

Contract no. 461

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Between

THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

- and -

A.F.S.C.M.E., COUNCIL #73

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

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THIS AGREEMENT, made the 5th day of December 1971
between the COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, a Municipal Corporation, by its Board of
Chosen Freeholders (hereinafter known as the Employer), and A.F.S.C.M.E. ,
COUNCIL #73, DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES (hereinafter known as the Union).

WHEREAS, the Union has been selected as the bargaining agent by the
employees to be defined, in accordance with Chapter 303 of the Laws of 1968, as
amended, and said Union has been certified as such by the Public Employees Relations
Commission, and

WHEREAS, said Union has been in negotiations with the Employer pursuant
to Chapter 303 of the Laws of 1968, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the Union and the Employer have agreed upon certain terms
of employment as a result of the negotiations carried on pursuant to Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, subject to Law as herein provided, the parties
hereto, in consideration of the following mutual promises, covenants, and
agreements contained herein, do hereby establish the following terms and con-
ditions which shall govern the activities of the parties and all affected
employees:

1. RECOGNITION

The Union is hereby designated as the bargaining agent for the employees in the Department of

Youth Services as follows:

<u>WORK WEEK - 40 HOURS</u>	<u>NON FOUR DEGREE</u>	<u>STRAIGHT RANGE</u>	<u>FOUR YEAR DEGREE</u>
Juvenile Detention Officer	\$17,245 - \$22,142		\$18,287 - \$23,524
Sr. Juvenile Detention Officer		\$16,291 - \$32,186	
Youth Aide	\$17,245 - \$21,103		\$18,287 - \$23,524
Youth Group Worker	\$17,245 - \$23,524		\$18,287 - \$23,524
Cook		\$10,475 - \$15,425	
Sr. Cook		\$11,005 - \$16,175	
Head Cook		\$11,750 - \$17,250	
Maintenance Repairer		\$12,410 - \$18,850	
<u>WORK WEEK - 35 HOURS</u>			
Head Nurse		\$34,216 - \$41,956	
Graduate Nurse		\$29,000 - \$44,550	
Practical Nurse		\$23,138 - \$35,037	
Clinical Psychologist		\$16,235 - \$23,825	
Psychiatric Social Worker		\$20,000 - \$27,500	
Teacher - Juvenile Facilities		\$20,000 - \$27,500	

Recognition (Cont.)

<u>WORK WEEK - 35 HOURS</u>	<u>NON FOUR-YEAR DEGREE</u>	<u>STRAIGHT RANGE</u>	<u>FOUR YEAR DEGREE</u>
Teacher - Special Education		\$20,000 - \$27,500	
Administrative Secretary		\$16,235- \$26,000	
Principal Clerk Typist		\$11,750- \$17,250	
Recreation Supervisor		\$14,415- \$21,125	
Redreation Leader		\$11,005- \$16,175	
Project Coordinator -Clinical Rehabilitation		\$13,355- \$20,475	
Social Worker	\$16,500 - \$22,511		\$17,500 - \$22,511
Social Worker - Children's Shelter	\$16,500 - \$22,511		\$17,500 - \$22,511
Principal Account Clerk - Typing		\$11,005- \$16,175	
Supervising Clerk Steno		\$12,910- \$18,850	
Administrative Clerk Typing		\$15,590- \$22,850	
Administrative Clerk Steno		\$16,235- \$23,825	
Administrative Analyst		\$18,800- \$27,600	
Receptionist		\$11,245- \$12,275	

2. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The County of Middlesex is committed to basing judgments concerning employees solely on their qualification, abilities, and performance. The County shall not discharge, demote, discipline, reassign or transfer any employee because of race, sex, age, nationality, creed, color, religion, marital status, handicap, political or union affiliation, or lawful association activity. Any such alleged discrimination may be pursued under the grievance provisions of this Agreement.

3. UNION REPRESENTATIVES - RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

A. The Union shall have the right to designate a representative group of Shop Stewards reflective of total membership, and such Union Shop Stewards or other authorized Representatives shall not be discriminated against due to their legitimate Union Representatives' activities.

B. Union Officers and Stewards, in cooperation with the Employer, shall have the right to enter upon the premises of the Employer during working hours, with no loss in pay, for the purpose of conducting normal duties relative to the enforcement and policing of this Agreement, so long as such visits do not interfere with proper service to the public.

C. The Union shall furnish to the Employer a list of duly elected or appointed Stewards within ten (10) days after their election or appointment. Stewards shall not be transferred or reassigned to another location without ten (10) days prior notice in writing to the Union, and the reason for the transfer must also be given to the Union, and such transfer shall be subject to the grievance procedure, and such transfer, if grieved, shall not be made until the grievance is finally adjudicated, or settled at arbitration as the case may be.

D. A Steward may arrange to check time cards, time books, and time sheets at reasonable times, so long as there is no interference with proper service to the public. An employee may arrange with the supervisor to check his or her time card, time book, or time sheets, at any reasonable time.

E. The Employer agrees to promptly make available to the Union all public information concerning the County of Middlesex, including, but not limited to, financial statements, debt statements, annual audit reports,

UNION REPRESENTATIVES - RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES (CONT.)

annual budget pertinent to any particular case, together with all information which may be necessary for the Union to process any grievance, unfair practice charge, disciplinary hearing, arbitration or complaint. All such information shall be updated upon reasonable request. All requests shall be made through the Personnel Director.

F. Whenever any representative of the Union or any employee is required by the Employer or the Union to participate during working hours in contract negotiations, grievance procedures, arbitration hearings, disciplinary hearings, unfair practice charges, or formal conferences within the County complex, the employee shall suffer no loss in pay.

G. PERC attendance shall not exceed three (3) Union representatives with no loss in pay.

H. The Union shall have the continued use of bulletin boards and mailboxes.

I. A joint Labor-Management committee consisting of at least three members of the union shall be formed for the discussion of issues affecting employees in the bargaining unit. However, any changes to be made will be determined by the Administrator of Youth Services.

J. With prior notification Union representatives, who are not County employees will be permitted to visit with employees during working hours at their work stations for the purpose of assessing union representation matters. Such representatives shall also be recognized as authorized spokespersons for the Union in meetings between the parties regarding employee representation matters.

K. Effective upon this agreement, Union members to be designated by the Union shall be granted three (3) paid days and three (3) unpaid days in the aggregate for work release time to attend Union conventions, workshops, and/or conferences. It is further understood and agreed that these days will not be cumulative from year to year.

4. UNION SECURITY

A. Representative Fee

Any employee in the bargaining unit on the effective date of this Agreement who does not join the Union within thirty (30) days thereafter or any new employee who does not join within ninety (90) days of initial employment within the Unit, and any employee previously employed within the Unit who does not join within ten (10) days of reentry into employment within the Unit shall, as a condition of employment, pay a Representation Fee to the Union by automatic payroll deduction. The representation fee shall be in the amount equal to no more than eighty-five percent (85%) of the regular Union membership dues, fees, and assessments as certified to the County by the Union, provided that in the event the governing statute is amended so as to either increase or decrease the permissible amount of the representation fee, this Agreement shall be deemed to have been automatically amended to conform to such statutory change.

B. Procedure

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1. Notification: Prior to March 1 of each year, the Union will submit to the County a list of those employees who have not become members of the Union for the then current year. The County will deduct from the salaries of such employees, in accordance with Section 2 below, the full amount of the representation fee and promptly will transmit the amount so deducted to the Union.

2. Payroll Deduction Schedule: The County will deduct the representation fee in equal installments biweekly, as nearly as possible, from the paychecks paid to each employee on the aforesaid list during the remainder of the membership year in question, and will make every effort to transmit the collective monthly dues to the Representative Union by the fifteenth (15th) of the following month.

No deductions will be made the last pay period of June and December. The deductions will begin with the first paycheck paid: (a) ten days after receipt of the aforesaid list by the County; or (b) thirty days after the employee begins his/her permanent employment in a bargaining unit position.

3. Mechanics of Deduction and Transmission of Fees: Except as otherwise provided in this Article, the mechanics of such fees to the Union will be the same as those used for the deduction and transmission of regular monthly membership dues to the Union which shall be deducted on the first pay period of the month.

4. Changes: The Union will notify the County in writing of any changes in the list provided for in Section One above and/or the amount of the representative fee, and such changes will be reflected in any deductions made more than ten (10) days after the County receives said notice.

C. Indemnification: With respect to dues deductions, representation fee deductions, and the Union's demand and return system established pursuant to law, the Union shall indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, or other forms of liability that shall arise out of, or by reason of, action taken by the County pursuant to the above provisions concerning dues deductions and representation fee. It is furthermore expressly understood that the representation fee provision set forth above shall not be effective unless and until the Union shall have notified the County in writing, that it has adopted a demand and return system which fully complies with applicable statutory provisions.

D. Any Union member desiring to resign from the Union shall be permitted to do so only on two (2) specific occasions during the calendar year; on January 1st or July 1st. This request must be in writing to the President of the Union and the Employer's Comptroller.

E. Upon the receipt of a lawfully executed written authorization from an employee, the County agrees to deduct the regular monthly dues of such employee from his/her pay check and remit such deduction to 3635 Quakerbridge Road, Suite 1, Trenton, New Jersey 08619. The Union will notify the County in writing of the exact amount of such regular membership dues to be deducted.

5. HOURS OF WORK

A. The work hours for various job classifications will be as noted in Article 1. RECOGNITION, Page 2.

B. All weekly work schedules shall be posted on each of the three (3) Juvenile Facility's bulletin boards on Wednesday of each week. That set schedule shall become "fixed" and not subject to request for change after 2 p.m. on the following Friday.

C. 1. At the Youth Center on the male wing, the shifts will consist of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

2. On the female wing, the shifts will consist of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

D. At the Juvenile Shelter and Middlefields Facilities, the shifts shall consist of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. to 12 Midnight, and 12 Midnight to 8:00 a.m.

E. Up to three people per facility per shift may have their shifts changed, and these changes shall generally be of one (1) hour.

F. Job seniority within the Juvenile Facility will be predicated upon the date of Certification for the classification within the Juvenile Facility.

G. For individual employees, if New Jersey State Department of Personnel Certification is same date and same title, seniority shall be determined as of hiring date.

H. The assignment of shifts and the scheduling of days off shall be based upon seniority, insofar as practicable. Employees in this bargaining unit with three (3) or more years of service will receive two (2) consecutive days off per week when proper staffing levels can be maintained. It is agreed that insofar as practicable, the employees on the night shift will be given their pay checks on the Thursday preceding their regular Friday payday.

6. OVERTIME (SEE ALSO ARTICLE 15)

40 HOUR EMPLOYEES

The parties acknowledge that work outside of standard schedules may be required. Except as hereinafter provided, for all work in excess of eight (8) hours pay or in excess of eight (8) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period, employees shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1½) their regular hourly rate. A twenty four (24) hour period shall be twenty-four (24) consecutive hours following the employees' scheduled starting time.

35 HOUR EMPLOYEES

Except as hereinafter provided, employees requested or scheduled to work beyond their regularly scheduled workday or workweek shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1½) in pay.

35 & 40 HOUR EMPLOYEES

Any hour worked and paid for at overtime rates shall not be pyramided or used again for computing pay in excess of the normal work week or for any other pay.

Overtime shall be assigned by seniority on a rotating basis per scheduled list.

Employees called into work on a day off and who work a double shift shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1½) in pay for the entire first shift. The employee shall then be paid time and one-half (1½) for the first four hours of the second shift and then double time for all hours worked after the initial four hours of the second shift.

It is further agreed to and understood that employees working a seventh (7th) consecutive day and any day(s) thereafter on a consecutive basis will be paid double time for all hours worked on those specific days.

Further every effort shall be made to pay overtime in the pay check immediately following the working of such overtime.

Overtime (Cont.)

CALL-IN

Any employee called to work by the Employer shall be granted four (4) hours work per shift at the rate of time and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) in pay or the holiday rate, whichever is applicable.

SHORT SWINGS

Employees short-swinging back to work after working overtime which was not scheduled will not be subject to time and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) hours pay.

However, employees who work a short-swing shift due to standard scheduling will be paid at the rate of time and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) in pay for all hours worked on the short swing shift. In addition, if an employee is assigned to a short-swing because of an emergency such as a compensable injury or death of an employee, then that employee will also be paid at the rate of time and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) in pay for the short swing shift hours worked.

COMPENSATORY TIME

An employee may request compensatory time for overtime hours worked. Compensatory time shall be computed at the applicable overtime rate. However, the employee's Department Head shall retain the final authority on the right to grant compensatory time. If not granted or the employee cannot use the compensatory time when requested, such employee can request payment of that overtime.

SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

A. In the contract year 1991, employees working the second shift, either 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. or from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. as the case may be, will be paid an additional sixty cents (60¢) per hour over their regular straight time rate, for the hours worked.

B. In the contract year 1991, employees working the third shift either 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. or from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., as the case may be, will be paid an additional fifty-five cents (55¢) per hour over their regular straight time rates, for the hours worked.

C. Every effort shall be made, depending on staffing requirement, that no employee will work more than two double shifts in any one work week.

D. Changeover - Eastern Standard Time and Daylight Savings Time:

During the change in time standards, no employee shall suffer loss of pay when time changes from Daylight Savings Time to Eastern Standard Time. Conversely, no employee shall receive any additional remuneration when changing from Eastern Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time.

E. Assigned Work in Higher Title: Employees in this bargaining unit who are assigned work in a higher title by the Department Head or his/her designee shall be paid ninety cents (90¢) per hour over their existing salary or the minimum of the higher title, whichever is greater, on an hour-by-hour basis until such time he/she no longer performs the duties in the higher title.

F. Weekend Differential: Employee's who are scheduled, and do work Saturday and Sunday as part of their normal work week will be subject to and receive one dollar (\$1.00) per hour at straight time in addition to their regular days rate of pay with no overtime application.

8.

WAGES AND PAY PERIODS

For the 1991 contract year all eligible employees in this bargaining unit hired prior to January 1, 1991, will receive a four point five percent (4.5%) wage increase effective January 1, 1991 based upon their December 31, 1990 base salaries.

For the 1991 contract year all eligible employees in this bargaining unit hired after January 1, 1991 will receive a four point five percent (4.5%) wage increase after completing a six (6) month period of employment at any of the Middlesex County Juvenile Facilities. Such an increase will commence the next work day following the six (6) month period and shall not be retroactive.

8A.

EXPERIENCE FACTOR

With respect to new or future professional employee hires, or those presently on staff, the Department of Youth Services intends that it would credit employees with all or any portion of such employee's employment experience before employment with the Department. The crediting of all or any portion of the employee's experience will be determined by the Department Head at his/her sole discretion, up to the sum of \$4,000.00.

9.

WAGE INCREASE ELIGIBILITY

All employees in this bargaining unit being carried on the County payroll will receive the wage increase negotiated as set forth in Article 8. WAGES with the following exceptions.

A. It is understood and agreed that upon their return employees being carried on approved leaves of absence shall receive a retroactive wage increase only for those hours worked before the employee was on the approved leave of absence, and not for any period of time when they were on on approved leave of absence. If the employee on an approved leave of absence returns and the contract has still not been settled, then the employee would also receive a retroactive wage increase for those hours worked after their return from an approved leave, but not for any period of time when the employee was on the approved leave of absence.

B. Employees who sever employment with the County prior to the execution of this Agreement will not be included in the wage increase with the exception of retirees and deceased employees, in which case payment will be made to his/her estate.

C. Merit Increases: It is understood and agreed that pursuant to the intent of the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act, Chapter 303, Laws of 1968 (N.J.S.A. 34-13A-1 et. seq.) all wage increases are limited to the negotiated contractual amounts arrived at by means of the bargaining process. The only exceptions to this policy is a temporary or provisional appointment to a higher position. In these cases, the promotion policy as contained in this contract will be observed.

10. NEW EMPLOYEES

It is the intention of the Employer, in accordance with the Union, to start all new employees at the minimum of the salary range for that position. Exceptions to this policy and salary range changes, if they should occur, will be communicated, reviewed, and discussed with the Union President.

11. PROMOTIONS

A. Promotional positions shall be filled in accordance with New Jersey State Department of Personnel Rules and Regulations. Eligible employees shall be advised at the earliest possible time that a promotional vacancy is to be filled.

B. No employee shall receive a pay cut on promotion.

C. Any employee promoted by New Jersey State Department of Personnel Certification or provisional appointment from their present salary range to a higher salary range shall receive a five percent (5%) increase on their current salary, or the new minimum, whichever is greater.

D. A promoted employee whose name does not appear, or who cannot be reached on a certified list of eligibles which names them as the provisional, will be returned to their previous lower title and salary.

E. All promoted employees who receive a new annual salary pursuant to this Article (11. Promotions) shall also be entitled to receive all other wage increases as provided in Article 8. Wages and Pay Periods.

12. SEASONAL EMPLOYEES (SUMMER HELP)

Seasonal employees shall not work more than four (4) months per year. Any exceptions shall be communicated to the Union in writing. Employees on lay-off shall be hired as seasonal employees first, prior to hiring new personnel.

All seasonal employees shall become members of the Union after four (4) months or pay a representation fee in lieu of union dues in accordance with scheduled dues deductions of Article 4. Dues Checkoff.

Seasonal employees shall not receive personal days, bereavement days, hospitalization, dental benefits, vision benefits, or any other indirect benefit in this contract.

Seasonal employees shall not work overtime where a regular permanent employee is available to perform such work.

Seasonal employees shall be permitted to work overtime when a regular permanent employee refuses or is not available for overtime work.

Seasonal employees whose work is connected with seven (7) day work scheduled will be permitted to fill schedule shortcomings when and if they occur, regardless of overtime work.

13. LONGEVITY

All eligible employees shall be entitled to receive longevity payments which shall be based upon their salary as of December 31st of the previous calendar year, (maximum base salary \$30,000). The rate of longevity shall commence with the completion of the eighth (8th) year of service as follows:

9 through 15 years	=	2%
16 through 20 years	=	5%
21 years and over	=	7%

14. MEDICAL BENEFITS

A. All full-time and eligible part-time employees and employees' eligible family (as defined by New Jersey State Health Benefits - Traditional Medical Coverage) shall be covered by N.J. State Health Benefits - Traditional Medical coverage, or equivalent, at the Employer's expense. Major Medical for eligible employees and family shall be supplied at the Employer's expense. The Employer may change carrier or elect to become self-insured with approval of the Union and upon a prior notice to the employee organization so long as equivalent coverage is provided.

B. Health Maintenance Organization (H.M.O.): Several Health Maintenance Organizations are available to the employee as an alternate to N.J. State Health Benefits - Traditional Medical Coverage and Major Medical. The County will contribute the same amount toward H.M.O. coverage as is contributed toward traditional coverage. In the event H.M.O. coverage is elected, the employee may be subject to a payroll deduction depending in the type of coverage.

C. Dental Plan: The Union hereby acknowledges that the County has solicited and received bids for a new dental plan. If current dental premiums increase in cost, and if employee elects either the modified coverage (36% employee participation) or the family coverage (55% employee participation) the employee's monthly cost for said coverage shall also proportionately increase provided the employee's monthly cost does not increase by more than 15% of the employee's current monthly share.

If the employee's monthly cost increases greater than 15% of employee's current current monthly share, County and Union agree to meet, discuss, and negotiate the impact of any employee's cost increase greater than 15% of employee's current monthly share.

The Employer agrees to contribute to the prepaid DMO plan the same amount

as it contributed for the basic plan.

Retirees who retire and receive a pension from the Public Employees' Retirement System will be eligible to receive their Dental and Prescription coverage at the prevailing County group rate at their own expense. The Prescription Plan and Dental Plan are not currently available for retirees. If the County obtains coverage from a carrier during the term of this contract, it shall be made available to any employee who would retire after the date of its availability at the prevailing County retiree group rate at their own expense.

D. Drug Prescription Plan: All eligible employees and eligible employees' family will be covered by a Drug Prescription Program at the Employer's expense. There will be a co-pay of \$1.25 per prescription by the employee.

E. Payment of N.J. State Health Benefits - Traditional Medical Coverage Premiums for Retirees: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-14.1 and N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.38, the County agrees to provide to a retired employee and his dependents, if any, if such employee has accrued twenty-five (25) years of credited service in a State or locally Administered Retirement System, the payment of N.J. State Health Benefits - Traditional Medical Coverage and Major Medical premiums.

F. Vision Care Program: All full-time employees of this bargaining unit, who have been employed for more than sixty (60) continuous days, shall be covered by the Vision Care Program. Eligible employees are entitled to one (1) reimbursement each during a two (2) year period. The reimbursement is limited to the following allowances:

Eye Examination -	\$50.00
Lenses and Frames combined - or - Contact Lenses	\$60.00

The total reimbursement shall be a total of \$110.00 for a combined cost of the above. It is understood and agreed that the Vision Care Program will apply to the employee only.

Medical Benefits (Cont.)

B. Employees who are on approved medical leaves of absence will be granted a 90 day extension of medical coverage effective as of the date of their leave of absence. This shall be in accordance with the current County medical coverage policy.

15. HOLIDAYS

A. The present holiday schedule in effect is to be adhered to and also to be observed are any other holidays declared by legally constituted authorities of the State and Federal Government, provided such holidays are approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Middlesex County.

B. All full-time and regular part-time employees (see article 24.) shall be entitled to the following paid holidays each calendar year:

1. New Year's Day
2. Martin Luther King's Birthday
3. Lincoln's Birthday
4. Washington's Birthday
5. Good Friday
6. Memorial Day
7. Independence Day
8. Labor Day
9. Columbus Day
10. Election Day
11. Veteran's Day
12. Thanksgiving Day
13. Day following Thanksgiving Day
14. Christmas Day

C. If a holiday falls during an employee's vacation or bereavement time, he/she shall be granted an additional day off with pay.

Holidays (Cont.)

D. Except as provided in Subarticle F. below, all full-time employees working on a holiday will receive their regular day's pay at a straight time rate plus time and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) for all hours worked on the holiday and no compensatory day.

In order to be eligible for holiday pay, an employee shall work his/her last scheduled work day prior to the holiday and the next scheduled work day following the holiday. Exceptions to this provision shall be by authorized absence or verifiable illness if requested.

E. All full-time employees scheduled off on a holiday shall receive their regular time rate and no compensatory time.

F. Employees scheduled to work on New Year's Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas Day shall be paid their regular day's pay plus an additional rate of double time pay for the hours worked.

G. Those employees who are employed in a seven-day operation (7 day 40 hours - shift employees) will observe a holiday on the actual calendar day it occurs.

H. Those employees who are employed in a five-day operation (5 day - 35 hours - Monday through Friday employees) will observe a holiday as per the Middlesex County Holiday Schedule.

I. All part-time employees who are scheduled to work a holiday will be paid for the holiday at his/her regular straight hourly rate and will not be entitled to a compensatory day.

J. Holidays paid for but not worked will not be used in computing overtime pay for hours in excess of forty (40) hour or thirty-five (35) hours, whichever is applicable.

16. PERSONAL DAYS

All employees shall have four (4) paid personal days in each calendar year for any personal purpose, in addition to all other leave provided in this Agreement. Personal days may not be carried over to the following calendar year. Personal days may be taken on separate days or consecutively; however, the employee should, whenever possible, give the Employer one (1) day notice for each personal day to be taken. New employees shall accrue one (1) personal day at the end of each third (3rd) month of employment and severance pay shall be calculated considering personal days on the basis of one (1) accrued personal day per third (3rd) month of employment completed in the year said employment is terminated.

17. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

All full-time employees shall be eligible to receive a maximum of five (5) full-time days leave in the event of the death of his/her spouse or child.

All full time employees shall be eligible to receive a maximum of three (3) full-time days leave in the event of the death of his/her current son-in-law, current daughter-in-law, parent, current mother-in-law, current father-in-law, brother, current brother-in-law, sister, current sister-in-law, grandparent, grandchildren, aunts, and uncles.

It is understood and agreed that his Bereavement Leave will be communicated to the Department Head by the employee, and said employee shall be granted three (3) or five days leave of absence (as stated above) consisting of three (3) or five (5) working days next following the day of death or the time of bereavement leave will be allowed to be taken within a ten (10) day period at the discretion of the employee with a prior notification to his/her Department Head. It is further understood that there will be no fragmentation of the bereavement leave. The leave must be taken by the designated days once the above 10 day option is taken.

The Department Head of his/her designee may reasonably request a verification of relationship for the bereavement leave requested.

If an employee is on vacation leave or sick leave and an eligible death occurs, the vacation leave or sick leave shall terminate and bereavement shall apply.

18. VACATIONS

A. A new employee shall be granted vacation leave at a rate of one (1) day per month on a month to month basis until the completion of one (1) full year of employment. Upon completion of said year, a pro-rata number of vacation days at the rate of one (1) day per month shall be credited to the employee for the balance of the year ending December 31st.

B. If separation occurs before the end of the year and more vacation days have been taken than is appropriate, the per diem rate of pay for the excess vacation days shall be deducted from the separated employee's pay.

C. All employees shall be granted vacation leave based upon the following schedule from the date they are hired.

<u>YEARS OF SERVICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF VACATION</u>
Less than one year	One working day for each month of service.
One to five yeras	Twelve working days during each year of service.
Six to nine years	Fifteen working days during each year of service.
Ten to twelve years	Sixteen working days during each year of service.
Thirteen to twenty years	Twenty working days during each year of service.
Twenty-first year or more	Twenty-five working days during each year of service.

Vacations (Cont.)

D. It is understood that when reference is made to "six to nine years, etc.", six means the start of the sixth year, etc.

E. Unused vacation time may be carried over for one (1) year only.

F. The employer and his designated representative shall attempt to schedule work, insofar as possible, to preclude changes in the vacation scheduling. All provisions of the New Jersey State Department of Personnel concerning emergencies, etc., shall be observed by both parties. Employees shall submit requests for vacation time no later than May 1st of each year, with first and second choices. The first choice requested shall be on the basis of seniority. Vacation time need not be taken continuously, at the employee's discretion. It shall be assumed that an employee shall remain in the service for the full calendar year; or portion thereof from date of hire and is entitled to use all vacation time for that year when requested by the vacation schedule. Any employee leaving the service of the Employer shall have unused vacation time paid to him. Unearned vacation time used shall be deducted from the employee's last pay if separation from service occurs.

G. Any employee who has received approval from the Director of the Juvenile Facility or his designee to take time off for vacation purposed, personal days, or holidays, and who is then called back to duty, will be paid at the rate of time and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) for his/her work performed these days, or the applicable holiday pay.

H. Once an employee's vacation time is approved and the employee pays a non-refundable deposit, then the employee may not have his or her vacation time approval rescinded or modified.

19. SICK LEAVE

A. A new employee shall earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-quarter ($1\frac{1}{4}$) days per month on a month to month basis until the completion of one (1) full year of employment. Upon completion of said year, a pro-rata number of sick days shall be credited to the employee for the balance of the calendar year ending December 31st, based upon the above formula of one and one-quarter ($1\frac{1}{4}$) days per month.

B. Thereafter, sick leave shall accumulate year-to-year with an additional fifteen (15) days credited to each employee at the beginning of each successive calendar year.

C. If termination occurs before the end of the year and more sick leave has been taken than earned, the per diem rate of pay for the excess days shall be deducted from the final pay.

D. All other proper and authorized leaves as provided in the rules of the New Jersey State Department of Personnel, shall be recognized and constitute a part of this Agreement.

E. Paid holidays occurring during a period of sick leave shall not be charged to sick leave.

F. Sick leave shall accumulate year-to-year with an additional fifteen (15) days credited to the employees at the beginning of each successive calendar year.

G. A mandatory Doctor's note shall be required whenever an employee takes a sick day either the day before or day after a holiday, vacation day, or personal day.

YEARLY SICK TIME BUY OUT

At the end of each calendar year, an employee may elect to apply for and receive cash payment for sick days credited and not used during the current year.

Payment may be made in the amount of one day's pay for every three days credited and not used to a maximum of five days' pay.

Employees having used five days of sick leave or less out of fifteen sick days credited per current year qualify for participation.

Employees having used six days of sick leave or more out of fifteen sick days credited per current year are not eligible for participation.

Eligible employees applying for sick time buy out will do so on December 31st of each current year by signing an authorization card provided by the County. Payment will be made in the third payroll period of the succeeding year.

20. INJURY LEAVE

A. Whenever an employee is injured or disabled as a result of or arising out of his employment so as to be physically unfit for his or her duty, the Board of Freeholders may adopt a resolution granting up to one year's leave of absence with pay. Such leave shall not be chargeable to sick leave. Prior to the passage of such resolution, the Employer's Board of Freeholders shall be satisfied by a certificate of a physician as to the degree of injury or disability, and shall enter into a contract with the employee to reimburse the Employer out of the monies he or she may receive as workmen's compensation, temporary benefits, or legal settlement arising out of his or her injuries.

B. Paid holidays occurring during a period of injury leave shall not be charged to injury leave.

C. All of the requirements of N.J.S.A. 34:15-1 shall govern and control the Injury Leave and Compensation Benefits including the requirements for reimbursement and the basis for not granting an Injury Leave as more fully set forth in the Codified General Resolutions of the County of Middlesex 4A-12.6 or any amendment or supplement thereto.

21. ACCUMULATED SICK TIME PAYOFF UPON RETIREMENT

Employees covered under the terms of this Agreement shall be entitled, upon retirement, to receive a lump sum payment, as supplemental compensation, which sum shall be computed at the rate of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the employee's daily rate of pay for every full day of earned and unused accumulated sick leave (not to exceed \$15,000) which is credited to him/her on the employment records and certified by the appointing authority on the effective date of his/her retirement.

22. JURY DUTY

Should an employee be obligated to serve as a juror, he or she shall receive full pay from the employer for all time spent on jury duty. In addition, all such employees shall retain all travel and parking allowances, as well as all remuneration received from the Court so long as same is \$10.00 or less per day. If the remuneration exceeds \$10.00 per day, then the parties shall meet and negotiate whether the employee must assign some or all of that portion of the payment in excess of \$10.00 to the employer.

23. BREAKS

Each employee shall be entitled to one (1) fifteen (15) minute break for each one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) day period of work (morning and afternoon shall be considered a one-half day period of work and equivalent periods for shift work shall be also considered one-half day periods of work).

24. PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

Part-time employees are defined as employees who are regularly scheduled to work 20 or more hours per week, but less than 35 hours.

All part-time employees whether permanent or provisional employees (but not to include seasonal employees) awaiting examination shall be paid a salary based on the annual wage for the appropriate classification as set forth in the adopted schedule, pro-rata.

Vacation

Each part-time employee who works the equivalent of twenty-two (22) full working days shall earn one (1) day of vacation leave (8 hour employees = 176 hours, 7 hour employees = 154 hours.)

Sick Leave

Each part-time employee who works the equivalent of twenty-two (22) full working days shall earn one and one-quarter ($1\frac{1}{4}$) days of sick leave. (8 hour employees = 176 hours, 7 hour employees = 154 hours.)

Holidays

Regular part-timers shall be paid for that portion of the holiday that they would have been scheduled to work on that day.

Hospital and Dental Programs and Drug Prescription Program

Part-time employees will be covered if they are scheduled for and do work twenty (20) hours or more each work week.

Part-time employees are not entitled to the following: Personal Days, Bereavement Days, and Longevity.

Part-Time Employees (Cont.)

Public Employees' Retirement System

It is compulsory for part-time employees of the County of Middlesex to enroll in P.E.R.S. if they were permanently appointed on or after January 2, 1955, provided they earn at least five hundred (\$500) a year and are paid in each quarter of the year.

Part Time Call In

Any part-time employees called to work by the Employer shall be guaranteed four (4) hours work per shift.

25. CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

For the contract year 1991 employees in this bargaining unit shall receive the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) in a separate check payable the first pay period of December 1991.

Part-time employees shall be paid a pro-rata share.

26. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Definition: A grievance is any dispute between the parties concerning the application or interpretation of final agreement reached through these negotiations or any complaint by an employee as to any action or non-action taken towards him which violates any right arising out of his employment. The Employee Union Grievance Committee shall be recognized as the representative for presenting an employee grievance or dispute from the initial filing to conclusion of the grievance complaint in accord with the agreed to grievance procedure as outlined in the labor agreement as follows:

Step 1. The employee shall present the employee grievance or dispute to the employee's immediate supervisor within ten (10) working days of its occurrence, or ten (10) working days after the employee becomes aware of the event. The supervisor may, in his or her discretion, respond orally or in writing, within three (3) working days, and any written response shall consist of a factual report of the grievance or dispute but shall not include any statement of position or policy.

Step 2. If the grievance has not been settled, it shall be presented in writing by the Council Representative to the Department Head within five (5) working days after the supervisor's response is due. The Department Head shall respond to the Council Representative in writing within five (5) working days.

Grievance Procedure (Cont.)

Step 3. If the grievance still remains unadjusted or unanswered by the Department Head, it shall be presented by the Council Representative to the Personnel Director or his/her designee, in writing within seven (7) working days after the response of the Department Head is due. The Personnel Director, or his/her designee, shall respond in writing to the Council Representative within ten (10) working days. The Council may request a meeting with the Personnel Director, or his/her designee within five (5) working days after receiving the answer from the Department Head.

Step 4. If no settlement of the grievance has been reached between the parties, either one or both may move the grievance to arbitration within thirty (30) days of receiving the answer from the Personnel Director, or his/her designee.

Since it is important that a grievance be processed as rapidly as possible, the number of days indicated at each level shall be considered as a maximum - every effort will be made to expedite the grievance as set forth herein.

It is further understood and agreed that any settlement of the grievance is limited to the date of filing of the grievance. However, it is further agreed that the extension of grievance processing time may be extended by mutual consent of both parties. Failure to move a grievance to the next step will be considered a withdrawal of the grievance.

Employee's grievances shall be presented to the County Supervisory Representative on forms prepared by the New Jersey State Department of Personnel. The grievance procedure, as contained in this contract, shall be

Grievance Procedure (Cont.)

strictly adhered to. It is understood that employees must sign their individual grievances. Grievances without an employee's signature shall not be accepted or processed.

A group or policy grievance shall be directly submitted at the Step 3. level to the Personnel Director, or his/her designee.

27. DISCHARGE AND DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

A. 1. It is expressly understood that the Employer shall have the right to discipline or discharge any employee; however, the Employer agrees that it shall not discipline or discharge any employee covered by the terms of this Agreement without just cause.

2. The Employer shall apply the following principles of progressive discipline for employees covered under the terms of this Agreement with respect to recurring minor offenses of the same nature as outlined as follows:

First Offense-Oral Warning

Given by a supervisor to the employee in the presence of a Union representative, and clearly stating all the reasons for the warning. Notation of this warning shall be made in the employee's personnel file.

Second Offense-Oral Warning

Given by a supervisor with agreement of the employee's Department Head or next higher level of authority. One copy of the written warning shall be given to the employee, and one copy shall be placed in the employee's personnel file.

Third Offense Written Warning

Given by the supervisor with a agreement of the Department Head or next higher level of authority. The notice shall clearly state all the reasons for the warning. One copy of the written warning shall be given to the employee, one copy supplied to a Union representative, and one copy shall be placed in the employees personnel file.

Fourth Offense One Day Suspension

Given by the employee's Department Head based on recommendation of the supervisor, a one-day suspension without pay shall serve as a warning to the employee of the seriousness of the situation, and that corrective action is needed by the employee. Written notice of suspension shall be supplied to the employee

Discharge and Discipline Procedures (Cont.)

using Department of Personnel Form 379 to a union representative and one copy shall be placed in the employee's personnel file.

Fifth Offense-Three Day Suspension

Given by the employee's Department Head, a three-day suspension without pay shall serve as a further warning to the employee of their seriousness of the situation, and that corrective action is needed by the employee. Written notice of suspension shall be supplied to the employee using Department of Personnel Form 379 to a Union representative and one copy shall be placed in the employee's personnel file.

Sixth Offense-Five Day Suspension

Given by the Department Head, a five day suspension without pay will serve as a final warning to the employee of the continued seriousness of the situation, and that corrective action is needed by the employee. Written notice of suspension shall be supplied to the employee using Department of Personnel Form 379 to a Union representative and one copy shall be placed in the employee's personnel file.

3. Any employee who receives a written warning for a minor offense or who is given suspension for a minor offense shall have a copy of the action taken placed in his/her personnel file where it will be kept for a period of one (1) year next following the action taken, providing that no reoccurring minor disciplinary action was taken within the same one (1) year period. If there is another minor disciplinary action taken within the same one (1) year period the copy of the action taken shall remain in the employee's file until such time that there is a period of one (1) year without minor disciplinary action being taken, at which time the record of minor discipline shall be removed from his/her personnel file.

4. The employer may suspend without pay or with reduced pay, or demote an employee due to inefficiency, incompetency, misconduct, negligence, insubordination, or for other sufficient cause; however:

Discharge and Discipline Procedures (Cont.)

(I) An employee who shall be suspended, or demoted more than three (3) times in any one year (one year being from date of first suspension, fine, or demotion to one year therefrom), or more than five (5) days at one time, or for a period of more than fifteen (15) days in the aggregate in any one (1) year shall be served with written charges and have the right to appeal the last disciplinary action to the Department of Personnel:

(II) The Commission shall have the power to revoke or modify that action of the Employer except that revocation from service shall not be substituted for a lesser penalty;

(III) The Employer shall notify the employee and the State Department of Personnel (Civil Service) of the reasons for the suspension, fine, or demotion regardless of the extent or duration of the disciplinary action;

(IV) No suspension shall exceed six (6) months.

5. A permanent employee in the classified service may not be removed except for just cause upon written charges. Notice of the removal shall be sent to the employee on the form prescribed by the Department of Personnel, and a copy of said notice shall be sent to the Department of Personnel and the Union at the same time.

6. Any of the following shall be cause for removal from the Employer's service, although removals may be made for sufficient causes other than those listed:

- a. Neglect;
- b. Incompetency or inefficiency;
- c. Incapacity due to mental or physical disability;
- d. Insubordination or serious breach of discipline;
- e. Intoxication while on duty;
- f. Chronic or excessive absenteeism;
- h. Willful violation of any of the provisions of the State;
- i. Department of Personnel (Civil Service) statutes, rules, or regulations or other statutes relating to the employment of public employees;
- j. The conviction of any criminal act or offense;
- k. Negligence of or willful damage to public property or

Discharge and Discipline Procedures (Cont.)

- l. Conduct unbecoming an employee in the public service; or
- m. The use or attempt to use one's authority or official influence to control or modify the political action of any person in the service, or engaging in any form of political activity during working hours.
- n. Misuse of public property, including motor vehicles.

7. Any suspension, demotion, or disciplinary act taken against an employee consisting of five days or less shall be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedures herein.

8. Permanent employees and employees in their work test period shall have the right to departmental hearing in every disciplinary action involving a permanent employee, where the contemplated penalty may be:

a. Removal;

b. Suspension of more than five (5) days at one time. The last suspension or fine of an employee for five (5) days or less shall be reviewable where an employee's aggregate number of days suspended or fined in any one (1) calendar year is fifteen (15) days or more. Where an employee receives more than three (3) suspensions or fines of five (5) or less days in a calendar year, the last suspension or fine is reviewable.

c. Disciplinary demotion;

d. Good faith of a layoff; and

e. Release at the end of the work test period for unsatisfactory performance.

9. Such departmental hearings shall be commenced as soon as possible only after a request for such a hearing is made by the employee.

A. In any disciplinary action against a permanent employee or one in his/her working test period said employee shall be entitled to written notice of the charges and specifications and a hearing. Further, the charged employee shall have the right to Union representation at this disciplinary hearing.

Discharge and Discipline Procedures

B. The Department of Personnel shall select a hearing officer for the departmental hearing. The parties agree that the departmental hearings provided for in this Article shall be conducted in a fair and equitable manner including presentation of witnesses, cross examination of witnesses, and a written decision stating findings of fact and conclusion.

C. Any employee who is disciplined or discharged shall have the right to appeal this disciplinary action. It is expressly understood that an employee shall only be entitled to one (1) avenue of appeal.

28. ARBITRATION

Any party wishing to move a grievance to arbitration shall notify the Public Employment Relations Commission that they are moving a grievance to arbitration and request that a list of arbitrators be furnished to the Employer and the employee. If the Employer and the employee cannot mutually arrive at a satisfactory arbitrator within thirty (30) working days after receipt of the list from the Public Employment Relations Commission, the Commission shall select an arbitrator. The arbitrator shall hear the matter on the evidence and within the meaning of this Agreement, such rules and regulations as may be in effect by the New Jersey State Department of Personnel which might be pertinent and render his award in writing, which shall be advisory. The cost of the arbitrator's fee shall be shared by the Employer and the Union, (or the employee if the Union does not pursue arbitration on the employee's behalf). Time extensions may be mutually agreed to by the Employer and the Union.

SPECIFIC ISSUE ARBITRATION: It is agreed to and understood that either party may petition or both parties may petition by mutual consent for a binding principle decision on the specific issue through the arbitrator which shall be a final decision on the specific issue addressed. The cost of the arbitration fee, if by mutual consent, shall be shared by the Employer and the Union. Time extensions may be mutually agreed to by the Employer and the Union.

Personnel Files (Cont.)

F. Upon written request from the Union, the Employer will furnish information relating to any employees name, address, time in grade and other data relating to seniority and employment status but not as to personal information unless agreed to by the employee in writing.

29. ADHERENCE TO NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL RULES

The Employer and the Association understand and agree that all rules promulgated by the New Jersey State Department of Personnel concerning any matter whatever not specifically covered in this Agreement shall be binding upon them.

30. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

A. If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is held to be invalid by operation of law or by a Court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be inoperative but all other provisions shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

B. The Employer and the Association shall re-negotiate a replacement provision that shall supersede the invalid provision. Said re-negotiation shall commence no later than thirty (30) days following the termination of the invalid provision.

31. ECONOMY LAYOFFS

The Employer agrees that in the event of employee layoffs for bona fide economy reasons with good faith demonstrated on the part of the Employer to the Association, same shall be on the basis of seniority, beginning with temporary help, then provisional employees, and last, permanent employees, according to procedures specified in the New Jersey State Department of Personnel Rules. In no instance shall permanent employees be laid off and part-time employee retained. In all cases, the Employer shall provided proper written notice to permanent employees to be laid off, forty-five (45) days in advance as required by New Jersey State Department of Personnel Rules.

32. RECLASSIFICATION SURVEY

If the Employer should request a complete title survey and reclassification survey of any County employment positions covered by this Agreement by the New Jersey State Department of Personnel, the Union shall be permitted to take an active part in the survey. To the extent of its vested interest in the employees whom it represents in accordance with all New Jersey State Department of Personnel Rules and Regulations and applicable laws, the Employer will notify the Union that a survey is taking place, and ask for recommendations and cooperate with the Union regarding said survey.

33. RULES OF EMPLOYER

All rules and regulations promulgated by the Employer for the proper and efficient operation of the employees will be made known to the employees; and shall be in writing.

34. PERSONNEL FILES

A. A separate personnel history file shall be established and maintained for each employee covered by this Agreement; personnel history files are confidential records and shall only be maintained in the Middlesex County Personnel Director's offices.

B. Employees shall have the right to inspect and review their own individual personnel file upon request to the Employer. The Employer recognizes and agrees to permit this review and examination at any reasonable time. Employees shall have the right to photostat, define, explain, or object to in writing anything found in his/her personnel file. This writing shall become a part of the employee's personnel file.

It is further agreed to and understood that the cost of photostatting copies of an employee's personnel file shall be at a cost to be determined by the Employer.

C. All personnel history files will be carefully maintained and safeguarded permanently, and nothing placed in any file shall be removed therefrom.

D. It is understood that an employee shall receive a copy of any derogatory or disciplinary document being placed in his/her personnel file.

E. It is further understood and agreed that the files maintained by the County Personnel Director's offices are the official personnel file for all employees. No other official file or personnel record will be maintained. However, it is agreed that a departmental reference file will be maintained for day-to-day reference.

35. EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

If educational grants are available in accordance with the provisions of the Omnibus Crime Bill, the Employer shall, whenever possible and subject to budgetary availability, work schedules, etc., make the benefits of such grants available to the employee.

36. BULLETIN BOARDS

The Employer will supply to the Union three bulletin boards, one in each facility, to be located in three assigned areas to be used for Union business, and said bulletin boards will not be used by the Employer.

37. MILEAGE AND MEAL ALLOWANCE

A. Whenever an employee is required to use his/her personal vehicle to travel to and from other County Juvenile Facilities, they shall be paid a per mile allowance of twenty two (22¢) cents. Additional expenses such as parking, tolls, etc., shall be paid upon submission of a receipt and voucher.

B. In addition, for the contract year 1991 a seven dollar and twenty five cent (\$7.25) meal allowance will be paid, only in the event that the County institution in which the employee works does not furnish a meal, to each employee required to work through a supper or other meal period.

38. EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

This Agreement is predicated upon operations of a normal nature. There may be emergency situations where the letter of this Agreement, because of extenuating circumstances, cannot be followed. In such emergency situations, the terms of this Agreement shall in no way limit, or restrict, the Employer's handling of the emergency. Any disputes arising out of the Employer's handling of the emergency, shall be dealt with in accordance with the grievance procedure.

39. SUPERVISING ASSIGNMENT

It is the intent and the practice of the Juvenile Facility (Detention Center) Administration to have male supervisors supervising male juveniles and female supervisors supervising female juveniles. As far as practicably possible, this practice and policy will be adhered to in the Juvenile Facility (Detention Center).

39A. SAFETY

The Employer agrees to assure the safety and adequacy of all working areas and equipment provided for employees' use.

The Employer shall establish a separate Safety Committee for this unit, and continue to appoint members of the Union to the Safety Committee so that there are two (2) Union members on the Safety Committee at all times.

Where safety equipment is provided, it is the responsibility of the employee to utilize such equipment.

Employees shall report all safety hazards and equipment defects to their immediate supervisor who shall have the responsibility to inspect and correct such hazards or defects. If the problem is not resolved, the employee may contact a member of the Safety Committee for appropriate action.

40. MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

All of the rights, power, and authority possessed by the Employer prior to the signing of this Agreement are retained exclusively by the Employer subject to only such limitations as are specifically provided in this Agreement.

41. COMPUTATION ERRORS

During the term of this Agreement, all computation errors shall be corrected and all corrections shall be made retroactive to the date of the error.

42. SAVINGS CLAUSE

It is mutually understood and agreed that all benefits currently enjoyed by employees shall remain in effect and become a part of this Agreement.

43. NO STRIKE OR LOCK-OUT

The Union, any employee, or the Employer shall not interfere, instigate, promote, sponsor, engage in or condone any strike or lock-out. In the event that any employee violates the terms of the no strike clause, the Employer shall have the right to discharge or otherwise discipline such employee.

44. DURATION OF CONTRACT

A. It is hereby agreed that this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect from January 1, 1991 to December 31, 1991.

B. All provisions herein negotiated for the contractual year 1991 unless otherwise provided, shall be retroactive as of January 1, 1991.

C. This Agreement may be reopened for January 1, 1992 negotiations by either party upon notice in writing at least sixty (60) days and no more than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to January 1, 1992.

D. All of the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until a successor collective bargaining agreement is negotiated.

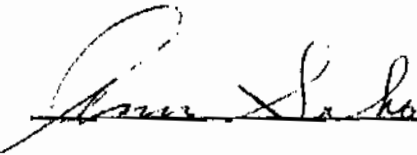
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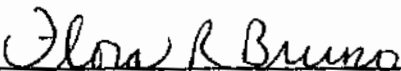
IN THE PRESENCE OF:

A.F.S.C.M.E. COUNCIL #73 (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES)

ATTEST: _____



BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS


ATTEST: Flora R. Bruno
Clerk of the Board


Stephen J. Capestro, Director
Board of Chosen Freeholders