2011-2014 AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE FEDERATION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROFESSIONALS

AND THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

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ARTICLE I

RECOGNITION

A. MEMBERSHIP

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented, known as the "New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," the Board of Education of the Camden County Technical Schools recognizes the Federation of Educational Services Professionals (Federation) as the exclusive representative for collective negotiations concerning the terms and conditions of employment for guidance counselors, media specialist, substance awareness coordinator, technology operations coordinator, coordinator of business services, admissions development officer, supervisor of planning research and development, research and development, school psychologists, school social workers, learning disabilities specialists, job placement counselors, payroll systems operator, payroll assistant computer systems operator, purchasing assistant, help desk, technical assistant and trainer/mentor, and computer support technical assistant, whether under contract or leave, employed or to be employed by the Board.

B. DEFINITION

The term employee(s) when used hereinafter in this agreement shall refer to the employee(s) represented by the Federation.

ARTICLE II

NEGOTIATION PROCEDURES

B. INITIATION DATES

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:13A:1 et seq., as amended and supplemented, the parties agree to commence negotiations for a successor agreement no later than November first of the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which this agreement expires. The Federation shall provide to the Board written notification of their intent to negotiate by October 15th. The negotiations shall be a good faith effort to reach agreement on all matters relating to the terms and conditions of employment of the Federation members.

B. NEGOTIATING TEAM

Each party shall have sole control over the selection of their respective negotiating team members. Each party will empower its representatives with the authority to represent and speak for their constituents in the negotiating process.

Negotiators from each party shall have the power to tentatively approve provisions subject to ratification by the Federation and the Board.

C. MODIFICATION

This Agreement incorporates the entire understanding of the parties on all matters which were or could have been the subject matter of negotiations. During the term of this Agreement, neither party shall be required to negotiate with respect to any such matter whether or not covered by this Agreement and whether or not within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated or executed this Agreement. This Agreement shall not be modified in whole or in part by the parties except by an instrument in writing duly executed by both parties. This Agreement shall be effective during its term as set forth in Article XVII hereof, subject to the Federation's right to negotiate over a successor agreement as provided above.

ARTICLE III

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- A. 1. A "grievance" is a claim by an employee or the Federation based upon the interpretation, application, or violation of a term or terms of this Agreement, Board policies or administrative decisions affecting an employee or a group of employees, or the Federation.
- 2. A "grievant" is the employee or employees or the Federation making the claim.
- 3. A "party in interest" is the employee or employees making the claim and any person, including the Federation or the Board, who might be required to take action or against whom action might be taken in order to resolve the claim.
- B. The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible level, equitable solutions to the grievances which may from time to time arise affecting employees. Both parties agree that these proceedings will be kept as informal and confidential as may be appropriate at any level of the procedure, and it is intended by the parties that, if appropriate, discussions be held in an attempt to resolve the grievance.
- C. 1. The number of days indicated at each level should be considered as a maximum and every effort should be made to

expedite the process. The time limits specified may, however, be extended by mutual agreement.

- 2. Discussion an employee with a grievance shall first discuss it with the Supervisor as designated per the Technical Schools Organizational Chart either directly or through the Federation's designated representative, with the objective of resolving the matter informally.
- 3. Level One If the grievance is not resolved or if no response is made within five (5) calendar days after the discussion outlined above, the grievant may submit the grievance to the Supervisor as designated per the Technical Schools Organizational Chart in writing. The division head shall respond in writing within ten (10) calendar days.
- 4. Level Two If the grievance is not resolved or if no written response is received from the Supervisor as designated per the Technical Schools Organizational Chart in the allotted time, the grievant may within ten (10) calendar days of the answer or expiration of the allotted time submit the grievance in writing to the Superintendent of Schools.*

^{*}Wherever Superintendent of Schools is mentioned, it shall mean the Superintendent or his designee.

- 5. Level Three If the grievance is not resolved or if the Superintendent does not respond in writing within ten (10) calendar days from the receipt of the grievance, the grievant may within ten (10) calendar days of the answer or expiration of the allotted time submit the grievance in writing to the Board of Education.
- 6. Level Four If the grievance is not resolved or if no written response is received from the Board within forty-five (45) calendar days the Federation only may within fifteen (15) calendar days of the answer or expiration of the allotted time submit the grievance to arbitration under the voluntary Labor Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Federation.

7. Level Five -

a. The arbitrator selected shall confer with the representatives of the Board and the Federation and hold hearings promptly and shall issue his/her decision. 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 violative of the terms of this Agreement. The decision of the arbitrator shall be submitted to the Board and the Federation and shall be final and binding on the parties.

- b. In reaching a decision, the arbitrator shall be limited to the issues submitted and shall consider no other issues. The arbitrator shall neither add anything to nor subtract anything from this Agreement.
- C. The arbitrator shall not have the jurisdiction to determine the arbitrability of issues before him but rather such issues shall be determined by the appropriate administrative agency, quasi-judicial or judicial body, except that the arbitrator shall have jurisdiction to determine whether or not the parties in interest have met the time limitations imposed by the grievance procedure.
 - d. The following matters shall not be arbitrable:
- (1) The termination of or non-renewal of the contract of a non-tenured employee.
- (2) Any allegation that the Board has violated a right conferred upon an employee or a duty upon the Board by any administrative agency, court decision or the Laws of the State of New Jersey or the United States of America, where a method of review is available under the rules and regulations of said administrative agency or under or through a quasi-judicial or judicial body by virtue of a court decision or the Laws of the State of New Jersey or the United States of America.
- (3) Any alleged violation of an employee's rights where the relief demanded by the employee is the payment of

money damages for alleged wrongful discharge or the reinstatement of employment.

- 8. 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 Federation. Any other expenses incurred shall be paid by the party incurring same.
- D. 1. All documents, communications and records dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed in a separate grievance filed and shall not be kept in the personnel file of any of any of the participants.
- 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 Federation, or any other participant in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.
- 3. If, in the judgment of the Federation, a grievance affects a group or class of employees, the Federation may submit such grievance in writing to the Superintendent directly and the processing of such grievance shall be commenced at Level Two.
- 4. All meetings and hearings under this procedure shall not be conducted in public and shall include only witnesses,

parties in interest and their designated or selected representatives.

E. To be considered timely under this procedure, a grievance must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days from the occurrence which caused the grievance or from the time the grievant should reasonably have known of the occurrence.

ARTICLE IV

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

A. RIGHTS AND PROTECTION IN REPRESENTATION

Pursuant to the N.J. Employer-Employee Relations Act, the Board hereby agrees that the employees of the Board shall have the right freely to organize, join and support the Federation for the purpose of engaging in collective negotiations and other Federation activities for mutual aid and protection, except strikes, walk-outs and the like. As a body exercising government power under code of law of the State of New Jersey, the Board undertakes and agrees that it shall not directly or indirectly discourage, deprive or coerce any employee in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by the above mentioned "Act," or other laws of New Jersey or the Constitutions of New Jersey and the United States; that it will not discriminate against any employee with respect to hours, wages or any terms or conditions of employment by reason of his membership in the Federation; his participation in any activities of the Federation; collective bargaining or any negotiations made with the Board or his institution of any grievance complaint or proceeding pursuant to this Agreement.

A. STATUTORY SAVINGS CLAUSE

The Board

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny to any employee such rights as he may have under New Jersey School Laws or other applicable laws and regulations. Any alleged violation of said rights shall not be subject to the grievance procedure contained in this agreement. The rights granted to employees hereunder shall be deemed to be in addition to those provided elsewhere.

C. REQUIRED APPEARANCES

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

D. CRITICISM IN PUBLIC

Any question or criticism by a supervisor or Board member of an employee or any question or criticism by an employee of a supervisor or Board member shall be made in confidence and not in the presence of students, parents or other public gatherings,

unless required by law or at the request of the employee, supervisor or Board member. If an oral complaint concerning an employee is to be acted upon by his supervisor, the complaint shall be reduced to writing and the employee shall be given an opportunity to respond to it.

E. An employee shall not be disciplined, subject to a written reprimand or reduced in compensation, where such action is arbitrary, without rational basis or induced by improper motive.

ARTICLE V

FEDERATION RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

A. INFORMATION

The Board will make available to the Federation upon a proper OPRA or Common Law Request Public Records of the Board.

OPRA forms shall be readily available at all Principals' offices or on-line.

B. USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Representatives and members of the Federation shall be permitted to utilize school buildings for Federation meetings at all reasonable times provided that such meetings shall not interfere with or interrupt normal school operations. Approval of the appropriate Supervisor as designated on the Technical Schools Organizational Chart shall be required before the said use for said meetings.

C. USE OF SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

The Federation shall have the right to use typewriters, computers, duplicating equipment and calculating machines at reasonable times when such equipment is not in use, upon prior written approval of the Superintendent or his designee. The Federation shall pay for the reasonable costs of all materials, supplies and equipment incidental to such use.

D. The Federation shall have the right to use the interschool mail facilities and school mail boxes as it deems necessary and without the approval of the appropriate division heads, or other members of the administration, which use shall be for the ordinary professional activity of the Federation. The Board assumes no responsibility for the material placed therein.

E. EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS

The rights and privileges of the Federation and its members, as set forth in this Agreement, shall be granted only to the Federation as the exclusive representative of the employees and to no other organization.

ARTICLE VI

EMPLOYEE WORK YEAR AND HOURS

A. EMPLOYEE WORK YEAR

The Bargaining Unit shall consist of 10 month, 11 month and 12 month employees as determined by the Board.

- 1. As to 12 month employees:
- months on a fiscal year basis (July 1 to June 30). During the teachers' school year (first work day for teachers in September and last work day for teachers in June), employees shall be required to be in attendance when teachers are required to be in attendance; however, the work hours per day shall be as set forth in subsection B1. The in-school work year for Guidance Counselors and Child Study Team Members employed on a 10 month basis shall not exceed one hundred ninety (190) days and shall include days when students are in attendance, orientation days, and any other days when teacher attendance is required.
- (b) Between the last day for teachers in June and the first day for teachers in September, employees shall be required to be in attendance daily from Monday to Friday, except for the official Fourth of July holiday, any approved vacation or leave day and any day that the schools are closed.
 - 2. As to 11 month employees:

- (a) The employee work year shall be from July 1st to June 30th, with 23 days of non-work time (unpaid) that may be used during this time period in coordination and approval of the school Business Administrator.
- (b) Between the last work day for teachers in June and June 30th and September 1st and the first work day for teachers in September, employees shall be required to be in attendance daily from Monday to Friday, except for any approved leave day and any day the schools are closed.

3. As to 10 month employees:

- (a) The employee work year shall be from September 1st to June 30th. During the teacher's school year (first work day for teachers in September and last work day for teachers in June) employees shall be required to be in attendance when teachers are required to be in attendance; however, the work hours per day shall be as set forth in subsection B1.
- (b) Between the last day for teachers in June and June 30th and September 1st and the first work day for teachers in September, employees shall be required to be in attendance daily from Monday to Friday, except for any approved leave day and any day that the schools are closed.
- 4. The Board reserves the right, subject to negotiating with the Union, to change the work year of an employee. The

Union and the employee shall be notified 60 days in advance of such proposed action to be taken by the Board.

5. When a school day has a shorter schedule for whatever reason, all staff shall have the same lunch period as the students.

B. EMPLOYEE HOURS

- 1. Except for Guidance Counselors and Child Study Team Members, between the dates of September 1st and June 30th, the employees' regularly scheduled day shall commence between 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. and shall be eight (8) hours including lunch. The start time of the employees' work day shall be as determined by the Superintendent or his designee. Between the dates of July 1st and August 31st, the employees' work day shall commence no later than 9:00 A.M.; end no later than 4:00 P.M. and shall be seven (7) hours including lunch. On in-service days, staff hours shall be the same as those of the teaching staff. Guidance Counselors and Child Study Team Members shall be required to report to their scheduled assignment not later than 7:30 A.M. and shall not be required to work beyond 2:40 P.M. at the Gloucester Township Campus and report no later than 7:34 A.M. and shall not be required to work beyond 2:44 P.M. at the Pennsauken Campus.
- 2. The employees recognize and accept that their positions and responsibilities must be met, and, to accomplish

this, the employee may be called upon occasionally to work before and after regularly scheduled hours and/or on weekends. In view of the above, the employee may occasionally request an adjustment of his scheduled work hours. Said adjustment is subject to the approval of the Superintendent or his designee.

- 3. In the event that a unit member accompanies a school sponsored activity which extends to an overnight, he/she shall receive \$109.00 for each year of this Contract, unless that unit member is already paid a stipend for participating in that sponsored activity.
- 4. Members of the Technical Services Department shall work a 7.5 hour day between September 1 and June 30, and a 7 hour day between July 1 and August 31.
 - 5. Late Arrival/Early Departure
- a. Unit employees shall make every effort to notify their immediate superior of their impending late arrival for work.
- early departure or late arrival shall be made at least 24 hours prior to, but no late than 9 A.M. on the day of departure on a form entitled "Request for Late Arrival/Early Departure" which shall be in triplicate unless in electronic format and which shall state the reason. The requesting employee shall be notified prior to the end of the fourth period for the day the

request has been made. If the request is denied, the specific reason therefore shall be stated on the request form. The only exception to the above notification shall be an extreme emergency or sudden illness in which case the form shall be completed upon the employee's return to work. In such a situation, the request shall be made orally through the office of the appropriate Supervisor as designated per the Technical Schools Organizational Chart and there shall be a response within 10 minutes. Copies of the request shall be distributed to the employee and the employee's file. Employees shall follow the appropriate sign in/out procedures for their division when arriving late or departing early.

- c. Definitions
- (1) Lateness to Work:

Four (4) occasional lateness to work annually, (within 60 minutes of starting time), shall be charged as a half (1/2) day absence. Each group of four (4) latenesses shall be considered to tally a half (1/2) day absence.

- (2) Four (4) occasional leaving work early annually (within 60 minutes of leave time), shall be charged as a half (1/2) day absence. Each group of Four (4) occasional leaving work early shall be considered to tally a half (1/2) day absence.
 - (3) Record Keeping

Record keeping for lateness and leaving work early will be maintained by the employee's Supervisor as designated on the Technical Schools Organizational Chart. The data will be reported to the Superintendent for entry into the employees' attendance record. When the employee accumulates four (4) days of lateness to work or four (4) days leaving work early or a combination thereof, the employee shall be charged with a half (1/2) day absence on the accumulated fourth (4th) day for each group of absences. These days shall be subtracted from personal days, or if none exist, from salary.

- (4) Other situations that occur beyond the scope of the above items shall be dealt with on an individual basis at the discretion of the division heard and in accordance with the current labor agreement.
- employee to arrive earlier than scheduled or to leave later than scheduled, an adjustment will be made to that employee's schedule to accommodate that need. On those documented occasions, this will not be considered a lateness or leaving work early pursuant to Paragraph B5c.

ARTICLE VII

VACATIONS

A. TIME ALLOTTED

- 1. All 12 month employees hired prior to July 1, 1998 covered by this Agreement shall earn twenty-three (23) vacation days per contract year and such time shall be available for use in the following contract year. Twelve month employees hired effective July 1, 1998 and thereafter shall be entitled to twenty (20) such vacation days. The vacation time earned for an employee who has worked less than a full contract year shall be prorated.
- 2. Twelve month technical assistants shall be entitled to vacation as follows:

Any technical assistant hired between July 1 and the succeeding January 1 of any calendar year shall be considered to have completed the necessary time to earn two (2) weeks vacation effective the following June 30th. Any 12 month technical assistant hired after January 1st shall earn one vacation day for each full month of employment between January 1st and June 30th of that year.

a. One full year through the completion of eight (8) years of service = 2 weeks

- b. Upon completion of nine (9) years through completion of fifteen (15) years of service = 3 weeks.
- c. Upon completion of sixteen (16) or more years of service = 4 weeks.
- 3. Any 11 month employee covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to twenty (20) vacation days based on a 12 month vacation scheduled per contract year.

B. USE OF VACATION TIME

Employees must submit their vacation requests to the Superintendent or his designee for approval on or before June 1. The employee will be advised of its approval by June 15. It is recognized that the majority of the vacation time is to be taken during the months of June, July and August. However, up to five (5) vacation days may be used at a later date within the school year, or carried over with the prior written approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee to the following year. An employee is only permitted one carry over time period annually and these days may not be accumulated year to year. It is further recognized that all approved vacation time must take into account the smooth operation of the district.

The employees recognize that occasionally emergencies arise that require them to work during scheduled vacation time. These emergencies include but are not limited to the following: unexpected resignations, difficulty in finding qualified staff,

scheduling difficulties and/or compute problems. When these situations occur and the employee is able to alter his scheduled vacation and does work and, with the prior approval of the Superintendent or his designee, the employee may bank all or a portion of unused vacation time which shall be used within a 24 month time period.

C. An employee who resigns or retires during the contract year shall receive payment for any accrued unused vacation days at his/her per diem rate. In the event of death during the contract year, such payment shall be made to the employee's estate.

ARTICLE VIII

ASSIGNMENTS, TRANSFERS AND PROMOTIONS

- A. All employees currently employed shall be given written notice of their campus, building and individual assignment for the forthcoming year not later than May $31^{\rm st}$. A list of said assignments shall be available for inspection by the Federation in the office of the appropriate division head beginning not later than June $15^{\rm th}$.
- B. 1. All vacancies for employees shall be filled pursuant to the following:
- (a) Such vacancies shall be publicized through the posting of a notice in each school and division with a forwarding of the same notice to the Federation.
- (1) Such notice shall be posted as far in advance of the date of filling the vacancy as possible and in no event less then seven (7) calendar days in advance of filling the vacancy.
- (b) Said notice of vacancy shall clearly set forth the job description, the minimum qualifications, the rate of compensation, and last date for filing applications. Vacancies shall be filled on the basis of the qualifications as posted.

- (c) Employees who desire to apply for such vacancies shall file applications in writing with the office of the Superintendent within the time limit specified in the notice.
- C. Employees who desire a change in division, or campus assignment will file a written statement of such request with the Superintendent. Such statement shall include the division or campus to which the employee desires to be assigned. Such requests for transfer and/or reassignment for the following year shall be submitted no later than May 1.
- D. In the event of an involuntary transfer from campus to campus of an employee, the Board shall make every effort to provide at least 30 calendar days notice of same; however, the employees recognize that needs of the students and the smooth operation of the district or emergent conditions may result in the Board's inability to provide such notice.

ARTICLE IX

EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND PERSONNEL FILES

- A. Formal observations of the work performance of employees shall be conducted in accordance with the follow standards:
- Tenured employees shall be observed a minimum of once per school year, or as required by law.
- 2. Each non-tenured employee shall be observed a minimum of three (3) times per school year.
- 3. At least one (1) observation shall be conducted by the appropriate division head or his designated representative.
- 4. All required observations shall be completed prior to April 1. Employees may also be observed after April 1.
- 5. All monitoring or observation of the work performance of an employee shall be conducted openly and with full knowledge of the employee. Electronic devices may be used with the consent of the employee.
- 6. Before any observation or evaluation report is finalized, such report shall be discussed at a conference of the employee and the observer. After the completion of this conference, the report will be finalized and a copy of the report given to the employee who shall acknowledge receipt of same.

7. All instruments used in evaluating the work performance of employees shall stress the positive aspects of observation and evaluation shall be constructed in a manner which will help the employee work with students more effectively, and shall also be used as a part of the total administrative evaluation procedures in making determinations on continued employment.

B. PERSONNEL FILES

 Employees shall have the right, upon request, to review the contents of their personnel file two (2) times per year.

Confidential recommendations which were submitted on behalf of the employee upon employment in the school system shall not be subject to his review.

- 2. If there is any material in the personnel file which the employee believes to be derogatory, the employee may submit a written answer to such material which shall be placed in the file.
- 3. Primary personal files are maintained by the Superintendent and shall be opened for inspection to any employee as provided herein. Any matter not permitted to be removed by law that is confidential, or that is confidential student information shall not be removed from the file, and when necessary, redacted.

4. Official personnel files are maintained by the Superintendent only and shall be opened for inspection as indicated herein, provided notice of said inspection is given to the Superintendent twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Any other personnel file maintained in addition to the file maintained by the Superintendent shall also be open for inspection in the same manner, however, such files shall be considered as unofficial and unauthorized and any materials in such files are not considered official documents, may not be copied, and shall not be used in any way to influence any judgment made regarding any employees.

ARTICLE X

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. SICK LEAVE

- 1. Ten (10) month employees shall be entitled to 10 sick leave days each school year, eleven (11) month employees shall be entitled to 11 sick leave days each school year and twelve (12) month employees shall be entitled to 12 sick leave days each school year. If employed on a temporary basis during the summer months, ten month employees shall be entitled to utilize accumulated sick leave. Said leave shall accumulate as of the first official day of said school year whether or not they report for duty on that day. Unused sick leave days shall be accumulated from year to year with no maximum limit. This accumulated sick leave shall be available for use as sick leave in subsequent years.
- 2. In case of sick leave claimed, a Board of education may require a physician's certificate to be filed with the secretary of the Board of education in order to obtain sick leave. (N.J.S.A.18A:30-4).
- 3. Upon returning from any absence due to illness, an employee will fill out a scanable form entitled "Absence Form." The employee will follow the directions printed on the form, sign the form and turn it in to the office of the division head

for approval. This form will be in triplicate. A copy will be placed in the employee's file, one sent to the immediate supervisor, and another returned to the employee. If a physician's certificate is required under the provisions of 2 above, it shall be placed in the employee's file.

4. Employees shall be given a written accounting of accumulated sick leave days no late than October 30th of each school year.

B. TEMPORARY LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- 1. a. Personal leave A request for approval of all absences will be made at least two (2) days in advance of the expected absence on the form entitled "Request for Temporary Leave." The only exception to the two-day advance notification will be an extreme emergency or sudden illness.
- b. The request will be made in triplicate unless in electronic form. One copy will be returned to the employee making the request, signed by the division head. One copy will be placed in the employee's file and one copy will be sent to the immediate supervisor.
- c. Anyone having to take a personal day under emergency conditions and not able to submit the request two days in advance, will do so immediately upon return to school
- 2. Absence without salary deduction shall be allowed in the amount of up to five (5) days due to death in the immediate

- family. The five days shall be taken consecutively whenever possible unless document special circumstances exist requiring otherwise and approval by the employee's appropriate Supervisor as designated on the Technical Schools Organizational Chart. Immediate family is defined as a parent, child, spouse or any relative living in the employee's household.
- 3. Absence without salary deduction shall be allowed for three (3) days in any one school year provided that the need for such days is to perform personal business. Personal business shall be defined to include the observance of religious holidays. Except in the case of an extreme emergency, such days may not be taken on the day immediately before or after a school, holiday. Any such days not utilized in a school year shall accumulate as sick leave pursuant to "SICK LEAVE ARTICLE X" as of July 1⁵¹ or September 1⁵¹ or the succeeding school year, as the case may be.
- 4. Absence without salary deduction shall be allowed for a required appearance in a court of law or before an administrative agency, provided the employee is not a defendant in a criminal action, and provided further that the appearance does not involve an adversary action between the Board and the employee, except as otherwise provided in N.J.S.A. 18A:16-6.1 under the terms of which expenses of hearing shall be construed to include salary.

- 5. In case of required jury duty, an employee shall be allowed time off for jury service. He/she shall be paid the difference between his/her regular pay and jury pay.
- 6. Other leaves of absence with pay may be granted at the discretion of the Board or the Superintendent.
- 7. Leaves taken pursuant to this Article shall be in addition to any sick leave to which the employee is entitled.

C. EXTENDED LEAVES OF ABSENCE

1. Military leave without pay shall be granted to any employee who is inducted in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States for the period of said service in accordance with statutory requirements.

2. EXTENDED DISABILITY LEAVE

- a. Due to a medical disability, an employee shall be granted an extended leave of absence without pay (subject to Paragraph d hereof) if the following condition is satisfied:
- (1) The production of a certification from a medical doctor that the employee is medically unable to continue to work.
- b. The Board shall have the right to have such an employee examined by its own physician and, in the event of a disagreement between the Board Physician an the employee's Physician on such ability or inability, the question shall be referred to a third Physician designated by mutual agreement of

the employee and the Board for final binding resolution. The expenses of the third Physician shall be paid by the Board.

- c. During the period of the employee's personal medical disability, accumulated sick leave benefits in accordance with "SICK LEAVE-ARTICLE X" shall be paid until such benefits are exhausted or the personal medical disability has terminated.
- d. When the seeking of an extended leave of absence for medical disability can be anticipated, an employee shall file a written request for such leave with the Superintendent or his designee at least thirty (30) days in advance of the anticipated date on which said leave is to commence. The request shall specify therein the date upon which, subject to medical confirmation, the employee proposes to return. Upon termination of the medical disability, the employee shall return to work, resign, retire or apply for other leave. In the event of disagreement, the date of such termination shall be established as set forth in Paragraph b above.
- e. Application for extended medical disability shall not be granted beyond June 30 of the current school year. In the event an employee wishes to continue on extended medical disability for all or part of the ensuing school year, an application for such status shall be made during the month of June accompanied by appropriate medical certification and shall

be granted by the Board. In the event the continued extended medical disability is for part of the ensuing school year and there is a change in the employee's medical status during the school year, the Board shall, upon submission of an additional application and appropriate medical certification, make changes in said leave. In the event o a question concerning the certification, it shall be resolved in accordance with Paragraph b above.

3. CHILD REARING LEAVE

Upon completion of a disability leave in accordance with Paragraph 2 above, an employee may make application to the Board for an unpaid child rearing leave of absence. Upon application, said leave shall be granted by the Board for a period not to exceed the end of the contract year in which leave is requested to commence, but in no event to exceed a period of nine months from the date on which said leave is to commence. The Board in its discretion may extend such leave beyond the period indicated for documented medical reasons.

- 4. Other leaves of absence without pay may be granted at the discretion of the Board.
- 5. All extensions or renewals of leaves shall be applied for and responded to in writing.
- 6. An employee shall not accrue sick leave and vacation time while on an extended leave of absence. Upon return from an

extended leave of absence, any sick leave or vacation time that had been accrued by the employee before going on the extended leave of absence (and not utilized by him/her) shall be restored to him. The employee shall be assigned to substantially the same position he held at the time his leave commenced.

7. STATE AND FEDERAL FAMILY LEAVE ACTS

- a. The employer will implement the provisions of the State and Federal Family Leave Acts. Approval shall be granted for requested leave in accordance with applicable laws and interpretive regulations. Leaves taken under the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act and the New Jersey Family Leave Act shall be subject to all provisions of those laws.
- b. Employees requesting leave must comply with the minimum notice requirements and procedures specified under the applicable laws.

8. SICK LEAVE BANK

a. <u>Purpose</u> - The parties agree to establish and implement a sick leave bank utilizing a voluntary donation program to assist employees who experience a "catastrophic health condition or injury" and have exhausted their paid leave benefits. The bank shall allow employees to voluntarily donate accrued vacation, personal days, and/or sick leave to the bank. This bank shall be established pursuant to **P.L.**2007, Chapter 223 and N.J.S.A. 18A:30-10 to 13.

- b. <u>Definition</u> A catastrophic health condition or injury is a life threatening condition or combination of conditions or a period of disability required by an employee's mental or physical health and requiring the care of a physician who provides a medical verification of the need for the employee's absence.
- c. <u>Committee</u> The sick leave bank shall be administered by a committee which shall be comprised of three (3) members selected by the Board of Education and three (3) members selected by the Federation. The committee shall establish standards and procedures as it deems appropriate for the operation of the sick leave bank. These shall include, but not be limited to, eligibility requirements for participation in the sick leave bank and the conditions under which the sick leave time may be drawn. No day of leave which is donated to the sick leave bank by an employee shall be drawn by that employee or any employee from the sick bank unless authorized by the committee in order to provide sick leave.

ARTICLE XI

PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES

- A. Whenever an employee becomes aware of a condition which the employee feels may be, or has the potential of being a hazard to the safety, health or welfare of the employee, the students, the property of either, or of the school, the employee shall report that condition to the division head or other appropriate person. The condition shall be promptly investigated, and, if not corrected, the result of the investigation will be reported to the employee.
- B. As specified in 18A:6-1, an employee may, within the scope of his employment, use and apply such amount of force as is reasonable and necessary: to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others; to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon the person or within the control of a pupil; for the purpose of self-defense; and for the protection of persons or property.
- C. 1. Employees shall immediately report cases of assault suffered by them in connection with their employment to their division head in writing. Assault shall be defined as set forth in Title 18 of the New Jersey Statues, as revised.
- D. The Board shall review any claims (after receiving such verification as it shall request) on a case-by-case basis,

made by employees for damages to their personal property arising out of and in the course of the performance of their duties as federation members and shall pay all or such part of such claims, not reimbursed to the employee by the Board's comprehensive liability carrier, as the Board in its absolute discretion shall deem appropriate. In no event shall such payment exceed Four Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$437.00) for each year of the contract.

E. As specified in N.J.S.A. 18A:16-6 and 18A:16-6.1, employees shall be indemnified by the Board against civil actions and in certain criminal actions.

ARTICLE XII

DEDUCTIONS FROM SALARY

A. INCOME PROTECTION INSURANCE

The Board agrees to deduct from the salary of each employee from whom it receives authorization to do so, the required amount for the payment of premiums for any two of the following disability insurance and income protection plans:

Allen Associates

American Federation of Teachers Paycheck Protector Plan

New Jersey State Federation of Teachers Disability Income
Insurance Plan

B. TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY

An employee may authorize the Board to take deductions from his salary for the purpose of tax sheltered annuities pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:66-127, et seq., and the terms of a group contract approved by the Board.

C. Each employee may individually elect to have a specified amount of his monthly salary deducted from his pay and deposited in one agency mutually agreed upon by the parties; provided that said specified amount does not equal 100% of said disposable salary.

ARTICLE XIII

COMPENSATION AND OTHER BENEFITS

A. SALARY

1. The overall percentage salary increase each year is as follows:

Year 1 (2011-2012) 1.99% (Retroactive Payments to be made)

Year 2 (2012-2013) 1.96%

Year 3 (2013-2014) 1.93%

Based on these percentages, the manner of distributing salary increases to each eligible employee covered by this Agreement for each year of this Agreement is set forth on Schedule A.

A 10 month employee employed for at least 95 school days in any school year and an 11 or 12 month employee employed for at least 6 months in any fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) and not on extended leave of absence, shall be eligible to receive a salary increase for the following fiscal year.

2. In the event that a ten month member is employed during July or August, said member shall be compensated at one two-hundredth (1/200) of his/her prevailing salary per day employed.

B. MEDICAL BENEFITS

- 1. Subject to the employee premium sharing schedule detailed below, the Employer shall provide the present or substantially similar plans for full-time employees for medical and prescription drug benefits and dental.
- 2. From time to time, the Board, in its discretion, may make available other medical and/or prescription drug benefit plans from which employees may select in lieu of existing plans with the understanding that such a selection includes acceptance of all terms and conditions of the optional medical and/or prescription drug benefit coverage.
- 3. The Board agrees to continue the present coverage for employees and dependents under its existing dental health plan and further agrees to provide as an option a flagship dental plan provided that the Board continues to qualify for same and the flagship dental plan does not result in premium payments higher than those for the Board's basic dental plan.
- 4. The parties agree to establish a Section 125 (I.R.S. Code) plan for the purpose of permitting the payment of certain employee contributions in pre-tax dollars. Pre-tax payroll deductions shall be made equally over 24 pay periods of each

calendar year in accordance with the Employer's customary payroll practices unless otherwise required by law.

PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION

- 1. Effective July 1, 2011, the amount of contribution to be paid by an employee for medical, prescription drug and dental benefits for the employee and any eligible dependent shall be either 1.5 per cent of the employee's base salary or according to the contribution schedule below, whichever contribution amount is greater.
- 3. for family coverage or its equivalent, -

an employee who earns less than \$25,000 shall pay 3 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$25,000 or more but less than \$30,000 shall pay 4 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$30,000 or more but less than \$35,000 shall pay 5 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$35,000 or more but less than \$40,000 shall pay 6 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$40,000 or more but less than \$45,000 shall pay 7 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$45,000 or more but less than \$50,000 shall pay 9 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$50,000 or more but less than \$55,000 shall pay 12 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$55,000 or more but less than \$60,000 shall pay 14 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$60,000 or more but less than \$65,000 shall pay 17 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$65,000 or more but less than \$70,000 shall pay 19 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$70,000 or more but less than \$75,000 shall pay 22 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$75,000 or more but less than \$80,000 shall pay 23 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$80,000 or more but less than \$85,000 shall pay 24 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$85,000 or more but less than \$90,000 shall pay 26 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$90,000 or more but less than \$95,000 shall pay 28 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$95,000 or more or but less than \$100,000 shall pay 29 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$100,000 or more or but less than \$110,000 shall pay 32 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$110,000 or more shall pay 35 percent of the cost of coverage

4. for individual coverage or its equivalent -

an employee who earns less than \$20,000 shall pay 4.5 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$20,000 or more but less than \$25,000 shall pay 5.5 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$25,000 or more but less than \$30,000 shall pay 7.5 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$30,000 or more but less than \$35,000 shall pay 10 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$35,000 or more but less than \$40,000 shall pay 11 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$40,000 or more but less than \$45,000 shall pay 12 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$45,000 or more but less than \$50,000 shall pay 14 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$50,000 or more but less than \$55,000 shall pay 20 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$55,000 or more but less than \$60,000 shall pay 23 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$60,000 or more but less than \$65,000 shall pay 27 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$65,000 or more but less than \$70,000 shall pay 29 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$70,000 or more but less than \$75,000 shall pay 32 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$75,000 or more but less than \$80,000 shall pay 33 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$80,000 or more but less than \$95,000 shall pay 34 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$95,000 or more shall pay 35 percent of the cost of coverage;

5. for member with child or spouse coverage or its equivalentan employee who earns less than \$25,000 shall pay 3.5 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$25,000 or more but less than \$30,000 shall pay 4.5 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$30,000 or more but less than \$35,000 shall pay 6 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$35,000 or more but less than \$40,000 shall pay 7 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$40,000 or more but less than \$45,000 shall pay 8 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$45,000 or more but less than \$50,000 shall pay 10 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$50,000 or more but less than \$55,000 shall pay 15 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$55,000 or more but less than \$60,000 shall pay 17 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$60,000 or more but less than \$65,000 shall pay 21 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$65,000 or more but less than \$70,000 shall pay 23 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$70,000 or more but less than \$75,000 shall pay 26 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$75,000 or more but less than \$80,000 shall pay 27 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$80,000 or more but less than \$85,000 shall pay 28 percent of the cost of coverage;

an employee who earns \$85,000 or more but less than \$100,000 shall pay 30 percent of the cost of coverage.

an employee who earns \$100,000 or more shall pay 35 percent of the cost of coverage.

- 6. Base salary shall be used to determine what an employee earns for the purposes of this provision and shall mean pensionable salary.
- 7. As used in this section, "cost of coverage" means the premium or periodic charges for health care, prescription benefits and dental, provided pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18-2, or any other law, by the Board of Education. If the Employer is required by law to provide vision or other healthcare benefits not otherwise heretofore provided, the "cost of coverage" shall include the premium or periodic charges for those additional mandated benefits.
- 8. Employees employed on or before June 27, 2011, shall pay:

- i. during the first year in which the contribution is effective, one-fourth of the amount of the applicable contribution reflected under Subsections 3. through 5. above;
- ii. during the second year in which the contribution is effective, one-half of the amount of the applicable contribution reflected under Subsections 3. through 5. above;
- iii. during the third year in which the contribution is effective, three-fourths of the amount of the applicable contribution reflected under Subsections 3. through 5. above;
- iv. during the fourth year in which the contribution is effective, the full amount of the applicable contribution reflected under Subsections 3. through 5. above.
- 9. Employees employed on or after June 28, 2011 shall pay the full amount (100%) of the applicable contribution reflected in Subsections 3. through 5. above.

"Healthcare plan" or "health benefits" mean the healthcare plans for medical, prescription drug benefits and dental. If the Employer is required by law to provide vision or other healthcare benefits not otherwise heretofore provided, the definition of "healthcare plan" or "health benefits" shall also include the additional mandated benefits.

Employee contributions shall be made by way of withholding of the contribution from the employee's pay, salary, or other compensation. Withholdings shall be made by way of twenty-four

(24) equal payroll deductions in a calendar year, to the extent possible, in accordance with the Employer's customary payroll practices unless otherwise required by law.

The amount payable by any employee under this Article shall not under any circumstance be less than 1.5 per cent of base salary. An employee who pays the contribution required in Subsections 3, through 5, above shall not also be required to pay the contribution of 1.5 per cent of base salary.

CO-PAYMENTS

Medical Plan co-payments are established pursuant to the State Health Benefit Plan.

The Board agrees to continue the present coverage for employees and dependents for a prescription drug plan, until July 1, 2012. Effective July 1, 2012, subject to the employee premium payments set forth above, the Board shall pay for coverage of its unit employees and eligible dependents for a prescription drug plan with a \$5.00 co-pay for generic drugs and a \$15.00 co-pay for brand name prescription drugs. Effective July 1, 2012, the Board shall pay for coverage of its unit employees and eligible dependents for a prescription drug plan with a \$5 co-pay for generic drugs purchased by mail, and a \$15.00 co-pay for brand name prescription drugs purchased by mail.

The School Business Administrator will annually provide the Association with the current rates for all plans.

DEPENDENT COVERAGE

Effective January 1, 2011, the Board shall make dependent coverage in the Board's Medical, Prescription Drug and Dental Plans available for an adult child until the child turns 26 years of age in accordance with Section 2714 of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Student status is not required. Coverage will terminate at the end of the calendar year in which the child turns 26 years of age, subject to the right to elect continued coverage until age 31, pursuant to P.L. 2005, Chapter 375, as set forth below.

Subject to the provisions and requirements of P.L. 2005, Chapter 375, employees who are enrolled through any Board Medical, Prescription Drug Plan or Dental Plan may elect to enroll their dependents to age 31 coverage for an additional premium which shall be billed directly to the employee by the insurance carrier. These provisions shall be subject to any requirements mandated by federal law and conform to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and regulations promulgated thereunder. Dependents that are permanently disabled will remain covered during the life of the employee.

"Civil union partners" and "domestic partners" under New

Jersey law shall be considered as dependents eligible for insurance benefits.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board will reimburse an employee on active pay status for his premium charges under Part B of the Federal Medicare Program covering the employee alone when the employee reaches age 65, but only for a maximum of a six (6) month period prior to retirement. The parties agree to reopen negotiations with respect to this provision if the laws governing Medicare should change during the term of this Agreement.

The Board will provide each employee with disability coverage provided by the State of New Jersey.

OPT-OUT

- 1. Eligible employees covered by this agreement may choose, in writing, to participate in the "Optional Health Benefits Program." participation in this program is totally voluntary and is intended for those eligible employees who are covered by health insurance through another source.
- 2. If two employees are married or qualify as domestic partners/civil union partners and one of them receives health insurance coverage from Camden County or any other Employer Agency listed below, the other may not participate in the Opt-Out program:

- · Camden County Row Office
- Camden County Mosquito Commission
- Camden County Superintendent of Schools
- Camden County Prosecutor's Office
- Camden County Library System
- Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority
- Camden County Improvement Authority
- Camden County Pollution Control Authority
- Camden County Board of Elections
- Camden County Superintendent of Elections
- Camden County Health Services Center
- Camden County College
- 3. If two employees are married or qualify as domestic partners/civil union partners and both are enrolled in the State Health Benefits Plan with the other at another Board of Education or a Municipality, neither may participate in the Opt-Out Program.
- 4. If two employees are married or qualify as domestic partners/civil union partners, they may be covered individually as an employee or as a dependent under his or her spouse's/partner's plan, but not both. Dependent children must be covered under one plan only.

5. If an employee chooses to participate in this program and drops employee and/or dependent coverage, the employee shall receive a monetary incentive as outlined below. The Opt-Out monthly amounts are published at each annual Open Enrollment Period.

An employee shall receive an incentive which shall not exceed twenty-five (25%) percent of the amount saved by the Board of Education because of the Opt-Out or \$5,000 annually, whichever is less, in accordance with State law.

- 6. Eligible employees who opt to participate in this program must do so for a minimum of one (1) year at a time unless there is a change of life event. However, if an eligible employee chooses to participate and then the spouse's/partner's benefits are terminated (not voluntarily dropped), the employee and his/her dependents may enroll in any of the available plans upon proper verification of termination. Applications must be made within thirty (30) days after the loss of coverage. Eligible employees shall be permitted to opt out of either medical coverage or prescription coverage or both.
- 7. The incentive payments provided shall be paid in equal monthly payments and appropriate deductions shall be made from the gross incentive amount.

- 8. The optional health benefits program shall be available to all new benefit-eligible employees on their benefit effective date.
- 9. The incentive shall begin to be paid to the eligible employee no later than one month after the effective date of the option.
- 10. In order to enroll in the Opt-Out Program, an employee must complete the enrollment form and provide proof of dependent status and current health insurance coverage within the appropriate timeframe.
 - 11. Annual re-enrollment is required.
- 12. Employees on non-paid leaves do not receive Opt-Out payments.
- 13. Notwithstanding the above, employees who have a change in status (e.g. termination of employment, divorce (copy of decree required), legal separation (copy of decree required), death (copy of certificate required), group contract/policy terminated, military discharge (form DD214 required), which causes them to lose coverage elsewhere shall be entitled to reenroll in the health plan during the plan year provided the employee gives the Board notice of the change in status within 60 days of the event causing the change. Otherwise, all elections for a cash option shall be in effect, for the entire twelve (12) month benefit period. The Board's obligation for

the cash option shall be prorated for those employees subject to a change in status.

14. Return to the benefits plan for reasons other than change of status is subject to the terms of the carrier.

C. PAY PERIODS

- 1. Employees shall receive their paychecks on the $15^{\rm th}$ and $30^{\rm th}$ of each month.
- 2. When a pay period falls on or during a school holiday or weekend, the employee shall receive his/her paycheck on the last working day before the holiday or weekend.
- 3. When a pay period falls during an employee's scheduled vacation days of at least 5 work day in duration, the employee may request that the paycheck be available on the last work day before the vacation. Said request must be made at least two weeks prior to the last work day.

D. PAYMENT FOR ACCRUED SICK LEAVE

Any employee who has been employed by the Board for a period of ten (10) years or more and who leaves such employment shall be paid \$69.00 per day for the 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school year for each unused accumulated sick day, but in no event to exceed a total payment of \$13,000.00. This provision shall not apply to any employee whose employment is terminated for cause or as a result of a decision of an administrative agency or a Court of competent jurisdiction. In

the event of death, any monies due shall be paid to the employee's estate.

- E. The Board of Education shall pay the tuition, fees and related expenses for any employee to attend workshops or seminars provided the prior approval of the Superintendent and the Board of Education is received. The request shall identify the workshop/seminar and indicate the detailed, anticipated related expenses in addition to the precise fees and tuition. Receipts for all expenses (except mileage) must be submitted.
- F. All employees who may be required to use their vehicles in the performance of their duties shall be reimbursed by the Board at the rate approved by the Internal Revenue Service.

G. PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Unit members accruing perfect attendance for a full school year will receive payment of \$100.00 for that year. Perfect attendance shall mean being present for each entire day as defined in this contract except for the use of personal days for the observance of religious holidays as defined for each school year by the New Jersey State Department of Education.

ARTICLE XIV

REDUCTION IN FORCE

- A. If a reduction in force is being considered, the Board shall notify and consult with the Federation as soon as practicable, but not less than thirty (30) days before the layoff is to take place.
- B. Any reduction in force shall be carried out in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:28-8 et seq.

ARTICLE XV

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PLAN

- A. The Board shall pay for all certified unit members the prevailing graduate rate per credit hour at Rowan College for no more than nine (9) credit hours per employee per school year. In order to assure reimbursement, the employee must complete and submit the form titled "Prior Approval of Course for Tuition Reimbursement" to the Superintendent for approval before beginning the course. A grade of "B" is required in order to receive reimbursement. Approval by the Superintendent will be in accordance with the criteria listed below.
- This Article shall not apply to any employee who holds an emergency or provisional certificate in his subject area of assignment.
- 2. Expenses to be reimbursable to the employee in June upon successful completion of the course with a grade of B or better.
- Courses must be taken at a college accredited for certification by the New Jersey State Department of Education.
- 4. The total number of credits to be reimbursed for the unit shall not exceed 126.
- B. Technology Professionals Sub-Unit employees shall also be entitled to be reimbursed for approved coursework up to the

amount equal to the prevailing Rowan University per credit rate of nine (9) credit hours for coursework leading to the industry standard technology certification.

ARTICLE XVI

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. The Board and the Federation agree that there shall be no discrimination in the hiring, training, promotion, transfer or discipline of employees or in the application or administration of this Agreement on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, domicile or marital status.
- B. This agreement constitutes Board policy for the term of said Agreement and the Board of Education shall carry out the commitments contained herein and give them full force and effect.
- C. Proposed new rules or modifications of existing rules governing working conditions shall be negotiated with the Federation before they are established.
- D. Any individual contract between the Board and an employee, heretofore or hereafter executed, shall be subject to and consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, except such contract shall be issued for no longer than one (1) year, shall be in the form as prepared and distributed by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:27-6, shall contain a sixty (60) day termination clause and shall be provided to each employee by July 1st of the employment

- year. If an individual contract contains any language inconsistent with this Agreement, this Agreement, during it duration, shall be controlling.
- E. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Board reserves all rights and functions vested in it pursuant to applicable laws and regulations and such other functions as are normally and customarily exercised by Boards of Education in the management of the school districts.
- F. Whenever any notice is required to be given by either of the parties to this Agreement to the other, either party shall do so, in writing, at the following addresses:
- If by Federation, to Board: c/o President,
 Camden County Technical Schools, 343 Berlin-Cross Keys Road,
 Sicklerville, New Jersey 08081-4000.
- 2. If by Board to Federation: Federation of Educational Services Professionals, c/o President (at school presently assigned).

ARTICLE XVII

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

| A. In the event that ar | ny portion of this Contract shall |
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| be deemed to be in violation of | of the law, the remainder of the |
| contract shall remain in full | force and effect. |
| B. The duration of this | s Contract shall be from July 1, |
| 2011 to June 30, 2014. | |
| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the p | parties hereto have caused this |
| Agreement to be signed by their | ir respective Presidents and |
| attested by their respective S | Secretaries this day of |
| , 20 | |
| ATTEST: | THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN |
| James M. Clark, Secretary | |
| | BY: W. CRAIG KNAUP, ESQUIRE, PRESIDENT |
| | THE FEDERATION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROFESSIONALS |
| ATTEST: | |
| | |
| , Secretary | BY: |
| | Anthony DePrince, President |

SCHEDULE A

- 1. Starting Salary: For new employees*, the minimum starting salary shall be as follows: \$55,000.00 for the school years 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.
- 2. The established entry level salary does not preclude the award of a higher salary, based on education and experience, to incoming personnel at the discretion of the Superintendent and Board of Education.
- * Excluding the following positions:

 Computer Support technical Assistant

 Help Desk Technical Assistant

 Payroll Systems Operator

 Payroll Assistant Computer Systems Operator

 Purchasing Assistant

 Technology Operations Coordinator

F.E.S.P. - Schedule A - Salaries 2011-2014

| | | Sub-Unit | 2011-2012 Salary | 2012-2013 Seleny | 2013-2014 Salary |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| MCDIVITT ROBERT | Librarian/Multi Media Specialist | Library / Media | \$92,266 | \$93,754 | \$95,289 |
| GOLT, SUZANNE | Admissions/Development Officer | Administration | \$89,623 | \$91,111 | \$92,646 |
| BUCHOLSKI LOIS C | Supervisor of Planning, Research and Dev | Administration | \$89,380 | \$90,868 | \$92,403 |
| | School Social Worker | CST / Guidance | \$88,820 | \$90,308 | \$91,843 |
| GAILR | Learning Disabilities Teacher/Consultant | CST / Guidance | \$88,820 | \$90,308 | \$91,843 |
| MOFFITT RUTHANN J | Learning Disabilities Teacher/Consultant | CST / Guidance | \$87,230 | \$88,718 | \$90,253 |
| SMITH ANTHONY | Coordinator of Business Services | Administration | \$86,440 | \$87,928 | \$89,463 |
| HAMMER GREGORY F | Learning Disabilities Teacher/Consultant | CST / Guidance | \$83,980 | \$85,468 | \$87,003 |
| HUNNAH, DEBRA D | Learning Disabilities Teacher/Consultant | CST / Guidance | \$81,208 | \$82,696 | \$84,231 |
| | Guidance Counselor | CST / Guidance | \$80,640 | \$82,128 | \$83,663 |
| FLEIG, DENISE A | Guidance Counselor | CST / Guidance | \$77,980 | \$79,468 | \$81,003 |
| RANDOLPH, MONIQUE | Guidance Counselor | CST / Guidance | \$72,220 | \$73,540 | \$74,845 |
| DEPRINCE III, ANTHONY | Project Coordinator | Administration | \$71,097 | \$72,417 | \$73,722 |
| MURTAUGH, JAMES F. | School Psychologist | CST / Guidance | \$68,820 | \$70,140 | \$71,445 |
| SWIDER, CHRISTINE | School Psychologist | CST / Guidance | \$68,200 | \$69,520 | \$70,825 |
| FLEMING, GREGORY E. | Guidance Counselor | CST / Guidance | \$67,720 | \$69,040 | \$70,345 |
| YUKNA, BRIAN D | Guidance Counselor | CST / Guidance | \$65,150 | \$66,470 | \$67,775 |
| HAMPTON-TURNER, VICTORIA | Guidance Counselor | CST / Guidance | \$66,120 | \$67,440 | \$68,745 |
| REA, SUZANNE | School Social Worker | CST / Guidance | \$64,720 | \$66,040 | \$67,345 |
| WHELAN, STACEY A | School Social Worker | CST / Guidance | \$64,220 | \$65,540 | \$66,845 |
| CERIO, PATTI | Payroll Systems Operator | Administration | \$63,820 | \$65,140 | \$66,445 |
| HEALY, MARIANNE | Technology Operations Coordinator | Technical Services | \$58,641 | \$59,781 | \$60,901 |
| GALIETTA, CHRISTIAN | Guidance Counselor | CST / Guidance | \$57,950 | \$59,090 | \$60,210 |
| PHILLIPS, MARK T. | Technology Operations Coordinator | Technical Services | \$57,239 | \$58,379 | \$59,499 |
| WALSH, GEROGEANNA | Purchasing Assistant | Administration | \$56,711 | \$57,851 | \$58,971 |
| SCHWARTZ, KIMBERLY A. | School Psychologist | CST / Guidance | \$54,950 | \$56,090 | \$57,210 |
| HARVEY, TINAMARIE | Payroll Assistant/Systems Operator | Administration | \$53,991 | \$55,131 | \$56,251 |
| SALUS-ASTACIO, MONIKA | School Psychologist | CST / Guidance | \$53,985 | \$55,125 | \$56,245 |
| BURTON, REVAE | School Social Worker | CST / Guidance | \$51,985 | \$53,125 | \$54,245 |
| SPONHEIMER, DAWN | Substance Awareness Coordinator (SAC) | CST / Guidance | \$55,000 | \$56,140 | \$57,260 |
| IPPOLITI, MARIA C. | Help Desk/Technical Assistant | Library / Media | \$34,350 | \$35,410 | \$36,450 |
| | Computer Support Technical Assistant | Technical Services | \$33,406 | \$34,466 | \$35,506 |
| | Computer Support Technical Assistant | Technical Services | \$29,050 | \$30,110 | \$31,150 |
| OWENS JR., DAVID | Computer Support Technical Assistant | Technical Services | \$29,050 | \$30,110 | \$31,150 |