

COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT
FOR 1980-81 SCHOOL YEAR

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BETWEEN
TEACHERS' REPRESENTATIVES
AND
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY

DATED: *July 17, 1980*

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WHEREAS, the undersigned teachers' representatives have been designated by a majority of the present teachers employed by the Board of Education of the Borough of Bloomsbury, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, as representatives of said teachers for the purposes of collective negotiation pursuant to the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act;

AND WHEREAS, those teachers' representatives have presented certain demands to the Board and the Board and the representatives have negotiated concerning the same and have come to an agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, WITNESSETH that the Board of Education of said Borough of Bloomsbury and the said teachers' representatives hereby agree that the following shall be included among the terms and conditions of employment for the new 1980-81 school year for teachers employed by this Board:

1. Grievance Procedure - The following individual grievance procedure shall apply:

- Step 1. Any teacher who has a grievance shall discuss it first with his principal in an attempt to resolve the matter informally at that level.
- Step 2. If, as a result of the discussion, the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the teacher within one (1) calendar week, he shall set forth his complaint in writing to the principal. The principal shall communicate his decision to the teacher in writing within three (3) school days of receipt of the written complaint.
- Step 3. The teacher may appeal the principal's decision to the Board of Education. The appeal to the Board must be in writing and set forth the grounds upon which the grievance is based. The Board of Education shall request a report on the grievance from the principal, shall confer with the concerned parties and, upon request, with the teacher or principal separately.

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The Board shall attempt to resolve the matter as quickly as possible but within a period not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days. The decision rendered by the Board shall be communicated in writing, along with supporting reasons, to the teacher and the principal.

2. Salaries - The revised salary guide for teachers, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A, shall apply.

3. Medical Insurance - In addition to each teacher's other compensation, he or she will be entitled to be covered, if eligible, by Blue Cross and Blue Shield hospitalization insurance for the individual teacher, and a Family Prescription Drug Plan administered by Blue Cross, the cost of the premium for such coverage to be paid for by the Board.

4. Hours of Work - Unless excused by the school administration, all teachers will be at school each school day from at least one-quarter hour before the start of classes until one-quarter hour after the close of classes, and shall attend all teachers' meetings called by the school administration.

5. Leave - Teachers will be allowed up to three (3) personal leave days, with pay during any school year, which may be taken at their discretion; provided they give the principal due notice of their intention to be absent. Unused personal leave days shall not accumulate from school year to school year. In addition to the foregoing three (3) personal leave days, teachers will be allowed three (3) consecutive calendar days for funeral leave during any school year commencing with day of death unless death occurs after work day has been completed, then leave will commence the day following death, which may be taken in case of the death of spouse, parent, child, parent of current

spouse, brother or sister, grandparent, grandchild, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law. In addition to the foregoing days, teachers will be allowed up to three (3) emergency leave days for other urgent personal reason approved by the school administration; provided, the school administrator is given due notice of teacher's intention to be absent. Any teacher who is absent, unless sick or excused by the school administration or validly using an emergency leave day, shall pay the Board one day's salary, defined as 1/200 of annual contracted salary of the absent teacher, per day of such absence. Personal leave and emergency leave days shall not be accumulative from school year to school year. The Board of Education shall, at its discretion, consider granting additional sick leave on a case-by-case basis, for any teacher who has been employed at least 10 years by the Bloomsbury Board of Education, after his/her accumulated sick leave has been used.

6. Tuition Reimbursement - The Board shall provide reimbursement of tuition at the tuition rate applicable for New Jersey State Colleges at the time a course is taken for courses taken by tenured teachers for enrichment or professional improvement, provided:

- (a) the reimbursement shall be for tuition only, which is not reimbursed from any other source
- (b) the course must be taken at an accredited college or university
- (c) the course must have been approved by the Board prior to registration in it
- (d) the reimbursement shall not exceed 6 credits per teacher per school fiscal year (July 1 - June 30).

7. Calendar - The school calendar for the following school year shall be developed by the teachers and submitted by the

teachers, in writing, to the Board of Education prior to April 15 of the current school year. The school calendar, as developed and submitted by the teachers, shall be adopted as the school calendar for the following school year, unless the proposed calendar, submitted by the teachers, is vetoed by action of the Board. In the event that the teachers fail to submit to the Board of Education a proposed school calendar by April 15 of the current school year, or in the event that no proposed school calendar which has been so submitted by such date has been found acceptable by the Board, then the Board shall have the right to develop and adopt a school calendar for the following school year.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board and the teachers and their representatives recognize that the calendar which is adopted may be altered due to inclement weather, or other cause, which the school administration determines necessitates the cancellation of school sessions. The parties hereto agree that in all events the school year shall consist of not more than 183 teacher days, two days of which shall be for the specific purpose of (a) full-day teacher in-service programs, or (b) anticipation of cancelled school sessions due to inclement weather or other causes. If, in fact, both or one of the days designated for the specific purposes noted above are not utilized, the number of teacher days in the school year shall be reduced accordingly. Any day, or days, which must be added to the adopted school calendar shall be added at the end of the normal school year. School will close at 1 P.M. on the day before Christmas recess and on the last day of school.

8. Dues Deduction - The Secretary of the Board of Education shall deduct New Jersey Education Association dues and Hunterdon County Employees Federal Credit Union payments from each teacher's salary, where applicable. Further transactions regarding such Credit Union shall not be the responsibility of the Board of Education.

9. Sick Leave List - The Secretary of the Board of Education shall furnish at the end of each school year to each employee a list of sick days used by such employee in that year.

10. Physical Examinations - Physical examinations of teachers as required by the Board will be at the Board's expense.

11. Board Authority - The Board reserves to itself sole jurisdiction and authority over matters of policy and retains the right, subject only to the limitations imposed by the language of this Agreement, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations (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 methods, means and personnel by which such operations are to be conducted; and (f) to take whatever actions may be necessary to carry out the mission of the school district in situations of emergency.

12. Parent-Teacher Conferences - All teachers will (unless excused by illness or otherwise by the school administration)

attend parent-teacher conferences scheduled by the Administrative Principal to accommodate parents, under the following conditions:

- (a) One evening of conferences from 7:00 to 8:15 P.M.
- (b) Teachers may leave 15 minutes after last regularly scheduled conference.
- (c) Additional conferences in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades (additional meaning conferences scheduled other than homeroom students) to be at the request of either teacher or parent only.
- (d) Final conference schedules to be prepared in the most efficient manner by the Administrative Principal and presented to the faculty a minimum of one week prior to the scheduled conference dates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the teachers' representatives have signed hereunto on behalf of the said teachers and the Board has caused its proper officers to sign hereunto on behalf of the Board, this _____ day of _____, 1980.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY

ATTEST:

By Basil C. Homa
BASIL C. HOMA, President

Kathryn Letcher
KATHRYN LETCHER, Secretary

TEACHERS' REPRESENTATIVES

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EXHIBIT A

1. Except as hereinafter provided, the salary schedule for an academic year in the district (a) for a teacher who holds a bachelor's degree or 128 Board approved credits shall be as provided in Column A below, (b) for a teacher who holds a bachelor's degree plus 15 Board approved credits shall be as provided in Column B below, (c) for a teacher who holds a master's degree, or a bachelor's degree plus 30 Board approved credits, shall be as provided in Column C below, (d) for a teacher who holds a master's degree plus 15 Board approved credits shall be as provided in Column D below.

<u>Year of Experience</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
1	\$11,270.00	\$11,670.00	\$12,470.00	\$13,270.00
2	11,610.00	12,180.00	12,810.00	13,610.00
3	11,950.00	12,350.00	13,150.00	13,950.00
4	12,290.00	12,690.00	13,490.00	14,290.00
5	12,630.00	13,030.00	13,830.00	14,630.00
6	12,970.00	13,370.00	14,170.00	14,970.00
7	13,340.00	13,740.00	14,540.00	15,340.00
8	13,710.00	14,110.00	14,910.00	15,710.00
9	14,110.00	14,510.00	15,310.00	16,110.00
10	14,510.00	14,910.00	15,710.00	16,510.00
11	14,910.00	15,310.00	16,110.00	16,910.00
12	15,310.00	15,710.00	16,510.00	17,310.00
13	15,710.00	16,110.00	16,910.00	17,710.00
14	16,210.00	16,600.00	17,410.00	18,210.00
15	16,710.00	17,110.00	17,910.00	18,710.00
16	17,310.00	17,710.00	18,510.00	19,310.00
17	18,510.00	18,910.00	19,710.00	20,510.00