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AGREEMENT

between

CHERRY HILL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS
(CHASA)

and the

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL

July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012

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ARTICLE 1
RECOGNITION

- A. The Board hereby recognizes the Association as the exclusive and sole representative for collective negotiations concerning the terms and conditions of employment for all certified and non-certified personnel whether under contract, on leave, on a per diem basis, employed or to be employed by the Board, in the following categories:

Principal
Assistant Principal
Coordinator
Directors on the Building Level
Administrative Aide
Supervisor

excluding confidential, managerial executives, and all other employees.

- B. Unless otherwise indicated, the term "administrator," when used hereinafter in this agreement, shall refer to all professional employees represented by the Association in the negotiating unit as above defined, and references to male administrators shall include female administrators.
- C. The term "Director" is used on two levels within the District: the building level and the Central office level. As of the date of the 2003-2006 Memorandum of Agreement, there are two Central office Director titles, Director of Special Education and Director of Curriculum. Neither position is in the unit. Future building-level Director positions will be included in the unit unless otherwise agreed to be excluded by the parties through negotiations.

ARTICLE 2
NEGOTIATION PROCEDURE

- A. Deadline Dates

The parties agree to enter into collective negotiations over a successor agreement in accordance with N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1 et seq., in a good faith effort to reach agreement on all matters concerning the terms and conditions of administrators' employment.

- B. Negotiating Team Authority

Neither party in any negotiations shall have any control over the selection of the negotiating representatives of the other party. The parties mutually pledge that their representatives shall be clothed with all necessary power and authority to make proposals, consider proposals, and make counterproposals in the course

of negotiations, subject to the right of the Board and Association to ratify and affirm the tentative arrangements of their respective negotiating representatives.

C. Maintaining Current Benefits

Proposed new rules or modifications of existing rules governing working conditions shall be negotiated with the Association before they are established.

D. Modification

This Agreement incorporates the entire understanding of the parties on all matters which were or could have been the subject of negotiation. During the term of this Agreement, neither party shall be required to negotiate with respect to any such matter whether or not covered by this Agreement and whether or not within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the times they negotiated or executed this Agreement.

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

ARTICLE 3
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Definition

The term "grievance" means a complaint or claim that there has been a misapplication, misinterpretation or violation of any term or provision of this contract or administrative decision affecting a member or group of members.

B. Procedure

1. Filing A Grievance

A grievance may be filed by an individual member, a group of members, or by the Association, either in its own name or as the representative of a group or class whose individual signatures shall not be necessary. Any grievance must be lodged at the proper initiating level within thirty (30) work days of the happening of the event.

2. Failure to Communicate a Decision

Failure of the immediate supervisor or the Superintendent to respond to the grievance within the specified time limit shall automatically result in advancement of the grievance to the next step. Failure of the Board to comply with its timeline will allow the Association to seek arbitration if it so chooses.

3. Informal Attempt to Resolve

An individual administrator who has a grievance shall discuss it first with his immediate superior in an attempt to resolve the matter informally. However, if the grievant is the Association, the initial discussion shall be at the level of the Superintendent; and, in such event, if the problem is not resolved to the satisfaction of the Association within five (5) work days after the conclusion of the discussion, the procedures prescribed in the subsections of this Section B shall become applicable.

4. Level One -- Immediate Supervisor

If, as a result of the discussion, the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the grievant within five (5) work days, he shall set forth his grievance to the immediate supervisor.

All written grievances shall include the date or dates of the contract violation; the date or dates of any discussion between the grievant and any supervisor with the respect to the matter being grieved; a description of the matter being grieved including the contract or Board Policy allegedly being violated; and, the specific remedy being sought by grievant.

5. Level Two -- Superintendent of Schools

The grievant, no later than five (5) work days after receipt of the immediate supervisor's decision, may appeal this decision to the Superintendent of Schools. The appeal to the Superintendent must be in writing reciting the matter submitted to the immediate supervisor as specified above and his dissatisfaction with decisions previously rendered. The Superintendent shall attempt to resolve the matter as quickly as possible, but within a period not to exceed five (5) work days. The Superintendent shall communicate his decision in writing to the grievant and the immediate superior.

6. Level Three -- Board of Education

If the grievance is not resolved to the grievant's satisfaction, he, no later than five (5) work days after the receipt of the Superintendent's decision, may request a review by the Board of Education. The request shall be submitted in writing through the Superintendent, who shall attach all related papers and forward the request to the Board of Education. The Board, or a committee thereof, shall review the grievance and may at the option of the Board, hold a hearing with the grievant and shall render a decision in writing within thirty-five (35) calendar days of receipt of the grievance by the Board.

7. Level Four -- Arbitration

If the decision of the Board does not resolve the grievance to the satisfaction of the grievant, notice of intention to proceed to arbitration shall be given to the Board through the Superintendent within ten (10) work days after the receipt of the decision which is being appealed. Where, however, the grievant elects so to proceed without the Association's concurrence, the costs shall be borne by the grievant.

The grievance not resolved by timely resort to the foregoing procedure shall be subject to arbitration initiated and conducted under the rules of the Public Employment Relations Commission.

The arbitrator shall limit himself to the issues submitted to him and shall consider nothing else. He can add nothing to, nor subtract anything from, the Agreement between parties. The opinion and award shall be advisory only. Only the Board, the aggrieved, and the appropriate officials of the Association shall be given copies of the arbitrator's Opinion and Award.

The arbitrator shall be without power or authority to make any decision which requires the commission of an act prohibited by law, or which is violative of the terms of this Agreement.

8. Right to Representation

Rights of administrators to representation shall be as follows:

- a. Any grievant may be represented at all stages of the grievance procedure by himself/herself, or at his/her option, by a representative(s) of his/her choice.
- b. The Association shall have the right to be present and present its position in writing at all hearing sessions held concerning the grievance, and shall receive a copy of all decisions rendered.
- c. The Board and the Association shall assure the individual freedom from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal in presenting his/her appeal with respect to his/her personal grievances.

9. Separate Grievance File

All documents, communications and records dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed in a separate grievance file and shall not be kept in the personnel file of any of the participants.

10. Meetings and Hearings

No meeting or hearing conducted under this procedure shall be public except as provided by law. The only parties in attendance shall be the parties in interest, witnesses, and the designated or selected representatives contemplated in this Article.

C. Costs

1. Each party will bear the total cost incurred by themselves.
2. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator are the only costs which will be shared by the two parties and such costs will be shared equally.
3. Time lost by any grievant due to the arbitration proceedings shall be charged to personal time or shall be without pay unless the grievant prevails in such proceedings.

D. The following matters shall not be grievable:

1. The termination of or nonrenewal of the contract of a non-tenured administrator.
2. In matters where a method of review is prescribed by law, or by any rule or regulation of the State Commissioner of Education or the State Board of Education.
3. In matters where the Board is without authority to act.
4. In matters where the discretion of the Board may not be unlimited but where, after the exercise of such discretion, a further review of the Board's action is available to administrators under provisions of State Law.

ARTICLE 4
ADMINISTRATOR RIGHTS

A. Rights and Protection in Representation

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1 et seq., the Board hereby agrees that every employee of the Board eligible for membership in the Cherry Hill Association of School Administrators shall have the right to freely organize, join, and support the Association for the purpose of engaging in collective negotiations for mutual aid and protection. As a duly elected body exercising governmental power under color of law of the State of New Jersey, the Board undertakes and agrees that it shall not directly or indirectly discourage or deprive or coerce any administrator in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1 et seq., or other laws of New Jersey or the Constitutions of New Jersey and the United States; that it shall not discriminate against any administrator with respect to hours, wages, or any terms or conditions of employment by reason of his membership in the Association, his participation in any activities of the Association, collective negotiations with the Board, or his institution of any grievance, complaint, or proceeding under this Agreement or otherwise with respect to any terms or conditions of employment.

B. Statutory Savings Clause

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any administrator such rights as he may have under New Jersey Laws or other applicable laws. The rights granted to administrators hereunder shall be deemed to be in addition to those provided elsewhere.

C. Required Meetings or Hearings

Whenever any administrator is required to appear before the Superintendent, Board, or any committee or member thereof concerning any matter that could result in the termination of employment or suspension of that administrator, then he shall be given prior written notice of the reasons for such meeting or interview and shall have the right to have a representative of the Association and/or an attorney present to advise him and represent him during such meeting or interview. Any suspension shall be with pay until formal determination by the Board of Education.

D. Criticism of Administrators

Any derogatory statements by a superior or Board member of an administrator(s) shall not be made at any public Board meeting and shall not be made in the presence of teachers, parents or students unless required by law or requested by the administrator.

ARTICLE 5
ASSOCIATION RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

A. Information

The Board agrees to make available to the Association in response to reasonable requests from time to time all information that is considered a matter of public record.

B. Released Time for Meetings

Whenever any member of the Association is mutually scheduled by the parties to participate during working hours in negotiations, he shall suffer no loss in pay and/or benefits.

C. Use of School Buildings

Representatives of the Association shall be permitted to transact official Association business on school property at all reasonable times provided that this shall not interfere with or interrupt normal school operations.

D. Use of School Equipment

The Association shall have the right to use school facilities and equipment, including typewriters, mimeographing machines, other duplicating equipment, calculating machines, and all types of audio-visual equipment at reasonable times, when such equipment is not otherwise in use. The Association shall pay for the reasonable cost of all materials, supplies, and equipment repair incident to such use.

E. Exclusive Rights

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

ARTICLE 6
ASSOCIATION -- LIAISON MEETINGS

A. Meetings With the Superintendent

In order to properly implement effective and continuing communication on subjects related to current school practices and problems, the President of the Association and/or his representative(s) shall have the right to request meetings with the Superintendent or his designated representatives.

ARTICLE 7
ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

There shall be no reduction in administrators in the unit except for just cause. Just cause may include reduction in pupil enrollment or organizational changes. In the event of reduction in administrators, every attempt will be made to place the person(s) involved in a professional position within the District.

The Board recognizes that positions reduced could result in a change in services associated with such positions.

ARTICLE 8
LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. Sick Leave

1. All administrators shall be allowed twelve (12) days' absence as of July 1 in any school year for personal illness, without deduction of pay, with the exception of ten (10) month employees, who shall be allowed ten (10) days. For employees in their first year who join the District on other than a July 1st, one day of sick leave shall be credited upon hire for each full calendar month left in the year. "Year" is defined as July 1 through June 30. The number of unused days in any year shall accumulate from year to year, as long as the employment is continuous.
2. When an administrator retires from the Cherry Hill School District pursuant to the provisions of the State Pension Annuity Fund, such administrator shall be paid \$60.00 per day for each day of accumulated unused sick leave days that have accumulated as a result of employment in the Cherry Hill School District. In the event of the death of an administrator while under contract on sabbatical leave or on leave of absence, the money for the accumulated unused sick leave will be given to his or her estate.

B. Temporary Leaves of Absence

All administrators shall be entitled to the following leaves of absence with pay during each school year.

1. In the event of a death in the immediate family, an allowance of up to five (5) days' leave shall be granted. "Immediate family" shall be husband, wife, child, stepchild, father, mother, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, or any member of the administrator's immediate household. Effective with the mutual ratification of the 2009-2012 Agreement, the same amount of leave shall be allowed in the event of death of a grandchild.

2. An allowance of one (1) day shall be granted to attend the funeral of other relatives of the administrator. This leave may be extended by the use of personal leave provided for in Section B-3.
3. Absence of three (3) days per year may be granted to an administrator for personal business which cannot be performed other than during employment hours. A maximum of two (2) unused personal days per school year shall accumulate for the purpose of sick leave from year to year, and the third personal day shall be non-accumulative; provided, however, that the two accumulative days shall be utilized first in any school year, and administrators may not use the third personal leave day in any school year until the two accumulative days have been exhausted.
4. In case of required jury duty, an administrator shall be allowed time off for jury service. He shall be paid the difference between his regular pay and jury pay.
5. In the event of required appearance in a court of law involving no moral turpitude on the part of the administrator.
6. Administrators may make application to the Board for leave to attend professional conventions, conferences and meeting. The Board may, in its discretion, approve such applications which may include reimbursable expenses.
7. On religious holidays when schools are closed, administrators are entitled to take the religious holiday without being charged a personal day or vacation day.

C. Extended Disability Leave

1. Due to a medical disability, an employee shall be granted an extended leave of absence without pay (subject to paragraph 4 hereof) if any one of the following conditions exist:
 - a. A notable and substantial decrease in work performance , as determined in the judgment of the Board's central office administration, in conjunction with a legitimate medical condition capable of causing such decrease;
 - b. The production of a certification from a medical doctor that the employee is medically unable to continue to work.
2. The Board shall have the right to have such an employee examined by its own physician and in the event of a disagreement between the Board's

physician and the employee's physician on such ability or inability, the question shall be referred to a physician selected by the Board's physician and the employee's physician who shall make a final and binding determination. This third physician shall be jointly paid by the employee and the Board.

3. During the period of the employee's personal medical disability, accumulated sick leave benefits in accordance with Section A. 1. above shall be paid until such benefits are exhausted or the personal medical disability has terminated.
4. When the seeking of an extended leave of absence for medical disability can be anticipated, an employee shall file a written request for such leave with the Superintendent or his/her designee at least thirty (30) days in advance of the anticipated date on which said leave is to commence.

The request shall specify therein the date upon which, subject to medical confirmation, the employee proposes to return. Upon the termination of the medical disability, (subject to paragraph 3 above) the employee shall return to work, resign, retire or apply for other leave. In the event of disagreement, the date of said termination shall be established as set forth in paragraph 2 above.

5. Applications for extended medical disability shall not be granted beyond June 30 of the current school year. In the event an employee wishes to continue on extended medical disability for all or part of the ensuing school year, an application for such status shall be made during the month of June accompanied by appropriate medical certification and shall be granted by the Board. In the event the continued extended medical disability is for a part of the ensuing year and there is a change in the employee's medical status during the school year, the Board shall, upon submission of an additional application and appropriate medical certification, make appropriate changes in said leave. In the event of a question concerning the certification it shall be resolved in accordance with paragraph 2 above.
6. This section shall not be construed to require the Board to grant the extended leave as set forth above if such leave may result in the acquisition of tenure by the administrator.

D. Child-Rearing Leave

An employee may make application to the Board for an unpaid child rearing leave of absence. Upon application, said leave shall be granted by the Board for a period not to exceed one (1) calendar year from the date of birth of the child. The date of requested return by the employee may be adjusted by the Board, in

its discretion, to commence in January or September following the end of the requested leave.

E. Other Leaves of Absence

Other leaves of absence, without pay, may be granted by the Board at its discretion.

**ARTICLE 9
SABBATICAL LEAVE**

Administrators will be permitted to engage in study in the educational field on a sabbatical leave subject to the following conditions:

1. Such leaves shall be limited to one (1) administrator per school year.
2. To be eligible for such leave, the administrator must have been employed continuously by the Board for seven (7) years.
3. Such leave shall be for the period of one (1) school year or less.
4. An administrator on sabbatical leave shall be paid at seventy-five per cent (75%) of the salary he/she would have received had he/she remained on active duty in the district. Salary payments shall be made at regular salary payment dates.
5. Prior to the end of the current school year, the Superintendent shall make every effort to notify the administrator whether the administrator shall be returning to the same assignment at the end of the sabbatical leave. Upon return from such leave, an administrator shall be eligible for all salary and other benefits (except vacation) at the level which the administrator would have achieved had he/she remained on active duty in the district. An administrator on sabbatical leave shall not earn vacation during the sabbatical leave year and shall take vacation time earned for the year preceding the sabbatical leave year during the year succeeding the sabbatical leave year.
6. It is anticipated that an administrator returning to active duty from a sabbatical leave will remain with the district for a minimum period of two (2) years.
7. Application for such leave shall be made on or before February 1 in the year preceding the school year for which the leave is requested.
8. The selection of the successful applicant will be by the Superintendent of Schools according to the following criteria:
 - a. Benefit to the administrative assignment in the district.

- b. Benefit to the district.
- c. If a. and b. are equal between candidates, seniority shall prevail.

NOTE:

The parties agree to freeze sabbaticals and to suspend the application of this Article 9 for the period of this Agreement and for any succeeding period during which the professional development plan ("PDP") described in Article 12, B is in effect, it being understood that the provisions of Article 9 and Article 12, B. are mutually exclusive and will not at any time coexist. In the event there is no continuation of the PDP at the conclusion of the term of this Agreement, then the provisions of Article 9 shall become effective immediately at such time.

ARTICLE 10
HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS

A. Holidays

1. Administrators are entitled to the following paid holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Good Friday
- *Day during Easter Recess
- Memorial Day
- July 4th
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day and day following
- Christmas Eve Day
- Christmas Day
- *Day during Christmas Recess
- New Year's Eve Day
- *One additional day
- Two days for attendance at the NJEA Convention or the NJPSA Convention provided the days coincide

*As coordinated with immediate supervisor

B. Vacations

1. All twelve month administrators are entitled to twenty (20) vacation days per contract year, to accrue during the year, to be taken during the subsequent contract year and to be non-cumulative. In the case of an employee who **joins** the District on other than a July 1st, two (2) vacation days employment for each full calendar month left in the year shall be credited on the July 1st following commencement of employment up to a

maximum of 20 days. "Year" is defined as July 1 through June 30." Scheduling must be approved by the immediate supervisor. All vacations shall be credited on July 1st.

2. In the event an unanticipated workload prevents an administrator from taking his duly accrued vacation days within the requirements set forth in this agreement, he may petition the Superintendent for permission to carry over a maximum of three (3) vacation days into the subsequent school year or petition to be reimbursed for a maximum of three (3) vacation days at the rate of 1/250th of the annual salary. Carry-over days, if granted, shall be in addition to the usual vacation time accrued in accordance with Subsection B.1 of this Article, and shall be utilized no later than October 31st of the year in which they are carried over.
3. In addition to 2. above, effective July 1 , 2010, administrators not able to utilize all credited vacation days by June 30, shall be reimbursed for up to two (2) such days at the rate of 1/250th of the annual salary. In lieu of payment, the administrator may request and shall be credited with up to two (2) such days as carry-over vacation to be used by October 31st of that year. Reimbursement of these days or carryover of them is not dependent upon Superintendent approval. The effective date of this section means that the first payment under this section shall be made at the conclusion of the 2010-2011 work year.
4. Under no circumstances, shall the combined carryover and/or reimbursement under 2. and 3. above exceed five (5) days.
5. In the event that the long-term paid sick leave absences of an administrator exceed 40 work days in the year, the amount of vacation to be credited in the next year shall be prorated. Absences of 40 days or less shall not result in prorated vacation crediting.

Proration shall occur in this manner: all paid sick leave days beyond 40 shall be totaled up in the year. 10 paid sick leave days equal .85 credited vacation days.

Examples:

An administrator was employed for the entire year and was on paid sick leave for 80 days during the year. The first 40 do not result in proration of vacation. The next 40 equal 3.4 days of vacation. Crediting on the next July 1 shall be for 16.6 days (20 days less 3.4).

If the same administrator was on paid sick leave for 90 days, he/she would be credited with vacation the next July 1 in the amount of 15.75 days (20 days less 4.25 days).

C. Separation from Service

1. An administrator who is entitled to vacation days and who dies while on sabbatical leave, on leave of absence or before his contract period is completed shall have payment for his prorated vacation days given to his estate.
2. An administrator who is entitled to vacation days and who resigns or retires during the contract year shall receive severance pay equal to his prorated vacation days.

ARTICLE 11
ADMINISTRATIVE VACANCIES

A. Notice

A notice of vacancy in an administrative position shall be sent to each administrator and a copy shall be sent to the Association. The notice of vacancy shall set forth the position, its qualifications, its duties and the rate of compensation. It is understood that the qualifications for any such position shall not be changed while applications therefor are pending.

B. Substitute Administrator

In the event an administrator is unable to work for a period of time, the Superintendent will consider a request from the building principal to appoint a substitute administrator until the administrator is able to resume his duties.

C. Additional Assignments

In the event a building administrator is assigned additional duties by the Board, outside of his building, to cover the duties of an absent administrator, the assigned administrator shall be paid \$250.00 per week.

ARTICLE 12
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A. Tuition Reimbursement, Graduate Study

Reimbursement of tuition costs for graduate study will be made to members of the Cherry Hill Association of School Administrators at the rate of 100% of the cost, or up to the current Rutgers University in-State graduate tuition rate per credit hour, whichever is the lesser amount, for those graduate studies successfully completed after July 1, 2000, as attested to by an official grade slip from the college or university attended. In no event shall such reimbursement exceed \$3,500 per school year.

It is further understood that reimbursable costs shall be for graduate study directly related to the improvement of the administrator in his employment by the Cherry Hill Board of Education. The Superintendent of Schools shall, and is hereby authorized to, eliminate from recommendation for reimbursement those graduate studies considered contrary to the intent of this policy statement.

B. Professional Development Plan

1. All administrative professional development shall be directly related to the District Goals and Job Accountabilities established pursuant to the performance compensation plan ("PCP") established in Article 13. Attendance at or participation in activities such as courses, conferences, workshops, seminars and similar functions shall be conditioned upon the administrator submitting to his or her supervisor written request to attend the function and obtaining the supervisor's approval. The written request shall be made on the appropriate District form, shall be submitted prior to attendance at the event or activity, and shall demonstrate how and why such attendance or participation will advance District Goals and relevant Job Accountabilities. Approval of any such request shall be made in the sole discretion of the administrator's supervisor. When in the supervisor's judgment an administrator's performance indicates a need for attendance at courses, conferences, workshops, seminars or similar events, the supervisor may require the administrator to attend or participate in such functions.
2. All unit members, irrespective of their tier performance rating established pursuant to the PCP, shall be eligible for reimbursement of up to \$1,500 per school year for attendance at activities or events intended to improve their professional development and their performance as administrators in the District, such as courses, conferences, workshops, seminars and similar functions, or for attendance at or participation in such functions as may be directed by the administrator's supervisor and/or for professional memberships related to public education.

In the sole discretion of the unit member's supervisor, the \$1,500 annual reimbursement may instead be applied towards the purchase of a notebook computer for the unit member. The following will apply to any such purchase:

- a. Only one such purchase per unit member may be made during the term of this Agreement;
- b. The order will be placed by the District through its purchasing department. A unit member may contribute to the purchase price of a notebook computer costing in excess of \$1,500 by tendering

payment to the District for the excess amount prior to the order being placed;

- c. The computer purchase shall be subject to such other procedural purchasing rules as may be promulgated by the District's Assistant Superintendent-Business.
 - d. Computer purchases are governed by the terms contained in Appendix 2.
3. Administrators rated Proficient or Satisfactory pursuant to the evaluation procedures described in Article 13, may be granted additional reimbursement in such amounts and for such purposes as the Superintendent in his sole non-reviewable discretion may determine, for items directly related to the administrator's professional duties, such as, by way of description only, enrollment in an additional academic course.
4. Sunset provision: Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, the provisions of this Article 12, B. shall expire at the conclusion of the term of this Agreement. It is understood that should the parties agree to continue the compensation plan referenced in Article 13, A. 4. beyond the expiration of the current Agreement's term, then the provisions of Article 12, B. shall also be continued for the same duration.

ARTICLE 13 SALARIES

Base salary, base salary increases and merit stipends for administrators for the period of July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2012 (the "contract period"), shall be determined pursuant to the following provisions:

A. During the contract period, the following salary ranges shall be in effect:

2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012

	MINIMUM
PRINCIPAL, HIGH SCHOOL	\$116,218
PRINCIPAL, MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$106,836
PRINCIPAL, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	\$102,508
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, HIGH SCHOOL	\$97,496
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$92,222

Minimum salary: An administrator's salary in any year of this Agreement shall be at least the minimum salary specified above for his/her title.

B. These are the salary increases for each unit member for the contract's years:

2009-2010: \$4,300

2010-2011: \$4,400

2011-2012: \$4,500

Increases are retroactive to July 1, 2009.

Unit members who did not appear on the agreed-upon scattergram for the 2009-2012 negotiations shall receive the above negotiated amounts in the year following their initial date of hire. In order to do so, the new unit member must have qualified for an increment according to practice.

C. Effective July 1, 2009, salaries shall be paid by direct deposit.

D. As soon as reasonably possible, salaries shall be paid on the 15th and the 30th of each month.

ARTICLE 14 DEDUCTIONS FROM SALARY

A. Association Payroll Dues Deduction

1. The Board agrees to deduct from the salaries of its administrators, dues for any one or combination of associations as said administrators individually and voluntarily authorize the Board to deduct. Such deductions shall be made in compliance with Chapter 233, New Jersey Public Laws of 1969, (N.J.S.A. 52:14-159e) and under rules established by the State Department of Education. The person designated shall distribute such monies to the appropriate association or associations.

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

B. Local, State and National Services

The Board agrees to deduct from administrators' salaries money for local, state and/or national association services and programs as said administrators individually and voluntarily authorize the Board to deduct and to transmit monies promptly to such association or associations. Any administrator may have such deductions discontinued at any time upon sixty (60) days written notice to the Board and appropriate association.

C. Tax Sheltered Annuity

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

ARTICLE 15
HEALTH INSURANCE

- A. Effective on or before July 1, 1999, all eligible employees shall be enrolled in the Blue-Cross Shield Card PPO program currently offered to employees, at Board cost. These employees may elect to enroll in any other available plan. If the premium cost of any other plan chosen by the employee exceeds that of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Card PPO plan, the employee shall pay that difference by payroll deduction spread over the year under procedures established by the Administration. The PACE plan will continue to be available to eligible unit members as an option.

The Blue Card PPO plan shall not contain the Green Springs gatekeeper. Effective July 1, 2003, the PPO doctor's visit co-pay shall be \$10.

- B. Any unit member who qualifies for insurance under A. above shall have, upon the date of hire, any level of Blue Cross-Blue Shield Card PPO coverage for which he/she is eligible.
- C. Effective no earlier than July 1, 2010, change the carrier for health/hospitalization to the School Employees Health Benefits Program. Sections A. and B. above are obsolete as of that date."
- D. With 90 days' written notice to the Association by the Board, the health/hospitalization coverage provided by the Board to eligible employees may be changed to either: a) a plan with identical benefits as SEHBP; or, b) a plan which has benefit levels identical to the Horizon PPO which was in place immediately before the shift to the SEHBP. The District shall also offer employees an HMO which has benefit levels identical to the AETNA HMO which was in place immediately before the shift to the SEHBP. Should the HMO premium exceed the Board contribution to health hospitalization under J. below, the employee shall pay the premium difference. Effective the date of a shift from SEHBP, these shall be the only plans available to eligible employees.
- E. The Board shall provide an eligible employee and his/her dependents a dental plan as agreed to by the parties.
1. Excluding orthodontia, the maximum benefit level per year per patient will be \$3,000.

2. Effective on the date when SEHBP is effective under C. above, the annual orthodontic limitation shall be \$1,500.

- F. The Board shall provide to an eligible employee and his/her dependents, at no cost to the employee, a prescription plan in accordance with the following conditions: Effective July 1, 2003 the co-payment shall be \$15 for brand-name drugs; \$7 for generic drugs; and one co-payment (\$15 for brand-name drugs, \$7 for generic drugs) for mail order.
- G. There shall be a voluntary waiver incentive plan for insurances under paragraphs A., C., and D. above. An incentive payment will be made to the employee in the amount of 30% of the relevant premium upon the close of the insurance year.
- H. Unit members will be permitted to participate voluntarily in the Section 125 FSA Plan established within the district.
- I. Since all medical plans are limited in duration, the parties hereto shall participate jointly in selecting any replacement health benefit carriers, with replacement coverage to be substantially equivalent to that currently provided unless otherwise agreed.
- J. Effective on July 1, 2003, there is an Employee Assistance Plan for all employees. The maximum Board contribution to such a plan shall be \$35.00 per eligible employee.
- K. Effective July 1, 2003, there shall be an employee contribution to the insurance premiums under A., B., C. and D. above. Effective July 1, 2005, this employee premium share shall be 6.0%. The employee premium share shall remain at 6% unless and until the parties reach a different agreement on the topic. Employee premium share shall be made by way of regular payroll deduction throughout the year.

K. Vision Plan

Effective on the date when SEHBP is effective under C. above, the Board shall provide the benefits described in the VSP eye care plan handout which was shared with the Association during the negotiations for a 2009-2012 Agreement. The premium for this plan is not subject to the premium share approach in J. above.

ARTICLE 16
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. Use of Automobiles

Administrators required to use their own automobiles in performance of their duties shall be reimbursed at a rate consistent with other employees of the district.

B. Legal Application

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.

C. Transfer -- Salary Consideration

Upon transfer of an administrator to another unit position, the Superintendent or his designated representative shall, within sixty (60) days of the transfer, discuss the salary implications of the transfer with the administrator involved. At the discussion, the administrator may be accompanied by a representative of the Association if the administrator so desires.

ARTICLE 17
DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2009, except as otherwise noted, and shall continue in effect through June 30, 2012, subject to the Association's right to negotiate over a successive agreement as provided in Article 2. This Agreement shall not be extended orally and it is understood that it shall expire on the date indicated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective presidents and secretaries this _____ day of _____, 2010.

ATTEST:

CHERRY HILL ASSOCIATION OF
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

By: _____
Secretary

By: _____
President

ATTEST:

CHERRY HILL BOARD OF
EDUCATION

By: _____
Secretary

By: _____
President

APPENDIX 1
SIDEBAR AGREEMENT ON LEAD SCHOOL PRINCIPAL K-5

1. If a CHASA unit member is appointed to the position of Lead School Principal K-5, he/she shall receive an annual payment of \$5,000 for said additional duties. Those duties are detailed in Section g. of the job description.
2. To the extent allowable by law, this annual payment shall be pensionable income.
3. The parties agree that this payment shall not be considered “base salary” for the purposes of the compensation plan set forth in Article 13, C. of the parties’ Agreement. It shall not be subject to Tier I, Tier II or Tier III increases. It shall be added to the final base salary established through the parties’ negotiated compensation process each year. To the extent that this payment results in the total salary of a Lead Principal K-5 exceeding the maximum salary for the Principal, Elementary School set forth in Article 13, A. 1., the maximum of that range shall not be effective.

APPENDIX 2
PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASE OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS

1. All laptop computers shall be purchased through the District. This is to ensure computer compatibility and to meet District requirement regarding expenditure of District funds. An administrator who wishes to separately purchase a laptop must first get the written permission of the Superintendent to assure that the computer he/she is purchasing shall assure computer compatibility. The language in 1. and 1. a. and 1. b shall expire at the close of business on June 30, 2012, unless extended in writing by the parties. In the event that this language expires, all of Appendix 2 shall be replaced by Appendix 2 contained in the parties' 2006-2009 Agreement.

If an administrator is given permission to separately purchase a laptop, he/she must:

- a. Must provide proof of receipt of laptop and subsequent payment for same (i.e., cancelled check, credit card statement, etc.)
 - b. Must submit request for reimbursement via form BA-23, Employee Expense Voucher (see attached) with proofs listed above. All requests for reimbursement must be approved by the Board of Education at their monthly public meeting. Please plan ahead.
2. The administrator must submit official purchase requisition form to appropriate central office supervisor for written approval and verification that funding is available.
 3. Any amount above \$1,500 must be reflected as an employee contribution. A check for the employee's contribution, if any, must be attached to the purchase requisition.
 4. Laptop orders will be processed two times per year (July and January) in order to achieve economy of scale and pricing. It is advisable to contact the supervisor of purchasing in advance for the latest pricing information.
 5. If issued a laptop prior to 6/30/01 and purchased with School District funds other than the \$1500 stipend, said laptop must be returned to the District.
 6. For tax reporting, the District will reflect on the employee's year-end W-2 statement an amount of Board of Education contribution up to \$1,500 as imputed income upon which tax must be paid.