

**CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

AGREEMENT BETWEEN

Cranbury Township Board of Education

And

Cranbury Education Association

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2028

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PREAMBLE

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this on this 15th day of March, 2023 by and between the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CRANBURY, Cranbury, New Jersey, hereinafter called "BOARD" and the CRANBURY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, hereinafter called "ASSOCIATION".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, BOARD is required by law to negotiate with the ASSOCIATION on the terms and conditions of employment of teachers: and,

WHEREAS, the parties hereto, through negotiation in good faith, have reached agreement on all such matters and desire to reduce their agreement in writing.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED between the parties hereto that:

ARTICLE I
RECOGNITION

The BOARD hereby recognizes the ASSOCIATION, for the years 2023-2028 as the majority representatives for collective negotiation, as defined in the New Jersey Public Employer-Employee Relations Act, Chapter 123 Laws of 1974, concerning the terms and conditions of employment for all certified personnel under contract including:

All Certified Teaching Staff
Nurses
Guidance Counselors
Librarians/Media Specialists
Social Workers
Learning Consultants
School Psychologist
Speech Language Specialist
But excluding- all others

- A. The term "teacher" when used hereinafter in this Agreement shall refer to all employees represented by the Cranbury Education Association in the bargaining or negotiating unit as above defined.
- B. The term "BOARD" shall include its members and agents. The BOARD agrees not to negotiate with any organization other than that designated as the representative for those included in this agreement pursuant to Chapter 123, Laws of 1974. The Board reserves the right to meet with other employee organizations or individuals other than the majority group to hear and assess their views. A representative of the majority negotiation unit will be invited to attend upon the concurrence of the minority group or individual.

C. Definition of Terms

1. "Teacher" shall include any member of the professional staff of the Cranbury Township District, the qualifications for whose office, position or employment are such as to require him/her to hold an appropriate certificate issued by State Board of Examiners in full force and effect in this state and who holds a valid standard (permanent) or provisional (but no emergency) certificate appropriate to his office position or employment.
2. "Salary Guide" shall mean a program of salaries fixed according to year of employment and/or teaching experience.
3. a. "Full-time" shall mean the number of days of employment in each week, and the period of time in each day required by the New Jersey Department of Education under Rules and Regulations that qualify any person as a full-time teacher.
b. "Part-time" teacher shall mean a teacher who is employed under contract to work less than 100% of the time.
4. "Academic Year" shall mean the period between the opening day of school in the district and the last day of school as indicated by the existing school calendar.
5. "Employment Increment" shall mean an annual increase which is granted to a teacher for satisfactory performance.

ARTICLE II
NEGOTIATION OF SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT

The parties agree to enter collective negotiations in accordance with Chapter 123, Public Laws of New Jersey, 1974, in a good-faith effort to reach agreement on all matters concerning the terms and conditions of employment. Any agreement so negotiated shall apply to all teachers, be reduced to writing and be signed by the BOARD and the ASSOCIATION. Such negotiations shall begin no later than 120 days prior to the Board's required budget submission date for the calendar year in which this agreement expires unless there is mutual agreement to delay the start of negotiations.

Neither party in any negotiations shall have any control over the selection of the negotiating representatives of the other party.

ARTICLE III
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Definition

1. A grievance is a claim by a teacher or a representative of a teacher that involves the appeal of an administrator's interpretation, application or alleged violation of policies and agreements; and/or administrative decisions affecting the teacher. As used in this definition, the term "teacher" shall mean also a group of teachers having the same grievance.
2. An aggrieved person or grievant 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.
4. All days referenced within this procedure shall be interpreted as calendar except where such interpretations will cause an end date to fall on Saturday, Sunday, holiday, or summer vacation and then the end date shall be extended to the next regular work day.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to protect employee rights as defined by this Agreement; both parties agree that these proceedings will be as informal as may be appropriate at any level of the procedure. All proceedings shall be kept confidential.

C. Formal Procedure

1. The number of days indicated at each level is the maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process. The time limits specified may, however, be extended by mutual agreement.
2. In the event a grievance is filed at such time that 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 party in interest, by mutual agreement the time limits set forth herein may be reduced so that the grievance procedure may be exhausted prior to the end of the school year or as soon thereafter as is practicable.
3. At all times during the processing of a grievance, teachers shall continue to observe all assignments and applicable rules and regulations of the Board until such grievance and any effect thereof shall have been adjudicated.
4. **Level One**
A teacher or group of teachers with a grievance shall first discuss it with the teacher's immediate supervisor within thirty (30) days after the teacher or group knew or should have known of the occurrence of the events leading to the grievance, either directly or through a member's representative of the Association, with the objective of resolving the matter. Any grievance not presented within thirty (30) days shall not thereafter be considered a grievance under the agreement.
5. **Level Two**
Within ten (10) days after the discussion with the immediate supervisor, if the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the aggrieved person or group, the grievant may set forth the grievance in writing and meet again with the immediate supervisor. The immediate supervisor

shall communicate the decision to the grievant in writing no later than ten (10) days from the receipt of the written grievance.

6. Level Three

If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level Two, the grievant may appeal the immediate supervisor's decision in writing, with the correspondence from the immediate supervisor to the Chief School Administrator or his/her designee who shall answer, in writing, within ten (10) days.

7. Level Four

If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level Three, copies of the grievance with copies of the correspondence may be sent to the Board of Education no later than ten (10) days after the Chief School Administrator or his/her designee has responded or failed to respond to the grievance.

Upon receipt of the grievance, the Board, or its designated committee, will call a meeting of those concerned within thirty (30) days. The Board, or its designated committee, shall endeavor to resolve the grievance within ten (10) days of the first meeting called by the Board, or its designated committee. However, the time may be extended upon mutual agreement for the parties involved. The Board, or its designated committee, shall forward its decision to all parties of interest.

8. Level Five

a. If the decision of the Board, or its designated committee, does not resolve the grievance to the satisfaction of the teacher and the Association wishes a review by an arbitrator the Association shall notify the Board through the Chief School Administrator within ten (10) school days of receipt of the Board's decision except in the case of a grievance involving any of the following points:

i. Any matter for which a method of review is prescribed by law or any rule or regulation of State Commissioner of Education or any matter which according to law is either

(a) Beyond the scope of the Board authority or

(b) Limited to action by the Board alone

ii. A complaint of a non-tenured teacher which arises by reason of his/her not being employed.

iii. A complaint of an employee in a non-tenured position, which is made solely by reason of the employee not being employed, re-employed, retained, or continued in his/her position.

b. The following procedure will be used to secure the services of an arbitrator:

i. Within seven (7) calendar days of the notification of the Chief School Administrator, a request will be made by the Association to the Public Employment Relations Commission to submit a roster of persons qualified to function as an arbitrator in the dispute in question.

ii. If the parties are unable to determine, within ten (10) school days of the initial

request for arbitration, a mutually satisfactory arbitrator from the submitted list, the Public Employment Relations Commission may be requested by either party to designate an arbitrator.

- c. The arbitrator shall limit himself/herself to the issues and shall consider nothing else. He/she can add nothing to, nor subtract anything from the Agreement between the parties or any policies of the Board of Education. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding. Only the Board and the aggrieved and the Association shall be given copies of the arbitrator's decision. This shall be accomplished within thirty (30) days of the completion of the arbitrator's hearing.
- d. The arbitrator's fee shall be shared equally by the Board and the Association.

D. Rights of Teachers to Representation

1. Any party in interest may be represented through Level Four of the grievance procedure by himself/herself, or, at his/her option, by a representative selected or approved by the Association. When a teacher is not represented by the Association, the Association shall have the right to be present and have the right to speak.
2. No reprisals, restraints, interference, coercion, discrimination, or intimidation of any kind shall be taken by the Board or by any member of the administration against any party in interest, or any other participant in the grievance by reason of such participation.

E. Miscellaneous

1. If, in the judgment of the Association, a grievance affects a group or class of teachers, the Association may submit such grievance in writing and follow the grievance procedure beginning at Level One.
2. Decisions rendered by Level Two which are unsatisfactory to the aggrieved person and all decisions rendered at Levels Three, Four, and Five of the Grievance procedure shall be in writing setting forth the decision and the reason therefore promptly to all parties in interest and to the Chairman of Teacher-Board Relations Committee. If the aggrieved person or group fails to receive a response within the timelines set forth, the grievance shall move to the next level.
3. All documents, communications and records concerning a grievance shall be filed in a separate grievance file. Nothing in the teachers' personnel file shall be released without permission of the teacher. No grievance shall be used to evaluate a teacher.
4. Forms for filing grievances, serving notices, taking appeals, making reports and recommendation, and other necessary documents shall be prepared jointly by the Chief School Administrator and the Association and given appropriate distribution so to facilitate operation of the grievance procedure.
5. 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.

6. Throughout the entire grievance procedure, the decision at the highest level employed will be followed until that decision is reversed or until a legal decision is obtained through the courts or through agencies or the state having jurisdiction over same.

ARTICLE IV
TEACHERS' RIGHTS

- A. In accordance with existing laws, the Board hereby agrees that every teacher employed by 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 and other concerted activities for mutual aid and protection. As a duly selected body exercising governmental power under the laws of the State of New Jersey, the Board undertakes and agrees that it shall not directly or indirectly discourage or deprive or coerce any teacher in the employment of any rights conferred by Chapter 123, Public Laws 1974 or other laws of New Jersey or the Constitution of New Jersey and the United States; that it shall not discriminate against any teacher with respect to hours, wages, or any terms or conditions of employment by reason of his/her membership in the Association and its affiliates, his/her participation in any activities of the Association and its affiliates, collective negotiations with the Board or his/her institution of any grievance, complaint or proceeding under this Agreement or otherwise with respect to any terms or conditions or employment.
- B. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any teacher such rights as he/she may have under New Jersey Laws or other applicable laws and regulations. The rights granted to teachers hereunder shall be deemed to be in addition to those provided elsewhere.
- C. No teacher shall be disciplined without just cause. Any such action asserted by the Board or any agent or representative thereof, shall be subject to the grievance procedure herein set forth, subject to law.
- D. Whenever any teacher is directed to appear before the Chief School Administrator, Board or any committee or member thereof concerning any matter which adversely affect the continuation of that teacher in his/her office, position or employment or salary or any increments pertaining thereto, then he/she shall be given five (5) calendar days prior to written notice of the reasons for such meeting or interview and shall be entitled to have a representative of the Association present to advise him/her and represent him/her during such meeting or interview.

ARTICLE V
ASSOCIATION RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

- A. The Board agrees to furnish to the Association in response to reasonable requests from time to time, all available information concerning the financial resources of the district, including but not limited to: annual financial reports and audits register of certificated personnel, agenda and official minutes of all Board meetings, census data, names and addresses of all teachers, and such other information that shall assist the Association in developing intelligent, accurate, informed and constructive programs on behalf of the teachers. Information which may be necessary for the Association to process any grievance or complaint shall be provided.
- B. Whenever any representative of the Association or any teacher is mutually scheduled by the parties to participate during working hours in negotiations, grievance proceedings, conferences, or meetings, he/she shall suffer no loss in pay.

- C. Representatives of the Association, the New Jersey Education Association, and the Middlesex County Education Association shall be permitted to transact official Association related to the Cranbury School District, and the Association and its representatives shall be entitled to use school buildings at all reasonable hours for meetings, schedule permitting. These activities shall not interfere with normal operation. Requests shall be submitted to the Chief School Administration in advance of the time and place of all such meetings.
- D. The Association shall be entitled to use school facilities and office equipment, and all types of technology equipment at reasonable times when such equipment is not otherwise in use.
- E. The Association shall have use of a bulletin board in the faculty lounge.
- F. The Association shall have the right to use the inter-school mail facilities and school mailboxes as it deems necessary without prior approval of the building administrator or other members of the administration. The Association representatives shall have the responsibility for the distribution of such materials.
- G. The Board shall grant up to three (3) days leave without loss of pay to the president of the Association or designee in order to attend to Association business.
- H. The Board and Association shall follow the terms of the Workplace Democracy Enhancement Act (WDEA).

ARTICLE VI
TEACHER-ADMINISTRATION LIAISON

The Association shall select a Liaison Committee which shall meet with the Chief School Administrator at least four (4) times during the school year, if requested by either party, to review and discuss potential school problems, practices and policies affecting terms and conditions of employment and to facilitate the administration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII
TEACHER WORK YEAR

- A. Work Year

Definition of In-School Work Year:

1. The in-school work year shall include days when pupils are in attendance, orientation days, and any other days on which teacher attendance is required.
2. The in-school work year for returning teachers employed on a ten-month basis shall not exceed 185 days. Newly employed teachers will be required to work no more than 187 days.
3. All employees shall be provided with a copy of the school calendar not later than ten (10) days after its adoption by the Board.

4. If emergency closing days are not used, the school calendar will be shortened accordingly.
5. A teacher who is required to work within his/her area of certification outside of the work year will be compensated at his/her per diem rate (as defined in Article XVI E) of pay for each day worked outside of the normal work year.

B. Work Day

1. The total workday shall consist of not more than seven (7) hours, which shall include the duty-free lunch period as guaranteed to the teachers under Article IX-C, except as noted in #2 below.
2. No more than five hours per year may be added by the Chief School Administrator to staff development days or as additional staff meetings in order to complete State Mandated professional training and/or other planned professional development training. The Chief School Administrator shall provide two weeks' notice to all staff of the additional scheduled hour. All staff is expected to attend these extended professional development days.
3. Preparation Periods
Preparation periods are pro-rated on a basis consistent with teachers' actual time of work. A minimum time for a preparation period is 30 minutes with a maximum of 40 minutes. Preparation periods can be assigned as half periods with a minimum of 20 minutes per half.

A. Full-Time Employees

Preparation periods shall be provided as follows:

- * Full-time lower grade teachers shall have six (6) preparation periods plus two (2) grade level periods per week.
- * Full-time upper grade and special area teachers shall have eight (8) preparation periods plus two (2) grade level or department meetings per week.

B. Part-Time Employees

Preschool through grade five elementary teachers will have one (1) preparation period for each of four (4) periods assigned and shall not exceed eight (8) preparation periods per week. Grade level or department meetings shall be counted as preparation periods.

Sixth through eighth grade (6-8) and special area teachers will have one (1) preparation period for each of three (3) periods assigned and shall not exceed ten (10) preparation periods per week. Grade level or department meetings shall be counted as preparation periods.

C. After School Supervision:

1. All teachers and employees who are part of the bargaining unit will assist with at least one (1), and no more than two (2) activities from the following list of after-school activities such as, but not limited to: interscholastic athletic contests; holiday and spring concerts; talent shows; physical education show; play; school dances; graduation; Wax Museum; Science Expo. Supervision of activities for employees who are paid stipends will not be counted as after school supervisory activities for said employees. In the event any teacher or employee assists with two (2) activities, they will be compensated \$50.00 for the second after-school activity.

ARTICLE VIII
NON-TEACHING DUTIES

- A. Teachers shall not be required to collect money from students when feasible.
- B. Teacher shall have a duty-free lunch period of 45 minutes except in cases of emergency. Teachers may provide supervision of students during lunch periods on a voluntary basis. Compensation will be based upon the hourly rate of non-teaching activities (Article X.C.3).
- C. Except in cases of emergency, teachers may leave the building without requesting permission during their scheduled duty-free lunch period(s) and their preparation period. Teachers will notify the office when leaving the building.
- D. Teachers without homeroom assignments will provide supervision of students at bus arrival and departure times as part of their normal duties without extending the normal hours to be worked.

ARTICLE IX
TEACHER-EMPLOYMENT

The Board of Education believes that an adequate salary schedule is needed to secure and retain teachers who are competent and to encourage teachers in service to work for professional improvement. Each teacher shall be placed on his/her proper step of the salary guide at the time of initial employment in accordance with the following:

- A. 1. Teachers with previous teaching experience in Cranbury School District shall, upon returning to the system, receive full credit on the salary guide for all outside full-time teaching experience in a school duly accredited, up to four (4) years of military experience, and up to three (3) years of experience with the Peace Corps, VISTA, or National Teacher Training Corp. Such teachers who have not been engaged in other teaching or the other activities indicated above, upon returning to the system, shall be restored to the next position on the salary guide above that at which they left.

2. Credit on the teacher salary guide may be given based on years of previous full-time teaching experience, upon initial employment in accordance with the adopted schedule.
3. Previously unused sick leave days accumulated in the district will be restored to all returning teachers.

B. Advanced Column Placement

1. All courses beyond the Bachelor's degree level must be approved by the Chief School Administrator in order for these courses to count for advancement on the salary schedule. Courses taken to meet the minimum teacher certification requirements will not count towards advanced placement on the salary guide beyond the Bachelors column, unless such courses are part of an approved, certified Masters of Education Degree.
2. To qualify for placement on the Master's+30 guide, the additional graduate coursework must be coursework that was taken beyond the receipt of the Master's degree and lead to a certificate or advanced study in the current area of instruction.
3. All credits in addition to a Masters Degree must have approval of the Chief School Administrator before placement on the Masters +30.

C. Non-tenured teachers shall be notified of their contract and salary status for the ensuing year in accordance with 18A:27-10.

D. Falsification of documents shall result in summary dismissal.

E. Reduction in Force:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:28-9 et seq. the Board of Education shall have the right to reduce the number of teaching staff members employed in the District whenever, in the judgment of the Board of Education, it is advisable to abolish any such positions for reasons of economy or because of a reduction in the number of pupils or as a result of a change in the administrative or supervisory organization of the district or for other good cause upon compliance with the law. Dismissals resulting from any such reduction shall be made on the basis of seniority according to the standards established by the Commissioner of Education.

F. Job Security and Recall

1. The Board will provide the Association with an up-to-date seniority list at regular intervals at least yearly or when any change occurs.
2. Tenured teachers who have lost their position because of a reduction in force will be placed on top of the eligible substitute list and receive priority.

ARTICLE X
COMPENSATION

A. Payment of Employees

1. Teachers employed on a ten (10) month basis shall be paid in twenty (20) equal semi-monthly installments, on the 15th and 30th of the month with the exception of item (3) following.
2. Teachers may individually elect, in writing, to have ten percent (10%) of each semimonthly installment of their monthly salary deducted from their pay. These funds shall be payable on the final school day in June.

In the event of death, money will be paid to the named beneficiary or to the employee's estate. In the event of termination of employment, money will be issued to the employee on the date of termination.

3. When a pay day falls on a school holiday, or weekend, teachers shall receive their pay checks on the last working day.
 - a. Teachers shall receive their final checks on the last working day in June after completion of checkout by one of the school administrators.
 - b. Employment increments are not automatic. Eligibility will be determined annually by the chief School Administrator and the Board based on satisfactory performance of all assigned and implied duties as a teacher.
 - c. Records necessary to substantiate years of experience and training shall be furnished by the teacher to the Chief School Administrator or Board.
4. With appropriate proof of completed coursework, there shall be twice yearly column adjustments for graduate credit effective July 1st and February 1st of each school year. Prior to movement on the Guide the teacher shall inform the chief School Administrator in writing, regarding any change or contemplated change in column reclassification by December before the start of the last semester of coursework.
5. Sick Day Reimbursement; Upon retirement, teachers shall receive \$20 per unused sick day, up to a maximum of 200 days (\$4,000). At the employee's option, sick day reimbursement may be deposited into a 403b account upon distribution.
6. Service Stipend: Upon retirement, teachers who have twenty (20) or more years of service in the Cranbury Township School District are eligible for an additional stipend of three thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$3,750).

B. Advanced Column Placement

1. A Bachelor's Degree shall be conferred by a college or a university whose courses for such a degree are acceptable to the State Board of Examiners for Certification purposes.
2. All courses beyond the Bachelor's degree level must be approved by the Chief School Administrator in order for these courses to count for advancement on the salary schedule. Courses taken to meet the minimum teacher certification requirements will not count towards advanced placement on the salary guide beyond the Bachelors column, unless such courses are part of an approved, certified Masters of Education Degree.
3. To qualify for placement on the Master's+30 guide, the additional graduate coursework must be coursework that was taken beyond the receipt of the Master's degree and lead to a certificate or advanced study in the current area of instruction.
4. All credits in addition to a Masters Degree must have approval of the Chief School Administrator before placement on the Masters +30.

C. Extracurricular Interscholastic Sports and Activities

1. Teacher(s) employed by the district will earn a stipend for coaching each Board-approved interscholastic sport or advising any Board-approved extracurricular activity.

Fall- Boys soccer, girls soccer, co-ed cross country, field hockey

Winter- Boys basketball, girls basketball, wrestling

Spring- Co-ed tennis and track, boys baseball, girls softball

- a) They shall assure that activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, skill, physical limitations and safety for all participants.
- b) They will attempt to interest as many pupils as possible by providing equal opportunity and matched competition to all participants.
- c) They shall conduct the activities so as to exemplify and instill good sportsmanship in all participants.
- d) Each staff member shall receive a stipend according to the schedule of stipends listed in B.2 and will be paid at the conclusion of each term.
- e) Refer to Job Descriptions for additional information regarding positions, duration, number of advisors and stipend rate.

2. Stipends for Activities

Duration	Winter Sports	Fall/Spring Sports (8 weeks)	Year
Head Coaches	\$3,880	\$3,730	
Assistant Coaches	\$2,920	\$2,810	
Athletic Coordinator			\$3,880

	Marking Period (approximately 45 days)	Half Year	Year
Club Advisors	\$2,730	\$3,230	\$3,730

3. Employment of teachers for non-teaching assignments shall be paid at the following hourly rate:

Year	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Rate	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$48.00

D. Explanation of Salary Schedule Columns

Except as hereinafter provided, the salary guide in this district:

- (1) For a teacher or nurse who holds a Bachelor's degree shall be as provided in Column "B.A."
- (2) For a teacher who holds a Master's degree shall be provided in Column "M.A."
- (3) For a teacher who holds a Master's degree plus 30 (30) graduate credits shall be as provided in Column "M.A. +30."

E. Employment Increment

Any teacher holding office, position or employment in this district is eligible, annually, to an employment increment until he/she has reached maximum salary provided in the appropriate level.

F. Initial Salary

Whenever an individual accepts office, position, or employment as a teacher in this district, his his/her initial placement on the salary guide shall be determined by the amount of credit for prior teaching and other experience up to and including all years, as specified in Article X. A.I and X.B.

G. Non-Applicable

The provisions of this guide shall not apply to any person who holds an emergency certificate or to persons employed as substitutes on a day-to-day basis.

ARTICLE XI
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS

- A.
1. Any change of employment assignments shall be made in writing no later than July 15, except in cases of emergency.
 2. The Chief School Administrator shall give notice of assignment to new teachers as soon as practicable.
 3. In the event that changes in such schedules, class and/or subject assignment, or room assignment are proposed after July 15, any teacher affected shall be notified promptly in writing.
- B. In order to assure that pupils are taught by teachers working within their areas of competence, teachers shall not be assigned outside the scope of their teaching certificates and/or their major or minor fields of study, unless an emergency situation exists, and the teacher agrees to such an assignment.
- C. Teachers who may be required to use their own automobiles in performance of their duties shall be reimbursed for all such travel according to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12. This rate shall change yearly as the OMB makes modifications.

ARTICLE XII
VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS AND REASSIGNMENT

- A.
1. No later than May 15 of each school year, the Chief School Administrator shall post a list of the known vacancies which shall occur during the following school year. This shall be kept current and posted in the faculty room and main office.
 2. Teachers who desire a change in grade and/or subject assignment may file a written statement of such desire with the Chief School Administrator. Such statement shall include the grade and/or subject to which the teacher desires to be assigned and in order of preference.

3. By June 1st or as soon as practicable, the Chief School Administrator shall post a schedule showing the names of all teachers who have been reassigned and the nature of such reassignment. This should be posted in the faculty room and the main office.
- B. If a teacher's request for a voluntary assignment is denied, it may be made the following school year.

ARTICLE XIII
INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS AND REASSIGNMENT

- A. Notice of an involuntary transfer or reassignment shall be given to teachers as soon as practicable, and except in case of emergency, no later than May 15.
- B. An involuntary transfer or reassignment shall be made only after a meeting between the teacher involved and the Chief School Administrator, at which time the teacher shall be notified of the reason. The teacher may, at his/her option, have an Association representative present at such meeting.
- C. A list of open positions in the school shall be made available to all teachers. Teachers may request the positions, in order of preference, to which they desire to be transferred.

ARTICLE XIV
TEACHER EVALUATION

- A. All evaluations of teaching staff members shall be done in accordance with statute, code, and the Board of Education-approved evaluation rubric, including but not limited to the required number of evaluations, pre- and post-observation conferences, and any and all timelines associated with same. Reference Policies & Regulations, as follows:

3221: Evaluation of Teachers
3222: Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and
Administrators

- B. The following provisions are included for historical purposes. To the extent that the following provisions do not conflict with statute or code, all evaluations of teaching staff members shall be conducted in accordance with the following provisions:
1. All monitoring and observation of the work performance of a teacher shall be conducted openly and with the full knowledge of the teacher.
 2. The whole process of observation, conference, and written evaluation shall be done in a timely manner as each component relates to the other.
 3. Formal written evaluations shall be provided for non-tenured teachers three (3) times per year.
 4. Tenured teachers shall be observed two times per year and shall receive an annual written final summative evaluation in accordance with law.

5. The supervisor or administrator who conducts the observation shall give the teacher the opportunity for an informal post-observation conference with him/her within ten (10) calendar days of the observation. The purpose of the conference is to review the lesson observed and for both the supervisor and the teacher to clarify matters relevant to the observation.
6. A teacher may request a draft copy of the class-visit or evaluation report and have an opportunity to review it at least one (1) day before the conference.
7. The supervisor shall provide the teacher with a final written evaluation of the observation within ten (10) calendar days of the said conference.
8. The teacher shall have five (5) calendar days after the receipt of the written evaluation to sign it. Teachers shall be required to sign only complete written evaluations of the observation. Such signature indicates neither agreement nor disagreement with the written evaluation of the observation.
9. If he/she desires, the teacher may respond in writing within ten (10) calendar days to a written evaluation of the observation. The teacher's response shall be signed and dated by both the teacher and supervisor and attached to the evaluation.

C.

1. A teacher shall have the right, upon request, to review the contents of his/her personnel files and to receive copies at Board expense, of any documents contained therein. A teacher shall be entitled to have a representative of the Association accompany him/her during such review. At least once every year, a teacher shall have the right to indicate those documents and/or the materials in his/her file which he/she believes to be obsolete or otherwise inappropriate to retain. Said documents shall be reviewed by the Chief School Administrator and, if he/she, in his/her judgment, and in accordance with appropriate rules and regulations decides they are obsolete or otherwise inappropriate to retain, they shall be destroyed in the presence of the teacher.
2. No material derogatory to the teacher's conduct, service, or personality shall be placed in his/her personnel file unless the teacher has had an opportunity to review such material. The teacher shall acknowledge that he/she has reviewed such material by affixing his/her initials and/or signature to the copy to be filed with the express understanding that such signature in no way indicates agreement with the contents thereof. The teacher shall also have the right to submit a written answer to such material and his/her answer shall be attached to the file copy.
3. The Board agrees to respect and protect the confidentiality of personal references, academic credentials, and other similar documents. The district shall maintain a separate medical file for each employee.
4. Any complaints regarding a teacher made to any member of the administration by a parent, student, or other person (which are used in evaluation of the teacher in any manner), shall as soon as possible or in no case more than five (5) days of the making of the complaint, be brought to the teacher's attention. The teacher shall have the right to respond to and/or rebut such complaint and shall have the right to be represented by the Association at meetings or conferences regarding

such complaint. Complaint based on hearsay or received from anonymous sources shall be summarily disregarded.

- D. Final written evaluation of a teacher upon termination of his/her employment shall be concluded prior to severance, if possible, and no document and/or material shall be placed in the personnel file of such teacher after severance.

ARTICLE XV LEAVES OF ABSENCES

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

It is requested that, while the following leaves are available when necessary, the typical professional employee will not expect to take every possible leave day. At the beginning of the school year, full-time teachers shall be entitled to the following temporary leaves of absence with full pay each school year:

A. BEREAVEMENT

1. In the event of death in the immediate family, an allowance of up to five (5) days per year shall be granted. Immediate family is defined as the teacher's spouse, child, grandparent, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, parent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, or any other friend or relative domiciled with the employee.
2. In the event of death of any other relative or close friend, an allowance of one (1) day shall be granted up to a total of two (2) days per school year.
 - a) Part-time teachers who work less than 5 days per week shall receive bereavement leave prorated by the FTE (full-time equivalent). Part-time teachers who work a 5-day a week schedule shall receive the same number of bereavement days as a full-time employee. It is prorated through the daily abbreviated schedule.

B. PERSONAL ABSENCE

1. Up to four (4) days of absence for personal, legal business, household or family matters which require absence during school hours. Notification to the teacher's Chief School Administrator for personal leave shall be made at least three (3) days before taking such leave (except in the case of emergencies) and the notifier for such leaves shall not be required to state the reason for taking such leave other than he/she is taking it under this section. Personal day(s) will not be granted for purpose of extending any scheduled school calendar holiday, however it is in the sole discretion of the Chief School Administrator to grant a personal day immediately before or immediately after a holiday for other reasons.
2. Part-time teachers who work less than 5 days per week shall receive personal leave prorated by the FTE (full-time equivalent). Part-time teachers who work a 5-day a week schedule shall receive the same number of personal days as a full-time employee. It is prorated through the daily abbreviated schedule.

3. It is understood and agreed that unused personal days may be converted into sick leave at the end of the school year.

C. OTHER

1. Other days will be granted for the purpose of visiting other schools or attending meetings or conferences of an educational or professional nature with prior approval of the Chief School Administrator.
2. Time necessary for appearance in any legal proceedings connected with the Teacher's employment or with the Cranbury Township School District, or in any other legal proceedings when subpoenaed as a witness only.

D. SICK DAYS

1. a. All teachers shall be entitled to ten (10) sick days each school year as of the first day of said school year, whether or not they report for duty on that day unless they are on unpaid leave of absence of unpaid disability leave.

b. Part-time teachers who work less than 5 days per week shall receive sick leave prorated by the FTE (full-time equivalent). Part-time teachers who work a 5-day a week schedule shall receive the same number of sick days as a full-time employee. It is prorated through the daily abbreviated schedule.
2. Teachers hired to begin work after the first day of school shall be entitled to one day of sick leave for each full month remaining in the school year. The entire amount of sick leave creditable on this basis shall be available to the employee as of his/her first day of scheduled employment. The terms of this paragraph shall also apply to teachers who return from an unpaid leave of absence after the first day of school and who did not work at any time during that academic year.
3. Sick leave is defined as absence due to personal illness, injury or quarantine. Unused sick leave will accumulate from year to year with no maximum limit.
4. Additional days due to illness beyond the accumulated sick leave may be granted by the Board of Education on a case by case basis, less substitute's pay as provided in N.J.S.A. 18A:30-6.

E. FAMILY ILLNESS

1. In the event of serious illness in the immediate family, an allowance of up to five (5) days (non-cumulative) per year shall be granted.
2. Part-time teachers who work less than 5 days per week shall receive family illness leave prorated by the FTE (full-time equivalent). Part-time teachers who work a 5-day a week schedule shall receive the same number of family illness days as a full-time employee. It is prorated through the daily abbreviated schedule.

F. PRO-RATION OF TEMPORARY LEAVE

All of the provisions of this article are based on a teacher working the entire year. All of the temporary leave positions will be prorated for teachers who do not work the entire work year.

Loss of a day's pay for absence other than stipulated in this Agreement shall be computed as 1/200 of the annual salary for 10 month employees. The total deducted from the employee's pay and the number of days for which the deduction is made shall appear in a statement of earnings and deductions of the pay period from which the deduction is made.

G. MILITARY LEAVE

Military leave shall be granted to regularly employed staff members according to NJSA 38:23-1 (training for military reserve); NJSA 38:23-4 (leave for war emergency or draft) and NJSA 38A:4-4 (leave for militia) and shall not break the employment continuity. The time of military service shall count toward accrued time in obtaining longevity.

H. DISABILITY LEAVE OF ABSENCE PURSUANT TO LAW

1. An employee who anticipates a disability shall notify the Chief School Administrator in writing of the anticipated commencement of the disability as soon as the employee knows of it.
2. If the evaluation of the employee indicates that he/she is not able to perform his/her duties, the Board may require a physical examination per his/her physician and have his/her physician consult with the school medical examiner.
3. Accumulated sick leave time may be utilized during the period of disability.
4. In the case of pregnancy, an employee who anticipates a disability shall inform the Chief School Administrator of the anticipated delivery date.
 - a. No later than sixty (60) calendar days prior to the anticipated delivery date, the employee shall request a leave of absence while she is disabled, for which accumulated sick time may be utilized continuously for up to four (4) weeks prior to childbirth (pre-birth disability), or for such other period of time as may be necessary for the employee's physical health and safety upon written certification from the employee's attending physician, and up to four (4) weeks following childbirth (post-birth disability), or for such other period of time as may be necessary for the employee's physical health and safety upon written certification from the employee's attending physician. In the case of a Caesarian delivery, the four (4) weeks following childbirth may be extended by a physician's certificate attesting to the disability and the employee may use accumulated sick leave during this period.
 - b. Disability leaves due to pregnancy will be unpaid after employees have exhausted or have elected not to utilize their accumulated sick leave during the period of disability due to pregnancy leave of absence.

- c. Periods of pre-birth disability and post-birth disability shall count towards the employee's entitlement to leave under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

I. MATERNITY LEAVE OF ABSENCE PURSUANT TO LAW

1. Family leaves of absence shall follow the law as provided by the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and the New Jersey Family Leave Act (NJFLA).
2. An employee seeking a family leave of absence under the FMLA or the NJFLA shall apply to the Board by specifying in writing the date on which the leave commences and the date on which the leave terminates. In the case of a family leave due to pregnancy, the request shall specify the anticipated delivery date.
3. The Board shall send a letter to the employee within one week of that month's board meeting stating the following:
 - a. Whether the employee is eligible or not eligible for the requested leave dates of departure and return;
 - b. For non-pregnancy related disabilities, specification as to the number of sick days to be used during the period of disability under the FMLA;
 - c. In the case of pregnancy, specification as to the number of sick days to be used during the period of pre-birth and/or post-birth disability under the FMLA. If the request is denied, this must be stated in writing and with a reason.
4. Eligible employees are entitled to up to 12 weeks of leave under the FMLA and up to 12 weeks of leave under the NJFLA for qualifying serious health conditions. In the case of pregnancy, periods of pre-birth and post-birth disability fall within the employee's entitlement to up to 12 weeks of leave under the FMLA. Serious health conditions which qualify for leave under both the FMLA and the NJFLA shall run concurrently. Family leaves of absence under the FMLA and the NJFLA shall be with health benefits.
5. If on unpaid leave, the amount of benefits contribution is based on employee salary before the leave began. The employee is responsible for remitting their contribution to the District by check. The business office invoices the staff member, who is on Leave, for his/her share of the premium on a monthly basis.
6. The time of such family leaves of absence shall not count as teaching time for salary purposes unless the employee works at least 120 days in the school year in which the leave commences or terminates.
7. Upon return from a family leave of absence, the employee shall be reinstated to an employment position for which he/she is certified.
8. Adoption. Any eligible employee adopting a child shall be entitled to a total of up to 12 weeks of leave under FMLA or NJFLA in order to care for the child. The leave shall commence upon

her receiving de facto custody of such infant or earlier, if necessary, to fulfill the requirements for adoption.

J. CONTRACTUAL CHILD CARE LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. At the request of the teacher, the Board may grant a contractual child care leave of absence for a period not to exceed one (1) school year unless extended by a maximum of thirty (30) days by mutual consent. Such leaves shall be limited to the school year in which the leave commences. To avoid unnecessary interruptions in instruction, the contractual child care leave shall terminate on or about September 1 or February 1, dependent on the instructional calendar. Extensions of a contractual child care leave of absence are at the complete and sole discretion of the Board.
2. The contractual child care leave shall commence either after an employee exhausts his or her accumulated sick leave from the date of the employee's pre-birth disability, utilizes all requested sick leave, or birth of the child, whichever occurred first.
3. Application pursuant to paragraph one (1) shall be made by the candidate on the advice and recommendation of a physician as evidenced by a certification.
4. Teaching staff members requesting a contractual child care leave of absence are required to submit a written request to the Chief School Administrator at least six months prior to the commencement of the contractual child care leave. The request shall specify the date on which the leave commences and the date on which the leave terminates. The request shall be accompanied by a physician's certificate setting forth the date of the expected birth. The Chief School Administrator shall provide the Board with a copy of the written request.
5. When the Board approves a contractual child care leave of absence, it shall do so by resolution designating the term of the leave and a return date for the employee to return to work. The Board reserves the right to approve the commencement and termination dates of contractual child care leaves of absence in order to preserve education continuity.
6. Time spent on contractual child care leaves of absence shall not count as teaching time for salary guide purposes.
7. A teaching staff member on a contractual child care leave of absence must notify in writing, the Chief School Administrator on or before April 1st for a September return, or October 1st for January/February return of the contract year in which the contractual child care leave of absence is scheduled to terminate that she is returning to work as scheduled.
8. A teaching staff member returning after an unpaid contractual child care leave of absence need not be given the same assignment as before but will accept any assignment for which he/she is certified.
9. Teaching staff members shall not receive increment credits for time spent on contractual child care leaves of absence nor shall such time count toward the fulfillment of time requirements for acquiring tenure.

10. An employee who does not elect to take maternity leave may continue to perform her duties when her physician certifies that she is physically able to do so.

K. CONTRACTUAL LEAVE FOR ADOPTION OF AN INFANT CHILD

1. At the request of an employee, the Board may grant a contractual child care leave of absence for adoption of a pre-school aged child to an employee for a period not to exceed one (1) school year, unless extended by a maximum of thirty (30) days by mutual consent.
2. The contractual child care leave of absence for adoption of a pre-school aged child shall commence upon the employee receiving custody of said child or earlier if necessary to fulfill the requirements of adoption.
3. Application for the leave should be made no later than three (3) months before the anticipated custody of the child by the employee.
4. When the Board approves a contractual child care leave of absence for adoption of a pre-school aged child, it shall do so by resolution designating the term of the leave and a return date for the employee to return to work. The Board reserves the right to approve the commencement and termination dates of contractual child care leave of absence in order to preserve educational continuity.
5. Any teaching staff on adoption leave shall notify the Board prior to April 1st whether it is his/her intention to return to his/her teacher duties in the next school year.
6. Contractual child care leaves of absence are unpaid and with health benefits for a period of one (1) month after commencement of leave, or longer if required by law. During the period of contractual child care leaves of absence, employees may continue health benefits at their own expense and in accordance with the rules of the insurance carrier.
7. Those employees granted a leave of absence for the adoption of an infant child are excluded from the benefits of sick leave.
8. Time spent on a contractual child care leave of absence for adoption of a pre-school aged child leaves of absence shall not count as teaching time for salary guide purposes.
9. A teaching staff member returning after an unpaid contractual child care leave of absence for adoption of a pre-school aged child leave of absence need not be given the same assignment as before but will accept any assignment for which she is certified.
10. Employees shall not receive increment credits for time spent on contractual child care leave of absence for adoption of a pre-school aged child nor shall such time count towards the fulfillment of time requirements for acquiring tenure.

- L. Leave of absence under paragraphs J and K of this Article shall be granted only in cases of child care leave, or adoption leave. Where applicable, the above leaves run concurrently to FMLA and NJFLA leaves.

- M. Advancement on the salary guide shall be based upon the date of commencement of the leave of absence. The teacher will be granted a full salary guide step if he or she works more than 120 teaching days. A part-time teacher will be granted an advancement on the salary guide if his or her days of attendance equal 65% or more of her contracted work time.

ARTICLE XVI
SABBATICAL LEAVE

A sabbatical leave may be granted to a teacher by the Board for study, including study in another area of specialization, for travel, and for other reasons of value to the school system to the following conditions:

- A. The teacher has completed at least seven (7) full years of service in the Cranbury Township School District and is completely and thoroughly trained and certified for the teaching position which he/she occupies.
- B. A teacher may not be granted a sabbatical leave more often than once every seven (7) years.
- C. A teacher on sabbatical leave for a school year may be paid by the Board at one-half (1/2) his/her regular salary or full pay for one semester leave.
- D. Salary payments will be made on the same basis as the regular staff payroll, unless a request is made for payment at less frequent intervals. In no event shall payment be advanced.
- E. If there are sufficient qualified applicants, sabbatical leaves shall be granted to a maximum of one (1) teacher, at any one (1) time, according to competence, seniority, and benefit to the school.
- F. Requests for sabbatical leave must be received by the Chief School Administrator in writing in such form as may be mutually agreed upon by the Association and the Chief School Administrator no later than January 15 and action must be taken on all such requests no later than May 1 of the school year preceding the school year for which the sabbatical leave is requested. The request shall be accompanied by a written plan outlining how the sabbatical leave would be used to benefit Cranbury School.
- G. Full pension payment on full contract salaries must be paid by the teacher on sabbatical leave to sustain full pension rights.
- H. Upon return from sabbatical leave, a teacher shall be placed on the salary guide at the level which he/she would have achieved had he/she remained actively employed in the system during the period of his/her absence.
- I. Any teacher who has taken a sabbatical leave will, upon completion of such leave, remain as an employee within the Cranbury Township School District for a period of no less than two (2) school years.

ARTICLE XVII
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

A. Tuition Reimbursement

No contract shall include a provision for additional compensation upon the acquisition of a graduate degree unless the graduate degree is conferred by an accredited institution of higher education as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-2.1. The Board shall reimburse teachers for tuition and registration fees incurred in the pursuit of graduate level courses at accredited institutions of higher education in accordance with the following conditions:

1. If a teacher receives outside aid for courses, the teacher will not be reimbursed for those courses to the extent of the aid.
2. Teachers may take a maximum of nine (9) credits per fiscal year.
3. Reimbursement will be for the actual registration fees and tuition costs per credit up to 90% of the prevailing in-state rate at TCNJ (The College of New Jersey).
4. Teachers need to apply for the coursework reimbursement in accordance with the regulations and forms written by the Chief School Administrator and a teacher-administration liaison representative.
 - a. Such applications must be received on or before January 10th for any coursework reimbursement for the subsequent year. The teacher fills out a projection sheet to inform the Chief School Administrator of how many credits he/she is planning to take in the next school year.
 - b. Teachers then need to receive prior written approval of the Chief School Administrator and the Board of Education before beginning a course(s) each semester by completing a course approval form.
 - c. Verification, including a final grade report, course reimbursement form, and proof of payment, must be presented to the business office within 60 days of the completion of the course.
5. The maximum Board expenditure for graduate level coursework reimbursement shall be \$40,000 per year.
6. In the event that the cap is exceeded, the cap will be divided by the total number of planned credits by May 30th of the preceding school year; the resultant quotient will be the amount paid per credit during the next school year; remaining monies after such payments are completed shall be equitably distributed among all teachers who are eligible for reimbursement in the first September bill list. In the event the cap is not met, any additional monies up to the cap will be divided up equally amongst those employees that wish to pursue additional credits for that school year. These teachers may exceed the credit cap in section A. 2. But shall still be bound to Section A. 3.

7. The course(s) is/are directly related to the teacher's current job, duties, responsibilities, or the field of education; courses taken to meet the minimum teacher certification requirements are not eligible for consideration under this article.
8. For employees hired after July 1, 2014, coursework will be eligible for tuition reimbursement beginning July 1 of the third contract year.
9. Employees who leave the district through resignation or retirement, but with the exception of military service, of the employee or their spouse, which requires the employee to relocate out of state, within two years after the receipt of their course reimbursement will be required to reimburse the district the cost of their reimbursement.

B. All Other Professional Development

1. Regardless of whether a teacher is full-time or part-time, all teachers will be required to attend all in-service days. Part-time employees will be compensated at a prorated basis for time that exceeds their normal work week for attending any in-service.
2. The Board will pay the allowable expenses, including fees, meals, lodging, and/or transportation incurred by teachers who attend local and out-of-town workshops, seminars, conferences, or other professional improvement sessions; or who observe classes at local schools during the school year. Prior approval for such attendance must be given by the Administration followed by the Board as defined in Policy 3440.
3. Teachers who attend summer workshop(s) at the request of the Administration shall be paid all expenses as in B.2 above plus the current contractual hourly rate for the hours in attendance.
4. Teachers shall file a voucher with receipts for reimbursement as defined in Board Policy 6471.
5. Teachers requesting to attend a summer workshop that is not required by the Administration shall not be paid expenses or an hourly rate.

ARTICLE XVIII PROTECTION OF TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PROPERTY

- A. Teachers shall not be required to work under unsafe or hazardous conditions or to perform tasks which endanger their health, safety or well-being.
- B. The Board shall reimburse a teacher up to \$150 or the amount of the deductible portion of the teacher's personal insurance for any damage or destruction of clothing or personal property of the teacher's while on duty in the school, on the school premises, or on a school-sponsored activity. Teachers should use personal insurance coverage, where it exists, to pay for covered losses.

ARTICLE XIX
MAINTENANCE OF CLASSROOM CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE

When in judgment of a teacher, a student is by his/her behavior seriously threatening the student's own safety, the safety of other students or the teacher, the teacher may temporarily exclude the student from the classroom and refer the student to the Chief School Administrator. In such cases, the Chief School Administrator shall arrange as soon as possible and, under normal circumstances, not later than the conclusion of the following school day, a conference with the teacher and possibly an appropriate specialist to discuss the problem. No teacher shall be required to work in unsafe or hazardous conditions.

ARTICLE XX
INSURANCE

The Board shall carry master insurance contracts that shall provide major medical protection, prescription drug coverage and dental coverage available to each half-time or greater employee and his/her eligible dependent(s) as defined in the sections below. Employee payments towards health benefit premiums shall continue in accordance with the levels set forth in Tier IV of PL2011, Ch. 78 or Ch. 44.

A. Medical Insurance

Major medical insurance coverage shall be provided through a Direct Access Plan, a Traditional Indemnity Plan, the NJ Educator's Health Plan, and the Garden State Health Plan.

1. Direct Access Plan

Subject to employee contributions referenced herein, the Board shall provide health coverage for employees and dependents in a Direct Access Health Plan. Co-payment is fifteen dollars (\$15) per in-network doctor visit. Maximum out-of-pocket in-network costs will be \$500 per individual/\$1,000 per family per year. Out-of-network services will be provided at 70% co-insurance after deductibles of \$2,000 per individual/\$5,000 per family with maximum out-of-pocket costs of \$2,500 per individual/\$5,000 per family per year. The emergency room copay will be \$100.00 for both in-network and out-of-network. In addition, out-of-network well-childcare benefits are at 70% co-insurance with no deductible. This enhanced national Blue Cross/Blue Shield network of physicians is larger than the network of physicians provided by the former POS Managed Care Plan and eliminates the necessity of obtaining referrals from primary care physicians.

2. Traditional Indemnity Plan

Only employees who are enrolled in the Traditional Indemnity Plan on June 30, 2014 may continue this coverage. Employees enrolled in the Traditional Indemnity Plan must pay the difference in premium costs between the Traditional Plan and the Direct Access Plan for whatever coverage they have requested. The Traditional Indemnity Plan has a deductible of four hundred dollars (\$400) for single coverage, and eight hundred dollars (\$800) for dependent coverage. The co-insurance is eighty percent (80%) after deductible. The maximum out-of-pocket costs will be \$1,000 per individual/\$2,000 per family

per year. The emergency room copay will be \$100.00.

3. New Jersey Educators' Health Plan & Garden State Health Plan – The Board shall offer the NJEHP and GSHP as per P.L. 2020, c. 44.

B. Prescription Insurance

The Board of Education shall provide a mandatory generic Prescription Drug Insurance Coverage Plan for all employees and their dependents with these co-payments.:

A-2014 Mail Order (90 day):
\$0 generic; \$10 preferred; \$25 Non-Preferred

Retail:
\$25 Generic; \$35 Preferred; \$50 Non-Preferred

C. Dental Insurance

The Board of Education shall offer a choice between two (2) Dental Insurance Coverage Plans to all employees and their dependents. Plan #1 shall be fully Board paid coverage. Employees who elect Plan #2 shall pay the difference in premium above the premium cost for Plan #1. The level of services provided is as follows:

Service	Plan #1	Plan #2
Preventive and Diagnostic Care	70%	80%
Remaining Basic & Crown Services	50%	50%
Prosthodontics	50%	50%
Orthodontic Benefits	None	50%
Deductible		
Single	\$25	\$0
Family	\$75	\$0
Maximum Yearly Limit	\$1,000	\$1,500
Maximum Orthodontic Lifetime Limit	N/A	\$3,000

The Board shall have the right, after notification to and consultation with the Association, to change Major Medical, Prescription, or Dental insurance carriers as long as the same or substantially equal or increased benefits as described above are provided.

Employees who can provide proof of alternate medical, prescription and dental insurance coverage and wish to waive the rights to the district's benefits shall receive annual compensation of \$3,500. Payments will be made at a pro-rated basis and added to the employee's regular paycheck. An employee who has waived coverage may elect to resume coverage of benefits during the annual open enrollment period or when a change in life event occurs. Individual employees who wish to may purchase prescription and/or dental coverage at the group rate.

The Board will provide an IRS Section 125 plan to all teachers, subject to applicable regulations of the Internal Revenue Service, for the federal income tax-free payment of employee contributions, medical savings accounts and child-care savings accounts.

The Board shall provide to each employee a description of the health-care insurance coverage provided under this Article.

ARTICLE XXI
PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM

- A. The Board and Association agree that the private and personal life of a teacher is not within the appropriate concern or attention of the Board, except as it may interfere with the teacher's responsibilities to and relationship with students and/or the school system.
- B. The Board and Association agree that teachers will be entitled to full rights of citizenship, and no religious or political activities of any teacher outside of school, or lack thereof, will be grounds for disciplinary action or discrimination with respect to the professional employment of such teacher, providing that such activities do not violate the Constitution of the United States.

ARTICLE XXII
COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

See Article III Grievance Procedure for issues regarding terms and conditions of employment.

Please refer to the Board policies and regulations for processes for handling complaints about issues not otherwise addressed by this collective bargaining agreement.

Time Limit:

A teacher or group of teachers with a complaint shall first discuss it with the teacher's immediate supervisor within thirty (30) days after the teacher or group knew or should have known of the occurrence of the events leading to the complaint. Any complaint not presented within thirty (30) days shall not thereafter be considered, unless an alternate time limit is established by existing applicable policy or regulation.

ARTICLE XXIII
DEDUCTION FROM SALARY

The Board agrees to deduct from the salaries of its teachers, dues for the Cranbury Education Association, the Middlesex County Education Association, the New Jersey Education Association, and the National Education Association as said teachers individually and voluntarily authorize the Board to deduct.

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

ARTICLE XXIV
REPRESENTATION FEE

- A. Purpose of Fee

If an employee does not become a member of the Association during any membership year (i.e., September 1 to August 31) which is covered in whole or in part by this Agreement, said employee will be required to pay a representation fee to the Association for that membership year. The purpose of this fee will be to offset the employee's per capita cost of services rendered by the Association as the majority representative.

B. Amount of Fee/Notification- At the onset of each membership year, the Association will notify the Board in writing of the amount of the regular membership dues, and assessments charged by the Association to its own members for that membership year. The representation fee to be paid by nonmembers/fee-payers will be determined by an impartial arbitrator in accordance with the law.

C. Deduction and Transmission of Fee

1. Notification- On or about September 15th of each year, the Board will submit to the Association a list of all employees in the bargaining unit. On or about January 1st of each year, the Association shall provide the Board with the names of those employees who are required to pay the representation fee.
2. Payroll Deduction Schedule- The Board will deduct from the salaries of the employees referred to in Section C.1 the full amount of the yearly representation fee in equal installments, beginning with the first paycheck in February.
3. Mechanics- Except as otherwise provided in this Article, the mechanics for the transmission of such fees to the Association will, as nearly as possible, be the same as those used for the transmission of regular membership dues to the Association.
4. The Association shall save the Board harmless from any claim raised against it by an employee as a result of fulfilling its obligation under this article.

ARTICLE XXV
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The Board reserves to itself the general mandatory powers and duties as defined in Title 18A-11-A, consistent with Title 18A:11-1 and present Board policies relating to terms and conditions of employment in force during the contract period.

Proposed new Board policies or modifications of existing Board policies relating to terms and conditions of employment for this contract period shall be negotiated with the Association before they are established.

ARTICLE XXVI
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. This Agreement constitutes Board policy for the items contained herein for the terms of said Agreement, and the Board shall carry out the commitment contained herein and give them full force and effect as Board policy.
- B. Any individual contract between the Board and an individual teacher, 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.
- C. The Board and the Association agree that there shall be no discrimination, and that all parties, procedures, and policies of the school system shall clearly exemplify that there is no discrimination in hiring, training, assignment, promotion, transfer, or discipline of teachers or in the application or administration of this Agreement on the basis of race, creed, color, natural origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, religion, disabilities or socioeconomic status.
- D. Copies of this Agreement shall be reproduced at the expense of the Board within thirty (30) days after the Agreement is signed, and presented to all teachers now employed, or hereafter employed.
- E. Whenever notice is required to be given by either of the parties to this Agreement to the other, pursuant to the provision(s) of this Agreement, either party shall do so in writing.
- F. If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is held to be contrary to law, then such provision or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting, except to the extent permitted by law. But all other provisions or applications shall continue in full force and effect.

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Year 1			
July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024			
Step	BA	MA	MA+30
A	57,650	58,250	58,650
B	58,450	59,350	59,850
C	59,550	60,550	61,350
D	60,625	61,875	62,900
E	61,775	63,275	64,475
F	63,275	64,775	66,125
G	64,775	66,275	67,775
H	66,300	67,775	69,450
I	67,925	69,550	71,225
J	69,525	71,325	73,000
K	71,175	73,100	74,825
L	72,825	74,975	76,725
M	74,475	76,975	78,750
N	76,475	78,975	80,875
O	78,475	81,075	83,375
P	80,475	83,675	86,375
Q	82,675	86,375	89,575
R	84,875	89,475	92,975
S	87,275	92,700	96,625

Year 2			
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025			
Step	BA	MA	MA+30
A	58,475	59,075	59,475
B	59,275	60,175	60,675
C	60,450	61,450	62,250
D	61,575	62,825	63,850
E	62,725	64,225	65,425
F	64,275	65,775	67,125
G	65,775	67,275	68,775
H	67,300	68,775	70,450
I	68,925	70,550	72,225
J	70,525	72,325	74,000
K	72,175	74,100	75,825
L	73,825	75,975	77,725
M	75,475	77,975	79,750
N	77,475	79,975	81,875
O	79,475	82,075	84,375
P	81,475	84,675	87,375
Q	83,675	87,375	90,575
R	85,875	90,475	93,975
S	88,275	93,700	97,675

Year 3 July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026			
Step	BA	MA	MA+30
A	59,325	59,925	60,325
B	60,150	61,050	61,550
C	61,325	62,325	63,125
D	62,525	63,775	64,800
E	63,750	65,250	66,450
F	65,300	66,800	68,150
G	66,800	68,300	69,800
H	68,325	69,800	71,475
I	69,975	71,575	73,250
J	71,550	73,350	75,025
K	73,200	75,125	76,850
L	74,850	77,000	78,750
M	76,525	79,025	80,800
N	78,525	81,025	82,925
O	80,525	83,125	85,425
P	82,525	85,725	88,425
Q	84,725	88,425	91,625
R	86,925	91,525	95,025
S	89,325	94,750	98,725

Year 4 July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027			
Step	BA	MA	MA+30
A	60,200	60,800	61,200
B	61,050	61,950	62,450
C	62,250	63,250	64,050
D	63,500	64,750	65,775
E	64,850	66,350	67,550
F	66,400	67,900	69,250
G	68,000	69,500	71,000
H	69,500	71,000	72,675
I	71,175	72,775	74,450
J	72,750	74,550	76,225
K	74,400	76,325	78,050
L	76,050	78,200	79,950
M	77,725	80,225	82,000
N	79,725	82,225	84,125
O	81,725	84,325	86,625
P	83,775	86,975	89,675
Q	86,000	89,700	92,900
R	88,200	92,800	96,300
S	90,600	96,025	100,000

Year 5 July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028			
Step	BA	MA	MA+30
A	61,075	61,675	62,075
B	61,950	62,850	63,350
C	63,175	64,175	65,000
D	64,500	65,750	66,775
E	65,850	67,350	68,550
F	67,500	69,000	70,350
G	69,150	70,650	72,150
H	70,725	72,225	73,900
I	72,350	74,000	75,675
J	73,975	75,775	77,450
K	75,625	77,550	79,275
L	77,275	79,425	81,175
M	78,950	81,425	83,225
N	80,925	83,450	85,325
O	82,925	85,525	87,825
P	84,975	88,175	90,875
Q	87,200	90,900	94,100
R	89,400	94,000	97,500
S	91,800	97,225	101,200

LONGEVITY*

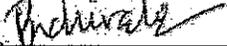
DISTRICT YEARS OF COMPLETION	2023-2028
10-12	\$2,600
13-15	\$3,200
16-18	\$3,825
19-21	\$4,400
22-24	\$5,000
25+	\$6,000

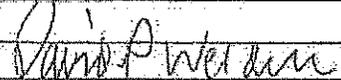
*Effective July 1, 2011, employees who begin their employment with the Board on or after July 1, 2011 shall not be eligible for longevity

ARTICLE XXVII
DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2023 and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2028. In witness thereof the Association has caused this Agreement to be signed by its Negotiation Committee Chair and Committee Members and the Board has caused this Agreement to be signed by its president, attested by its secretary and its corporate seal to be placed hereon, all on the day and year first written above.

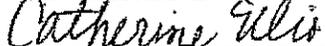
For the Board of Education:





Date: 3/15/2023

For the Association:





Date: 3/15/23

