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**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN**

**HAMILTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

AND

**HAMILTON TOWNSHIP
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

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ARTICLE 1-RECOGNITION

1:1 The Board hereby recognizes the Association as the exclusive and sole representative for collective negotiations concerning grievances and terms and conditions of employment for all regularly employed personnel whether under contract, on leave, on a per diem basis, employed or to be employed by the Board, including:

- Teachers
- Learning Disability Teacher Consultants (LDTC)
- School Psychologists
- Social Workers
- School Nurses
- Speech Therapists
- Guidance Counselors
- Librarian/Media Specialists
- Curriculum Consultants
- Health Service Consultant
- Secondary Educational Assistants
- Classroom Educational Assistants
- Clinical Educational Assistants
- Clerical Educational Assistants
- Personal Care Assistants
- Guidance Educational Assistants
- Lunch/Playground Educational Assistants
- Custodian Engineers 1 and 2
- Assistant Custodians 1 and 2
- Custodian Grades 1, 2, and 5
- Utility Custodians
- Custodian Helpers
- Cafeteria Operators
- Assistant Cooks
- Cook/Relief Operators
- Cafeteria Assistants
- Cafeteria Helpers
- Hourly Cafeteria Personnel
- Bus Drivers
- Bus Educational Assistant
- Relief Driver/Helper
- Campus Monitors
- Excluding:
 - All other personnel

1:2 Unless otherwise indicated, the term “employee”, when used in this Agreement, shall refer to all employees represented by the Association in the negotiating unit as defined.

1:3 Unless otherwise indicated, the term “certified employee”, when used in this Agreement shall refer to all those employees who are required to hold appropriate certificates issued by the State of New Jersey.

1:4 Unless otherwise indicated, the term “non-certified employee”, when used in this Agreement shall refer to all those employees who are not required to hold appropriate certificates issued by the State of New Jersey.

1:5 The Board agrees not to negotiate concerning said employees in the negotiating unit as defined in Article 1:1 of this Agreement with any organization other than the Association.

1:6 References to the employees shall be deemed to include both male and female, except when the context clearly limits the intent to one sex, and words used in the singular shall include words in the plural as the text so requires.

ARTICLE 2- NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURE

2:1 The parties agree to enter into collective negotiations over a successor agreement in accordance with Chapter 123, Public Laws of New Jersey, 1974, in good faith efforts to reach an agreement on matters concerning terms and conditions of employment. The parties shall enter into negotiations in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Public Employment Relations Commission in the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which this Agreement expires.

2:2 The Board shall make available to the Association, upon request, all information of the Hamilton Township School District that is in the public domain, provided such request shall be at no expense to the Board of Education. Either party may, if it so desires, utilize the services of outside consultants and may call upon professional and lay representatives to assist in negotiations.

2:3 Neither party in any negotiations shall have any control over the selection of the negotiating representatives of the other party.

2:4 This Agreement shall not be modified in whole or in part by the parties except by an instrument in writing executed by both parties.

2:5 The parties will make an effort during negotiations to mutually agree upon the order of items to be discussed and to adhere to scheduled meeting times.

2:6 Except as this Agreement shall hereinafter otherwise provide, all terms and conditions of employment applicable on the effective date of this Agreement to employees covered by this Agreement as established by the rules, regulations, and/or policies of the Board in force on said date, shall continue to be so applicable during the terms of this Agreement. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, nothing contained herein shall be interpreted and/or applied so as to eliminate, reduce, or otherwise detract from any employee benefit existing prior to its effective date.

2:7 During the term of this Agreement neither party shall be required to negotiate with respect to any 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.

ARTICLE 3 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

3:1 DEFINITIONS:

3:1.1 Grievance-A "grievance" is a claim by an employee or the Association based upon the interpretation, application, or violation of this Agreement, policies or administrative decisions affecting an employee or a group of employees.

3:1.2 Aggrieved person-An "aggrieved person" is the person or persons or the Association making the grievance.

3:1.3 Party of interest-A "party of interest" is the person or persons making the claim and any person including the Association or the Board, who might be required to take action or

against whom action might be taken in order to resolve the claim.

3:1.4 A grievance to be considered under this procedure must be initiated by the employee or group of employees within twenty-five (25) working days from the time the action is taken or when the act is known or should have been known. The Association may process grievances through all levels of the grievance procedure even though the aggrieved person does not wish to do so.

3:2 **PURPOSE:**

3: 2.1 The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible level, equitable solutions to the problems, 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.

3:3 **PROCEDURE:**

3:3.1 Failure at any step of this procedure to appeal a grievance to the next step within specified time limits shall be deemed to acceptance of the decision rendered at that step.

3:3.2 Failure at any step of this procedure to communicate the decision on a grievance within the specified time limits shall permit the aggrieved to proceed to the next step.

3:3.3 Any employee who decides either alone or with the assistance of the Association that he/she has a grievance shall discuss it with his/her immediate supervisor in an attempt to resolve the matter informally at that level. The immediate supervisor shall have seven (7) workdays from the date of the discussion within to render a verbal decision. If the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the employee, the employee shall have seven (7) days from the date of the verbal decision within which to set forth his/her grievance in writing to his/her principal or other immediate supervisor specifying:

- A. The nature of the grievance and date occurred.
- B. The specific provision(s) of the Agreement alleged to have been violated.
- C. The results of the previous discussions
- D. His/her dissatisfaction with the decisions previously rendered.
- E. Relief sought.

The principal or immediate supervisor shall communicate his/her discussion to the aggrieved and his/her representative, in writing, within seven (7) workdays of receipt of the written grievance.

3:3.4 The employee no later than seven (7) work days after receipt of the principal's or immediate supervisor's decision, may appeal the principal's or immediate supervisor's decision to the Superintendent of Schools. The appeal to the superintendent must be made in writing, reciting the matter submitted to the principal as specified and the employee's dissatisfaction with the decisions previously rendered.

The Superintendent shall attempt to resolve the matter as quickly as possible. He or his designee shall hold a hearing concerning the grievance within twenty-five (25) workdays of receipt of the appeal. He or his designee shall render a written decision within fifteen (15) workdays of the conclusion of the hearing.

3:3.45 a. If employee and the Association are not satisfied with the Superintendent's response, they may seek Board review of the grievance by filing a request to the Board in writing within 15 workdays of the Association's receipt of the Superintendent's response.

b. At the time of its filing at the Board level, the employee and the Association shall forward to the Board its initial grievance, the response at the immediate supervisor's level, its appeal to the Superintendent and the Superintendent's response, as well as any other paperwork which the employee and the Association believe are relevant to the Board review of the grievance.

c. The Board, or a committee of Board members, may hold a hearing on the grievance.

d. The Board shall issue its decision on the grievance within 30 workdays of the date when the employee and the Association filed the grievance at the Board level.

3:3.5 If the Association is dissatisfied with the decision of the Board, and only if the grievance pertains to a violation of the Agreement between the Board and the Association and review by an arbitrator is desired, then within fifteen (15) work days after receipt of the Board's decision the Association shall file with the Public Employment Relations Committee a request for the submission of a panel of arbitrators to hear the particular issue. The parties shall be bound by the rules of the appointing agency. The Association shall notify the Superintendent by certified mail or receipted delivery no later than fifteen (15) days after the receipt of his decision of its intention to proceed to arbitration. Failure to notify the Superintendent within the timelines precludes an arbitrator from hearing and/or resolving the grievance.

Additionally, a grievance may not be submitted to arbitration, which pertains to:

A. A grievance of a non-tenured certified employee which arises by reason of his/her not being re-employed, or appointment to or lack of appointment to, retention in or lack of retention in any position for which tenure is either not possible or not required.

B. No grievance shall be taken to arbitration that infringes upon the right of the Board of Education to appoint, promote, assign, and involuntary transfer.

C. Any matter for which a method of review is provided for by law or any regulation of the State Board of Education, or the Commissioner of Education, or any matter which according to law is beyond the scope of the Board's authority or limited by law to Board authority alone.

3:3.6 An employee, in order to process his/her grievance to arbitration, must have his/her request for such action accompanied by the written recommendation for such action by the Association which shall represent or approve the representative of said grievant at the arbitration level.

3:4 The arbitrator so selected shall confer with the representatives of the Board and the Association, shall hold hearings promptly, and shall issue his/her decision not later than thirty (30) workdays from the date of the close of hearings.

3:4.1 The arbitrator shall limit him/herself to the issues submitted to him/her and shall consider nothing else. He/she can add nothing to nor subtract anything from the agreement between parties.

3:4.2 The recommendation of the arbitrator shall be binding. His/her decision shall be in writing but he/she shall be without power or authority to make any decision which requires the commission of an act prohibited by law or which is a violation of the terms of this Agreement.

3:4.3 The costs for the services of the arbitrator, including per diem expenses, if any and actual and necessary travel, and subsistence expenses, shall be borne equally by the Board and the Association.

3:4.4 If a court stenographer is requested by either party, the cost will be borne by the party requesting the stenographer. However, should the party not requesting the stenographer later request transcripts pertaining to the proceeding, they will then bear the proportionate share of the original cost. Parties requesting transcripts of the proceeding shall bear the cost of said transcripts.

3:5 **GENERAL REGULATIONS:**

3:5.1 All time limits stated within this procedure must be strictly adhered to unless an extension is mutually agreed upon in writing by both parties.

3:5.2 Employees who participate in any matter processed through the grievance procedure or who refuse to participate in such process are assured that neither party to this Agreement shall engage in any reprisals because of their participation or refusal to participate.

3:5.3 The Aggrieved party and his/her representative shall have the right to be present at all hearings conducted at any step of the grievance procedure.

All meetings and hearings under this procedure shall not be conducted in public and shall include only such parties of interest, their designated or selected representatives, and necessary witnesses heretofore referred to in this Article.

3:5.4 The right of a staff member to attempt to resolve a grievance directly through normal administrative procedure is not to be abridged in any way.

3:5.5 There will be no suspension of a grievance procedure when schools are not in session except by mutual consent of the parties.

3:5.6 The aggrieved shall have the right to present his/her own appeal or designate representatives of the Association to appeal with him/her or for him/her at any step in his/her appeal through the level of Superintendent. If the aggrieved does not designate a representative, the Association shall be notified that a grievance is in process and shall have the right to be represented at all hearings pertaining to the grievance.

3:5.7 In the event that a grievance results from an action of a school official higher than the rank of principal, the grievant may set forth his/her grievance in writing to the official specifying:

- A. The nature of the grievance and date occurred.
- B. The specific provision(s) of the agreement alleged to have been violated.
- C. The results of the previous discussions.
- D. His/her dissatisfaction with the decisions previously rendered.
- E. Relief sought.

The official to whom the grievance is submitted shall render his/her decision to the employee in writing within seven (7) days of receipt of the written grievance, unless said official is the Superintendent of Schools, in which event the time limits are set forth in 3:3.4. Grievances filed at the advanced level based on an action of the Board of Education shall be initiated and handled at the level of the Superintendent, if applicable.

3:6 All documents, communications, and records during the processing of a grievance shall be filed in a separate grievance file and shall not be kept in the personnel file of any

participants.

ARTICLE 4- THE RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES

4:1 Subject to the terms of this Agreement the Board reserves to itself sole jurisdiction and authority over matters of policy and retains the right: (a) to direct employees of the school district; (b) to hire, promote, transfer, assign, and retain employees in positions in the school district and to suspend, demote, discharge, or take other disciplinary action against employees; (c) to relieve employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons; (d) to maintain efficiency of the school district operations entrusted to them; (e) to determine the method, means, and personnel by which such operations are to be conducted; and (f) to take whatever action may be necessary to carry out the mission of the school district in situations of emergency. No employee shall be disciplined, reprimanded, reduced in rank or compensation without just cause. Any such action asserted by the Board, or any agent or representative thereof shall be subject to the grievance procedure herein set forth except as otherwise provided by law or regulation.

4:2 There shall be no discrimination, interference, restraint or coercion by the Board of Education or any of its representatives against members of the Association because of their membership or lack of membership in the Association. No employee shall be prevented from wearing pins or other identification of membership in the Association or its affiliates. Representatives of the Association and its parent organization shall be permitted to transact reasonable official Association business on school property, provided that this shall not interfere with or interrupt normal school operations.

4:3 The Association shall have the right to use of the school mailboxes and the inter-school mail facilities. A courtesy copy shall be placed in the Board Secretary's mailbox and presented to the Principal or designee. The responsibility for the contents of communications rests wholly with the author. The Association agrees to hold the Board harmless in the event of claims arising out of the distribution of Association material. In the posting of the Association materials and the use of mailboxes, all such material will be published on official Association stationery and dated. Any materials not printed on official HTEA stationery, which the Association wishes to post or distribute, shall contain an attached sheet signed by an Association officer on the advance complimentary copy to the Principal and the Board identifying that document as an HTEA distribution. Such material shall be presumed to be authorized by the President and Executive Committee of the Association. All political flyers, advertisements, or campaign endorsement literature being distributed by way of school mailboxes, shall be either folded or placed in an envelope so that no printed matter is exposed to public view.

4:4 The Association shall have the right to use school facilities and equipment after school hours with prior approval of the building principal. The Association shall supply all materials and supplies and pay for the reasonable cost of any repairs necessitated as a result thereof.

4:5 No grades shall be changed without the prior consultation of the teacher involved, provided the teacher is available. If the teacher is not available, every reasonable effort shall be made to contact said teacher.

4:6 The rights and privileges of the Association and its representatives as set forth in this Agreement shall be granted only to the Association as the exclusive representative of the employees and to no other employee organizations.

4:7 Whenever any employee is required to appear before the Board or committee member, representative or agent thereof concerning any matter which could adversely affect the continuation of that employee in his/her office, position or employment or the salary or any increments pertaining thereto, or for the purpose of issuing a reprimand, then he/she shall be given

prior written notice, except in exigent circumstances in which case notice shall be verbal but confirmed subsequently in writing, of the reasons for such meeting or interview and shall be entitled to have representation of the Association present to advise him/her and represent him/her during such meeting or interview. Prior to the conference, the employee shall communicate to the administrator/supervisor his/her intention to have representation. The above requirement shall not apply when the purpose of the meeting is for a professional conference which will not adversely affect the employment status or salary of the employee.

4:8 Any questions or criticism by a supervisor or administrator of an employee shall be performed with all due professional courtesy.

4:9 INFORMATION: The Board agrees to make available to the Association, in response to reasonable requests from time to time, all available information concerning the educational program and the financial resources of the district that are a matter of public record. The Board shall make such information available within a reasonable amount of time following such request.

4:10 BULLETIN BOARDS: The Association shall have, in each school building, the partial use of a bulletin board in each staff lounge. The Association shall also be assigned adequate space on the bulletin board in the school building office for Association notices provided copies are presented in advance for posting to the appropriate building administrator and the Board Secretary. Any materials not printed on HTEA stationery shall be presumed to be authorized by the President and Executive Committee of the Association and dated.

4:11 Pursuant to Chapter 123, Public Laws 1974, the Board hereby agrees that every employee covered by this Agreement shall have the right freely to organize, join, and/or support the Association for the purpose of engaging in collective negotiations. 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 employee in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by Chapter 123, Public Laws 1974; that it shall not discriminate against any employee with respect to hours, wages, or any terms or conditions of employment by reason of his/her institution of any grievance, complaint, or proceeding under this Agreement.

4:12 RELEASED TIME FOR MEETINGS: Whenever by mutual consent of the parties, any representative of the Association or any employee participates during working hours in negotiations, grievance proceedings, conferences, meetings, administrative, judicial, or other proceedings scheduled by a third party, he/she shall suffer no loss in pay or time.

4:12.1 The Association shall supply the Superintendent with a list of Association Representatives that work on the second shift. In the event of a Representative Council meeting is held during their work shift, these representatives shall be allowed to attend up to six meetings per year for a period not to exceed two hours at no loss in pay. Representatives shall return to work and complete their assignments.

4:13 Proposed new rules or modifications of existing rules governing working conditions shall be negotiated with the majority representative before they are established.

4:14 The Association President shall be entitled to apply for and receive an unpaid leave of absence from the Board to attend to Association business. The Association President shall be compensated through the Board upon reimbursement by the Association for the cost of salary, health insurance, dental and prescription.

4:15 Employees shall be notified of their contract and salary status for the ensuing year no later than June 30.

ARTICLE 5 - PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES

5:1 The Board of Education and the Hamilton Township Education Association recognize their responsibilities as defined in the N. J. S. A.: 18A: 16-6; 18A: 16-6.1; 18A: 6-1; 18A: 25-2; and 18A: 30-2.1.

5:2 The Board shall reimburse employees for the reasonable cost of any clothing or other personal property damaged or destroyed on the person of the employee as a result of an assault suffered by the employee while the employee was acting in the discharge of his/her duties.

5:3 Employees shall immediately report cases of assault suffered by them in connection with their employment to their principal or other immediate supervisor.

5:4 Employees who believe that they are working under unsafe or hazardous conditions or performing tasks which endanger their health or safety may institute a grievance. However, said grievance shall terminate at the level of the Superintendent and shall not be subject to the arbitration provisions set forth in Article 3. Further appeal of concerns relative to this paragraph shall be through the Commissioner of Education or other applicable regulatory agencies.

5:5 At no time shall the Board or any Agent thereof, assign or direct any non-certified employee covered by this agreement, to any other duties outside of the duties appropriate to their position and consistent with their general job description.

5:6 The Board will meet its legal obligation to nurses pursuant to N. J. S. A. 18A:16-6 by providing professional liability insurance to protect against claims arising out of the performance of their duties.

5:7 The Administration will provide portable communications units for the purpose of enhancing custodial employee safety and contact where the custodian works alone in a building.

ARTICLE 6- SENIORITY: NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

6:1 School district seniority is defined as service to the Hamilton Township School District in the collective bargaining unit covered by this Agreement.

6:2 During the period of employment within this unit, employees shall continue to accrue seniority credit in all lesser unit classifications in which they have been employed.

6:3 An employee shall lose all accumulated School District seniority in the event of involuntary termination, resignation, or voluntary quit and shall not accrue seniority during absence from active work due to disciplinary suspension, leave of absence (in accordance with Commissioner of Education rulings) or layoff.

6:4 In the event of a reduction in force for reasons of economy, individuals shall be laid off/eliminated in inverse order of seniority within the department involved. An employee affected by a reduction in force shall have seniority rights over the most junior employee within his/her current category of employment (as listed in the salary guide). If a rified individual has greater district-wide seniority than an individual remaining in a lesser category the rified individual shall have the option to bump down into the lower category position, assuming he/she holds the requisite qualifications.

A. The reference to "department involved" refers specifically to eight departments:

1. Custodial Personnel
2. Cafeteria Personnel

3. Personal Care Educational Assistants
4. Classroom Educational Assistants
5. Clerical Educational Assistants
6. Secondary Educational Assistants
7. Lunchroom/Playground Educational Assistants
8. Transportation Personnel

- B. Within the assistants ranks no weight shall be given to the number of hours worked per day nor will weight be given to specific job assignment (i.e. classroom assistant, special education assistant)
- C. Within the cafeteria department no weight will be given to the number of hours worked per day nor to the specific job assignment (i.e. hourly employees, operator, etc.)
- D. Within the custodial department no weight will be given to the number of hours worked per day.

6:5 Seniority shall have no bearing in cases involving termination or non-renewal based upon job performance or other factors unrelated to economic reductions in force.

6:6 When a vacancy occurs, notice of recall shall be given to the most senior employee on lay off, assuming he/she is qualified for the vacant position. Notice of recall work shall be addressed to the employee's last address appearing on the records of the School District, by certified mail, return receipt requested. Within 10 days from receipt of such notice of recall, the employee shall notify the Director of Human Resources, in writing, whether or not he/she desires to return to the work involved in the recall. If he/she fails to reply or if he/she indicates that he/she does not desire to return to such work, he/she shall forfeit all of his/her seniority and all rights to recall. If he/she indicates that he/she desires to return to the work involved in the recall notice, then he/she shall report to work within 10 working days from such date he/she receives the recall notice or within such period of time as is set forth in a written extension of time signed by the Director of Human Resources. In the event he/she shall fail to report to work, he/she shall forfeit all of his/her seniority and all rights to recall.

6:7 Those employees laid off shall be given the opportunity to elect to be placed in the substitute pool. Substitute work shall be offered to laid-off employees within the substitute pool before it is offered to substitutes who are not on lay-off. Substitute work shall be offered on a rotational basis using a seniority list from top to bottom.

ARTICLE 7- EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURES

Section A Non-Certified Staff

7:1A Probationary Period-All new permanent employees shall initially work a ninety day probationary period. During this period the Board is free to judge the performance of an employee and, if necessary, terminate the employee without notice and without recourse to the grievance procedure. Once an employee satisfactorily completes his/her probationary period, his/her seniority shall be recorded from his/her date of hire. Prior length of service in a comparable position within or from outside the Hamilton School District may be credited where applicable for the purpose of initial salary placement only.

7:2A Promotions- An employee shall be probationary for the first 60 days on a new job and shall retain his/her seniority in his/her previous position during this probationary period.

7:3A Salary Scale- An employee hired prior to January 1 for twelve-month personnel and February 1 for 10 month personnel of any school year shall be given full credit for one full year for increment purposes only. There shall be no part-year increments granted.

7:4A Resignation- An employee who is resigning from his/her position shall give two weeks notice. Earned vacation shall be paid according to the proportion of full months worked to the total contract year, unless proper notice has not been given.

Section B - Employment and Promotion Procedures-Certified Staff

7:1B Opportunity will be given to any certified employee meeting qualifications as prescribed to apply for and receive fair consideration for administrative and supervisory positions which may become open. Such positions shall include those in the administrative and supervisory field for which there is a designated salary schedule and such other positions carrying an administrative or supervisory responsibility for which there is a salary differential above that of a certified employee.

7:2B Notice of any administrative or supervisory opening as previously defined will be publicized within the school system, not less than two (2) weeks before the deadline for application. Applications in writing will be accepted from within and outside the school system. The notice will include such information as the position to be open, certification requirement, the date that the certification must be in effect, required qualifications, desirable qualifications, salary, and salary range, and the deadline date for application. Applications will be acknowledged.

7:3B Final decision on administrative and supervisory positions shall be the prerogative of the Board of Education. There shall be no abridgment of the right to fill vacancies on a temporary basis when warranted by particular circumstances. While every effort will be made to comply with the procedure as outlined, flexibility may be needed in unusual circumstances for the proper operation of the school system.

7:4B If an opening occurs during the summer recess a letter of notification of vacancies shall be sent to the Association President and the Association shall be responsible for notifying staff during the summer months.

7:5B All candidates from within the district who meet the basic requirements for the position shall be granted an interview by the Superintendent or his designee. Such interview need not be granted, however, if the candidate has been granted an interview for any other administrative or supervisory vacancy or opening within the preceding twelve (12) months.

ARTICLE 8- TRANSFERS AND REASSIGNMENTS

8:1 Employees who desire to transfer to another position or building may file a written transfer request statement with the building principal/supervisor and the Human Resources office. Such statement shall be made on the District form.

8:1.1 Employees who desire to transfer to another position within their building may file a written request statement with the building principal. Such statement shall include the position(s) to which he/she desires to be transferred in order of preference.

8:2 All requests for transfer and reassignment shall be placed in the official files in the personnel office and kept for a period of one year and when an opening occurs the employee shall be considered for the position in accordance with this article.

8:3 A notice of all non-certificated vacancies shall be posted in each work site fifteen (15) days before the final date when applications must be submitted, unless circumstances require that faster action be taken. A copy of the job posting shall be given to the President of the

Association at the time of posting.

8:4 The notice shall include the title of the position, the work site, the qualifications, and the rate of compensation. A copy of the job description shall be available upon request.

8:5 The schedule of employees who are assigned to more than one (1) work site shall be arranged so that no such employee shall be required to engage in an unreasonable amount of inter-school travel. Such employees shall be notified of any changes in their schedules as soon as possible.

8:6 All employees shall be given written notice of their work assignments for the forthcoming year not later than June 1, when administratively feasible.

ARTICLE 9- EVALUATION

9:1 All monitoring of the work performance of an employee shall be conducted openly and with full knowledge of the employee.

9:1.1 Certified employees shall be evaluated consistent with NJ Administrative Code.

9:1.2 Non-certified employees shall be evaluated at least once during each work year. The evaluation shall be completed prior to June 1, to be followed in each instance by a written evaluation report and by a conference between the employee and the evaluator for the purpose of identifying strengths, deficiencies and extending assistance for their correction. Employees shall be given a copy of the evaluation report twenty-four (24) hours prior to the conference.

9:2 An employee shall be given a copy of any observation or evaluation at least twenty-four(24) hours before any conference to discuss it. No such report shall be submitted to central office, placed in the employee's file, or otherwise acted upon without prior conference with the employee. The employee's signature on an evaluation report shall indicate that he/she has read it.

9:3 All non-tenured certified employees shall be observed at least three times per school year prior to April 30. At least one such observation shall take place in each semester. Such observation shall be followed by written evaluation reports and by conferences between the employee and the observer for the purpose of improving performance. The above rule shall not apply to those non-tenured certificated employees who are not continuously employed between September and April 30.

9:3.1 The employee shall have the right to reply to the evaluation in writing within ten (10) working days and should have the same attached to the evaluation file copy.

9:4 No material derogatory to the employee's conduct, service, character, or personality shall be placed in his/her personnel file unless the employee has had an opportunity to review the material. The employee shall acknowledge that he/she has had the opportunity to review such material by affixing his/her signature to the copy to be filed with the express understanding that such signatures in no way indicates agreement with the contents thereof. The employee shall also have the right to submit a written answer to such material within ten (10) working days and his/her answer shall be reviewed by the Superintendent or his/her designee and attached to the file copy.

9:5 Any written derogatory material contained in an employee's personnel file which an employee has not had an opportunity to review, rebut, and sign shall not be used in any proceeding against the employee.

9:6 Should an employee refuse to sign material referred to in this Article, the supervisor shall invite the President of the Hamilton Township Education Association or the senior

building representative to witness the fact that the opportunity was presented to the employee to sign the material; and said President or the senior building representative shall sign to indicate his/her knowledge of the circumstances.

9:7 An employee, within three (3) work days of said request, shall have the right to review the contents of his/her personnel file with the exception of pre-employment information. No review shall continue beyond 4:30 P.M.

9:8 Except in matters before the Board, or where all parties mutually agree to a recording, no employee shall be called into any meeting concerning any personnel matter where the conversation is recorded.

ARTICLE 10- NON-TEACHING DUTIES

10:1 Teachers shall not be required to drive students to activities which take place away from the school building. However, with advanced written approval of his/her principal, the teacher may drive students to their activities and be compensated at the rate per mile lawfully permitted by the Internal Revenue Service as reimbursement for automobile expenses for the use of his/her own automobile.

10:2 Teachers shall not be required to correct standardized tests administered to a large group given district-wide, such as IQ, Achievement, and other similar tests, where machine scoring can be used.

ARTICLE 11- WORK YEAR

11:1 The Superintendent will consult with representatives of the Association before recommending the school calendar for the next school year. Final determination of the school calendar will rest with the Board.

11:2 The in-school work year for teachers employed on a ten-month basis, other than new personnel, who may be required to attend additional orientation days, shall not exceed 184 days.

11:3 The work year for LDTC/School Psychologists shall begin on the Monday preceding Labor Day and extending through June 30.

11:4 It is understood that LDTC/School Psychologists shall not be required to work whenever schools are closed for inclement weather. Employees shall make an attempt to arrive at their work site as close to their regular starting time as possible when there is a delayed opening. It is understood that employees who arrive later than the normal starting time but prior to the delayed opening time shall not be penalized in any way and will not be required to make up lost time.

11:5 The work year for educational and personal care assistants shall be on a ten-month basis. Assistants shall work a maximum of 184 days between September 1 and June 30.

11:6 Assistants required to work more than 184 days shall be paid for the extra days at the appropriate salary prorated from their annual salary.

11:7 Custodial personnel shall be employed on a 12 month basis.

11:8 Cafeteria Operators shall work a maximum of 205 days. The work year for Cafeteria Operators may begin prior to September 1 to equal a maximum of 205 days per year including holidays.

11:9 Cafeteria Helpers, Assistant Cooks, and Cook/Relief workers shall work only when student lunches are scheduled to be served.

11:10 Bus drivers and Relief Bus Drivers/Helpers shall work a minimum of 182 days between September 1 and June 30.

ARTICLE 12- WORK SCHEDULE

Section A-Certified Staff

12A:1 Teachers shall indicate their presence for duty by placing a check mark in the appropriate column of the faculty "sign-in and sign-out" roster.

12A:1.1 A teacher is expected to devote to his/her work the time necessary to accomplish the task at hand. The Association agrees that a teacher's day is not necessarily coterminous with that of a pupil's. However, it shall be no less than that which is established for the pupils. The school day for teachers shall not exceed seven (7) hours and twenty (20) minutes consecutively for middle and high school teachers and seven (7) hours and five (5) minutes for elementary school teachers. Teachers may also be required to attend department and other staff meetings. Effective with the beginning of the third marking period which immediately follows ratification of the 2003-2006 Agreement, the parties agree that, except as modified by the lunch and preparation time limits set in this Agreement, the remaining time may be used for teacher-pupil contact, including instruction time. No teacher shall be required to attend more than 21 after school day meetings per year and no more than three (3) meetings per month, except in case of emergency. The staff shall normally have not less than forty-eight (48) hours notice of all regularly scheduled meetings. These meetings are exclusive of those evening assignments referred to in Article 12A:4 of this Agreement. In addition, teachers will be available after school for parental conferences or to meet with students upon request.

12A:1.2 The regular work day for the School Social Workers will be seven (7) hours and thirty (30) minutes which includes a one (1) hour lunch break. The daily work hours are to be 8:30am to 4:00pm with any exceptions to this work schedule to be set by or with approval of the Supervisor of Student Services and Programs.

12A:1.3 The regular work day for the LTDC/School Psychologists will be eight (8) hours which includes one (1) hour lunch break. The daily work hours are to be set by the administration and any exceptions to this scheduled work day will require the prior approval of the Supervisor of Student Services and Programs or his/her designee.

12A:2 Teachers shall have a duty-free lunch period. If this period is less than thirty (30) minutes, then it must be at least equal to the student's lunch period.

12A:2.1 All elementary nurses shall be entitled to a thirty (30) minute lunch which shall not conflict with the student lunch/play period.

12A:2.2 Each middle and high school teacher (excluding nurses) shall have one (1) preparation period per day, unless mutually acceptable alternative arrangements are made between the teacher and building principal. Effective July 1, 2004, each middle and high school teacher (excluding nurses) shall have one (1) preparation period per day of 40 minutes, unless acceptable alternative arrangements are made between the teacher and the building principal.

Note: Any nurse who teaches health education at least one-half of his/her regular workday shall be entitled to a preparation period.

12A:2.3 Elementary teachers shall be entitled to a guaranteed thirty (30) minute preparation time each day. If the teacher does not receive a thirty minute preparation on a particular day, the teacher shall be compensated at the rate of \$14 per half-hour. The preparation period will be a result of either a specialist being with the teacher's class, or contiguous to the lunch period except on days when a teacher is assigned to the rotating duty of "teacher-in-charge" or when there is inclement weather and/or poor playground conditions prevail which do not permit children to go outside on the playground and in other cases of emergency.

A teacher-in-charge will be expected to make himself/herself available should any problems arise that cannot be handled by the lunch/playground assistants. (That is, the teacher-in-charge needs to be "on call" in the building but not physically present supervising the lunchroom or playground unless a problem arises.) These rotating duties will be assigned as equitably as possible by the building principal. Under ordinary circumstances the principal may reasonably require that an elementary teacher be in his/her classroom when other specialists are assigned to cover the class.

12A:2.4 Any elementary nurse who teaches health education at least one-half of his/her regular work day shall be entitled to the daily thirty (30) minute preparation period contained in Section 12A:2.3.

12A:3 Teachers may leave the building during normal working hours only with the knowledge and approval of the principal or his/her designated representative. Teachers can leave if they have a duty-free lunch period and if they sign out and in.

12A:4 A maximum of five (5) evening duty assignments per teaching staff member and LDTC/Psychologist may be required in any school year.

12A:5 The practice of using a teacher as a substitute shall be kept to a minimum based on essential needs. Coverage shall be arranged by the principal of the school in question and shall be distributed as equitably as possible among the teachers available. All elementary teachers who are required to teach students assigned from another class due to unavailability of a substitute shall receive their proportionate share of the substitute's hourly rate for each occurrence. Each teacher must complete the "Monthly Additional Compensation Claim Form" to receive payment for these assignments. The form for requesting compensation shall be placed in the employee handbook.

12A:6 Teachers will not be obligated to perform nursing functions except on an emergency basis.

12A:7 Up to four (4) elementary conference days with parents shall be revised to provide that after the one-session days, the teachers shall be dismissed and return in the evening for night conferences with parents for a total of two hours each night. Scheduling of the evening conferences shall be performed in the same manner as the afternoon conferences are scheduled.

12A:8 Teachers may be assigned to a flexible schedule mutually agreed to between teacher and administration, which may begin up to sixty (60) minutes before or up to sixty (60) minutes after the start of the regular workday. Any teacher with a flexible schedule pursuant to this article shall have a workday which is the same length as that for teachers on a regular work schedule.

12A:9 In the middle and high schools, there shall be a maximum number of six (6) teaching periods. The phrase "teaching periods" does not include either the lifeguard(s) or teachers who have students return to homeroom or an activity period at the end of the day. If a teacher is assigned to a supplemental class or to an in-class support role which results in a 7th teacher-pupil contact period, said teacher shall be paid an annual stipend of \$4000.

12A:10 Special Education teachers will be provided with two (2) release days within each contractual year for the purpose of preparing IEPs. Dates of the release days will be determined mutually among teaching, Child Study, and building administration staff.

Schedule B- Non-Certified Staff

12B:1 The work week shall consist of five consecutive days, Monday to Friday, of between two and eight working hours as specified below.

12B:2 All employees shall be entitled to one and a half times the hourly rate for all work in excess of forty hours per week. Hourly rate is determined by dividing regularly scheduled weekly hours into regular weekly base rate.

12B:2.1 Overtime and bus driver's additional time shall be rotated within each work site in order to achieve equal opportunity. A list shall be posted at each work site and when overtime or bus driver's additional time is available it shall be offered to the next qualified person, provided that person is not already engaged in other employment for the Board at that time. If said employee refuses the assignment he/she shall be rotated to the bottom of the list.

12B:2.2 An employee working overtime on a Saturday, Sunday, and/or holiday shall be considered as one assignment for rotation purposes even if there is a break in the work time. However, no compensation shall be paid for the break in service.

12B:3 Holidays, sick time and authorized leaves with pay will be counted as days worked.

12B:4 Any employee called to work for any period of time other than his/her regularly scheduled work day after he/she has left the place of employment shall be given not less than three hours pay at one and a half his/her regular rate, except as otherwise set forth in 27:11.

12B:5 All employees required to work on listed holidays or Sundays shall be paid at the applicable double time rate.

12B:6 When overtime is needed in a school, employees in that building shall be given first preference.

CUSTODIANS:

12B:7 Regular Work Hours

The shifts depicted below may be adjusted without loss of hours and/or pay up to 30 minutes with the mutual agreement of the employee and supervisor.

Elementary Schools-

1st shift Custodians: 7:00am-3:00pm

Asst. Custodians: 8:30am-2:00pm

2nd shift Custodians: 3:00pm-11:00pm

Middle Schools

1st shift Custodians: 6:30am-2:30pm or 7:00am-3:00pm

Asst. Custodians: 8:30am-2:00pm

2nd shift Custodians: 3:00pm-11:00pm

3rd shift Custodians: 4:00pm-12:00 midnight

High Schools

1st shift Custodians: 6:30am-2:30pm or 7:00am-3:00pm

Asst. Custodians: 8:30am-2:00pm

2nd shift Custodians: 3:00pm-11:00pm

3rd shift Custodians: 11:00pm-7:00am

12B:7.1 Assistant Custodian 1: Five and a half hours per day as shift assignment in accordance with 12B:7 and 12B:8.

12B:8 Summer Hours

12B:8.1 Summer working hours will take effect the day after the last teacher day and end on the day before the first teacher day.

12B:8.2 **Elementary Schools**

1st shift Custodians: 7:30am-3:30pm

Asst. Custodians: 7:30am-1:00pm

2nd shift Custodians: 7:30am-3:30pm

Middle Schools

1st shift Custodians: 7:00am-3:00pm

Asst. Custodians: 8:30am-2:00pm

2nd shift Custodians: 7:00am-3:00pm or 3:00pm-11:00pm

3rd shift Custodians: 3:00pm-11:00pm

High Schools

1st shift Custodians: 7:00am-3:00pm

Asst. Custodians: 8:30am-2:pm

2nd shift Custodians: 7:00am-3:00pm or 3:00pm-11:00pm

3rd shift Custodians: 3:00pm-11:00pm

All custodians receive ½ hour lunch with pay to be eaten on the premises. The custodians will be on-call during the 30-minute lunch period for boiler operation and emergencies. Employees working on the 1st shift shall be assigned either a 6:30am or 7:00am starting time. The employer will not unnecessarily alter the starting time for individual employees.

12B:8.3 Whenever schools are closed for students and teachers custodians shall work the hours as follows with approval of the Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary.

1st and 2nd shift Custodians: 7:30am-3:30pm including a lunch break from 12 noon-12:30 pm.

12B:8.4 In the event a custodian is asked to work past his/her regular shift (a double shift or part thereof) he/she shall be allowed to leave the building for thirty (30) minutes to obtain a meal with pay.

During the winter sports season, the second shift at the High Schools may be adjusted to 2:30pm to 10:30pm provided the building administrators and custodian(s) agree to the change.

ASSISTANTS

12B:9 The normal work day for an Educational and Personal Care Assistants shall be seven hours exclusive of lunch. Any employee scheduled to work less than seven hours per day shall be paid the appropriate share of the full annual salary..

12B:9.1 The work day for Lunch/Playground Educational Assistants shall be:
Elementary School- 2 hours per day
Secondary School- 2 1/4 hours per day

BUS DRIVERS

12B:10 The normal work day for Bus Drivers and Relief Drivers/Helpers shall be six (6) hours exclusive of lunch.

CAFETERIA:

12B:11 Cafeteria personnel work hours:
Operators- Six, or Seven as assigned
Hourly personnel-Three to Seven hours as assigned.
Asst. Cook and Cook/Relief Operator-Six or Seven hours as assigned

12B:12 When it is determined that a cafeteria employee of the District is needed for overtime purposes in a school, said overtime shall be rotated within the school within the job title. This provision shall not require the Board to assign overtime to an employee when the needed overtime does not occur immediately after the employee's assigned shift has ended, except in the case when the needed overtime does not immediately follow the shift of any of the District employees in the job title in that school. In the latter situation, rotation of overtime within the school with the job title shall occur.

ARTICLE 13- TEMPORARY LEAVES OF ABSENCE

13:1 PERSONAL LEAVE: [NON-CERTIFIED]

- A. Ten (10) and twelve (12) month employees hired prior to June 30, 1991 shall be entitled to three (3) personal days with full pay each school year.
- B. Ten (10) and twelve (12) month employees hired after June 30, 1991 shall earn one (1) personal day during their first year of employment and (3) personal days each school year after the commencement of their second year of employment.
- C. All shorter term appointed employees shall only be entitled to one (1) personal leave day for each four (4) month period of their appointment, commencing after the third year of consecutive employment.
- D. Up to three (3) personal days not utilized during any school year shall accumulate to the employee's unused sick leave.

13:2 PERSONAL LEAVE [LDTC/School Psychologists]

- A. LDTC/School Psychologists hired prior to June 30, 1996, shall be entitled to three (3) personal leave days with full pay each school year. Employees hired on or after July 1, 1996 shall receive one (1) personal leave day in the first year after six (6) months of service; two (2) days in the second year; and

three (3) days in the third year and all years thereafter.

- B. All persons appointed for a shorter term shall only be entitled to one (1) personal leave day for each three (3) month period of their appointment.
- C. Three (3) personal days not utilized during any school year shall accumulate to the employee's unused sick leave.

13:3 PERSONAL LEAVE [Certified except LDTTC/School Psychologists]

- A. Teachers shall be entitled to three (3) personal leave days with full pay each school year.
- B. All teachers appointed for a shorter term shall only be entitled to one (1) personal leave day for each three (3) month period of their appointment.
- C. Any personal days not utilized during any school year shall accumulate to the employee's unused sick leave.

13:4 DEATH IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY: [All Employees]

13:4.1 Including immediate in-laws. (Immediate family shall be interpreted to mean father, mother, husband, wife, significant other, brother, sister, child and those related by blood or marriage permanently residing within the household of the employee.) Payroll provisions, five (5) consecutive weekdays, per occurrence at full pay. If requested the employee shall provide the Human Resources and/or Payroll Department(s) with proof of death (either an obituary notice or death certificate) within thirty (30) days of date of death.

13:5 OTHER DEATH DAYS [All Employees]

13:5.1 Grandparents and grandchildren. Payroll provisions-three (3) consecutive weekdays per occurrence at full pay.

13:6 FAMILY ILLNESS: [All Employees]

13:6.1 Each employee shall be entitled to one (1) day a year, at full pay, to attend to a member of the immediate household who is ill. Days not utilized will accumulate as "family illness days". An employee may accumulate up to a maximum of five (5) days. An employee may, in any one year, use any number of family illness days accumulated. Thereafter, the employee may replenish their days as outlined in the first sentence above.

13:7 ABSENCES NOT COVERED BY REGULATIONS:

13:7.1 Absences without pay may be granted with the prior approval of the Superintendent. Requests for such absences should be made in writing at least one (1) week in advance.

13:7.2 Any emergency or other urgent reason beyond the provisions of the above temporary leaves of absence would necessitate the approval of the Superintendent and Board of Education before additional days could be granted.

ARTICLE 14- SICK LEAVE

14:1 All ten (10) month employees shall be entitled to ten (10) sick leave days in each contract year as of the first official day of work in that year whether or not they report for duty on that day. Similarly, all twelve (12) month employees shall be entitled to twelve (12) sick leave days per year on the same basis. However, all employees appointed for a shorter term shall only be entitled to one sick day for each month of their appointment. Unused sick leave shall be accumulated from year to year with no maximum limit.

14:2 Additional paid sick leave, less full substitute pay, shall be granted at the Board's discretion.

14:3 Upon return from an absence in excess of three consecutive school days due to illness, the Board may require the employee to furnish a doctor's certificate. If an employee takes a sick leave day directly preceding or following a school holiday, or a holiday as provided by Article 16, or the New Jersey Teachers' Convention, the employee shall furnish a doctor's certificate certifying the employee's illness on those day(s) if requested by the Board or its designee.

14:4 After an employee has exhausted his/her accumulated full pay sick days, full pay personal days, and any additional granted partial pay days for illness or personal reason, he/she may elect to use his/her accrued vacation days for all subsequent absences prior to being placed in a no pay status.

14:5 Sick Leave Retirement Benefit

14:5:1 Any certified employee retiring with 20 or more years of service in the Hamilton Township School District, upon retirement in accordance with the TPAF or PERS regulations, shall receive the amounts as listed below for unused accumulated sick days that were earned in Hamilton Township.

Effective on or after July 2, 2001

\$100 per day with a \$10,000 maximum for one (1) out of every two (2) days.

Effective on or after July 1, 2004

\$100 per day with a \$11,000 maximum for one (1) out of every two (2) days.

Effective on or after July 1, 2005

\$100 per day with a \$12,000 maximum for one (1) out of every two (2) days.

14:5:2 Any non-certified employee retiring with 15 or more years of service in Hamilton Township School District upon retirement in accordance with the TPAF or PERS regulations shall receive the amounts listed below for unused accumulated sick days that were earned in Hamilton Township.

Effective on or after July 2, 2001

\$50 per day with a maximum as listed for one (1) out of every three (3) days unused accumulated sick days that were earned in Hamilton Township

1 to 199 sick days- maximum of \$3,000

200 or more sick days – maximum of \$4,000.

Effective on or after July 1, 2004

\$50 per day with a maximum as listed for one (1) out of every three (3) days unused accumulated sick days that were earned in Hamilton Township

1 to 199 sick days- maximum of \$3,300

200 or more sick days – maximum of \$4,400

Effective on or after July 1, 2005

\$50 per day with a maximum as listed for one (1) out of every three (3) days unused accumulated sick days that were earned in Hamilton Township

1 to 199 sick days- maximum of \$3,600

200 or more sick days – maximum of \$4,800

14:5:3 Those employees working two (2) or three (3) hours, will receive

Effective on or after July 2, 2001

\$50 per day with a maximum as listed for one (1) out of every three (3) unused accumulated sick days that were earned in Hamilton Township

1 to 199 sick days - maximum of \$3,000

200 or more sick days - maximum of \$4,000

Effective on or after July 1, 2004

\$50 per day with a maximum as listed for one (1) out of every three (3) unused accumulated sick days that were earned in Hamilton Township

1 to 199 sick days - maximum of \$3,300

200 or more sick days - maximum of \$4,400

Effective on or after July 1, 2005

\$50 per day with a maximum as listed for one (1) out of every three (3) unused accumulated sick days that were earned in Hamilton Township

1 to 199 sick days - maximum of \$3,600

200 or more sick days - maximum of \$4,800

Requests for payment from all retiring employees must be made on the proper form by November 1 of their last year of employment. Requests received after November 1 may postpone entitlement until the following school year.

14:6 Any employee who is deceased with 20 or more years of service shall have a full benefit calculated under section 14:5 at the time of death paid to his/her designated beneficiary. Payments required under this section shall be made within 30 days of death.

ARTICLE 15- MATERNITY / CHILD REARING LEAVE

15:1 Any pregnant employee may apply to the Board for a maternity leave of absence with or without pay and shall be granted that maternity leave at any time before the expected date of birth (normally twenty [20] days) and continue to a specified date after the birth (normally twenty [20] days). The employee shall be allowed to use her accumulated sick days during this disability period.

15:1.1 At the employee's request, the date of return shall be extended for an additional period of time for a disability related to the childbirth. A statement from the attending physician specifying said further disability will then be submitted to the Chief Medical Officer for approval.

15:2 Any employee may apply to the Board for a Child Rearing leave of absence without pay and shall be granted that Child Rearing leave normally beginning immediately after the maternity disability leave terminates and continuing to the last calendar day of a marking period. This date shall be determined by the school to which the employee is returning.

15:2.1 The initial leave including disability time shall be up to four (4) marking periods as originally requested. Any extension thereof shall be up to four (4) marking periods as

subsequently requested. Initial leaves and their extension shall be requested at least sixty (60) days prior to commencement of said leave.

15:2.2 The Board of Education need not grant a maternity leave of absence of a non-tenured teacher beyond the end of the contract-school year in which the maternity leave is obtained.

15:3 Child Rearing leave for adopted children shall be on the same terms as provided for naturally born children.

15:4 For a period of up to but not exceeding ninety (90) days from the last day on the payroll, the professional staff member will retain health insurance benefits that the Board is legally permitted to provide the staff member, as if in full-time employment.

ARTICLE 16- HOLIDAYS

16:1 Every LDTC/School Psychologist will be granted all regularly scheduled employee holidays pursuant to a schedule established by the Board of Education, not less than seventeen (17) days per year.

16:2 The paid Holiday Schedule for Custodians shall be per list presented by the Board of Education (not less than eighteen [18] days per year).

16:3 The paid Holiday Schedule for Cafeteria hourly workers and Bus Driver/Assistant shall be per list presented by the Board of Education (not less than sixteen [16] days per year).

16:4 The paid Holiday Schedule for Cafeteria Operators and Educational Assistants shall be in accordance with the school calendar.

16:5 The Board shall have the right to reschedule the holidays as set forth in 16:2, 3 and 4 in its sole discretion in the event of severe inclement weather or other emergency. Such change shall occur if the Board has changed the school calendar for students and teachers.

ARTICLE 17- VACATIONS

17:1 Every LDTC/School Psychologist will be granted seven (7) vacation days to be taken any time during the contract year with the appropriate approval of the Supervisor of Student Services and Programs and the Superintendent of Schools or designee.

17:1.1 Effective after the date of mutual ratification of the 2003-2006 Agreement, newly-hired LDTC/School Psychologists are not covered by the preceding paragraph.

17:2 Every LDTC/School Psychologist may carry over up to six (6) days of unused accrued vacation into the next school year.

17:2.5 LDTC/Psychologists shall be paid for unused vacation time at the time of retirement.

17:3 All twelve month employees shall receive the following vacation benefits for full years of service completed as of June 30 of the previous school year. However, any employee who receives the full ten (10) days vacation allowance for his first year of employment will be given credit for that year of determining vacation eligibility.

Less than 1 year-one working day per month, up to ten days.

-1 year to 7 years-10 working days.

-8 years to 15 years-15 working days

-16 years to 20 years-20 working days.

-21 years and over-25 working days.

17:4 Twelve month employees may carry over up to six (6) days of unused accrued vacation into the next school year.

ARTICLE 18- SABBATICAL LEAVES

18:1 Sabbatical leave of absence to be spent in study for the full year at one-half (1/2) pay or one-half (1/2) year at full pay may be granted by the Superintendent with the approval of the Board.

18:2 Requests shall be from employees who have completed seven (7) years continuous service in the Hamilton Township Schools.

18:3 Any requests shall be made to the Superintendent and Board Secretary on the proper form and shall delineate the plan of study.

18:3.1 Any request for sabbatical leave shall be accompanied by a plan of study. Any employee granted a sabbatical leave who later finds that he/she will not be taking the agreed upon courses must notify the Superintendent immediately of the replacement courses which must be similarly approved.

18:4 Employees granted a sabbatical leave of absence shall receive experience credit on the salary guide.

18:5 Sabbatical leaves of absence are subject to the following provisions:

18:5.1 Any employee granted a sabbatical leave, whether for full year at one-half (1/2) pay or for one-half (1/2) year at full pay, must agree in writing to continue working for the school system for at least two (2) school years following sabbatical leave. Upon being granted a sabbatical leave, an employee will sign a promissory note in the principal amount of one-half (1/2) his/her regular salary. The promissory note shall be voided upon the fulfillment of the terms of this paragraph.

18:5.2 Requests for all sabbatical leaves must be made before February 1, of the previous school year.

18:5.3 Full year sabbatical leaves shall follow the contractual year of the individual employees granted sabbatical leaves. Half year sabbatical leaves shall be equivalent to one-half (1/2) of the employee's contractual year. Adjustments in the one-half (1/2) year leave period may be made upon application to the Superintendent and Board Secretary where the course program necessitates and where it will not unreasonably interfere with the school program.

18:5.4 The total number of employees granted sabbatical leave during one (1) school year may not exceed six (6). The number of employees granted sabbatical leaves shall be in proportion to the number of employees in each group represented by this contract.

18:5.5 A final report shall be made to include a summary of the experiences and conclusions relevant to possible improvements of the Hamilton Township School District.

18:5.6 The administration shall notify applicants by April 1 of either approval or disapproval for the full year and one-half (1/2) year sabbatical leaves.

ARTICLE 19- INSURANCE PROTECTION

19.1 The Board of Education agrees that it will provide health-care coverage at the coverage level of benefits that existed as of July 1, 1996. The employee may choose either individual, parent and child, husband and wife, or family plan.

19:1.1 Effective July 1, 1998, all new hires will receive single only Patriot V or its equivalent medical insurance and single only prescription coverage for the first thirty-six (36) consecutive months of their employment for non-certified employees or until acquisition of tenure for all certified employees pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:25-5 or any successor statute thereto. Upon completion of thirty-six (36) consecutive months of employment by a non-certified employee or the acquisition of tenure by a certified employee, such employees will be eligible for all levels of health care coverage. New hires will be permitted to purchase dependent coverage. New hires shall not include employees returning to work full-time from an approved leave of absence which leave of absence commenced when they were permanent employees of the Board; upon their return to employment such employees shall receive the same health care coverage that they had before they began their approved leave.

19:2 Effective September 1, 2001 any teacher in the District who previously served as a long-term substitute with health care benefits in the District will be eligible for all levels of health care coverage as set forth in Article 19:1.1 upon completion of three consecutive years under contract of employment both as a long-term substitute and regular teacher which accrues after their appointment as a regular teacher by the District. Prior months of employment as a long-term substitute in any school year less than a full ten (10) months from September 1 to June 30 shall not be counted as a full year under contract of employment in determining whether an employee has worked three consecutive years under contract of employment with the District.

19:3 The Board shall give written notification (Employee Benefits/Information Check-off List) at the time of hiring all employees new to the district that the responsibility for insurance coverage during the interim period rests with the employee.

19:4 All new employees and other employees requesting same shall be given a description of the health-care insurance coverage provided under this Article contingent upon the availability of such documents from the carrier.

19:5 The Board agrees to provide, at no cost to the employee, chest x-rays required of the employee to maintain employment, provided such said employee avails himself/herself of the program provided by the Board.

19:6 Effective July 1, 1998, the Board of Education shall provide full coverage for a prescription plan with a \$10 co-pay provision for name brand drugs and \$5 co-pay for generic drugs, and \$0 co-pay for mail order drugs, through the Prescription Plan that is in effect as of June 1, 1998. The employee may choose either the individual, parent and child, or family plan except for new hires as set forth in Article 19:1.1. Effective November 1, 2003, there shall be a mail order co-pay at \$10 for brand name drugs and \$5 for generic drugs.

19:7 The Board of Education shall pay 100% of the dental premium per employee per month for twelve (12) months. The composite rate will cover employees and eligible dependents under the existing plan without any deductions from employees' salaries during the term of this Agreement. The Board shall provide Delta Dental as the carrier for dental insurance pursuant to Article 19:7 pursuant to the renewal letter dated Sept 12, 2000.

19:8 Employees who retire with twenty-five (25) years or more of experience, exclusive of Support Staff and LDTC/SP, 10 years of which are in Hamilton, shall be entitled to the Board-paid prescription plan for the employees only. This benefit shall be prospective only.

19:9 The Board of Education shall pay the premium for 100% of Washington National Disability Insurance Plan A (\$330) for non-certified staff. The employee may select additional plans at no expense to the Board of Education with authorized payroll deductions to cover the increased premium.

19:9.1 Effective January 1, 2004, the "Prudential Class 2:330 benefit" shall replace the disability insurance benefit level contained in Article 19:9 for non-certified staff members of the unit. The details of plans' benefit levels are agreed to between the parties and are contained in the two page document attached to the December 17, 2003 sidebar. The Board agrees to maintain the levels of benefits defined by the "Prudential Class 2:330 benefit" unless and until changed by the parties in writing through negotiations. If the Board of Education makes a determination to change the carrier from Prudential, the Board shall give the Association notification in writing of such a change at least 30 days before the effective date of the change. Any change in carrier shall not diminish but shall maintain the level of benefits defined by the "Prudential Class 2:330 benefit".

19:10 The Board of Education shall pay the premium for 50% of Washington National Disability Insurance Plan B (\$540) for certified staff. The employee may select additional plans at no expense to the Board of Education with authorized payroll deductions to cover the increased premium.

19:10.1 Effective January 1, 2004, the "Prudential Class 1:540 benefit" shall replace the disability insurance benefit level contained in Article 19:10 for certified staff members of the unit. The details of plans' benefit levels are agreed to between the parties and are contained in the two page document attached to the December 17, 2003 sidebar. The Board agrees to maintain the levels of benefits defined by the "Prudential Class 1:540 benefit" unless and until changed by the parties in writing through negotiations. If the Board of Education makes a determination to change the carrier from Prudential, the Board shall give the Association notification in writing of such a change at least 30 days before the effective date of the change. Any change in carrier shall not diminish but shall maintain the level of benefits defined by the "Prudential Class 1:540 benefit".

19:11 If any employee waives health insurance, said employee shall receive a cash payment of \$1,000.00. If any employee waives prescription insurance, said employee shall receive a cash payment of \$250.00. All cash payments shall be prorated if less than 12 months. Employees that choose the cash option must reapply each year. Proof of other coverage must be submitted with each request for the cash option. In addition, the Board shall put in place a Section 125 plan (details included in the Section 125 Addendum). All waivers are subject to the provisions of this Addendum.

19:12 Effective July 1, 2000, previously eligible retirees and LDTC/Psychologists prospectively only with 25 years of service in TPAF, 10 years of which are in the Hamilton Township School District; and PERS retirees with 25 years of service in PERS, 10 years of which are in the Hamilton Township School District effective prospectively, will receive annually by July 30th a cash payment in the amount equal to the annual maximum in prescription drug co-payments per person (\$300 for 2000) as provided by the SHBP in lieu of the Board-paid prescription plan for employees only. In the event that the SHBP New Prescription Program is eliminated, the Board will provide a Board-paid prescription plan for eligible employees only equal to the plan in effect as of July 1, 1997, as provided in the 1997-2000 contract between the parties in Article 19:9.

ARTICLE 20-SALARIES

20:1 The salaries of all employees covered by this Agreement are set forth on salary guide pages which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

20:2. When a payday falls on or during a school holiday, employees shall receive their pay checks on the last previous working day with the checks being dated on the date of delivery of the check.

20:2.1 The one exception will be when the pay period and the school recess carries over into the next calendar year, whereupon the check will be issued on the last working day in the old year and be dated on the first regular payday in the new year.

Note: This check is not legal tender until the date carried on the check.

20:2.2 Paychecks shall be available to all 2nd and 3rd shift employees on Friday after 11:00 am of each payday at each building location.

20:2.3 The salaries of all twelve month employees covered by this Agreement shall be paid in twenty-four (24) equal installments at the rate of two installments per month on the 15th and 30th or last day of February. The salaries of all ten-month employees covered by this Agreement shall be paid in twenty (20) equal installments on the 15th and 30th or last day of February from September to June. If either the 15th or 30th or last day of the month falls on a weekend, holiday, or other day when school is closed, then payment shall be made on the workday immediately prior to that day. The implementation of this Article is contingent upon the Board having also reached a similar agreement with all other employee groups.

20:3 The salaries of all coaches covered by this Agreement are set forth on pages which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

20:4 The salaries of all Extra-Duty Personnel are set forth on pages which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

20:5 Compensation for duties beyond normal teaching assignment shall be paid within thirty (30) days upon completion of services. Work which extends to a full year shall be paid in three installments.

20:6 The rates below are to be used only when four utility custodians on each shift are previously deployed and an additional person is needed. It is never to be used for the utility custodians when deployed in a position higher than utility custodian.

The following rates per day shall be paid after three (3) consecutive work days in higher grade.

Custodian Grade 2 - \$6.00 per day

Custodian Grade 1 - \$7.00 per day

Custodian Engineer II - \$8.00 per day

Custodian Engineer I - \$10.00 per day

20:6.1 When three 1st shift custodians are employed in a building, a position of Custodian Grade 5 shall be established for the second person with the most qualifications and seniority.

20:6.2 Night Premium-The following night premium shall be paid to all employees working nights during the regular work week, holidays, and weekends (Saturday and/or Sunday).

2nd shift-\$3.50

3rd shift-\$6.00

20:7 Employees with a valid Black Seal license shall receive a stipend of \$350 in 2003-2004; \$400 in 2004-2005; and \$450 in 2005-2006; per year effective the first day of the month following receipt of the license (prorated if received after July 1 of any given year).

20:8 Employees with a valid Pool Operators License shall receive a stipend of \$350 in 2003-2004; \$400 in 2004-2005; and \$450 in 2005-2006; per year effective the first day of the month following receipt of the license (prorated if received after July 1 of any given year). The full stipend shall only be paid to those unit members who work in schools with a pool. Those District employees who received the \$300 stipend prior to July 1, 2003 but were not in schools with a pool shall continue to receive the stipend of \$300.

20:9 Any person taking over for a Cafeteria Staff Operator, Cook Relief, or Assistant Cook shall receive the minimum hourly rate after three (3) days. However, the employee accepting the acting appointment would not be compensated for less than she/he would earn if she/he remained in his/her own regular position for the same amount of hours as in the new position.

20:10 Effective July 1, 1998, employees covered by this group may elect to have their annual salary deposited directly to a bank of the employees choice provided that the selected bank permits direct wire transfer of funds

20:11 Effective September 1, 2003, hourly helpers shall receive a monthly bonus payment of \$25 and operators shall receive a monthly bonus payment of \$30. This provision expires at the close of business on June 30, 2006

ARTICLE 21-DEDUCTIONS FROM SALARIES

21:1 The Board agrees to deduct from the salaries of its employees dues for the Unified Association Membership. Such deductions shall be made in compliance with Chapter 33 Public Laws of 1969 (N.J.S.A. 52:14-15, 9c) and under the rules established by the State Department of Education. Said monies, together with records of corrections shall be sent to the NJEA by the fifteenth (15th) of each month following the monthly pay period in which deductions were made.

21:2 The Unified Association shall certify to the Superintendent, in writing, the current rate of its membership dues, to be put on file in the Human Resources office.

21:3 The Association shall receive representation fees from non-members who are covered by the Agreement in an amount certified by the Association in accordance with state law. The Association shall provide evidence to the Superintendent that it has established a demand and return system, and it shall be kept on file in the Payroll office.

21:4 Employees may individually elect to have an amount of their salary deducted from their pay to be deposited into one (1) or two (2) of the mutually agreed upon tax-sheltered annuity plans. Amounts deducted under this section shall be transmitted to the annuity companies within five (5) working days from the day the deduction is made.

21:4.1 It will be the employee's responsibility to ensure that the total deductions do not exceed the allowable IRS deductions. The Board will assume no liability if the total deductions of an employee exceed the IRS limit.

21:5 Effective July 1, 1995, employees covered by this Agreement may elect to have any amount deducted from their pay to be deposited in Mercer County NJ Teachers Federal Credit Union.

21:6 Effective July 1, 1996, each employee shall have deducted from their salary the sum of \$20.00 per month, which shall be for payment to the Board for the cost of all benefits provided to the employee pursuant to this Agreement. The maximum annual payment for ten (10) month employees shall be \$200.00 and for twelve (12) month employees, \$240.00. Part-time employees who work less than twenty (20) hours per week shall not have any deductions from their salary pursuant to this Article 21:6. The foregoing provisions do not cover educational assistants, campus monitors, custodians, bus drivers, operators, and hourly helpers.

ARTICLE 22- TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

22:1 Effective July 1, 1993, the Board of Education shall provide tuition reimbursement. During this contract the amount shall be \$100,000 in 2003-2004, \$125,000 in 2004-2005 and \$150,000 in 2005-2006. All employees will be reimbursed for the actual tuition expenses for a maximum of two (2) courses per year up to the graduate level rate for a three-credit course at College of New Jersey or for two professional improvement programs up to the equivalent rate. Reimbursement shall be paid to any employee who provides written documentation of the successful completion of a course with a grade of "B" or better, or the receipt of a Certificate of Completion where acceptable. Any course for non-certified employees must be directly related to their field of work.

22:2 The Board shall provide work clothing for cafeteria employees as follows:

22:2.1 Upon completion of the probationary period following initial employment with the district, five complete uniforms.

22:2.2 Every year thereafter, the Board agrees to provide uniform allowance of \$100.00 for each cafeteria employee. Color and style are to be approved by the Board or its designee. Employees shall be reimbursed upon submission of proper receipts for purchases. Reimbursement shall be made within 90 days.

22:3 The Board shall provide work clothing for custodial employees as follows:

22:3.1 Upon completion of the probationary period following initial employment within the district, three complete uniforms, including an apron for those handling pool chemicals.

22:3.2 Two complete uniforms will be provided thereafter on an annual basis, including an apron for those handling pool chemicals. Custodial Engineer I and II shall have the option of wearing a white shirt in place of the uniform provided by the Board. There shall be no cost to the Board. The employee shall be required to wear an identifying school patch/insignia provided by the Board. The Board of Education agrees to collect size information on employees no later than September 30 of each year for submission through the bidding process and supply the uniforms by January 15 of each year. The Board shall not be held responsible for any failure of the vendor.

22:4 The Board shall pay \$100.00 per year for each custodian and cafeteria worker toward the purchase of service shoes. Employees shall be reimbursed upon submission of proper receipts for purchases. Reimbursements shall be made within 90 days.

22:5 The Board agrees to have available, to the work site, foul weather gear for all employees who are required to work outdoors. The equipment shall include hats, raincoats, boots, gloves and jackets. Utility Custodians shall be issued their own foul weather gear and shall return the gear upon termination of employment.

22:6 Proper safety equipment shall be provided by the Board. It is understood that employees shall use such equipment when and where appropriate. Equipment shall be kept at the work site when not in use.

22:7 All Drivers and Relief Drivers will receive a \$125.00 annual clothing allowance to be used towards the purchase of boots, rainwear, or a heavy duty jacket and pants provided proof of purchase is given to the appropriate supervisor as designated by the Superintendent.

22:8 Utility custodians and custodians assigned to more than one school shall be reimbursed a car allowance at a rate of \$300 per year.

ARTICLE 23- SUMMER, ACCREDITED EVENING SCHOOL AND HOURLY INSTRUCTORS' COMPENSATION*

23:1 All work in summer positions represented by the HTEA shall be voluntary and timesheets shall be completed by the employee and signed by the Supervisor/Administrator.

23:2 Nurses who work in the summer shall be paid \$28 per hour for the time actually worked in the summer.

23:2.1 Two counselors shall be employed as needed during the summer at each high school for two weeks at a stipend of 5.79% and all other counselors at each high school for three days as needed at a stipend of 1.74% of their appointed salary.

23:2.2 One counselor shall be employed as needed at each middle school for one week at a stipend of 2.89% and all other counselors at each middle school for two days as needed at a stipend of 1.16% of their appointed salary.

23:2.3 It is understood that these appointments would also require that these counselors be expected to work all additional hours during the academic year as per present practice.

23:2.4 These appointments will be on a voluntary basis. Payment will be made on the next regular payday after the building principal verifies that the appointed work assignment has been completed.

23:3 Curriculum and/or in-service workshops held during the summer shall be held in five sessions of three hours each. Pay for such work shall be \$401.34. In addition to compensation for presentation time, staff members presenting workshops during the summer when school is not in session will be compensated at the applicable hourly rate for preparation time as indicated in Article 24:5.

23:4 The rate of pay for all other certified staff represented by HTEA filling all other summer positions shall be \$28 per hour.

23:5 Teachers in the accredited evening school shall be paid on the following guide.

Years of Experience	Dollars/Hours for Time Actually Worked
0	\$23
1	\$24
2	\$25
3	\$26
4	\$27

23:6 Hourly Home Instructors shall be paid \$28 per hour for the time actually worked in instructing students unable to attend school.

23:7 LDTC /School Psychologists shall be paid 7.6% of their respective salary, as a stipend amount, (no fringe benefits) for twenty (20) working days (120 hours) of service as approved by the Board of Education. This amount will be prorated for shorter summer appointments.

23:8 Regularly employed staff shall be given first consideration for summer employment. Should the in-house staff refuse the summer positions the Board reserves the right to employ other properly certified personnel.

*This shall be the only Article applicable to Summer, Accredited Evening School and Hourly Home Instructor staff members.

23:9 The hourly rate (THR) for certified personnel will be \$28 per hour for the duration of this contract.

ARTICLE 24-WORKSHOP PROCEDURES AND COMPENSATION*

* (This shall be the only Article applicable to workshop presenter staff members.)

24:1 Employment as a presenter for all approved district workshops will be open to anyone including staff members at an agreed upon stipend amount. Payments will be made on a properly submitted voucher with all mandatory legal deductions taken out by the Business Office.

24:2 The presenter can utilize district supplies and equipment with the prior permission of the responsible administrator/supervisor. These materials can be purchased with funds made available in a regular budget account provided prior approval has been given by the responsible administrator/supervisor.

24:3 All in-service workshops that are eligible to staff members must be for the instruction of parents, community, other staff, or Board members but in no event will extra compensation be paid for instructing students of this school district.

24:4 The stipend rate for workshop presentations beyond the school day will be \$28 per hour.

24:5 Staff members conducting in-service workshops will only be compensated for 5 hours of outside preparation time \$28 per hour rate. There will be no compensation for the time utilized during the regular working day.

24:6 LDTC/School Psychologists may be granted two (2) or more professional improvement days per year for the purpose of attending such seminars, workshops, or professional meetings that, in the judgment of the administration, contribute to the general professional improvement of the employee. Employees shall be reimbursed for the cost of travel and registration provided that available funds have been designated for district professional growth; if no such funds are available, then the employees shall pay such costs.

24:7 The Board shall attempt to offer to teachers, or whoever is covered by the code, in-service workshops/training seminars which are eligible for continuing education as defined by the provisions and requirements of the Continuing Education Code, N.J.A.C. 6:11-13.1 et seq/ as amended and modified hereafter.

Article 25-ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR SPECIFIED POSITIONS

25:1 All Extra-Duty Pay Personnel, Coaches, Department Chairpersons, Curriculum Consultants, and Work Experience Coordinators shall be appointed on a year-to-year basis with no tenure in the position nor rights to reappointment.

25:2 Department Chairpersons shall be paid five point seventy-nine percent (5.79%) of their regular teaching salary and shall be required to work two (2) additional days beyond the regular school calendar. In addition to their usual lunch and preparation periods, they shall also be assigned two periods per day for department chairperson work. However, a department chairperson may be asked on an emergency basis to cover a class during one of the two department chairperson periods. The department chairperson shall be scheduled for teaching assignments in all remaining periods during the day.

25:3 Curriculum Consultants shall be paid nine point twenty-six percent (9.26%) of their regular teaching salary and shall be required to work four (4) additional days beyond the

regular school calendar. They shall forego any daily preparation period in their teaching schedule.

25:4 All Special Education Teachers and Speech Correctionists currently receiving a \$300 salary stipend will continue to receive this allowance.

25:5 Work Experience Coordinators shall receive five point seventy-nine percent (5.79%) of their annual contract salary for two weeks of work during the summer plus additional hours during the academic year as per present practice. Any work in excess of the two weeks shall be paid at the current summer school rate.

25:6 Effective July 1, 1995, teachers who participate in the Environmental Education programs at Stokes State Forrest and Peer Leadership Program shall receive \$75.00 per overnight stay in addition to their normal salary.

25:7 Any employee who may be required to use their own vehicle, excluding custodians and LDTC/School Psychologists, in the performance of their duties and employees who are assigned to more than one (1) school per day shall be reimbursed for all such travel at the rate per mile lawfully permitted by the Internal Revenue Service as reimbursement for vehicle expense, unless other alternative mutually agreeable arrangements are made with the administration: such arrangements shall be subject to full knowledge and consent of the majority representative.

25:8 All LDTC/School Psychologists will be reimbursed at the current IRS rate per mile for all approved transportation, which will be submitted on a voucher for payment which must be submitted once per month. Payment shall be made by the Board within sixty (60) days after receipt of the voucher.

25:9 Effective September 1, 2003, secondary Educational Assistants who are required to possess a substitute certificate shall receive an annual stipend of \$1,000 in addition to their guide salary. Said payment is for the possession of the substitute certificate and possible assignments in covering classes during the school year.

ARTICLE 26- LONGEVITY

26:1 Effective July 1, 2001, all teachers who have completed the listed number of teaching years in Hamilton Township, by June 30 of the preceding year, shall receive the additional cumulative amounts per year as listed below:

15 years	- \$450.00
20 years	- \$500.00
25 years	- \$550.00
30 years -	- \$600.00
35 years	- \$650.00
40 years	- \$700.00

26:2 Teaching staff members covered by the 1980-83 Agreement between the Hamilton Township Board of Education and who were employed as of June 30, 1982, and reemployed for the 82-83 school year will continue to receive longevity calculated on experience and military service granted at the date of hire, in addition to Hamilton Township experience.

26:3 Newly hired teaching staff members for the 1982-83 school year and thereafter will be granted credit for longevity only as specified in Article 26:1 for teaching years in Hamilton Township.

26:4 Effective July 1, 2001, all LDTC/SP who have completed the listed number of working years by June 30 of the preceding year in Hamilton Township shall receive the additional cumulative amounts per year as listed below:

15 years	- \$413.00
20 years	- \$413.00
25 years	- \$413.00
30 years	- \$413.00
35 years	- \$413.00
40 years	- \$413.00

26:5 Effective July 1, 2001, all Support Staff employees who have completed the listed number of working years by June 30 of the preceding year in Hamilton Township shall receive the additional cumulative amounts per year as listed below:

10-13 years	- \$350.00
14-15 years -	- \$250.00
16 years	- \$250.00
17 years	- \$250.00
18 years	- \$550.00
19 years	- \$550.00
20-24 years	- \$250.00
25-29 years	- \$250.00
30-34 years -	- \$250.00
35-39 years	- \$250.00
40 years	- \$250.00

ARTICLE 27- BUS DRIVERS

27:1 The Board of Education agrees to provide, at no cost to the employee, chest x-rays required for the employee to maintain his/her employment, provided such said employee avails himself/herself of the program provided by the Board.

27:2 If the driver is being paid for his/her services, then he/she is expected to be driving or doing some work related to the operation or maintenance of the bus (sweep, clean, service)

27:3 The driver shall take an unpaid one half hour lunch break between the morning and afternoon regular runs (9:30-2:30). The driver is to be given at least one days notice of the trip so that he/she can make arrangements to bring along a bag lunch in the event there are no lunchroom accommodations at the facility to be visited.

27:4 When a driver is assigned to a trip which requires that the driver remain at the site with the students, the bus driver will be expected to complete routine housekeeping duties on the vehicle or if requested by the teacher, he/she should assist in the control of the students at the site providing the vehicle can be safely parked and left unattended.

27:5 On days of inclement weather when students are not transported to schools, bus drivers will not be expected to report to work when excused by Superintendent's school closing announcement. However, all bus drivers will be expected to work if the day is later rescheduled for make-up.

27:6 On days of inclement weather when students will be transported on a later schedule due to a delay in the opening of schools, bus drivers will be expected to report to bus yard one (1) hour before bus run begins to make certain bus is prepared to pick up children.

27:7 Drivers will not normally be permitted to take the bus to their home between scheduled bus runs. They will take the bus to the garage or park it on a school parking lot unless special arrangements are made with the supervisor of transportation.

27:8 Drivers approved to attend Bus Conferences and/or Safety Meetings will be paid at their regular straight time rate for time in attendance at sessions and necessary travel time. The Driver who uses his/her automobile will be reimbursed at the IRS rate for mileage to and from the location.

27:9 The Board of Education shall reimburse the employee for the cost of the New Jersey State Bus Operators' license and for bi-annual renewal fee when they are re-appointed to a subsequent year. A requisition must be submitted to receive this reimbursement.

27:10 All physical examinations for renewal of the bi-annual operator's license shall be performed by the district Chief Medical Inspector at no cost to the employee.

27:11 There will be a two (2) hour minimum call-in time. The driver will be assigned some related work in order to receive the minimum two (2) hour pay.

27:12 The employee who works during the summer months shall be paid an hourly rate equivalent to his/her current contract according to the salary guide effective July 1st of the same year. Summer bus driving, when required, will be organized by the Supervisor on the basis of seniority. The seniority list shall be maintained from year to year. The most senior bus driver shall have the first preference of runs beginning in the summer of 1998 with the understanding that this process may not result in a guaranteed six hours of work or a guarantee of equal time. Once routes are selected, changes will not be made in originally assigned routes.

ARTICLE 28- LIAISON COMMITTEES

Article 28:1 Building Liaison Committee

The Board of Education and the Association recognize the need for communication at all levels and encourages the implementation of this Article through scheduled meetings of administration and employees.

28:1.1 A Liaison Committee shall be selected by the Association members in each school building or resource group which shall meet with the principal/supervisor at mutually agreed times, but not less than four (4) times a year to review and discuss local school problems and practices

28:1.2 HTEA building liaison committees shall consist of not more than one (1) member for every ten (10) employees in the school buildings or resource group, but shall in no event have less than two (2) members.

28:1.3 The chairperson of the HTEA building liaison committee shall submit an agenda of items to be discussed to the building principal/supervisor one (1) week prior to a scheduled meeting.

28:1.4 The HTEA building liaison committee shall send their final report to the HTEA District Liaison Committee Chairperson.

Article 28:2 District Liaison Committee

28:2.1 The Superintendent and/or representative at the central staff level agree to meet with representatives of the Association to amicably review and discuss current school problems and practices in an effort to reach mutual resolution.

28:2.2 Meetings shall be held five (5) times per year, after school, if needed, the dates and time of which shall be mutually agreed upon.

28:2.3 The Association shall select its own representatives. If the Association representatives exceed fifteen(15), the Superintendent must agree to the additional number of representatives.

28:2.4 Agendas from the Association and the Superintendent shall be exchanged one (1) week prior to each scheduled meeting,

28:2.5 The district liaison agenda should only contain items of a district-wide nature and/or items that could not be resolved at the building liaison level. Items discussed at the building level that were deemed to be acceptable to the building staff may be presented as an information item only with no further discussion.

28:2.6 The District Liaison Committee shall develop minutes of their meetings detailing each topic, resolutions of each issue, if any, and any background information seen by the committee as useful. The agreed-upon minutes shall be distributed to all committee members and to all Board members within 14 days after agreement on them.

ARTICLE 29- EMPLOYEE FACILITIES

29:1 The Board of Education shall continue its efforts to keep the schools reasonably and properly equipped and maintained. The Board shall give serious consideration to the Association's requests for improvements in both working areas and furnishing equipment and supplies.

29:2 Faculty rooms shall be provided in each building and shall be for the exclusive use of employees as a staff lounge except in a case of emergency.

29:3 The Board shall provide all non-certificated employees with the proper safety equipment. It is understood that employees shall use such equipment when and where appropriate. Equipment shall be kept at the work site when not in use.

29:4 All librarians/media specialists shall have the following:

- A. At least one (1) typewriter for the exclusive use of each school library.
- B. A telephone extension in every secondary school library.
- C. Two (2) adding machines available at the Curriculum Office for the use of the librarians/media specialists.

ARTICLE 30-MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

30:1 The Board and the Association agree that there shall be no discrimination, and that all practices, procedures, and policies of the school system shall clearly exemplify that there is no discrimination in the hiring, training, assignment, promotion, transfer, or discipline of employees or in the application or administration of this agreement on the basis of those categories as specified in the NJ Law of Discrimination.

30:2 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.

30:3 Any individual contract between the Board and an individual employee, heretofore or hereafter executed, shall be subject to and consistent with terms and conditions of this agreement. If an individual contract contains any language inconsistent with this agreement, this agreement, during this duration, shall be controlling.

30:4 The Hamilton Township School Board, on its own behalf and on behalf of the taxpayers of the district hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and of the United States and other applicable laws and regulations.

30:5 Nothing contained herein shall be considered to deny or restrict the Board of its rights, responsibilities and any other national, state, county, district, or local laws or regulations.

30:6 Nothing in this agreement which changes pre-existing Board Policy, rules, or regulations shall operate retroactively unless expressly so stated. The parties agree that employees shall continue to serve under the direction of the Superintendent Of Schools and in accordance with the Board and Administrative Policies, Rules and Regulations provided that the provisions of this agreement shall supersede and prevail over any conflicting provision.

30:7 PRINTING AGREEMENT: Copies of this agreement shall be printed and the expense shared by the Board and the Association after agreement with the Association on format within thirty (30) days after the agreement is signed.

30:8 Whenever any notice is required to be given by either of the parties of this agreement to the other, pursuant to the provision(s) of this agreement, either party shall do so by registered letter at the following addresses:

If by the Association, to Board at 90 Park Avenue, Hamilton, NJ 08690

If by the Board, to the Association at the address on file with the Board Secretary

30:9 This agreement represents and incorporates the complete and final understanding and settlement by the parties of all bargainable issues which were or could have been the subject of negotiations. During the term of this agreement, neither party will 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 parties at the time they negotiated or signed this agreement.

30:10 The Board shall pay the cost of obtaining and/or maintaining a county substitute certificate for all non-certified employees where the job description specifies the need for same.

30:11 Effective July 1, 2000, the Board shall pay the costs for background checks and fingerprinting of new employees represented by the Association (In 2003, \$78.00 is charged by the

State of New Jersey) and hired after July 1, 2000, who require background checks and fingerprinting upon the completion of twelve (12) months of successful service in the employ of the Board of Education. Requests for reimbursement must be submitted by the employee to the Human Resources office within ninety (90) calendar days after the employee's first 12 months of successful service; failure to do so will result in no reimbursement to the employee. New employees who are hired from the District substitute list do not qualify for reimbursement since new background checks and fingerprinting are not required for appointment to a permanent position for these employees.

30:12 The President of the Association shall be notified, in writing, of all new hires, transfers, resignations, retirements, and/or terminations within ten (10) days of action by the Board.

30:13 Effective July 1, 1992, Cafeteria Operators shall not be required to carry money to the bank

30:14 The Board shall provide oven mittens and pot holders for use in each kitchen.

30:15 An Assistant who is assigned to substitute for a teacher for a full day shall be compensated at a rate equal to the daily substitute rate if his/her regular rate of pay is less than the substitute's rate of pay. Assistants who are employed in such a capacity for partial days shall have their remuneration pro-rated accordingly (divided by class assignment.)

30:16 Both parties recognize the desirability of continuous and uninterrupted operation of the instructional program during the normal school year, and avoidance of disputes which threaten to interfere with such operations. Since the parties are establishing a comprehensive grievance procedure under which unresolved disputes may be settled, the parties have removed the basic cause of work interruptions during the period of this agreement.

30:17 The Board and the Association agree that there shall be no reprisals, no discriminatory action, or penalty of any kind directed toward any individual as a result of the actions taken to arrive at this agreement. This shall apply to all school district employees.

30:18 All employees shall wear a name badge/ID to be provided by the Board when on school premises. The Board shall provide no more than five (5) name badges/IDs per employee as needed during the term of this Agreement. The Board shall schedule the time for employees to obtain their name badge/IDs.

ARTICLE 31- DURATION OF CONTRACT

31:1 This agreement shall be in effect as of July 1, 2003 and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2006. The parties shall enter into negotiation in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Public Employment Relations Commission in the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which this agreement expires.

31:2 In witness whereof the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be signed by their respective presidents, attested by their respective secretaries, on the day and year first above written.

ARTICLE 32 – NO REPRISAL CLAUSE

32:1 The District and the Association agree that they, their employees, representatives and/or members will not engage in, or improperly retaliate or interfere with any rights of any District representative, member or employee or Association member or any employee who has not reported for work during the time of the work stoppage, or any employee who reported for work on those days. This shall include verbal and physical reprisals, non-renewal of employment contracts. The mediator shall retain jurisdiction in the event of any dispute over this provision as arbitrator.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

By: _____

Attest: _____

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: _____

Attest: _____

Board “Donated Leave Bank” Policy Addendum

The Board has made a commitment to the HTEA to make the following changes to the Board's Donated Leave Bank Policies' approach upon ratification of this agreement.

- 1) The Board will change the threshold period of absence from 60 days to 45 days.
- 2) The Board will change the bank balance at which new contributions of days are required from 500 days to 400 days.
- 3) The Board will set up a mid-June sign up with an employee contribution for any employee who either was hired in the previous school year or had not participated in the plan before.

All other aspects of the approach are governed by existing Board policy

SECTION 125 ADDENDUM

1. In-Writing Requirement

A. Section 125 Plan must have a separate written plan document (an internal document that the employer maintains). This plan shall be available to employees.

The following information must be included:

- a.) Specific description of the benefits available. (as per Article 19:11)
- b.) The procedures governing participants' elections under the law. This election shall allow employees to choose between non-taxable health care coverage and taxable cash at the beginning of each plan year (July 1). This option will be limited only to payments made by the Board on behalf of its employees for health and prescription benefits. This plan shall not include a flexible spending option.
- c.) Procedures whereby employees will continue current coverage unless they specifically request the cash option in writing with submission of proof of other coverage, prior to the beginning of each plan year. (July 1 for a full year- July 1 - June 30).
- d.) Procedures by which coverage, without consideration of pre-existing conditions, will be restored within 30 days of the restoration request. Coverage will be restored only upon proof of loss of coverage. It is the employee's responsibility to notify the Board in writing if benefits are lost for any reason.
- e.) Procedures for the payment of the \$1,000.00 and the \$250.00 cash options.
Reimbursements will be provided at the end of the fiscal year in June and will be prorated if benefits were reinstated at any time during the fiscal year.

2. Disclosure to Employees

- a.) The elements of the Section 125 written plan document must be disclosed to employees. Disclosure may be in a booklet, or other suitable form, distributed to employees referred to as a summary plan description (SPD). In addition, elements may be subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements of ERISA.
- b.) Under ERISA (and as a matter of common sense) information provided to participants should be "written in a manner calculated to be understood by the average plan participant..."
- c.) Description of benefits and procedures as outlined above to be followed requesting revocation of the cash option choice in the event of loss of coverage.

3. Administrative Information

This information should include data such as:

- a.) Name of the plan
- b.) Name and address of employer and a representative
- c.) Employer Identification Number
- d.) Type of plan

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- e.) State and end of the plan year
 - f.) Type of administration

4. Eligibility and Benefits Information

The following are the minimum requirements for eligibility and benefits information.

- a.) a description of benefits available under the plan,
- b.) requirements for participation and benefits

5. Loss of Benefits Information

- a.) Employees must choose the cash option prior to each plan year. (July 1) for a full year (July 1 - June 30)
- b.) Proof of other coverage must be submitted with each request for the cash option. Proof of loss of coverage must be provided before benefits can be restored prior to an open enrollment period.

6. Reporting Requirements

Reporting requirements for Section 125 plans are satisfied by completing the applicable IRS form.

ARTICLE 33 – SALARY GUIDES

Coaches Salary Schedule 2003-2006

GROUP	YRS. OF EXP.	YEARS OF EXP.
	0, 1 <u>Step 1</u>	2+ <u>Step 2</u>
HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS		
A Football - Head Coach	5,896	6,113
A Basketball (B) - Head Coach	5,896	6,113
A Basketball (G) - Head Coach	5,896	6,113
B Baseball (B) - Head Coach	5,734	5,950
B Cross Country - Head Coach	5,734	5,950
B Soccer (B) - Head Coach	5,734	5,950
B Soccer (G) - Head Coach	5,734	5,950
B Swimming (B) - Head Coach	5,734	5,950
B Swimming (G) - Head Coach	5,734	5,950
B Ice Hockey Coach	5,734	5,950
B Field Hockey - Head Coach	5,734	5,950
B Softball - Head Coach	5,734	5,950
B Track (B) - Head Coach	5,734	5,950
B Track (G) - Head Coach	5,734	5,950
B Winter Track - Head Coach	5,734	5,950
B Wrestling - Head Coach	5,734	5,950
C Football - Assistant	4,804	5,020
C Basketball (B) - Assistant	4,804	5,020
C Basketball (G) - Assistant	4,804	5,020
C Golf - Coach	4,804	5,020
C Tennis (B) - Coach	4,804	5,020
C Tennis (G) - Coach	4,804	5,020
D Baseball (B) - Assistant	4,641	4,857
D Soccer (B) - Assistant	4,641	4,857
D Soccer (G) - Assistant	4,641	4,857
D Swimming (B) - Assistant	4,641	4,857
D Swimming (G) - Assistant	4,641	4,857
D Field Hockey - Assistant	4,641	4,857

D	Softball - Assistant	4,641	4,857
D	Track (B) - Assistant	4,641	4,857
D	Track (G) - Assistant	4,641	4,857
D	Winter Track - Assistant	4,641	4,857
D	Wrestling - Assistant	4,641	4,857

Coaches Salary Schedule 2003-2006

GROUP	YRS. OF EXP.	
	0, 1, 2+	<u>Stipend</u>
MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS		
E	MS Soccer 8 (B)	1,600
E	MS Soccer 8 (G)	1,600
E	MS Basketball 8 (B)	1,600
E	MS Basketball 8 (G)	1,600
E	MS Baseball 8	1,600
E	MS Softball 8	1,600
F	MS Soccer 6/7 (B)	1,600
F	MS Soccer 6/7 (G)	1,600
F	MS Basketball 6/7 (B)	1,600
F	MS Basketball 6/7 (G)	1,600
F	MS Baseball 6/7	1,600
F	MS Softball 6/7	1,600

Extra Duty Pay Salary Schedule 2003-2006

GROUP	YRS. OF EXP.	YEARS OF EXP.
	(0, 1 yrs) <u>Step 1</u>	(2+ yrs.) <u>Step 2</u>
HIGH SCHOOL		
A Instrumental Music	6,114	6,330
B Environmental Education Coordinator	5,336	5,552
Vocal Music	5,336	5,552
C Color Guard	4,642	4,858
Drill Team	4,642	4,858
Environmental Ed. Assistant Coordinator	4,642	4,858
Instrumental Music Assistant	4,642	4,858
Senior Class Advisor	4,642	4,858
Yearbook	4,642	4,858
D Dramatics	3,896	4,112
E American Field Services	3,235	3,451
Cheerleader - Head Coach(per season)	3,235	3,451
District Orchestra	3,235	3,451
Literary Magazine	3,235	3,651
Mathematics Club	3,235	3,451
Newspaper	3,235	3,451
Producer and Publicity	3,235	3,451
Public Speaking and Debating	3,235	3,451
Stagecraft	3,235	3,551
Stage Manager	3,235	3,451
Student Government	3,235	3,451
MIDDLE SCHOOL		
Dramatics	3,235	3,551
Instrumental Music	3,235	3,451
Environmental Ed. Building Coordinator	3,235	3,451
Vocal Music	3,235	3,451

Extra Duty Pay Salary Schedule 2003-2006

GROUP	YRS. OF EXP.	YEARS OF EXP.
	(0, 1 yrs) <u>Step 1</u>	(2+ yrs.) <u>Step 2</u>
HIGH SCHOOL		
F	Art (Stage Design)	2,802 3,019
	Cheerleader - Assistant (per season)	2,802 3,019
	Choreographer	2,802 3,019
	Conductor	2,802 3,019
	Costumes and Property	2,802 3,019
	ESL	2,802 3,019
	FBLA	2,802 3,019
	Interact Club	2,802 3,019
	Junior Class Advisor	2,802 3,019
	Key Club	2,802 3,019
	National Honor Society	2,802 3,019
	Public Speaking and Debating- Assistant	2,802 3,019
	Peer Leadership	2,802 3,019
	* Volleyball, Bowling, Underclass Student Activities, Intramurals, Gymnastics, or Summer Weight Training	2,802 3,019
MIDDLE SCHOOL		
	District Orchestra	2,802 3,019
	Intramural (per season)	2,802 3,019
	Newspaper	2,802 3,019
	Student Council	2,802 3,019
	Yearbook	2,802 3,019
HIGH SCHOOL		
G	Trainer (per season)	4,869 5,086
	*High Schools to select two in any school year	
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS		
H	Elementary Strings	\$600
	Elementary Instrumental	\$400

2003-2004 STAFF SALARY SCHEDULES

YEAR 1

2003-2004 Hamilton Township Teachers

Step	Non	BA	BA+15	BA+30	MA	MA+15	MA+30	MA+45	Doc
1	34,643	36,524	37,183	37,841	39,312	40,080	40,754	41,430	42,106
2	34,943	36,824	37,483	38,141	39,612	40,380	41,054	41,730	42,406
3	35,644	37,564	38,236	38,907	40,408	41,192	41,880	42,570	43,259
4	36,360	38,319	39,004	39,689	41,221	42,021	42,723	43,427	44,130
5	37,589	39,548	40,233	40,918	42,451	43,250	43,952	44,656	45,360
6	40,126	40,777	41,442	42,148	43,680	44,479	45,182	45,886	46,589
7	43,814	44,429	45,043	45,658	46,888	47,502	48,117	48,731	49,347
7A	46,956	47,621	48,265	48,911	50,272	50,965	51,618	52,270	52,924
8	49,654	50,361	51,031	51,703	53,246	54,266	54,919	55,571	56,224
9	52,238	53,038	53,647	54,257	56,230	57,577	58,230	58,882	59,535
10	54,861	55,755	56,303	56,851	59,184	60,599	61,284	61,969	62,655
11	58,150	59,067	59,629	60,191	62,584	64,036	64,739	65,442	66,146
12	61,871	62,821	63,404	63,986	66,464	67,967	68,696	69,424	70,153

2003-2004 Hamilton Township LDTC/Psychologists

Step	MA	MA+15	MA+30	MA+45	MA+60	Doc
1	54,126	55,069	56,011	56,954	57,899	58,843
2	55,230	56,193	57,154	58,117	59,081	60,043
3	56,357	57,340	58,320	59,303	60,287	61,268
4	57,507	58,509	59,511	60,514	61,517	62,519
5	58,788	59,790	60,791	61,794	62,797	63,799
5A	60,788	61,764	62,740	63,717	64,695	65,672
6	63,665	64,641	65,617	66,594	67,572	68,549
6A	65,612	66,588	67,587	68,590	69,593	70,595
7	67,558	68,534	69,534	70,537	71,550	72,581
8	70,629	71,559	72,488	73,418	74,349	75,278
9	74,179	75,156	76,131	77,109	78,086	79,064
10	78,806	79,848	80,889	81,931	82,972	84,014

2003-2004 Hamilton Township Custodians

Step	Assistant	Helper	Grade 5	Grade 1	Engineer II	#2/Utility	Engineer I
1	15,918	25,637	25,946	26,792	26,995	26,482	27,841
2	16,243	26,159	26,476	27,339	27,546	27,022	28,410
3	16,574	26,693	27,016	27,897	28,109	27,573	28,990
4	16,913	27,238	27,567	28,467	28,682	28,135	29,581
5	18,099	28,560	28,889	29,789	30,005	29,457	30,904
6	18,739	29,534	29,868	30,790	31,008	30,451	31,929
7	19,248	30,042	30,377	31,298	31,517	30,960	32,437
8	19,802	30,551	30,885	31,807	32,094	31,468	32,946
9	20,443	31,522	31,857	32,778	33,098	32,439	33,815
10	21,027	32,442	32,777	33,597	33,815	33,360	34,634
10A	21,496	33,233	33,562	34,316	34,509	34,114	35,351
11	21,801	33,690	34,020	34,819	34,966	34,618	35,806
11A	22,193	34,275	34,555	35,358	35,597	35,157	36,390
11B	22,699	35,261	35,610	36,094	36,578	36,148	37,345
12	23,515	36,500	36,814	37,249	37,798	37,381	38,571
13	26,319	39,942	40,177	41,056	41,192	40,807	42,066

2003-2004 Hamilton Township Assistants*

Step	2 hr 181	2 ¼ hr 173	5 hour	5 ½ hour	6 hour	6 ½ hour	7 hour	Monitor
2	3,958	4,209	9,879	10,858	11,840	12,821	13,799	15,770
3	4,039	4,295	10,081	11,080	12,081	13,083	14,081	16,421
4	4,121	4,383	10,286	11,306	12,328	13,350	14,368	16,421
5	4,218	4,470	10,464	11,501	12,542	13,579	14,617	16,705
6	4,345	4,606	10,852	11,938	13,022	14,104	15,189	17,359
7	4,468	4,734	12,877	14,164	15,451	16,736	18,022	20,597
8	4,571	4,827	13,716	15,082	16,450	17,816	19,181	21,921
9	4,657	4,919	14,435	15,871	17,308	18,742	20,176	23,058
10	5,077	5,250	15,972	17,505	19,036	20,565	22,095	25,251
11	5,515	5,702	17,350	19,014	20,677	22,338	24,000	27,429

*Please note step #1 has been eliminated. Ed. Assistants on step #1 in 2002-2003 are on step #2 in 2003-2004. Newly hired Ed. Assistants in 2003-04 are also on Step #2. All other Ed. Assistants are one (1) step # higher in 2003-2004 than they were in 2002-2003. (i.e. if you were on step #5 in 2002-2003, then you are on step #6 in 2003-2004.)

Credit Stipends for Assistants

	7 hour	6.5 hour	6 hour	5 ½ hour	5 hour
+ 30 credits	243	227	209	191	173
+ 60 credits	486	452	418	384	345
+90 credits	730	677	627	574	519
Degree	973	904	835	765	692

2003-2004 Hamilton Township Operators

Step	6 hour	7 hour
1	24,412	28,327
2	24,910	28,905
3	25,418	29,495

2003-2004 Hamilton Township Hourly

Title	Rate
7 hour helper	15.09
6 hour helper	15.09
5 hour helper	15.09
4 hour helper	15.09
3 hour helper	12.36
3 hour helper year 1	10.56
3 hour helper year 2	12.07
3 hour helper year 3	13.58
3 hour helper year 4	15.09
Assistant Cook	15.67
Cook/Relief	16.22
Bus Driver	15.72
Bus Driver/Helper	11.87

2004-2005 STAFF SALARY SCHEDULES

YEAR 2

2004-2005 Hamilton Township Teachers

Step	Non	BA	BA+15	BA+30	MA	MA+15	MA+30	MA+45	Doc
1	35,455	37,375	38,047	38,718	40,219	41,003	41,691	42,381	43,070
2	35,755	37,675	38,347	39,018	40,519	41,303	41,991	42,681	43,370
3	36,055	37,975	38,647	39,318	40,819	41,603	42,291	42,981	43,670
4	36,883	38,842	39,527	40,212	41,744	42,544	43,246	43,950	44,653
5	38,224	40,183	40,868	41,553	43,086	43,885	44,587	45,291	45,995
6	40,873	41,524	42,189	42,895	44,427	45,226	45,929	46,633	47,336
7	44,673	45,288	45,902	46,517	47,747	48,361	48,976	49,590	50,206
7A	47,927	48,592	49,236	49,882	51,243	51,936	52,589	53,241	53,895
8	50,737	51,444	52,114	52,786	54,329	55,349	56,002	56,654	57,307
9	53,503	54,303	54,912	55,522	57,495	58,842	59,495	60,147	60,800
10	56,218	57,112	57,660	58,208	60,541	61,956	62,641	63,326	64,012
11	59,749	60,666	61,228	61,790	64,183	65,635	66,338	67,041	67,745
12	63,871	64,821	65,404	65,986	68,464	69,967	70,696	71,424	72,153

2004-2005 Hamilton Township LDTC/Psychologists

Step	MA	MA+15	MA+30	MA+45	MA+60	Doc
1	55,411	56,377	57,341	58,306	59,274	60,240
2	56,541	57,527	58,511	59,497	60,484	61,469
3	57,695	58,702	59,705	60,711	61,719	62,723
4	58,873	59,898	60,924	61,951	62,978	64,004
5	60,184	61,210	62,234	63,261	64,288	65,314
5A	62,231	63,231	64,230	65,230	66,231	67,231
6	65,177	66,176	67,175	68,175	69,177	70,177
6A	67,170	68,169	69,192	70,219	71,245	72,271
7	69,162	70,161	71,185	72,212	73,249	74,304
8	72,306	73,258	74,209	75,161	76,114	77,065
9	75,940	76,941	77,939	78,940	79,940	80,941
10	80,677	81,744	82,810	83,876	84,942	86,009

2004-2005 Hamilton Township Custodians

Step	Assistant	Helper	Grade 5	Grade 1	Engineer II	#2/Utility	Engineer I
1	16,289	26,234	26,551	27,416	27,624	27,099	28,490
2	16,621	26,769	27,093	27,976	28,188	27,652	29,072
3	16,960	27,315	27,645	28,547	28,764	28,215	29,665
4	17,307	27,873	28,209	29,130	29,350	28,791	30,270
5	18,521	29,225	29,562	30,483	30,704	30,143	31,624
6	19,176	30,222	30,564	31,507	31,730	31,161	32,673
7	19,696	30,742	31,085	32,027	32,251	31,681	33,193
8	20,263	31,263	31,605	32,548	32,842	32,201	33,714
9	20,919	32,256	32,599	33,542	33,869	33,195	34,603
10	21,517	33,198	33,541	34,380	34,603	34,137	35,441
10A	21,997	34,007	34,344	35,116	35,313	34,909	36,175
11	22,309	34,475	34,813	35,630	35,781	35,425	36,640
11A	22,710	35,074	35,360	36,182	36,426	35,976	37,238
11B	23,228	36,083	36,440	36,935	37,430	36,990	38,215
12	24,063	37,350	37,672	38,117	38,679	38,252	39,470
13	26,932	40,873	41,113	42,013	42,152	41,758	43,046

2004-2005 Hamilton Township Assistants*

Step	2 hr 181	2 ¼ hr 173	5 hour	5 ½ hour	6 hour	6 ½ hour	7 hour	Monitor
3	4,160	4,424	10,384	11,413	12,444	13,476	14,504	16,576
4	4,245	4,515	10,595	11,646	12,698	13,751	14,800	16,914
5	4,345	4,604	10,778	11,847	12,919	13,987	15,056	17,207
6	4,476	4,744	11,178	12,297	13,413	14,528	15,645	17,880
7	4,602	4,876	13,264	14,590	15,915	17,239	18,564	21,216
8	4,708	4,972	14,128	15,535	16,944	18,351	19,757	22,579
9	4,797	5,067	14,869	16,348	17,828	19,305	20,782	23,751
10	5,230	5,408	16,452	18,031	19,608	21,183	22,759	26,010
11	5,681	5,873	17,871	19,585	21,298	23,009	24,721	28,253
12	5,860	6,058	18,434	20,202	21,969	23,734	25,500	29,143

*Please note step #2 has been eliminated. Ed. Assistants on step #2 in 2003-2004 are now on step #3 in 2004-2005. Newly hired Ed. Assistants in 2004-0005 are also on Step #3. All other Ed. Assistants are one (1) step # higher in 2004-2005 than they were in 2003-2004. (i.e. if your were on step #5 in 2003-2004, then you are on step #6 in 2004-2005.)

Credit Stipends for Assistants

	7 hour	6.5 hour	6 hour	5 ½ hour	5 hour
+ 30 credits	254	237	219	200	181
+ 60 credits	508	473	437	402	361
+90 credits	764	708	656	600	543
Degree	1,018	946	873	800	724

2004-2005 Hamilton Township Operators

Step	6 hour	7 hour
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3	25,418	29,495

2004-2005 Hamilton Township Hourly

Title	Rate
7 hour helper	15.09
6 hour helper	15.09
5 hour helper	15.09
4 hour helper	15.09
3 hour helper	12.36
3 hour helper year 1	10.56
3 hour helper year 2	12.07
3 hour helper year 3	13.58
3 hour helper year 4	15.09
Assistant Cook	15.67
Cook/Relief	16.22
Bus Driver	16.09
Bus Driver/Helper	12.15

2005-2006 STAFF SALARY SCHEDULES

YEAR 3

2005-2006 Hamilton Township Teachers

Step	Non	BA	BA+15	BA+30	MA	MA+15	MA+30	MA+45	Doc
1	36,918	38,877	39,562	40,247	41,779	42,579	43,281	43,985	44,688
2	37,218	39,177	39,862	40,547	42,079	42,879	43,581	44,285	44,988
3	37,518	39,477	40,162	40,847	42,379	43,179	43,881	44,585	45,288
4	37,818	39,777	40,462	41,147	42,679	43,479	44,181	44,885	45,588
5	39,249	41,208	41,893	42,578	44,111	44,910	45,612	46,316	47,020
6	41,988	42,639	43,304	44,010	45,542	46,341	47,044	47,748	48,451
7	45,878	46,493	47,107	47,722	48,952	49,566	50,181	50,795	51,411
7A	49,222	49,887	50,531	51,177	52,538	53,231	53,884	54,536	55,190
8	52,122	52,829	53,499	54,171	55,714	56,734	57,387	58,039	58,692
9	54,998	55,798	56,407	57,017	58,990	60,337	60,990	61,642	62,295
10	58,153	59,047	59,595	60,143	62,476	63,891	64,576	65,261	65,947
11	61,644	62,561	63,123	63,685	66,078	67,530	68,233	68,936	69,640
12	65,871	66,821	67,404	67,986	70,464	71,967	72,696	73,424	74,153

2005-2006 Hamilton Township LDTTC/Psychologists

Step	MA	MA+15	MA+30	MA+45	MA+60	Doc
1	56,768	57,757	58,745	59,734	60,725	61,715
2	57,926	58,936	59,944	60,954	61,965	62,974
3	59,108	60,139	61,167	62,198	63,230	64,259
4	60,315	61,365	62,416	63,468	64,520	65,571
5	61,658	62,709	63,758	64,810	65,862	66,913
5A	63,755	64,779	65,803	66,827	67,853	68,877
6	66,773	67,796	68,820	69,844	70,871	71,895
6A	68,815	69,838	70,886	71,938	72,990	74,041
7	70,856	71,879	72,928	73,980	75,043	76,123
8	74,077	75,052	76,026	77,001	77,978	78,952
9	77,800	78,825	79,847	80,873	81,897	82,923
10	82,653	83,746	84,838	85,930	87,022	88,115

2005-2006 Hamilton Township Custodians

Step	Assistant	Helper	Grade 5	Grade 1	Engineer II	#2/Utility	Engineer I
1	16,634	26,790	27,114	27,997	28,210	27,673	29,094
2	16,973	27,337	27,667	28,569	28,786	28,238	29,688
3	17,320	27,894	28,231	29,152	29,374	28,813	30,294
4	17,674	28,464	28,807	29,748	29,972	29,401	30,912
5	18,914	29,845	30,189	31,129	31,355	30,782	32,294
6	19,583	30,863	31,212	32,175	32,403	31,822	33,366
7	20,114	31,394	31,744	32,706	32,935	32,353	33,897
8	20,693	31,926	32,275	33,238	33,538	32,884	34,429
9	21,362	32,940	33,290	34,253	34,587	33,899	35,337
10	21,973	33,902	34,252	35,109	35,337	34,861	36,192
10A	22,463	34,728	35,072	35,860	36,062	35,649	36,942
11	22,782	35,206	35,551	36,385	36,540	36,176	37,417
11A	23,191	35,818	36,110	36,949	37,198	36,739	38,027
11B	23,720	36,848	37,213	37,718	38,224	37,774	39,025
12	24,573	38,142	38,471	38,925	39,499	39,063	40,307
13	27,503	41,740	41,985	42,904	43,046	42,643	43,959

2005-2006 Hamilton Township Assistants*

Step	2 hr 181	2 ¼ hr 173	5 hour	5 ½ hour	6 hour	6 ½ hour	7 hour	Monitor
4	4,420	4,701	11,032	12,126	13,222	14,318	15,411	17,613
5	4,524	4,794	11,223	12,336	13,452	14,564	15,677	17,917
6	4,661	4,940	11,639	12,804	13,966	15,127	16,290	18,617
7	4,792	5,077	13,811	15,192	16,571	17,950	19,330	22,091
8	4,902	5,177	14,711	16,176	17,643	19,108	20,572	23,511
9	4,995	5,276	15,482	17,022	18,563	20,101	21,639	24,730
10	5,446	5,631	17,131	18,775	20,417	22,057	23,698	27,083
11	5,915	6,115	18,608	20,393	22,177	23,958	25,741	29,418
12	6,102	6,308	19,194	21,035	22,875	24,713	26,552	30,345
13	6,205	6,414	19,519	21,391	23,262	25,130	27,000	30,857

*Please note step #3 has been eliminated. Ed. Assistants on step #3 in 2004-2005 are on step #4 in 2005-2006. Newly hired Ed. Assistants in 2005-06 are also on Step #4. All other Ed. Assistants are one (1) step # higher in 2005-2006 than they were in 2004-2005. (i.e. if you were on step #5 in 2004-2005, then you are on step #6 in 2005-2006.)

Credit Stipends for Assistants

	7 hour	6.5 hour	6 hour	5 ½ hour	5 hour
+ 30 credits	267	249	230	210	190
+ 60 credits	533	497	459	422	379
+90 credits	802	743	689	630	570
Degree	1,069	993	917	840	760

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