

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE I
Recognition

- A. The Board hereby recognizes the Washington Township Supervisors' Association (incorporated as the Washington Township Secondary Supervisors' Association) as the exclusive and sole representative for collective negotiations concerning grievances and terms and conditions of employment for all regularly employed professionally certificated Department Supervisors, also known as "Supervisor of (Specified Curriculum Area)" under contract or on leave approved by the Board, excluding: those positions covered under contracts with the Washington Township Education Association, Washington Township Schools Support Services Personnel Association, Washington Township Principals' Association, and the Non-Unit Board of Education Policy No. 4250.

Notwithstanding the incorporated title of this Association, membership in this negotiating unit shall be exclusively limited to individuals appointed by the Board of Education specifically in the title of "Department Supervisor" or "Supervisor of (Specified Curriculum Area)". Despite the incorporated title of Supervisors, it is no way intended at the time of the signing of this Agreement or in the future, that any employee in this school district in a Supervisory position other than those appointed with the specific title of Department Supervisor or Supervisor of (specialized curriculum area) shall now be or ever in the future be represented by this Association for collective negotiations.

- B. Unless otherwise indicated, the term "Department Supervisors," when used hereafter in this Agreement shall refer to all professional employees represented by the Association in the negotiating unit as above defined, and references to male Department Supervisors shall include female Department Supervisors.

ARTICLE II
Purpose

- A. The Association recognizes that the Board has sole authority and final responsibility in the field of educational policy and development and the Superintendent as chief executive officer of the Board is responsible for the implementation of such policies. This agreement is not intended to modify by any of its terms any authority concerning such matters vested in the Board by the statutes of the Laws of the State of New Jersey, as the same may be supplemented or amended from time to time.
- B. The Board, Superintendent and the Association recognize that they have a common responsibility to work together toward the achievement of quality education. The attainment of this objective requires mutual understanding, communication and cooperation. The Association therefore pledges that their efforts will be dedicated to the achievement of such educational excellence as all pupils deserve and which the community has a right to expect. The Board and the Association acknowledge and accept their share of accountability thereof.

ARTICLE III
Negotiation of Successor Agreement

The parties agree to enter into collective negotiations over a successor Agreement in accordance with N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1, et. seq., on or about 120 days prior to submission date of budget.

ARTICLE IV
Grievance Procedure

A. Definitions

1. A "grievance" is a written complaint by an employee or the Association based upon the interpretation, application or violation of Board policy, the Agreement and administrative decisions affecting terms and conditions of employment.
2. An "aggrieved person" is the person or persons making the claim.
3. A "party in interest" is the person or persons making the claim and any person who might be required to take action or against whom action might be taken in order to resolve the claim.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to resolve differences concerning rights of parties regarding terms and conditions of employment. Both parties agree that these proceedings will be kept as informal and confidential as may be appropriate at any level of the procedure.

C. Procedure

1. Since it is important that grievances be processed as rapidly as possible, the number of days indicated at each level should be considered a maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process. All time limits must be adhered to unless a modification or extension is agreed to by the Association and the Board. If such time limits are not adhered to by the Board or administration, the aggrieved may initiate action to the next step of this procedure. If the aggrieved or the Association fails to adhere to such time limits, the grievance shall be considered withdrawn. A grievance to be considered under this procedure must be initiated by the aggrieved or the Association within twenty (20) school days of its alleged occurrence or from the time when the aggrieved or Association could reasonably have known of its occurrence. All time lines established in this article may be extended by mutual agreement between the parties to meet extraordinary developments.
2. In the event a grievance is filed at such time it cannot be processed through all the steps in this grievance procedure by the end of the school year and, if left unresolved until the beginning of the following school year, could result in irreparable harm to a party in interest, the time limits set forth herein shall be reduced by mutual agreement so that the grievance procedure may be exhausted prior to the end of the school year or as soon thereafter as is practicable.
3. Level One
A Department Supervisor with a complaint may file a grievance in writing with their immediate supervisor either directly or through the Association's designated

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representative. The immediate supervisor will meet with the grievant and/or the Association's designated representative with the objective of resolving the matter. After hearing the complaint of the grievant, the immediate supervisor will respond in writing to the individual or the Association's designated representative, the Board President, the Association President and the Superintendent or his/her designee.

4. Level Two

If the aggrieved person is not satisfied with disposition of his/her grievance at Level One, or if no decision has been rendered within ten (10) school days after the grievance was delivered to the immediate Supervisor, the aggrieved may, within five (5) school days after a decision by the immediate Supervisor, or fifteen (15) school days after the grievance was presented to the immediate Supervisor, whichever is less, file the grievance in writing with the Superintendent or his/her designee, copy sent to the Board President, stating (a) nature of grievance, including what contract provision or policy is being grieved, (b) results of previous discussion, (c) basis of dissatisfaction with the decision, (d) remedies sought.

5. Level Three

If the aggrieved person is not satisfied with the disposition of his/her grievance at Level Two, or if no decision has been rendered within ten (10) school days after the grievance was delivered to the Superintendent or his designee, the aggrieved may, within five (5) school days after a decision by the Superintendent or his designee, or fifteen (15) school days after the grievance was delivered to the Superintendent or his designee, whichever is less, submit in writing to the Board President a request for a hearing before the Board. At the option of the Board, such hearing shall be held before the full Board or a designated committee of the Board. Such hearing shall be held within twenty-five (25) school days of the request for a hearing. The aggrieved may submit written materials to the Board or the designated committee of the Board in support of his/her position at the time of his/her request for a hearing. Any such written materials shall be served on all parties in interest by the aggrieved person. In the event that the hearing is held before the entire Board, the Board shall make a determination and notify the aggrieved person in writing within ten (10) school days of the conclusion of the hearing.

In the event that the hearing is conducted before a committee of the Board, such committee may, at the option of the Board, render a final determination. In the event that the right of final determination is vested in the committee of the Board, it shall make such determination and notify the aggrieved person in writing within ten (10) school days after the conclusion of the hearing. In the event that the hearing is conducted before a committee of the Board, the Board may, at its option, reserve the right of final determination of the full Board. In such event, the Committee of the Board shall make a report and recommendation to the entire Board and the entire Board shall thereafter make a final determination and notify the aggrieved person within ten (10) school days after the conclusion of the hearing.

6. Level Four

- a. If the aggrieved person is not satisfied with the disposition of his/her grievance he/she may within fifteen (15) school days after the decision by the Board or the Board Committee, as the case may be, or forty-six (46) school days after the request for the hearing, request that the grievance be submitted to arbitration.

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- b. Within ten (10) school days after such written notice of submission to arbitration, the Board and the Association shall attempt to agree upon a mutually acceptable arbitrator and shall obtain a commitment from said arbitrator to serve. If the parties are unable to agree upon an arbitrator or to obtain such a commitment within the specified period, a request for a list of arbitrators may be made to the American Arbitration Association or PERC by either party. The parties shall then be bound by the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association or PERC in the selection of an arbitrator. The arbitrator shall limit him/herself to issues submitted to him/her and shall consider nothing else. He/she can add nothing to nor subtract anything from this agreement. However, it is mutually agreed that the arbitrator is empowered to include in his/her award such financial reimbursements as he/she judges to be proper.
- c. The arbitrator so selected shall confer with the representatives of the Board and the Association and hold hearings promptly and shall issue his/her decision not later than twenty (20) school days from the date of the close of the hearings or, if oral hearings have been waived, then from the date the final statements and proofs on the issues 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 issues submitted. The arbitrator shall be without power or authority to make any decision which requires the commission of an act prohibited by law or which is clearly violative of the terms of this Agreement. The decision of the arbitrator shall be submitted to the Board and the Association and shall be final and binding on the parties.
- d. The costs for the services of the arbitrator, including per diem expenses, if any, and actual and necessary travel, subsistence expenses and the cost of the hearing room shall be borne equally by the Board and the Association. Any other expenses incurred shall be paid by the party incurring the same.

D. Rights of Department Supervisors to Representation

1. Any aggrieved person may be represented at all stages of the grievance procedure by him/herself, or, at his/her option, by a representative selected or approved by the Association. When a Department Supervisor is not represented by the Association, the Association shall have the right to be present and to state its views at all stages of the grievance procedure and no settlement can be reached without notifying the Association at any level of this procedure.
2. No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by the Board or by any member of the administration against any party in interest, any representative, any member of the Association, or any other participant in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.

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E. Miscellaneous

1. If, in the judgment of the Association, a grievance affects all Department Supervisors, the Association may submit such grievance in writing to the Superintendent directly and the processing of such grievance may be commenced at Level Two. The Association may process such a grievance through all levels of the grievance procedure even though the aggrieved person does not wish to do so.
2. All decisions rendered at Levels One, Two, Three and Four of the grievance procedure shall be in writing setting forth the decision and the reasons therefore and shall be transmitted promptly to all parties in interest, to the Board President, President of the Association and the Superintendent or his/her designee. Decisions rendered at Level Four shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section C, paragraph 6 (c) of this ARTICLE.
3. All meetings and hearings under this procedure shall not be conducted in public and shall include only such parties in interest and their designated or selected representatives, heretofore referred to in this ARTICLE.

ARTICLE V

Department Supervisors' Rights

- A. The Board agrees that every Department Supervisor shall have the right to freely organize, join and support the Association with purpose of engaging in collective negotiations and other concerted activities. The Board will not directly or indirectly discourage or deprive or coerce any Department Supervisor in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1, et. seq., or the Constitution of New Jersey and the United States.

The Board further agrees that it shall not discriminate against any Department Supervisor with respect to hours, wages or any terms or conditions of employment by reason of membership or non-membership in the Association, his/her participation in any activity of the Association, collective negotiations with the Board, or institution of any grievances under this Agreement.

- B. Whenever any Department Supervisor is required to appear before the Board of any committee or member thereof concerning any matter which could adversely affect the continuation of such personnel in his/her office, position or employment, or the salary, or any increments pertaining thereto, then such personnel shall be given prior written notice of the reasons for such meeting or interview and shall be entitled to have a person of his/her own choosing present to advise or represent him/her during such meeting or interview.

An employee shall be entitled to have an association representative present at an investigatory interview with an administrator or supervisor which he/she reasonably believes might result in disciplinary action. This right shall not extend to Formative or Summative evaluation conferences.

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- C. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any Department Supervisor such rights as he/she may have under New Jersey Laws or other applicable laws and regulations.
- D. No department supervisor shall be disciplined without just cause in areas ruled negotiable.
- E. Any question or criticism by a Supervisor, administrator or Board member of a Department Supervisor regarding his/her recommended instructional methodology and/or Administrative and Supervisory performance shall be made in confidence and not in the presence of students, teachers, parents/guardians at public gatherings.

ARTICLE VI Association Rights

- A. The Association and its representatives shall have permission to use school buildings at all reasonable hours for meetings, provided that it shall have notified and secured approval in the commencement of or after the end of the Department Supervisor's workday; provided, however, that this shall not preclude a meeting held during the Department Supervisor's duty-free lunch period.
- B. The Association shall have permission to use school equipment, subject to administrative approval and as long as such equipment remains in the same school building; including typewriters, computers, printers, other duplicating 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 actual cost of all materials and supplies incident to such use. The Association shall pay for the cost of any repairs upon machinery that is necessitated because of Association misuse of the machinery for Association purposes.
- C. The Association shall have the right to reasonable use of the interschool mail facilities and school mailboxes.
- D. Whenever any member of the Association, acting as a representative of the Association participates during working hours at the request of the Board of Education in negotiation mediation sessions or fact-finding sessions, the Department Supervisor shall suffer no loss in pay. The Board is in no way obligated to pay for the services of Association representatives who are not full-time employees of the Washington Township School District by this provision.
- E. The rights and privileges of the Association and its representatives, as set forth in this Agreement, shall be granted to the Association, so long as the Association remains the majority representative of the Department Supervisors; and to no other organizations representing Department Supervisors.

ARTICLE VII
Department Supervisor Work Year and Vacation

- A. The work year for 12-month members shall consist of 260 days less holidays and vacation days. Members under a 12-month contract shall be awarded 20 vacation days. Supervisors will be permitted to purchase 5 unused vacation days.
- B. In the event that an Extended School Year Program or Split Sessions is instituted, the Board of Education agrees to negotiate with the Association the terms and conditions of employment for Department Supervisors who will participate in this program.

ARTICLE VIII
Department Supervisor Hours and Load

- A. Department Supervisors shall indicate their presence for duty or departure in a manner deemed appropriate by the Board of Education or the Superintendent of Schools.
 - 1. Department Supervisors may be required to remain after the regular workday, without compensation for the purpose of attending faculty or other professional meetings as scheduled. Such meetings shall be reasonably scheduled and up to two (2) hours duration, except as dictated by emergency circumstances.
 - 2. Department Supervisors shall have a daily duty-free lunch period.
 - 3. Department Supervisors may be absent from the building during their scheduled duty-free lunch periods, provided they notify the office of their departure and return.

ARTICLE IX
Transporting Students

Department Supervisors shall not drive students to activities in their own automobiles.

ARTICLE X
Department Supervisor Employment

- A. Each Department Supervisor shall be placed on his/her proper level of the salary schedule for each year of his/her employment except, in the case of a Department Supervisor newly hired to the district, the Board and the Department Supervisor may agree to credit the Department Supervisor on the salary scale with a lesser number of years of experience than the newly hired Department Supervisor may have earned in previous employment. Credit not to exceed four (4) years shall be given for military service as required by 18A:29-11.
- B. Department Supervisor shall be notified of their contract and salary status for the ensuing year no later than May 30.

ARTICLE XI
Salaries

- A. Department Supervisors shall be paid in twenty-four (24) semi-monthly installments, payable on the 15th and last day of the month.
- B. A Department Supervisor may individually elect to have any whole dollar amount of his/her monthly salary deducted from his/her pay to be forwarded to an account of a credit union designated by the Association, provided he/she files the appropriate written request form with the business office.
- C. When a payday falls on or during a school holiday, vacation or weekend, Department Supervisors shall receive their pay checks on the last previous working day.
- D. Except when State Laws or rules of the State Department of Education apply, the Board reserves the right to be the sole judge or arbitrator in interpretation of the salary guide.
- E. Salaries for all Department Supervisors included in the collective bargaining unit represented by the Association from July 1, 2021 school year through June 30, 2024 will be based on the individual Department Supervisor's appropriate step on the salary guide negotiated between the Washington Township Supervisors' Association and the Washington Township Board of Education for each of the school years from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. See Figure 1 below.

| <u>2021-22</u> | <u>2022-23</u> | <u>2023-24</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 105,911.00 | 106,611.00 | 108,311.00 |
| 107,019.00 | 108,819.00 | 109,919.00 |
| 108,913.00 | 110,003.00 | 112,153.00 |
| 111,329.00 | 111,954.00 | 113,354.00 |
| 112,501.00 | 114,436.00 | 115,391.00 |
| 115,372.00 | 115,637.00 | 117,957.00 |
| 117,228.00 | 118,593.00 | 119,213.00 |
| 119,366.00 | 120,496.00 | 122,277.00 |
| 121,782.00 | 122,692.00 | 124,172.00 |
| 124,145.00 | 125,180.00 | 126,460.00 |
| 127,025.00 | 127,605.00 | 128,967.00 |
| 129,917.00 | 130,567.00 | 132,297.00 |
| 133,019.00 | 133,544.00 | 135,274.00 |
| 135,574.00 | 136,314.00 | 141,590.00 |
| 139,330.00 | 141,580.00 | |

Longevity

Two longevity alternatives are set forth below. Within 10 days of ratification of the memorandum of agreement by the parties, a unit member will notify the school district in writing which of the two longevity alternatives the member wishes to apply to him or her. Whichever alternative is chosen by the member will apply to the member for the term of the contract and

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until such time as a successor to the 2021-2024 contract is ratified by the Association and Board.

Alternative A

Combined and consecutive years of service as a supervisor (WTSA) in the school district.

Year 15 = \$1,300

Year 16 = \$1,500

Year 17 = \$2,000

Alternative B

Combined and consecutive years of service as teacher (WTEA), supervisor (WTSA) in the school district.

Year 23 = \$1,300

Year 24 = \$1,500

Year 25 = \$2,000

- F. The Board will reimburse members for professional dues in the amount of \$1,350 in these contract years.
- G. The parties mutually agree that should negotiations for a successor contract to the collective bargaining agreement not be completed prior to June 30th of the last year of the contract term, unit members shall not be advanced on the salary guide either vertically or horizontally and shall receive no increase in compensation until a new agreement is reached. Unit members shall continue to receive the same salary received on June 30th of the last year of the contract term until such time as a successor agreement is reached.

Movement on the guide shall be interpreted to include a vertical guide step increase and/or a column differential based on educational credit or degree attainment, (and/or an increase in longevity based on years of service). Unit members shall have their salary "frozen" at the rate on June 30th of the last year of the contract term until negotiations for a new contract are completed, the agreed upon salary increases have been distributed through mutually acceptable guides, and both parties have ratified the agreement.

ARTICLE XII

Department Supervisor Assignments

- A.
 - 1. Department Supervisors who may be required to use their own automobiles in the performance of their duties and Department Supervisors who are assigned to more than one (1) school per day shall be reimbursed for all such travel in accordance with New Jersey Department of Education Accountability Regulations.
 - 2. Department Supervisors will not have to maintain odometer readings for known established distances between schools and these distances shall be determined through Joint Road Audits or from a review of existing established distances provided by the Superintendent.

ARTICLE XIII
Voluntary Transfers and Reassignments

- A.
1. No later than ten (10) school days after a vacancy becomes known, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall deliver to the Association and post in all school buildings, a list of the known vacancies which occur during the school year and those which shall occur during the following school year. In addition to the listing of known vacancies, a listing of anticipated vacancies shall be posted.
 2. Department Supervisors who desire a change in assignment shall file a written statement of such desire with the Superintendent or his/her designee no later than ten (10) school days after notice of position has been posted.

ARTICLE XIV
Involuntary Transfers and Reassignments

- A. Notice of an involuntary transfer or reassignment shall be given to Department Supervisors within one (1) calendar week of the decision.
- B. In the event that a Department Supervisor objects to the transfer or reassignment, upon the request of the Department Supervisor, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall meet with him/her. The Department Supervisor may, at his/her option, have an Association representative present at such meeting.

ARTICLE XV
Department Supervisor Evaluation

- A. Evaluation Reports
1. All monitoring or observation of the work performance of a Department Supervisor shall be conducted openly and with full knowledge of the Department Supervisor.
 2. Observation and evaluation on non-tenured Department Supervisors shall be conducted in compliance with New Jersey Administrative Code Title 6:3-1.19.
 3. Observation and evaluation of tenured Department Supervisors shall be conducted in compliance with New Jersey Administrative Code Title 6:3-1.21.
 4. Evaluations will be in accordance with applicable law (see Article XV D.1 below).
- B. Personnel Files
1. Evaluation reports filed in the Department Supervisors' personnel file shall be signed by both the evaluator and the Department Supervisor.
 2. A Department Supervisor shall have the right to review the material in his/her personnel file at least once per year. A Department Supervisor who desires to review his/her file must schedule an appointment for review with the personnel office at least 24 hours in advance. An employee shall have the right to indicate

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those documents and/or materials in their file which he/she believes to be obsolete or otherwise inappropriate to retain. Said documents shall be reviewed by the Superintendent, or his/her designee; and if, in fact, they are obsolete or otherwise considered inappropriate to retain, they shall be destroyed. Disputes over the retention or destruction of said documents shall be grievable to the Superintendent's level only.

3. No material derogatory to a Department Supervisor's conduct, service, character, or personality shall be placed in his/her personnel file unless the Department Supervisor has had an opportunity to review the material. The Department Supervisor shall acknowledge that he/she has had the opportunity to review such material and must affix his/her signature to the copy to be filed with the express understanding that such signature in no way indicates agreement with the contents thereof.

The Department Supervisor shall also have the right to submit a written answer to such material and his/her answer shall be reviewed by the Superintendent or his/her designee and attached to the file copy.

4. Although the Board agrees to protect the confidentiality of personal reference, academic credentials, and other similar documents, it shall not establish any separate personnel file, which is not available for the Department Supervisor's inspection.
5. No material of a derogatory nature shall be added to nor removed from an individual's personnel file without the notification of the Department Supervisor.

Such notification shall require that the individual sign the material to be filed even though he/she may disagree with its contents.

C. Complaints

1. Any complaints regarding a Department Supervisor made to any member of the administration by any parent/guardian, student, or other person, which are used in any manner in evaluating a Department Supervisor shall be promptly investigated and called to the attention of the Department Supervisor. The Department Supervisor shall be given an opportunity to respond to and/or rebut such complaint. The Department Supervisor shall have the right to representation at any meeting or conferences the Department Supervisor is requested to attend regarding such complaint.

D. Evaluation Instrument

1. A joint Board-Administrator-WTSA Advisory Committee shall be convened for the purpose of improving evaluation procedures and instruments to be used within the scope of this Article. The Committee membership should be based upon equal representation of the groups involved, three (3) Board/Administration and three (3) Association Members. An evaluation process, with instrument, shall be developed by the Association and Superintendent, and then approved by the Board.

ARTICLE XVI
Fair Dismissal Procedure

A. Notification of Dismissal

On or before May 15 of each year, the Board shall give to each fully certified non-tenured Department Supervisor continuously employed since the preceding September 30 either:

- a. A written offer of a contract for employment for the next succeeding year
or
- b. Notice that such employment shall not be offered.

B. Justification of Dismissal

Any non-tenured Department Supervisor who receives notice that such employment shall not be offered shall be entitled to the benefit of the procedures set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A:27-3.2 and N.J.A.C. 6:3-1.20. When such procedures have been concluded, any further appeal by such Department Supervisor shall be to the Commissioner of Education.

ARTICLE XVII
Sick Leave

- A. All Department Supervisors shall be granted a yearly sick leave of twelve (12) days to be used only for illness. Said sick leave may not be used for any other reason. Use in violation of this agreement shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action. All days of sick leave not utilized within the current school year shall be accumulative, to be used for additional sick leave as needed in subsequent years.
- B. If any Department Supervisor is absent three (3) consecutive days, a doctor's certificate concerning the illness shall be presented upon request of the Superintendent or his/her designee. Department Supervisors shall notify the director/principal's office or his/her designee of absence due to illness as early as possible, but no later than one (1) hour before the commencement of the individual Department Supervisor's workday. Notification should be made the evening preceding the absence, when possible.
- C. Upon termination of employment, a Department Supervisor may request and the Board shall grant a certificate stating the Department Supervisor's accumulated sick leave.
- D. Reemployment by the Board of a Department Supervisor will not reinstate past accumulated sick leave.
- E. The Board may, at its discretion, in the event a Department Supervisor exhausts all accumulated sick leave, pay said Department Supervisor the difference between the substitute's pay and the daily pay of the Department Supervisor (for this purpose, the daily pay of the Department Supervisor to be calculated at 1/260 of the net annual contractual salary).

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- F. Department Supervisors shall be given a written accounting of accumulated sick leave and a written accounting of unused personal days no later than June 30 of each year. Personal days cannot be carried over to the following year for personal day use.
- G. Department Supervisors who commenced service in the district prior to May 21, 2010 will be entitled to payment of unused sick leave upon retirement or separation from the district in accordance with the following schedule:

PAYMENT FOR UNUSED SICK DAYS

Scale = Years in District

| Years (including teaching) | Ratio |
|----------------------------|--------|
| 0 to 9 | 1 to 4 |
| 10 to 14 | 1 to 3 |
| 15 to 19 | 1 to 2 |
| 20 or over | 1 to 1 |

Supervisors will be reimbursed for unused sick day at their per diem rate in accordance with the above schedule.

Maximum payment = \$25,000

A unit member who commenced service in the district on or after May 21, 2010 will be reimbursed for unused sick leave upon retirement only in accordance with the “Years (including teaching)” schedule above up to a maximum sick day reimbursement payment which shall not exceed \$15,000 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:30-3.6.

Calculation: Per Diem Rate to be determined by dividing the Department Supervisors’ salary by 260.

- H. In the event of a Department Supervisor’s death while employed by the district, sick leave reimbursement due the Department Supervisor shall be paid to the employee’s designated beneficiary.

**ARTICLE XVIII
Temporary Leaves of Absence**

- A. All temporary leaves of absence with or without pay are granted by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee and, except in emergencies, must be requested and approved in advance.
- B. Each unit employee shall be eligible for up to five (5) day leave for a death in the immediate family (spouse, civil union partner, parent, step-parent, parent-in-law, child, step-child, grandchild, brother/sister, and step-brother/sister). The first three (3) days of such leave shall be granted with pay. The Superintendent shall have complete discretion in granting a fourth or fifth day and in determining whether such fourth or fifth day shall be with pay. One (1) bereavement day with pay will be granted for extended family members (brother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, daughter-in-law, son-

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- C. in-law and grandparent). This provision shall apply for an individual standing in-loco-parentis provided a court has found that person to be in-loco-parentis or upon determination by the Superintendent of Schools that the employee stands in-loco-parentis.
- C. Absence of a Department Supervisor due to an injury which is compensable under the New Jersey Workman's Compensation Act shall not be considered as part of sick leave.
- D. A Department Supervisor absent on jury duty shall not be required to deduct such absence from sick leave. Such Department Supervisor shall be reimbursed the difference between their prevailing rate of pay and amount received for jury service.
- E. A Department Supervisor required by the Board to attend a court of law on school related matters shall be reimbursed full pay. An absence for such reason shall not be considered a part of personal days.
- F. Absence for personal business, as approved by the Administration, such as settlement of house, death of a distant member of the family or friend, or accident, shall not exceed five (5) days during the school year. Two (2) of the five (5) days are to be approved without the Supervisor providing specific reasons. Absences in excess of five (5) days shall be with pay at the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee. The term "personal business" connotes a serious personal situation that cannot be handled outside of school hours. Personal days may be utilized for attendance at any type of judicial proceedings or in connection with religious holidays. The five (5) days specified herein for personal leave shall not be cumulative if not used in the year granted, except in those conditions listed below. Personal leave may be used for illness in the year granted, provided that such supervisor has exhausted his/her annual sick leave and all accumulated sick leave. Unused personal leave may also be used in future years for illness, provided that the Department Supervisor has exhausted all his/her annual sick leave and all accumulated sick leave.

However, from and after July 1, 1977, any unused personal leave accruing after such date (which is herein made eligible for use in future years for illness where the Department Supervisor has exhausted all annual and accumulated sick leave, shall not be deemed "accumulated unused sick leave," as defined in Article XVII for purposes of any future legislation mandating payment by the Board on retirement or otherwise for accumulated unused sick leave. It is the intention of the subparagraph that from and after July 1, 1977, a separate record shall be maintained for "unused personal days" which accrue after July 1, 1977, and are eligible for use in future years for illness in the event that a Department Supervisor has exhausted all annual and accumulated sick leaves, but that such a record of "unused personal days" shall in no event be deemed to be "accumulated unused sick leave" for the purpose of such legislation.

ARTICLE XIX Extended Leaves of Absence

- A. A female Department Supervisor may utilize credited sick leave days for disability due to pregnancy, childbirth and recovery. Use of such sick leave for disability outside of a period of a month before and a month after delivery will require verification in writing from the

attending physician if requested by the Board. Such Department Supervisor shall have the option of requesting and shall be granted leave for a similar period without pay.

- B. A Department Supervisor under tenure who wishes a childcare leave following the adoption of a pre-school age child(ren) or birth of such Department Supervisor's child may request and shall be granted such leave without pay for up to one (1) and one-half (1/2) years.
- C. A non-tenured Department Supervisor who wishes a child care leave following the adoption of a pre-school age child(ren) or birth of such Department Supervisor's child may apply for and shall be granted such leave without pay for the remainder of the school year in which the leave starts. Such leave shall not extend beyond the end of the Department Supervisor's contract for the school year in which leave is granted, nor shall the granting of such leave constitute a promise of reemployment for the following school year. Determination of whether the non-tenured Department Supervisor on such leave will be reemployed for the following year will be made on or prior to, April 30. The time for which such leave is granted shall not count toward fulfillment of the time requirements for acquiring tenure.
- D.
 - 1. Superintendent shall be notified of a pregnancy by the end of the sixth month. At least sixty (60) days before the due date the Department Supervisor shall notify the Superintendent of the option or combination of options outlined above that the Department Supervisor plans to exercise.
 - 2. A Department Supervisor shall not be reassigned to work until after the presentation of medical certification of capability to perform necessary duties if such certification is requested by the Superintendent.
 - 3. If a Department Supervisor decides not to return from a child care leave, the Department Supervisor shall notify the Superintendent by giving written notice of resignation at least sixty (60) days before the leave expires.

ARTICLE XX

Sabbatical Leaves

- A. A Department Supervisor may, on recommendation of the Superintendent, be granted sabbatical leave of absence for purpose of approved study, travel, or health for a period not exceeding one year if the Department Supervisor has been continuously employed by the Board for a period of at least seven (7) years.
- B. A Department Supervisor on sabbatical leave shall receive one-half of the annual salary to which he/she would have been entitled had he/she remained in the school system during that period.
- C. Requests for sabbatical leave of absence shall be made to the Superintendent before November 1, for each school year. The Department Supervisors so requesting sabbatical leave shall be notified of the Board's action on the request by January 1.
- D. Prior to commencing the sabbatical leave, a Department Supervisor shall enter into a contract for return to active service in the district for a period of at least two (2) years

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after the expiration of such leave. Such contract shall provide for the return of all money received while on sabbatical leave plus six percent (6%) interest in the event that Department Supervisor does not return to active service, provided, however, that such reimbursement shall not be required where the failure is due to pregnancy, total incapacity or other incapacity of a physical or mental nature.

A determination concerning such a return of funds received while on sabbatical leave shall be within the sole discretion of the Board.

- E. A Department Supervisor returning from sabbatical leave shall be placed on the step of the salary schedule he/she would have attained had he/she remained in the district. Any additional benefits granted to Department Supervisors shall automatically apply to a Department Supervisor on sabbatical leave.
- F. Seven (7) supervisory years must have passed since a prior sabbatical leave in order for a Department Supervisor to become eligible for a second sabbatical leave.
- G. Before any Department Supervisor becomes entitled to a second sabbatical leave, eligible Department Supervisors who have never received sabbatical leave will be given preference.
- H. All programs of study in which Department Supervisors are enrolled shall be approved by the Superintendent and the Board in writing and shall be successfully undertaken within the sabbatical leave. However, these may be completed after the termination of the sabbatical.

ARTICLE XXI

Professional Development and Educational Improvement

- A. Tuition costs incurred by Department Supervisors shall be reimbursed by the Board of Education under the following terms and conditions:
 - 1. Tuition costs eligible for reimbursement must be for courses in the field of education or in the content area supervised by the Department Supervisor, or in the area of educational supervision and administration. In addition, courses not in the field of education or not in the content area being supervised by a Department Supervisor, but closely related, may be approved for reimbursement at the sole discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee. Courses taken for which reimbursement is requested must be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee in advance of enrollment. Reimbursement will not be made until satisfactory evidence of having received a passing grade is presented.
 - 2. Reimbursement for actual tuition costs incurred by a Department Supervisor in any one school year shall be limited to the total tuition costs for 12 graduate credit hours at the average credit cost in effect in the New Jersey State College System.
 - 3. The date on which a course is completed will determine the contract year in which the credits will be applicable for reimbursement.

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4. Non-tenured Department Supervisors shall be eligible for reimbursement at the level set forth in Subsection 2, above, for tuition costs incurred for graduate credits earned during a period after the award of a first-year contract, but prior to the commencement of work under a tenure contract; provided, however, such reimbursement shall not be payable to such Department Supervisor unless and until said Department Supervisor has commenced work under a tenure contract.
5. Upon satisfactory compliance by the Department Supervisor with all of the terms and conditions set forth in the preceding subsections, such Department Supervisor shall be paid his/her reimbursement entitlement on either October 1 for the prior spring and summer course work taken, or April 1 for the prior fall course work taken; provided that the Department Supervisor is still in the employ of the Board on such date. Such payment shall be further conditioned on said Department Supervisor remaining in the employ of the Board for the remainder of the current school year. In the event that such Department Supervisor shall leave the employ of the Board prior to the expiration of the school year in which such reimbursement entitlement has been paid, such Department Supervisors shall be obligated to refund to the Board the entire reimbursement entitlement paid to him/her during such school year, for such purpose the Board shall be empowered to deduct said sum from such Department Supervisor's salary payments.
6. No Department Supervisor shall be eligible for tuition reimbursement in connection with tuition costs incurred which is paid by the Veteran's Administration or any other outside agency.

ARTICLE XXII

Protection of Department Supervisors

A. Working Conditions

The Board of Education will make every effort to ensure safe working conditions. In the event of disorder or disruption in the regular school program, the Association shall have the right to meet with the Board on matters regarding Department Supervisor safety.

Appropriate office space reserved for supervisor use only shall be designated in each middle school for confidential meetings and other supervisor responsibilities.

B. Legal Action

Whenever any action is brought against a Department Supervisor before the Board or before the Commissioner of Education of the State of New Jersey which may affect his employment or salary status, the Board of Education shall reimburse him/her for the cost of his/her defense if the action is dismissed or results in a final decision in favor of the Department Supervisor. This shall not apply to any charges filed by the Board against the Department Supervisor.

C. Assault Upon A Department Supervisor

1. A Department Supervisor shall immediately report any case of assault or battery upon his/her person arising out of or in connection with his/her duties. Such matters

shall be immediately reported to the Principal. The Board shall give full support including legal assistance where required.

2. When absence arises out of or from such assault or injury, the Department Supervisor shall be entitled to full salary and other benefits for the period of such absence and shall not forfeit any sick leave or personal leave unless pending litigations would be continued to settlement and such settlement or judicial finding indicates that the Department Supervisor was the aggressor.
3. A Department Supervisor shall suffer no loss of leave or salary if assaulted on duty except if Department Supervisor is found to be the aggressor.
4. The Board shall reimburse a Department Supervisor for damage or destruction to his/her clothing, or other personal property which is on school property with the knowledge and prior written approval of the Building Principal, sustained as result of an unprovoked assault while the Department Supervisor is acting within the course of his/her employment. The Department Supervisor shall forthwith file a written report with the Building Principal detailing the assault and the property loss involved. Reimbursement shall be based on depreciated value of the property damaged or destroyed and it shall not exceed the amount of \$100 or the Department Supervisor's insurance deductible, if any, whichever is the lesser. Damage or destruction to motor vehicles is not reimbursable.

ARTICLE XXIII Insurance Protection

A. Insurance Protection

1. The Board will provide and pay for health care protection for individual and full family coverage at a level of benefit equal to the AmeriHealth PPO, POS and CMM plans in effect January 1, 2001. Office visit co-pay will be \$20.00 per visit.
2. The Board shall provide all employees with a description of health care insurance coverage and a description of the conditions of the coverage and the individual limits thereof.
3. During the term of this contract, the Board of Education shall provide and pay for dental, prescription and Employee Assistance Program (EAP) programs for individual and full family coverage at the level of benefits or equivalent, as described in the Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey Inc., Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and Gloucester County Schools Consortium contracts effective June 30, 1991, for each employee who shall be eligible for and shall be enrolled in a prescription drug and dental plan through a company to be selected by the Association and approved by the Board.
 - a. Employees may opt to purchase extended dental coverage of an additional \$500.
 - b. Effective January 1, 2009 employees may opt to purchase a lifetime maximum \$1,000 orthodontic coverage for eligible dependents age 18 and under,
 - c. Prescription co-pay shall be:
 - \$10.00 generic retail
 - \$25.00 for brand name retail
 - \$10.00 mail-order 90-day supply

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- d. The Board assumes full cost of the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Eligibility for enrollment for benefits shall be governed by and be subject to any restrictions imposed by the plan established by the selected company. Any such plan may provide for coverage for individual employees and their eligible dependents and may contain a deductible.
4. In case of an employee's death, health benefits coverage for surviving family members shall continue for six (6) months at Board expense.
5. Effective July 1, 2012, employees will contribute towards the cost of all insurance premiums in accordance with the PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFIT REFORM, P.L. 2011 c.78; signed into law on June 28, 2011; maximum contribution will not exceed 30% through June 30, 2020. Effective July 1, 2020 maximum contribution rate will increase to 33%.
6. If the medical and prescription drug combined plan premiums are expected to exceed the excise tax threshold of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) based upon the renewals quoted by the carrier, the parties must agree upon a new plan that will not require an excise tax payment pursuant to the ACA within 60 days of notification being given to the Association. In the event that the parties cannot reach agreement, the District may make the minimum modifications to the plan that are necessary to eliminate the exposure to the excise tax, with the least disruption possible to the employees and their dependents. Any dispute as to whether or not the changes made by the District are the minimum necessary to eliminate exposure to the excise tax with the least disruption possible to employees and their dependents shall be resolved through submission to the grievance arbitration process.

ARTICLE XXIV Academic Freedom

- A. Academic freedom shall be guaranteed to teachers and Department Supervisors, and no special limitations shall be placed upon study, investigation, and presenting and interpreting facts and ideas concerning man, human society, the physical and biological world and other branches of learning, which do not conflict with the philosophy, underlying principles, objectives and content of the courses of study adopted by the Board of Education.

ARTICLE XXV Deduction from Salary

- A. The Association shall indemnify, defend and save-harmless the Board of Education against any and all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that shall arise out of, or by

reason of, action taken by the Board in reliance upon salary deduction authorization card submitted for individual members by the Association to the Board of Education.

ARTICLE XXVI Miscellaneous Provisions

A. Management Rights

Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, the Association recognizes that the Board has responsibility and authority to manage and direct, on behalf of the public, all of the operations and activities of the school district to the full extent authorized by law. The Board of Education retains the right, in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws and regulations, (a) to direct employees of the School District, (b) to hire, promote, transfer, assign, and retain employees in positions within the School District, and to suspend, demote, discharge or take other disciplinary action against employees, (c) to relieve employees from duties because of insufficient enrollment or for other legitimate reasons, (d) to maintain the efficiency of the School District operations entrusted to them, (e) to determine the methods, means, and personnel by which such operations are to be conducted, and (f) to take whatever actions may be necessary to carry out the mission of the School District in situations of emergency.

In exercising its power, the Board, through its administrative staff, shall, subject to the provisions of this Agreement, exercise all of its managerial rights and authority to the extent permitted by law.

B. Work Continuity

1. The Association agrees that it will sanction no job actions of any type and will discourage any job actions by its membership for the duration of this contract and during the course of grievance procedures. The Board will conduct no lockouts during the terms of this Agreement.
2. The parties agree that they will resolve all disputes through the procedure outlined in this Agreement or as subsequently modified by statute or court decision.

C. Legal Basis

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

D. Notification

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

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1. If by the Association, to the Board at:
Superintendent
Central Administrative Offices
206 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080
 2. If by the Board, to the Association at:
President of Association
at his/her respective building.
- E. **Printing and Circulation of the Agreement**
Copies of this Agreement are to be printed and the cost shared equally by both the Board and the Association. The Agreement shall be presented to all Department Supervisors affected thereby.
- F. This Agreement shall not be modified in whole or in part by the parties except by an instrument in writing only, executed by both parties.
- G. Department Supervisors will be entitled to any additional benefits which may accrue to members of the teachers' association in any given contract year.

ARTICLE XXVII
Duration of Agreement

This Agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2021 and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2024. There shall be no automatic movement on the guideline 2024-25, should a successor agreement not be reached by June 30, 2024. This Agreement shall not be extended orally, and it is expressly understood that it shall expire on the date indicated, unless it is extended in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their proper officers and their corporate seals to be placed hereon.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: _____

Brian Ellis, President

ATTEST:

By: _____

Janine M. Wechter
Board of Education Secretary

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' ASSOCIATION

By: _____

Carole English, President

ATTEST:

By: _____

Joseph Hoopes, Vice President