the administrator's building before being offered to temporary office help. Any work performed on Saturday, when authorized by the immediate superior and performed on school premises, shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half times their regular hourly rate of pay. Any work performed on Sunday or declared snow days, or school holiday when authorized by the immediate superior shall be paid at the rate of double time.

H. Employees shall be eligible for tuition reimbursement. Reimbursement shall be made upon the completion of all of the following conditions:

1. In order for a board of education to provide to an employee tuition assistance for coursework taken at an institution of higher education or additional compensation upon the acquisition of additional academic credits or completion of a degree program at an institution of

higher education, the institution shall be a duly authorized institution of higher education as defined in section 3 of P.L.1986, c.87 (C.18A:3-15.3).

2. The specific course(s) requested shall be submitted to the Superintendent at least two weeks prior to the start of the course. The Superintendent's approval of the course must be obtained prior to starting the course. In the event that the Superintendent denies the approval, the employee may appeal the denial to the board of education.

3. Courses taken must lead to a definite educational objective related to the assigned position of the applicant, or the course must be directly related to the individual's professional needs as determined by his or her assigned position. The tuition assistance or additional compensation shall be provided only for a course or degree related to the employee's current or future job responsibilities.

4. All courses eligible for the tuition reimbursement must be successfully completed in accordance with the standards of the school or organization offering the course; however, the Board's obligation toward reimbursement shall be limited to those courses which require physical attendance in a class in order to obtain the educational credits.

5. Effective July 1, 2014, unit members will be reimbursed for job or college level courses taken and successfully completed. The maximum reimbursement per employee shall be the cost of a three (3) credit graduate course at Rutgers, the State University. The procedure for Tuition Reimbursement shall be as set forth in Appendix A.

6. To be eligible for tuition reimbursement the employee must file official evidence of successful completion of all reimbursable courses with the office of the Superintendent of Schools. Successful completion shall be:

(a) A letter grade of "B" or better where letter grades are given.

(b) "Pass" where "Pass-Fail" is given.

(c) An official document that the course was completed in those situations where grades are not given.

7. In order to avoid duplication of benefits from public funds, those courses taken under the Veterans Benefit Act, National Science Foundation Grants, NDEA grants or other public scholarship and aids shall not be eligible for reimbursements.

8. Employees whose employment relationship within the District terminates for any reason, except in the case of a reduction in force, prior to the payment of the appropriate funds, shall not receive reimbursement.

I. The mileage allowance paid to employees shall be in accordance with applicable State law.

J. Employees, upon their completion of ten years of service in the District, shall receive a longevity differential of \$300.00 per year. An additional \$200 for longevity shall be provided to those employees with 15 years of service in the District. An additional \$250 for longevity shall be provided to these employees with twenty (20) years of service in the District.

K. In the event that an employee substitutes for another employee in a higher salaried position, then the substitute shall receive the prorata higher salary for the time worked in the substituted position. This provision shall be limited to those cases where there is Board approval for the change and the substitute shall be assigned for a period of no less than one week.

L. Assistants who possess valid teaching certificates or county certifications shall receive substitute teacher rates of pay equivalent to their qualifications as established by Board policy for substitute teachers. This rate of pay shall be a flat rate as reflected in the chart below. Assistants shall be the first choice and have the first right of refusal for substituting for the teacher within the classroom for which they work when said teacher is absent, contingent upon student and district needs. Coverage for less than one (1) hour will be prorated at the hourly rate. The district shall reimburse instructional assistants for the cost of obtaining a substitute teaching certificate.

Contract Year	Full Day Rate	Half Day Rate	Hourly Rate
2024-2025	\$114.00	\$57.00	\$16.29
2025-2026	\$119.00	\$59.50	\$17.00
2026-2027	\$124.00	\$62.00	\$17.71
2028-2029	\$129.00	\$64.50	\$18.43

M. The high school library clerk position, when assigned to the responsibility for distribution and maintenance of the audio-visual equipment, shall be paid an annual stipend of \$750.

N. Lateral employee transfers shall remain on the same step on the salary guides appurtenant to this Agreement.

O. Special Projects - When a special project arises, the School District shall be permitted to utilize non-bargaining unit substitutes for such projects provided: 1) the Association President is notified of the project needs and 2) the substitute shall not work beyond thirty (30) calendar days on the project.

P. Security Guard Stipend: Security guards employed at the Matawan Regional High School shall receive an annual stipend based upon their prior law enforcement experience as follows:

1. One (1) to five (5) years of prior law enforcement experience: \$500.00 per year
2. Six (6) to fifteen (15) years of prior law enforcement experience: \$750.00 per year
3. More than fifteen (15) years of prior law enforcement experience: \$1,500.00 per year

“Prior law enforcement experience” shall be defined as paid full-time employment for a local, state, or federal police force, corrections agency, or juvenile justice agency in a position

with responsibility for detecting crimes and apprehending offenders or enforcing criminal or penal laws.

ARTICLE VI

VACANCIES AND NEW POSITIONS

A. Notice of all vacancies and new positions shall be posted in each office work area. Any applicant who at the time of the posting is an employee of the District shall be given a reply to his/her application for the position and interviewed if they meet the criteria and qualify for the position.

ARTICLE VII

EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION

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

ARTICLE VIII

INSURANCE PROTECTION

A. In order to be eligible for insurance coverage, an employee's regular work week must consist of thirty (30) or more hours. Those persons employed by the District prior to July 1, 2002, and receiving insurance coverage shall be grandfathered under this paragraph.

(1) Effective July 1, 2018, for all existing employees, the Board will continue to pay all premiums for full family coverage, including domestic partner, under the present plan. The Board shall provide the Horizon Direct Access 15 Plan for medical. Pursuant to Chapter 78 of the Laws of the State of New Jersey, the Board will collect all required health care contributions as defined therein using the Premium Sharing Charts found in Appendix B. This includes \$100.00 ER visitation on both the Direct 15 and Direct15/25 Plans.

The Board shall establish a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.

Employees who submit proof to the Board and the MAREA of substitute coverage shall be permitted to waive medical and prescription insurance coverage. The Board shall offer an incentive payment for a complete waiver of both medical and prescription coverage in the amount of twenty-five percent (25%) of the premium savings of the Plans, but not to exceed \$5,000.00 to the employee who can establish that he/she has already secured coverage. The

calculation for computing the complete waiver will be as follows and will be based on the annual NJEHP premiums for medical/prescription insurance: (medical premium * 25%).

Should any employee fail to submit an insurance waiver and a letter showing proof of alternate insurance coverage before or at open enrollment, the waiver shall be forfeited, and the employee will be enrolled in the NJEHP single coverage plan. Payments for waiver shall be made in two (2) equal installments in January and June of the school year for which coverage was waived. Employees will have the right to opt in/out of the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan each year by following the established procedure.

In the event the Board seeks to change carriers during the course of the Agreement, the Board must provide equal to or better coverage for the benefit plan then in effect.

(2) The Horizon Direct Access 20/30 Plan shall be the base plan for all employees hired between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2020. Employee premium sharing will be based upon the Premium Sharing Charts found in Appendix B. Pursuant to P.L. 2020, c. 44, ("Chapter 44") of the Laws of the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Educators Health Plan ("NJEHP") shall be the base plan for all employees hired on or after July 1, 2020.

(3) Effective July 1, 2018, all existing employees who elect the Horizon Direct Access 20/30 plan or any plan at or below the premium cost of the Horizon Direct Access 20/30 plan will have their premium sharing based on the Premium Sharing Chart found in Appendix B.

(4) All employees who elect the NJEHP shall have their contributions collected in accordance with Chapter 44.

B. Effective July 1, 2022, the Board will continue to pay all premiums to provide to each employee for the duration of this Agreement the New Jersey Dental Service Plan (known as the Delta Incentive Plan) family coverage, including domestic partner. The base plan for dental coverage shall be the Delta Dental Preferred Plan. The Delta Dental Preferred Plan maximum accumulated benefit shall be at least \$2000 of coverage per year and will have orthodontic coverage for up to 50% but not to exceed \$2000 for each employee and those who are covered under the Delta Dental Preferred Plan.

Employees shall have the option to buy up to the Delta Dental Premier Plan. If an employee chooses to buy up to the Delta Dental Premier Plan, the employee is solely responsible for the difference in costs between the Delta Dental Preferred Plan and the Delta Dental Premier Plan. This cost will be taken from the employee in equal installments over twenty (20) pay periods. The Delta Dental Premier Plan maximum accumulated benefit shall be \$2000 of coverage per year and no orthodontic coverage will be provided for this plan.

The dental cap for both the Delta Dental Preferred Plan and the Delta Dental Premier Plan shall be fixed at the rates in effect on June 30, 2028, which shall reflect the full actual costs to the Board of the benefit for each employee. As part of the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan, pursuant to the rules of the Internal Revenue Service, employees who submit proof to the Board and Matawan Aberdeen Regional Education Association of substitute coverage shall be permitted to waive dental insurance coverage in return for a \$100 payment. Submission of proof and request

to waive coverage must be completed on or before May 1, in the school year prior to the waiver. Payments for waiver shall be made in two equal installments in January and June of the school year for which coverage was waived. Employees will have the right to opt in/out of the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan each year by following the established procedure. In the event the Board seeks to change carriers during the course of this agreement, the Board must provide equal to or better coverage for the benefit plan then in effect.

A. (1) The Board will replace the direct optical reimbursement of \$300 with the Optical Vision Plan. The Optical Vision Plan premiums will be paid by the board for up to family coverage, including domestic partner. This is a hardware-only policy and eye exams remain with medical policies. The employee will have the right to opt in/out of the plan each year by following the established procedure. No substitute coverage or waiver payment will be permitted if an employee chooses to opt-out. In the event the Board seeks to change carriers during the course of this agreement, the Board must provide equal to or better coverage for the benefit plan then in effect.

(2) The Board will pay all premiums for full family coverage, including domestic partner, for a mandatory generic prescription card with required co-payments of \$3.00 for generic drugs, \$10.00 for preferred drugs and \$5.00 for generic drugs and \$15 for preferred drugs for mail order. The Board shall provide the coverage through Benecard. Major medical coverage of prescription co-pay amounts shall not be provided. In the event the Board seeks to change carriers during the course of the agreement, the Board must provide equal to or better coverage for the benefit plan then in effect.

C. Any employee on an authorized unpaid sick leave of absence shall continue to have his/her health benefits (medical, dental, prescription, and optical plans) premiums paid for by the Board while on such an authorized sick leave in accordance with Chapter 78, using the Premium Sharing Chart found in Appendix B.

D. The parties agree to permit the Board to change insurance coverage at the discretion of the Board, following notification to the Association, provided substantially equal or similar benefits are provided. In the event the Board seeks to change carriers during the course of the agreement, the Board must provide equal to or better coverage for the benefit plan then in effect.

E. Any employee who has opted into a section 125 Cafeteria Plan is allowed to carry over \$500.00 per year to a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan (effective January 1, 2016).

ARTICLE IX

LEAVE POLICIES

A. NON-PROMOTION SALARY BECAUSE OF ABSENCE

An employee shall not be eligible for promotion or increase in salary if he or she has been absent from school for seventy-five (75) days or more during the previous school year, whether approved or not.

B. APPROVED REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Employees shall attend their duties faithfully and shall not be absent therefrom except for personal illness or for other good and sufficient reasons authorized by these Board rules and regulations, or approved by the Superintendent of Schools or the Board of Education. Employees absent from duty shall forfeit full per diem salary during such absence except as hereinafter provided.

C. SICK LEAVE

1. Sick leave is hereby defined to mean the absence from his or her post of duty for any of the reasons set forth in NJSA 18A:30.

2. Employees absent from school because of personal illness shall suffer no deduction of pay for each of the first ten (10) days of absence in any school year for ten (10) month employees; ten and one-half (10 1/2) days for ten and one-half (10 1/2) month employees; eleven (11) days for eleven (11) month employees; and twelve (12) days for twelve (12) month employees. Newly hired employees shall accrue one (1) sick day for each month of employment when employment begins after the work year commences.

3. If any employee requires less than ten (10), ten and one half (10 1/2), eleven (11), or twelve (12) days of sick leave in any school year, the number of days not utilized that year shall be accumulated to be used for additional sick leave if needed in subsequent years.

4. Employees shall be given a written accounting of their accumulated sick leave days not later than September 15th of each school year.

D. ON THE JOB INJURY

1. Whenever any full time employee of the Matawan/Aberdeen Regional School District is absent from his/her post of duty as a result of personal injury caused by an accident arising out of and in the course of his/her employment, such employee shall receive his/her full salary or wages for the period of such absence for up to one (1) calendar year without having such absence charged to the annual sick leave or the accumulated sick leave.

2. Any amount of salary or wages paid or payable to the employee pursuant to this policy shall be reduced by the amount of any workers' compensation award made for temporary disability. Salary or wage payments provided under this section shall be made for absence during the waiting period and during the period the employee received or was eligible to receive a temporary disability benefit under Chapter 15 of Title 34 of the Revised Statute.

E. ABSENCE FOR DEATH OF RELATIVE

In case of the death of a parent, stepparent, brother, brother-in-law, stepbrother, sister, sister-in-law, step-sister, husband, wife, domestic partner, child, stepchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, grandchild, uncle, aunt,

nephew, niece, and cousin or relative who is a member of the immediate household of the employee, the employee shall be excused, without loss of pay provided the absence does not exceed five (5) consecutive school days.

F. ABSENCE BY REASON OF QUARANTINE OR COURT ORDER

An employee absent from school by reason of quarantine by the Board of Health shall not suffer deduction in pay for such absence. The Board shall pay employees when subpoenaed to appear at a legal proceeding, except where the employee is a person in interest, either directly or on behalf of another person or organization represented by the subpoenaed person, in an action against the Board.

G. ABSENCE FOR APPEARANCE BEFORE MILITARY OR SELECTIVE SERVICE OFFICIALS

No pay shall be deducted for absence for appearance before military or selective service officials concerning draft or enlistment. Such leave will be in addition to sick leave. One (1) day only is to be allowed.

H. ABSENCE IN CASE OF SERIOUS FAMILY ILLNESS/RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE DAYS

In case of absence because of illness of a parent, brother, sister, husband, wife, domestic partner, child, mother-in-law, father-in-law, or a relative who is a member of the immediate household of the employee, or in the case of religious observance days, the employee may be excused without loss of pay, provided the absences do not exceed three (3) days in any year. Note: The total number of days taken for serious family illness and/or religious observance shall not exceed three (3) days in total per school year. For example, an employee can take 2 serious family illness days and 1 religious observance day, 2 religious observance days and 1 serious family illness day, 3 serious family illness days, or 3 religious observance days.

I. IN CASE OF JURY DUTY

Employees required to be absent for jury duty shall be paid at the regular rate less the fee paid by the County for such jury duty.

J. PERSONAL DAYS

Employees shall enjoy two (2) undesignated personal days per year. They shall suffer no loss of pay and no approval shall be required. These days shall be non-accumulative as personal days.

Employees shall give their immediate superior at least three (3) days' notice. The immediate superior, in his/her discretion, may waive the notice requirement in the event of an emergency.

Any unused undesignated personal days shall be added on to the individual's accumulated sick leave.

K. REPORT OF ABSENCE

1. An employee who is absent from duty because of personal illness, death in the family, quarantine, appearance before military or selective service officials, or compliance with the requirements of a court shall notify the immediate superior as early as possible, and notification shall be given in advance where possible. An employee who is absent from duty for any other reason shall first secure permission from the Superintendent through the immediate superior.
2. The employee shall, in reporting absence for personal illness, communicate to the immediate superior the probable duration of the illness.
3. An employee who has been absent for two (2) days or more shall, before the end of the school day prior to the return, notify the immediate superior of his/her expected return.

L. EXAMINATION

1. The school physician shall examine or arrange for the examination of all cases of absence of employees for personal illness when requested by the Superintendent or the Board.
2. If the absence of an employee exceeds ten (10) days in a calendar month, certification of such illness by the school physician may be required.

M. LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR OTHER REASONS

Leave of absence with pay will be granted only for reasons specifically mentioned in these rules. A leave of absence with full loss of pay shall be granted for any other emergency or urgent reason upon written application to the immediate superior. For the protection of the employee and for proper payroll accounting and audit, every absence must be accounted for in writing.

N. LEAVE FOR MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE

Leave of absence shall be granted for entry into military or naval service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-33.

O. MATERNITY/PATERNITY LEAVE

1. The Board shall grant leaves of absence for medical reasons associated with pregnancy and birth to pregnant employees on the same terms and conditions governing leaves of absence for other illness or medical disabilities as set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A:30-1 et seq. and the rules, regulations and policy statements and this Agreement.

2. It is recognized that an employee's maternity leave application involves both a disability phase and a child care phase. The disability phase is that period of time, both pre-natal and post-natal, during which a physician certifies inability to work. The child care phase is that period of time selected by the employee which follows the disability phase during which time the employee voluntarily suspends her career to care for the newborn child. The child care leave shall also be available to an adoptive parent or the father of a newborn infant.

(a) **DISABILITY PHASE:** Any tenured or non-tenured employee seeking a leave of absence on the basis of medical reasons associated with pregnancy or birth shall apply to the Board of Education. At the time of application, which shall be made upon sixty (60) days' notice to the Board, the employee shall specify in writing, the date on which she wishes to commence leave and the date on which she wishes to return to work after the birth. The Board shall require any employee to produce a certificate from a physician in support of the requested leave dates. Where medical opinion is supportive of the leave dates requested, such request shall be granted by the Board. It is understood that the disability period as certified jointly by the employee's and the Board's physicians may be treated as compensable sick leave time at the option of the employee.

(b) **CHILD CARE PHASE:** Where the requested leave dates are beyond the period of disability associated with pregnancy and is for child care purposes as defined above, the tenured employee shall be granted, at his/her discretion, a leave for (1) the balance of the school year in which the birth or adoption occurred, or (2) the balance of the school year in which the birth occurred and the entire following school year. Any further extensions of child care leave shall be discretionary with the Board of Education.

The Board need not grant or extend the leave of absence of any non-tenured employee beyond the end of the contract school year in which the leave is obtained.

3. An employee returning from pregnancy leave of absence shall be entitled to all benefits to which employees returning from other types of sick or disability leave would be entitled. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to require the Board to grant tenure to any non-tenured employee who would not otherwise have been granted tenure or to offer a new contract for a new school year to any non-tenured employee who would not have been otherwise offered such a contract.

4. No tenured or non-tenured employee shall be barred from returning to work after the birth of her child solely on the ground that there has not been a stated or prescribed lapse of time between that birth and her desired date of return except as is provided herein. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to preclude the Board from requiring any employee after birth of her child to produce a certificate from her physician showing that she is physically capable of resuming her duties.

5. Eligible employees may choose to apply for unpaid family leave as provided by the Family Leave Act. N.J.S.A. 34:11B-1, *et seq.*

ARTICLE X
DEDUCTIONS FROM SALARY

A. Membership Dues:

1. The Board agrees to deduct from the salaries of its employees dues for the Matawan Aberdeen Regional Education Association, the Monmouth County Education Association, the New Jersey Education Association, and the National Education Association, or any one of any combinations of Associations.

2. Such deductions shall be made in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-7. Said monies, together with records of any corrections, shall be transmitted to such person as may from time to time be designated by the MAREA by the fifteenth (15th) of each month following the monthly pay period in which deductions were made. The MAREA Treasurer shall disperse such monies to the appropriate association or associations. Employee authorizations shall be in writing using the appropriate form.

3. Each of the associations named in A.1 shall certify to the Board, in writing, the current rate of its membership dues. Any association which shall change the rate of its membership dues shall give the Board written notice prior to the effective date of such change.

4. Additional authorization for dues deduction may be received after August 1 under rules established by the State Department of Education.

5. The filing of notice of an employee's withdrawal shall be prior to December 1 and become effective to halt deductions as of January 1 next succeeding the date on which notice of withdrawal is filed.

B. Bargaining unit members shall have the right to have deductions made from their salaries upon written authorization for deposit in their account in the First Financial Credit Union.

C. Payroll deductions for Tax Sheltered Annuity Programs shall be provided for those teachers expressing an interest in participating in such a program. No more than one (1) change may be made in this selection per school year. This deduction is in addition to the deduction permissible for participation in the Supplemental Annuity Plan of the T.P.A.F.

ARTICLE XI
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties and the parties hereto agree that no oral promises not incorporated herein are to be binding upon the parties and, further, that this Agreement may only be modified, altered or supplemented by written Agreement between the parties.

B. If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is held to be contrary to law, then such 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.

C. 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 this Agreement, this Agreement, during its duration, shall be controlling.

D. The Board agrees to furnish to the Association, in response to reasonable requests from time to time, all publicly available information concerning the financial resources of the District, including but not limited to: annual financial reports and audits, register of clerical employees and assistants, tentative budgets when adopted, agendas and minutes of all Board meetings, school census data when available, and names and addresses of all bargaining unit employees. It is understood that this Paragraph does not require the Board or any of its representatives to deliver any document in the nature of a working paper.

E. Representatives of the 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.

F. The rights and privileges of the Association and its representatives, as set forth in this Agreement, shall be granted only to the Association for the life of the contract and for so long as it is the majority representative and to no other organization.

G. Copies of this Agreement shall be posted on the District's website within thirty (30) days after the Agreement is signed. If any employee wants a printed copy of this Agreement, that employee is permitted to print one (1) copy of the Agreement using District equipment and supplies.

H. Whenever any notice is required to be given by either of the parties to this Agreement to the other, pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, either party shall do so by telegram or certified letter at the following addresses:

1. If by the Association, to Board at 1027 Route 34 Aberdeen, New Jersey 07747.
2. If by the Board to Association at Aberdeen Townsquare Shopping Center, 1075 B Highway 34, Aberdeen, NJ 07747.

I. Employees shall be permitted to submit claims to the Board of Education for damage to personal property as a result of actions taken by others on school grounds against the employee's property. The Board agrees to review the employee's claim for such losses; and subject to the employee's verification as to the cause of the damage, the Board shall determine the appropriate level of reimbursement, provided that the amount does not exceed the employee's insurance deductible.

J. PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Option #1:

10 month and 10.5 month employees:

An employee is eligible for a perfect attendance monetary incentive if the employee has perfect attendance in any school year (i.e., not absent for a single day of the defined number of days in the work year). The employee shall receive a payment of \$550.00. Such payment shall be made in the 1st pay period of the following school year after perfect attendance is achieved.

12 month employees:

An employee is eligible for a perfect attendance monetary incentive if the employee has perfect attendance in any school year (i.e., not absent for a single day of the defined number of days in the work year, excluding vacation days). The employee shall receive a payment of \$655.00. Such payment shall be made in the 1st pay period of the following school year after perfect attendance is achieved.

Option #2:

10 month and 10.5 month employees:

An employee is eligible for a perfect attendance monetary incentive if the employee uses no sick, personal, family illness days, or any other leave of absence in any school year. However, an employee is allowed to use one (1) bereavement leave for a maximum of five (5) days and still be eligible to receive the perfect attendance monetary incentive. The employee shall receive \$450.00. Such payment shall be made in the 1st pay period of the following school year after perfect attendance is achieved.

12 month employees:

An employee is eligible for a perfect attendance monetary incentive if the employee uses no sick, personal, family illness days, or any other leave of absence in any school year (excluding vacation days). However, an employee is allowed to use one (1) bereavement leave for a maximum of five (5) days and still be eligible to receive the perfect attendance monetary incentive. The employee shall receive \$550.00. Such payment shall be made in the 1st pay period of the following school year after perfect attendance is achieved.

K. SICK LEAVE BANK

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:30-10, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education ("Board") and the Matawan Aberdeen Regional Education Association ("MAREA")

have agreed to the establishment of a Sick Leave Bank ("SLB"). Sick leave drawn from the SLB shall be treated for all purposes as if it were accrued sick leave time of the employee who receives it. No employee shall be required to participate in the SLB. The SLB shall operate under the following provisions as mutually agreed upon by the Board and the MAREA:

1. Review Committee

A Review Committee shall be established by the Board and the MAREA. The Review Committee shall be comprised of six (6) members. The following members shall comprise the Review Committee:

- a. School Business Administrator
- b. Two (2) School Administrators
- c. Three (3) members of the MAREA

Should an MAREA member on the Review Committee request days from the SLB, he/she will be prohibited from any discussions regarding the approval/denial of the same application for usage. Rather, an MAREA Executive Board member shall be chosen by a majority of the MAREA Executive Board members. This alternate member shall have the same authority to review and approve/deny any applications for usage of the SLB as all other members of the Review Committee.

The Review Committee shall receive a regular update on the number of days in the SLB not less than every two (2) months (excluding summer break).

The Review Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving or denying all SLB requests. All approvals or denials of SLB requests must be voted upon by a majority of the full membership of the Review Committee. In other words, at a minimum, four (4) votes are required to approve or deny all SLB requests.

Only an employee who has exhausted or will exhaust his/her accumulated sick and personal days as a result of a prolonged absence caused by a catastrophic illness or injury will be given consideration for use of the SLB.

As part of its review, the Review Committee will take into account the frequency of intermittent use of sick days over the course of employment by the employee making the request. If an individual employee's request for usage of the SLB is denied, that individual employee retains the right to appeal the decision to the Review Committee, provided he/she presents new and germane information that was not included in the initial request.

Should the Review Committee deny the same request again, the employee will have exhausted his/her final opportunity for receiving days from the SLB for the catastrophic illness or injury for which the days were requested.

Said employee will retain no rights to take legal action. As such, legal action of any kind (including, but not limited to the filing of grievances or any other form of litigation), against the Board of Education (or any of its members individually), MAREA (or any of its members individually), the Administration, or Review Committee members is strictly prohibited.

The Review Committee is responsible for developing an SLB donation and request form. Said forms shall be distributed to employees at the following times:

1. Beginning of the year (September 1st through September 10th)
2. Upon hire, if after September 10th
3. When the SLB fall below fifty (50) days

An individual employee is required to donate to the SLB in order to receive/use donated days from the SLB. The maximum donation to the SLB is one (1) day per school year by each employee who participates in the SLB. If the number of sick leave days available in the SLB ever falls below fifty (50) days (even if the total days available fall below fifty (50) on multiple occasions), each and every time the number falls below fifty (50) days, individual donors may donate one (1) additional day.

The SLB shall never exceed 600 donated days. In order to be eligible to donate to the SLB, a donor must retain a minimum of nine (9) sick leave days after donating to the SLB. All donor contributions shall be voluntary. All contributions will be deducted from the employee's accumulated sick leave total or from the current year's allotment of personal days. Any days donated shall not be refunded if unused by the end of the year. All donors have been advised, understand, and agree that when sick leave days are donated to the SLB, the sick leave days will be lost for use by the donor in subsequent years. Any sick leave days remaining in the SLB upon completion of the school year shall be used during the following school year.

Each request for usage of the SLB shall be limited to ninety (90) work days. Nothing shall prohibit an employee from making additional requests for more days.

An individual employee shall provide a written request for participation in the SLB on the donation and request form ("DRF"). Such DRF shall be provided to the employee by the Superintendent's office. All written requests shall be simultaneously provided on the DRF provided to the Superintendent and the School Business Administrator.

An individual employee's request for usage of the SLB shall include medical verification from a physician regarding the nature and anticipated duration of the personal disability due to the catastrophic illness or injury. If an individual employee is incapable of making and/or completing the written request for participation in the SLB, a family member or other responsible adult is allowed to make the request on the individual employee's behalf. The name of the family member or other responsible adult(s), and all necessary contact information, shall be provided on the written request from submitted to the Superintendent and School Business Administrator.

All documentation submitted by the individual employee, or by a family member or responsible adult, shall become part of the individual employee's permanent, confidential, medical file. Such documentation shall only be viewable by members of the Review Committee, and, if necessary, the Board-approved, District physician. Verification of continued personal disability due to catastrophic illness or injury may be required at reasonable intervals by either or both the Board of Education and/or the Review Committee.

The Review Committee shall render all decisions within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the written request. A completed written request shall contain all components necessary for the Review Committee to render its decision.

If one (1) or more components of a written request is/are missing or incomplete, then the Review Committee shall render its decision within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the corrected and completed written request. All decisions regarding a completed written request are strictly within the authority and discretion of the Review Committee.

L. Any vouchers for extracurricular work submitted after June 30th shall not be paid until the following school year. Any vouchers submitted July 1st or after will not be paid until the following July 15th of the next school year.

ARTICLE XII

SICK LEAVE PAYMENTS UPON RETIREMENT

The payment for unused sick leave earned in the District shall be granted to all employees retiring after ten (10) years of continuous service in the Matawan/Aberdeen Regional School District in the amount of \$55.00 per day, not to exceed \$5,500, except as to those employees set forth in paragraph 2, below.

1. In order to receive payment for unused sick leave during the calendar year in which the employee retires, the retiring employee must provide notice to the District of his or her retirement on or before January 31 of that same calendar year. Failure to provide notice of retirement by January 31 will cause payment for unused sick leave to be delayed until the year after the employee retires.

2. All employees with more than 100 days, as of June 30, 2005, shall have those days grandfathered in the event they need to use those days in the event of illness. Those employees having more than 100 days as of June 30, 2005 shall receive payment for those days at the rate of \$55.00 per day as a lump sum payment upon retirement.

3. This payment shall be made to the individual's 403(b) or 457 plan.

ARTICLE XIII

PROCEDURES FOR NOTICES IN PERSONNEL FILE

Copies of all items to be included in an employee's personnel file, shall be provided to the employee and shall be initialed and dated by the employee. The initials shall not necessarily constitute agreement with the contents of the document but shall merely indicate that the employee has seen it. The employee shall be permitted to enter an explanation or contradiction to the material contained in the file.

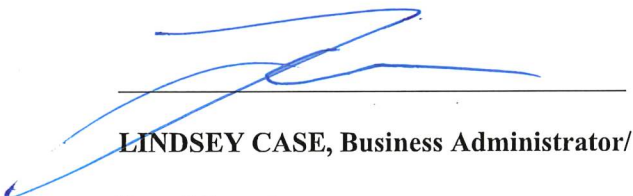
ARTICLE XIV
DURATION OF AGREEMENT

A. This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2024 and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2028.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective representatives, attested by their respective representatives, and their corporate seals to be placed hereon, all on the day and year first above written.

MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

ATTEST:



**LINDSEY CASE, Business Administrator/
Board Secretary**

By: 


DIANNA M. PELL, Board President

Date: 8/29/24

Date: 8/29/24

MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

ATTEST:



SUSAN RIPPLE, Secretary

By: 

CASEY BARILKA, President

Date: 8/29/24

Date: 8/29/24

APPENDIX A
Procedure for Tuition Reimbursement

- The total amount allotted to tuition reimbursement shall be divided equally among all applicants for tuition reimbursement.
- Staff enrolled in courses during the summer, fall and spring semesters must submit their reimbursement form on or before January 15 of the current school year.
- Staff, who may enroll in any courses that begin in May &/or June **that will conclude before June 30**, must also submit their request for reimbursement on or before January 15.
- These deadlines are firm and will not be waived.
- The Board shall confirm the amounts to be paid with the Association no later than February 1.
- Actual reimbursement for summer and fall courses shall be made on or about March 1st when the official transcript and tuition payment receipts have been submitted and provided a grade of B or better is attained. In the case of a pass-fail grading system, pass is acceptable. Actual reimbursement for the spring course shall be made within sixty (60) days of submission of official transcript and tuition payment receipts provided a grade of B or better is attained. In the case of a pass-fail grading system, pass is acceptable.

Tuition will only be reimbursed for courses taken from a duly authorized institution of higher learning licensed by the Commission of Higher Education or an out of state institution by the appropriate accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Education or the United States Department of Education.

APPENDIX B
 Premium Sharing Contribution Table
 Direct 15 and Direct 15/25

Family Coverage		Parent Child/2 Adults		Single	
Salary	Percent	Salary	Percent	Salary	Percent
Under \$25,000	3.00%	Under \$25,000	3.50%	Under \$20,000	4.50%
\$25,000-\$29,999.99	4.00%	\$25,000-\$29,999.99	4.50%	\$20,000-\$24,999.99	5.50%
\$30,000-\$34,999.99	5.00%	\$30,000-\$34,999.99	6.00%	\$25,000-\$29,999.99	7.50%
\$35,000-\$39,999.99	6.00%	\$35,000-\$39,999.99	7.00%	\$30,000-\$34,999.99	10.00%
\$40,000-\$44,999.99	7.00%	\$40,000-\$44,999.99	8.00%	\$35,000-\$39,999.99	11.00%
\$45,000-\$49,999.99	9.00%	\$45,000-\$49,999.99	10.00%	\$40,000-\$44,999.99	12.00%
\$50,000-\$54,999.99	12.00%	\$50,000-\$54,999.99	15.00%	\$45,000-\$49,999.99	14.00%
\$55,000-\$59,999.99	14.00%	\$55,000-\$59,999.99	17.00%	\$50,000-\$54,999.99	20.00%
\$60,000-\$64,999.99	17.00%	\$60,000-\$64,999.99	21.00%	\$55,000-\$59,999.99	23.00%
\$65,000-\$69,999.99	19.00%	\$65,000-\$69,999.99	23.00%	\$60,000-\$64,999.99	27.00%
\$70,000-\$74,999.99	22.00%	\$70,000-\$74,999.99	26.00%	\$65,000-\$69,999.99	29.00%
\$75,000-\$79,999.99	23.00%	\$75,000-\$79,999.99	27.00%	\$70,000-\$74,999.99	32.00%
\$80,000-\$84,999.99	24.00%	\$80,000-\$84,999.99	28.00%	\$75,000-\$79,999.99	33.00%
\$85,000-\$89,999.99	26.00%	\$85,000-\$89,999.99	30.00%	\$80,000-\$84,999.99	34.00%
\$90,000-\$94,999.99	28.00%	\$90,000-\$94,999.99	30.00%	\$85,000-\$89,999.99	34.00%
\$95,000-\$99,999.99	29.00%	\$95,000-\$99,999.99	30.00%	\$90,000-\$94,999.99	34.00%
\$100,000 - \$109,999.99	32.00%	\$100,000 and Over	35.00%	\$95,000 and Over	35.00%
\$110,000 and Over	35.00%				

Premium Sharing Contribution Table							
Direct 20/30 and all Plans with Equal or Lesser Premiums than Direct 20/30							
Family Coverage			Parent Child/2Adults			Single	
Salary	Percent		Salary	Percent		Salary	Percent
Under \$25,000	2.25%		Under \$25,000	2.63%		Under \$20,000	3.38%
\$25,000-\$29,999.99	3.00%		\$25,000-\$29,999.99	3.38%		\$20,000-\$24,999.99	4.13%
\$30,000-\$34,999.99	3.75%		\$30,000-\$34,999.99	4.50%		\$25,000-\$29,999.99	5.63%
\$35,000-\$39,999.99	4.50%		\$35,000-\$39,999.99	5.25%		\$30,000-\$34,999.99	7.50%
\$40,000-\$44,999.99	5.25%		\$40,000-\$44,999.99	6.00%		\$35,000-\$39,999.99	8.25%
\$45,000-\$49,999.99	6.75%		\$45,000-\$49,999.99	7.50%		\$40,000-\$44,999.99	9.00%
\$50,000-\$54,999.99	9.00%		\$50,000-\$54,999.99	11.25%		\$45,000-\$49,999.99	10.50%
\$55,000-\$59,999.99	10.50%		\$55,000-\$59,999.99	12.75%		\$50,000-\$54,999.99	15.00%
\$60,000-\$64,999.99	12.75%		\$60,000-\$64,999.99	15.75%		\$55,000-\$59,999.99	17.25%
\$65,000-\$69,999.99	14.25%		\$65,000-\$69,999.99	17.25%		\$60,000-\$64,999.99	20.25%
\$70,000-\$74,999.99	16.50%		\$70,000-\$74,999.99	19.50%		\$65,000-\$69,999.99	21.75%
\$75,000-\$79,999.99	17.25%		\$75,000-\$79,999.99	20.25%		\$70,000-\$74,999.99	24.00%
\$80,000-\$84,999.99	18.00%		\$80,000-\$84,999.99	21.00%		\$75,000-\$79,999.99	24.75%
\$85,000-\$89,999.99	19.50%		\$85,000-\$89,999.99	22.50%		\$80,000-\$84,999.99	25.50%
\$90,000-\$94,999.99	21.00%		\$90,000-\$94,999.99	22.50%		\$85,000-\$89,999.99	25.50%
\$95,000-\$99,999.99	21.75%		\$95,000-\$99,999.99	22.50%		\$90,000-\$94,999.99	25.50%
\$100,000 - \$109,999.99	24.00%		\$100,000 and Over	26.25%		\$95,000 and Over	26.25%
\$110,000 and Over	26.25%						

NJEHP

Family Coverage		Parent Child		2 Adults		Single	
Salary	Percent	Salary	Percent	Salary	Percent	Salary	Percent
Up to \$40,000	3.3%	Up to \$40,000	2.2%	Up to \$40,000	2.8%	Up to \$40,000	1.7%
\$40,001 to \$50,000	3.9%	\$40,001 to \$50,000	2.5%	\$40,001 to \$50,000	3.3%	\$40,001 to \$50,000	1.9%
\$50,001 to \$60,000	4.4%	\$50,001 to \$60,000	2.8%	\$50,001 to \$60,000	3.9%	\$50,001 to \$60,000	2.2%
\$60,001 to \$70,000	5.0%	\$60,001 to \$70,000	3.0%	\$60,001 to \$70,000	4.4%	\$60,001 to \$70,000	2.5%
\$70,001 to \$80,000	5.5%	\$70,001 to \$80,000	3.3%	\$70,001 to \$80,000	5.0%	\$70,001 to \$80,000	2.8%
\$80,001 to \$90,000	6.0%	\$80,001 to \$90,000	3.6%	\$80,001 to \$90,000	5.5%	\$80,001 to \$90,000	3.0%
\$90,001 to \$100,000	6.6%	\$90,001 to \$100,000	3.9%	\$90,001 to \$100,000	6.0%	\$90,001 to \$100,000	3.3%
\$100,001 to \$125,000	7.2%	\$100,001 to \$125,000	4.4%	\$100,001 to \$125,000	6.6%	\$100,001 to \$125,000	3.6%

Schedule A-1
2024-2025 Salary Guides

Step	S	P	A
1	31420	26000	24150
2-3	31820	26300	24460
4-5	32320	26780	24850
6	33220	27435	25420
7	34185	28400	26385
8	35185	29115	27360
9	36285	30215	28460
10	37385	31380	29935
11	38485	32685	31235
12	39585	33480	31965
13	40685	34580	33065
14	41785	35370	33795
15	42885	36470	34895
16	43985	37355	35695
17	45285	38655	36995
18	46685	39835	38095
19	48660	41810	40070
20	50760	43910	42170
21	52860	45170	43160

Schedule A-1
2025-2026 Salary Guides

Step	S	P	A
1-2	32110	26590	24750
3-4	32610	27070	25140
5-6	33510	27725	25710
7	34460	28675	26660
8	35460	29390	27635
9	36560	30490	28735
10	37660	31655	30210
11	38760	32960	31510
12	39860	33755	32240
13	40960	34855	33340
14	42060	35645	34070
15	43260	36845	35270
16	44460	37830	36170
17	45760	39130	37470
18	47260	40410	38670
19	49160	42310	40570
20	51260	44410	42670
21	53360	45670	43660

Schedule A-1
2026-2027 Salary Guides

Step	S	P	A
1	33110	27590	25750
2-3	33510	27970	26040
4-5	34010	28225	26210
6-7	34960	29175	27160
8	35960	29890	28135
9	37060	30990	29235
10	38160	32155	30710
11	39260	33460	32010
12	40360	34255	32740
13	41460	35355	33840
14	42560	36145	34570
15	43760	37345	35770
16	44960	38330	36670
17	46260	39630	37970
18	47760	40910	39170
19	49660	42810	41070
20	51760	44910	43170
21	53860	46170	44160

Schedule A-1
2027-2028 Salary Guides

Step	S	P	A
1-2	34385	28845	26915
3-4	34785	29000	26985
5-6	35185	29400	27385
7-8	36185	30115	28360
9	37285	31215	29460
10	38385	32380	30935
11	39485	33685	32235
12	40585	34480	32965
13	41685	35580	34065
14	42885	36470	34895
15	44085	37670	36095
16	45285	38655	36995
17	46585	39955	38295
18	48185	41335	39595
19	50160	43310	41570
20	52260	45410	43670
21	54360	46670	44660

Schedule A-2 2024-2025

Longevity		Degree		Security Guards
10 Yrs	300	AA	805	<u>\$62.50/Extracurricular Event</u>
15 Yrs	500	BA	1485	
20 Yrs	750			

RESPONSIBILITY DIFFERENTIALS (ISS & Officer Manager)

Central Office Receptionist/Registrar	2400	*Managerscovered:
Principal Secretary PK	1400	Child Study, Technology,
Principal Secretary K-3	1400	Operations & Maintenance,
Principal Secretary 4-5	2400	Pupil Personnel Services,
Principal Secretary 6-8	2800	Benefits, Athletics
Principal Secretary 9-12	3000	
Manager* Secretary	3000	

GRANDFATHERING DIFFERENTIAL

Transitional Amount	4700
Elimination Amount	6500

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE

One (1) to five (5) Years	500
Six (6) to Fifteen (15) Years	750
More than Fifteen (15) Years	1500
RBT Certification	2000**

** District must approve the use of this training during the workday (based on student needs) in order for an employee to receive the stipend.

Schedule A-2 2025-2028

Longevity		Degree		Security Guards
10 Yrs	300	AA	834.38	<u>\$64.78/Extracurricular Event</u>
15 Yrs	500	BA	1539.20	
20 Yrs	750			

RESPONSIBILITY DIFFERENTIALS (ISS & Officer Manager)

Central Office Receptionist/Registrar	2487.60	*Managers covered:
Principal Secretary PK	1451.10	Child Study, Technology,
Principal Secretary K-3	1451.10	Operations & Maintenance,
Principal Secretary 4-5	2487.60	Pupil Personnel Services,
Principal Secretary 6-8	2902.20	Benefits, Athletics
Principal Secretary 9-12	3109.50	
Manager* Secretary	3109.50	

GRANDFATHERING DIFFERENTIAL

Transitional Amount	4871.55
Elimination Amount	6737.25

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE

One (1) to five (5) Years	518.25
Six (6) to Fifteen (15) Years	777.38
More than Fifteen (15) Years	1554.75
RBT Certification	2073.00**

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