

COMPREHENSIVE GROUP CONTRACT
BETWEEN
NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND
NORWALK FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
LOCAL 1723, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, AFL-CIO

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PREAMBLE

The Board of Education of the City of Norwalk and the Norwalk Federation of Teachers, Local #1723, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, hereby agree that the welfare of the children of Norwalk is paramount in the operation of the school system and will be diligently promoted by both parties and that the good morale of the school staff is necessary to the greatest welfare of the children.

To promote these objectives, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I GENERAL

1. This Agreement is negotiated under Connecticut General Statute 10-153f in order (a) to fix for its term the salaries and other conditions of professional practice provided herein, and (b) to continue to promote effective and harmonious working relationships between the Board, the Federation and the professional staff in order that the cause of public education may be best served in Norwalk.
2. The Federation recognizes that the Board is the duly elected representative of the people of the City of Norwalk. The Federation further recognizes that the ultimate responsibility for the operation of the Norwalk Public Schools is solely that of the Board. The Federation, as the duly elected representative bargaining agent of the teachers of the Norwalk Public Schools, recognizes its responsibility to cooperate with the Board in discharging said responsibility.
3. Despite references herein to the Board or the Federation as such, each reserves the right to act hereunder by committee, individual member or designated representative, whether or not a member. Each party will provide to the other, upon request, satisfactory evidence (such as official minutes or certificate of resolution) of authority to so act.
4. Any previously adopted policy, rule or regulation of the Board which is in conflict with a provision of this Agreement shall be superseded and replaced by this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement which changes pre-existing Board policy, rules or regulations shall operate retroactively unless expressly so stated. Each school shall have a copy of the Board Regulations and Policy manual kept readily available in the school office. The N.F.T. shall have six (6) copies. Any additions or changes shall be supplied as soon as practicable. It is understood that certificated personnel shall continue to serve under the direction of the Superintendent and in accordance with Board and administrative policies, rules and regulations, provided that the provisions of this Agreement shall supersede and prevail over any conflicting provisions. The Board will not make any change in any policy, rule or regulation affecting salaries or other conditions of employment of teachers without prior consultation and negotiation with the Federation.

5. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Board and the Superintendent reserve and retain full rights, authority and discretion in the proper discharge of their duties and responsibilities to control, supervise, and manage the Norwalk Public Schools and its professional staff under governing law, ordinances, rules and regulations, municipal, state and federal. In all matters under this Agreement calling for exercise of judgment or discretion on the part of the Board, the decision of the Board shall be final and binding except where some other standard of grievability is set forth in this Agreement.
6. Nothing in this Agreement shall in any way limit or contravene the authority of the Norwalk Board of Estimate and Taxation or any other municipal, state or federal board, commission, agency or other governmental body.
7. There shall be no Board reprisals of any kind taken against any certificated teacher by reason of his/her membership or non-membership in the Federation, or participation or non-participation in its activities.
8. The Board shall assume the cost of printing this Agreement and the Federation shall assume the responsibility of distributing it to all teachers covered by said Agreement. The Agreement shall be printed and given to the Federation for distribution within a reasonable time. The printing shall be done within the Board.
9. No teacher shall be discriminated against due to race, color, religion, creed, sex, age, marital status, political beliefs or activities, national origin, physical handicaps or sexual orientation as provided by law.
10. If any provision of this Agreement is or shall at any time be determined to be contrary to law, then such provision shall not be applicable, performed or enforced except to the extent permitted by law, and any substitute action shall be subject to appropriate consultation and negotiation with the Federation. In the event that any provision of this Agreement is or shall be determined to be contrary to law, all other provisions of this Agreement shall continue in effect.

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

In the construction of the following individual Articles of Agreement, words and phrases shall be construed according to the commonly approved usage of the language; and technical words and phrases such as have acquired a peculiar and appropriate meaning in education shall be construed and understood accordingly.

As used in this Agreement the following terms shall have the respective meaning as set forth below:

1. "Board" - The Board of Education of the City of Norwalk, Connecticut.
2. "Superintendent" - The Superintendent of Schools for the City of Norwalk, Connecticut
3. "Federation" - The Norwalk Federation of Teachers or any subsequent or successor bargaining agent.
4. "Teacher," "Certificated Personnel" and "member of the unit" - all members of the teachers' unit as defined by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-153b(b).
5. "Building Steward" - The duly designated representative of the Norwalk Federation of Teachers in each school building.
6. "Teacher's Initial Contract" - That contract issued each teacher verifying employment for a probationary period in the Norwalk Public Schools in accordance with the Connecticut Tenure Act, Section 10-151 as amended.*
7. "Teaching Periods" - The teaching periods are those periods in which a teacher is actively involved with the pupil in the act of teaching.
8. "Preparation Periods" - Preparation periods are those periods in which the teacher is involved in the preparation of classroom materials and plans.
9. "Subject Disciplines" - Subject Disciplines shall mean major areas in the curriculum such as Science, Math, Language Arts, etc.
10. "Subject Fields" - Subject Fields shall mean sub-divisions of the subject discipline.
11. "Transfers" - Transfers shall mean the moving of a teacher from one building to another.
12. "Change in Assignments" - Change in assignments shall mean the alteration of grade level and/or subject disciplines for which a teacher is responsible within a building.**
13. The term "conditions of professional practice" is considered to be synonymous with the phrase "conditions of employment" as used in Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-153 et seq.
14. "Seniority" - Seniority shall mean a teacher's length of continuous contract service within the Norwalk Public Schools starting with the teacher's most recent date of hire. Other specific Articles of the Agreement shall define the circumstances when continuous service may be interrupted without adversely affecting the teacher's seniority.

* Individual contracts will be subject to rewording if Tenure Act is eliminated or changed, as provided in Article XXI.

** The definitions are not intended to alter the meaning or the established application of Article XX.

ARTICLE III RECOGNITION

The Board recognizes the Federation for the purpose of professional negotiation as the exclusive representative of all teachers (hereinafter referred to as "Members of the Unit") as defined in Article II (4) employed by the Board pursuant to and with all the rights and privileges as provided by Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 10-153 et seq.

ARTICLE IV FEDERATION RIGHTS

1. It is the intent and purpose of the parties hereto that their agreements continue to promote the quality of education in the City of Norwalk by providing for orderly professional negotiations between the Board and the Federation.
2. As of the time they are made available to the Board, the Board shall provide the Federation with copies of documents relating to the budget for the next fiscal year, including preliminary budgetary proposals, requirements and allocations. The Board shall provide the Federation with copies of all budget reports made available to the Board.
3. In all matters dealing with salaries, fringe benefits and conditions of employment other than those already contained in the present Agreement, the Board will consult with the Federation. At the request of either party, the consulting committees shall meet within four days of receipt of such requests and shall continue to meet until (1) the matters being discussed have been resolved by agreement, or (2) no agreement having been reached and mediation procedures under Section 10-153F (b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut have been invoked.
4. Duly authorized Federation representatives shall be granted access to all schools at all times by the Board in accordance with Board policy.
5. The complete minutes, if any, of all open Board meetings shall be sent to each school and two copies to the President of the Federation within a reasonable period of time.
6. The Federation President shall teach a half-time load i.e. three (3) classes per day or the equivalent. The Federation President shall be relieved of all extra duties. The Federation President shall have flexibility in the scheduling of his/her preparation periods to perform his/her responsibilities as President.

The Federation shall reimburse the Board for fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the salary and fringe benefits of the Federation President.

On or before July 1 in each year, the Federation may elect to release the President from all his/her teaching and all other assignments for the following school year. If said election is made, the Federation shall reimburse the Board of Education for one hundred percent (100%) of the Federation President's salary and fringe benefits at the group rate for the period of the full release. Upon completion of his/her term of office, the President shall be returned to his/her former teaching position or comparable position if the former position doesn't exist, with no loss of salary, fringe benefits, seniority, or other rights and privileges granted by this Agreement or law.

7. All teachers, including part-time teachers, adult education teachers, summer school teachers, homebound teachers and long-term substitutes, shall, as a condition of continued employment, join the Federation or pay to the Federation, an amount equal to the regular dues, fees and assessments that a member is charged or would be charged for expenses incurred for collective bargaining and contract administration as specified by the United States Supreme Court or such lesser amount as is determined by the Federation.

The Federation shall hold the Board and City harmless against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, law suits, counsel fees, or other cost which may arise out of, or by reasons of, actions taken against the Board as result of administration of the provision of this section.

8. Federation Leave.
 - a. When it is necessary for official representatives of the Federation to engage in Federation activities, including the investigation and processing of grievances, and/or attendance at meetings and hearings, they shall, upon approval of the Superintendent, be given such free time without loss of pay as is necessary to perform such activities.
 - b. One (1) certificated teacher designated by the Federation shall, upon request, be granted a leave of absence without pay for his/her term of office or four (4) years whichever occurs first for the purpose of engaging in Federation activities on the local, state, or national level. Fringe benefits can be purchased at the group rate. Upon return to the school system, the teacher shall be returned to the first available opening for which he/she is certified and qualified.

ARTICLE V CONSULTATION

1. In order to promote better communications between the administration and the teachers, the parties hereto agree to the following:

- a. Consultation by the Superintendent and/or his representatives with representatives of the Federation at least once a month during the calendar year on any matters of educational policy and development, which are not covered by the Agreement and on administration of the Agreement. By mutual agreement the parties may not meet during a given month. The parties shall exchange agenda indicating the matters they wish to discuss no later than seven days prior to the scheduled meeting date.
 - b. Consultation by the Principal or other head of each school and his/her representatives and the building steward's committee from the school at least once a month during the school year on matters of school policy and on the implementation of the Agreement. It is understood that the purpose of these meetings is a give and take for better communications. It is further understood that no reprisals shall be taken by any party as a result of these consultations.
 - c. Consultation by the Director of Pupil Personnel Services and his/her representatives and Federation-designated Special Education certificated personnel shall occur at least once a month during the school year on matters related to the implementation of the special education program and its impact upon teachers.
2. The Board and the Federation are dedicated to the principle of the continuous improvement of the total educational opportunities for children of the Norwalk Public Schools. In furtherance of this joint objective, the Federation and the Board agree to work toward planning educationally innovative programs geared to the specific needs of the children of Norwalk.

ARTICLE VI GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

1. Purpose: To secure at the lowest possible level solutions to grievances as defined below.
2. Definitions.
 - a. "Grievance" shall mean a claim based upon an event or condition which affects the welfare or conditions of a teacher, or group of teachers, or a dispute arising over the interpretation or application of the provision of this Agreement or an alleged violation thereof.
 - b. The term "grievant" shall mean (1) an individual teacher, (2) a group of teachers having the same grievance, (3) the Federation.
 - c. "Party in interest" shall mean a grievant, including the grievant's designated representatives as provided for herein, and any person or persons who might be required to take action or against whom action might be taken in order to resolve a grievance.

- d. "Days" shall mean calendar days, except weekends and school holidays. It is understood that during the summer months any change in grievance procedure shall be by mutual agreement of the parties in interest.

3. Time Limits.

- a. The number of days indicated at each step shall be considered as maximum. In specific instances, steps in the grievance procedure may be merged by the mutual consent of both parties. The time limits specified may, however, be extended by written agreement of the parties in interest.
- b. If the grievant does not file a grievance in writing within the thirty (30) days after he/she knew of the act or conditions on which the grievance is based, then the grievance shall be considered waived.
- c. Grievances shall be in writing, using the form set forth as Appendix A-12 to this Agreement, and shall state the nature and particulars of the grievance and shall state relief sought. The failure to correctly state relief sought shall not be prejudicial. Grievances may be filed and responses may be given electronically, with an originally signed copy to follow.
- d. Failure by the grievant at any level to appeal a grievance to the next level within the specified time limits shall be deemed to be acceptance of the decision rendered at that level. Failure of any party to answer within the specified time limits shall be deemed a denial of the grievance, so that the grievant may process such grievance to the next step.
- e. Before using the formal grievance procedure, the parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute through at least one informal meeting, and meetings will occur at a mutually convenient time and place.
- f. If the grievance arises out of an action above the level of an appropriate administrator, the grievance shall be submitted directly to the Superintendent and processed at level two.

4. Representation.

- a. No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by either party against any participant in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.
- b. Any party in interest may be represented on all levels of the grievance procedure by a person of his/her own choosing. When a teacher is not represented by the Federation, the Federation shall have the right to be present and state its views at all stages of the procedure.

- c. Subject to Paragraph b above, any party in interest may call upon the professional services of outside consultants at any stage of the procedure.
- d. All grievances and decisions rendered shall be in writing. At each level of the grievance procedure, the written decision shall include the reason(s) for such decision provided; however, no such written decision shall be interpreted to waive any procedural or substantive claim stated by either party at a subsequent level of the grievance procedure.
- e. Both parties agree that proceedings shall be kept as confidential as appropriate.

5. TABLE I: PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING GRIEVANCES AGAINST THE BOARD, ITS MEMBERS OR AGENTS.

LEVEL:	DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING GRIEVANCE:	DEADLINE FOR MEETING:	DEADLINE FOR REACHING DECISION: (after meeting)
1. Appropriate Administrator	30 days(1)	10 days(2)	14 days(3)
2. Superintendent	14 days(4)	14 days(2)	21 days(3)
3. Board Or Committee Of The Board	14 days(4)	30 days(2)	7 days(3)
4. If Taken To Arbitration	15 days(4)		

- (1) after the grievant knew or should reasonably have known of the incident giving rise to the grievance.
- (2) after receipt of the grievance.
- (3) after meeting is concluded.
- (4) after date of the decision.
- (5) filed with the Board Chairperson through the Superintendent's office.

6. Arbitration Level.

- a. When a grievance remains unsettled after having been fully processed through the appropriate level designated, such grievance may be submitted to arbitration, only if the grievance involves the interpretation and/or application of this Agreement or an alleged violation thereof and if such grievance does not involve rights and responsibilities conferred upon the Board by Statute.
- b. Upon written request of the Federation, a grievance may be submitted to the American Arbitration Association for arbitration in accordance with its rules, provided such request is made within fifteen days after the decision is rendered at Step 3.

- c. The arbitrator shall hear only one grievance at a time. His/her decision will be in writing and will set forth his/her findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of the issues before him/her. The arbitrator shall not add to, subtract from or modify the language of this Agreement; he/she shall have no power or authority to make any decision which requires the commission of an act prohibited by law or which violates the terms of this Agreement. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon all parties in interest.
- d. The cost of arbitration shall be borne equally by the Board and the Federation.

ARTICLE VII SALARIES AND SEVERANCE

- 1. Salaries.
 - a. The salaries of all teachers covered by this Agreement are attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.
 - b. Salaries to be paid from year to year shall be that paid by the Board to employees of training and experience for similar professional practice.
 - c. Salary payments to certificated personnel shall be by direct deposit and shall be made every other Friday for a total of twenty-six (26) payments. The Board will provide salary payment notification when payments are made, in writing or electronically as the teacher may elect. Teachers may choose the above method or may elect twenty-two (22) payments.
 - d. Extra compensation schedules for certificated personnel employed in extra compensation positions are set forth in the extra compensatory stipend schedules in the Appendices which are attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.
 - e. All teachers working half-time or more shall receive all rights and privileges and fringe benefits of the Agreement except that they will be paid on a pro-rated basis on the appropriate step of the appropriate salary schedule.
 - f. In order to assure that the placement of personnel employed in new positions in the school system bears an appropriate relationship to existing salary schedules affecting other staff members, it is agreed that in the event any new position is established for the employment of certificated professional personnel, the Board and/or the Superintendent shall provide two weeks in which to consult with the Federation of the establishment of the salary schedule for such position prior to the announcement of such position.

2. Severance.

- a. As an expression of the Board's appreciation for long and dedicated service to the Norwalk Public Schools, retiring certificated personnel who have completed twenty-two (22) or more years of service in Norwalk will be granted severance pay for unused sick leave up to a maximum of fifty-five (55) days for the duration of this contract. A four percent (4%) reduction will be made for each year less than twenty-two (22) years of service to fifteen years of service which is the minimum service required to be eligible for severance pay. However, teachers who provide written notification to the Board of Education of their retirement by February 1 of the year of their retirement shall receive one additional severance day. Said teacher shall receive one additional severance day if the written notification is prior to January 1, one additional severance day if the written notification is prior to December 1, one additional severance day if the notification is prior to November 1, one additional severance day if the notification is prior to October 1, and one additional severance day if the notification is prior to September 1 in the academic year of the intended retirement.
- b. The amount of severance pay shall be computed by multiplying the number of days of accrued sick leave by the percentage of years of service to which the certificated teacher is entitled (e.g.: 22 or more years service = 100%; 17.6 years service = 80%; etc.).

If the result is larger than the maximum allowance, the certificated teacher shall be paid a daily rate (for teachers computed by dividing the annual salary by 1/200 for each day of leave up to the maximum allowance). If the result is lower than the maximum allowance, the certificated teacher shall be paid a daily rate for each day.

- c. Severance pay for unused sick leave up to a maximum of fifty-five (55) days shall be paid as a death benefit to the estate of a teacher who dies while on active service.
- d. At the option of the retiree, but without interest, severance pay can be received during the first month of the calendar year following retirement.
- e. The severance pay set forth above, paragraphs 2a-d of this Article, shall not apply to bargaining unit members hired after August 31, 2010.

**ARTICLE VIII
TEACHER'S SALARY SCHEDULE PLACEMENT**

1. **DEFINITIONS:** The terms used in the salary schedules shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the following definitions:

- a. Bachelor: A baccalaureate degree earned at an accredited college or university.
 - b. BA + 30: A Master's degree earned at an accredited college or university; or completion of thirty (30) graduate credits beyond the baccalaureate degree in a program given prior approval by the Superintendent.
 - c. BA + 60: A Sixth Year level of training refers to a planned program of graduate study subsequent to the completion of the Master's Degree, or a second Master's Degree in a discipline other than the discipline in which the initial Master's Degree was attained, or the completion of sixty (60) credits beyond the baccalaureate degree in a program given prior approval by the Superintendent.
 - d. BA + 90: The completion of ninety (90) credits beyond the baccalaureate degree in a program given prior approval by the Superintendent.
 - e. Doctorate: A Doctor's degree earned at an accredited college or university.
 - f. To be recognized and accepted, credits and degrees referenced above must be from a regionally accredited college or university.
 - g. Foreign transcripts shall be assessed by a translation agency recognized by the Connecticut State Department of Education. The assessment of the translation agency shall be used to determine the recognition of an undergraduate or post graduate degree and/or the number of graduate credits for salary placement.
2. **PLACEMENT:** All members of the unit shall be placed on the appropriate step in the salary schedule, taking into consideration the following:
- a. Degree status as defined in Section 1 above.
 - b. Annually, no later than October 1, teachers shall report to the Human Resources Office all credits earned during the past year.
 - c. Full credit for previous contract teaching experience in public, accredited private, and military dependency schools, provided that such experience shall have been continuous service of at least one-half (1/2) of any school year. Intermittent or short-run substitute service will not be credited as previous contract teaching experience.
 - d. Full credit for teaching service in the Peace Corps and Teacher Corps up to two (2) years.
 - e. Credit for up to two (2) years for active service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

- f. The combined credit for prior service in the Peace Corps, Teacher Corps, and Armed Forces of the United states shall be a maximum of four (4) years.
- g. Change of classification at any level shall be effective upon completion of requirements for that level. Notice of such change shall be on file prior to the preceding January 31.
- h. Salary credit for teachers new to Norwalk with experience interrupted for seven or more years shall be in accordance with schedule shown below:

Number of Years Experience	Experience Credit Allowed
2	1
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	4
7	5
8	6
9	7
10	7

- i. If a teacher who has previously taught in the Norwalk Public Schools is rehired, he/she shall, upon three years of successful teaching following new date of hire, be restored to his/her correct step based on past contract experience in the Norwalk Public Schools.
- j. Fulltime teachers who are hired on or before the 90th student school day in any school year who complete that school year without any extended leaves of absence, shall receive full credit for working that school year; teachers hired after the 90th student school day will not receive credit for that school year. The same rule will apply to salary schedule placement of newly hired teachers seeking credit for prior work experience.
- k. Any teacher working half-time with the Norwalk Public Schools who elects to teach full-time shall receive salary credit based on the number of school years served.
- l. Graduate credits to qualify for a higher salary level shall have been taken within the most recent ten (10) year period, unless the Superintendent determines, in a particular case, that educational considerations make it desirable to accept the credits earned at an earlier time.

- m. Teachers shall become eligible for advancement to the next salary schedule column (BA + 30, BA + 60, BA +90) upon completion of the required number of thirty credits granted in the pursuit of a degree or under a program granted prior approval by the Superintendent.
- n. Certificated personnel who qualify for longevity by February 1 shall be paid at the appropriate longevity rate effective February 1.

Certificated personnel who qualify for longevity after February 1 shall go on the appropriate step the following September 1.

- o. If a teacher holds a Master's Degree, 6th Year Certificate or 7th Year Certificate at the time of receiving a contract in Norwalk, the teacher is credited with the M.A. level (BA + 30) or 6th Year (BA + 60), or 7th Year (BA + 90), regardless of how many credits it took to earn that degree or certificate. Only graduate credits earned subsequent to the Master's Degree, 6th Year Certificate or 7th Year Certificate are applicable to further salary advancement.
- p. If a teacher enters into contract in Norwalk while working toward a Master's Degree (BA + 30), 6th Year Certificate (BA + 60), or 7th Year Certificate (BA + 90), that teacher shall move to BA + 15, BA + 30, BA + 45, BA + 60, BA + 75, or BA + 90 as soon as either fifteen (15) or thirty (30) hours graduate credit subsequent to their entry placement have been earned.
- q. Teachers who resign their position from the Norwalk Public Schools and are rehired within five (5) years shall have their accumulated sick days and personal days restored.

ARTICLE IX LEAVES OF ABSENCE

1. Sick Leave.

- a. Each teacher shall be credited with fifteen (15) days sick compensation at the beginning of each school year. Teachers who enter employment in Norwalk during the school year will be credited with 1 1/2 days sick leave each month remaining in the school year.
- b. During the first three years of service, if a teacher resigns during the school year, sick benefits shall be adjusted according to the actual length of service. If the teacher has used more sick days than he/she has earned as of the date of his/her resignation, either his/her final salary check shall be adjusted or he/she shall be billed for overpayment.

If, after three years' service in Norwalk such a situation occurs, the teacher shall not be obliged to return any overpayment but the matter shall be referred to the Board for a decision on the individual's case.

- c. Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 186 days. Teachers who have accumulated more than 186 days by the end of the 2009-2010 school year shall be permitted to retain days in excess of 186. Should those excess sick leave days be used by the teacher, they may not be replenished beyond the maximum of 186 days. All sick leave shall cease to exist on the day of retirement or termination of contract. Sick leave will not be accumulated during time teachers are on leave.
- d. Teachers who are absent, or know they will be absent from work for reasons of personal health, shall do everything possible to help maintain an efficient school program by providing the Superintendent or those whom he designates, upon request, with information relative to their absence.
- e. After expiration of regular and accumulated sick benefits, each teacher shall receive the difference between his/her salary and the prevailing per diem pay for a substitute for a period of forty (40) days. Should it become necessary to pay a substitute higher than that of a prevailing per diem substitute, the pay for the absentee teacher shall remain as stated above, and the difference shall be absorbed by the Board. This benefit shall be available one time during the teacher's employment in the Norwalk Public Schools.
- f. Should absence due to illness continue beyond the time for which compensation is provided by this Agreement, the Board shall consider an extension of sick benefits. Length and quality of service in Norwalk and record of attendance shall be of prime consideration.
- g. When a teacher is absent from work for reasons of personal health for more than seven (7) consecutive days, the Superintendent or his designee may require the teacher to submit a written statement from a physician stating the reason for absence and the length of time he/she anticipates the teacher to be unable to return to work. The Superintendent, or his/her designee, is authorized with the teacher's consent, to communicate with the physician to seek, at the Board's expense, his/her opinion of the probable duration of the teacher's disability. Such information received shall be treated as confidential in nature. The Board reserves the right to require after seven (7) consecutive school days of absence, that the teacher be examined at the Board's expense, by a physician of the Board's choice in order to determine eligibility of the teacher to continue to receive sick benefits. In cases where the Board does not designate an examining physician, the Board shall reimburse the employee for reasonable and customary cost for the physical examination.

In addition, the Superintendent or the Director of Human Resources may require a signed statement from a licensed physician to verify the nature of absences when he/she has reasonable suspicion of a pattern of abuse of sick leave. In all such cases, the Federation shall be notified of such verification requirement.

- h. These provisions shall apply to all disabilities including those caused or contributed to by pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth and recovery therefrom.
- i. Persons becoming teachers who have accrued sick and/or personal days in another Norwalk Board of Education bargaining unit shall be able to transfer them.

2. Extended Special Leave.

Extended special leaves approved by the Board are granted under the following provisions and conditions:

- a. Such leaves are for up to a maximum of two (2) calendar years.
- b. Such leave is without pay. Employees granted extended special leaves of absence without salary shall be permitted to continue the insurance benefits to which they are entitled at the time of application. Employees must assume 100% of the cost of these benefits.
- c. Experience step level does not continue during period of leave, but the step at the time the leave begins is used in determining salary schedule placement upon return to work.
- d. Upon application made before the expiration of leave, the teacher shall be entitled to receive an appointment to the first position which is available and for which the teacher is qualified.
- e. If the leave has been granted because of illness and/or disability including pregnancy and childbirth, the teacher is required to provide a physician's statement declaring the teacher to be able to return to work.
- f. Failure on the part of the teacher to request return to duty or extension of leave by the expiration of leave shall be construed to mean resignation from employment.
- g. Upon expiration of leave, if no position is available for which the teacher is certified and qualified, the leave shall be extended until such time as a position is available, or for a period of one (1) year, whichever comes first.
- h. A teacher shall give a reason for the requested leave.

3. Leave of Absence Without Salary.

The purpose of leaves of absence without salary is to allow the teacher to pursue opportunities directly related to current or potential educational responsibilities. Leaves of absence without salary may be granted to certified staff members by the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, subject to the following:

- a. Employees who have completed five (5) full years of service in the system may apply for a school year's leave of absence (September 1 through August 31).
- b. Leaves without salary may be taken for a full school year or for either the first half or the second half of the school year.
- c. No employee shall be granted a school year leave of absence without pay more than once in any five (5) year period.
- d. Applications must be submitted, in writing, to the Superintendent of Schools prior to February 1 of the school year for which the leave is being requested. Applicants need to give reason(s) for which leave of absence without salary is requested.
- e. Leaves of absence without salary may be recommended by the Superintendent. Successful applicants will be notified, in writing, no later than March 1.
- f. Requests for leave may be withdrawn by the applicant no later than April 1 or 30 calendar days after Board grants the leave, whichever is later.
- g. Employees granted a school year's leave of absence without salary shall be permitted to continue insurance benefits to which they are entitled at the time of application. Employees must assume 100% of the costs of these benefits.
- h. Employees on leave may make voluntary contributions to the retirement plan in accordance with state law.
- i. Any employee on leave of absence without salary shall inform the Superintendent of Schools, in writing, by registered mail, no later than February 1 of the year of the leave of his/her intention to return as of the beginning of the following school year. Failure to inform prior to February 1 of the intent to return shall be construed as a resignation from employment.
- j. Salary scale credit for the year of absence is at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools.
- k. While on leave of absence, an employee is subject to the same reduction in force possibilities and provision as though he/she were on active service.

- l. A teacher returning from a leave of absence without salary shall be guaranteed a position for which he/she is certified and qualified.
 - m. Upon returning to service, an employee shall be entitled to restoration of sick leave accumulation, step, and all other accumulated benefits in effect at the time of the beginning of the leave of absence.
 - n. Availability of satisfactory replacement for the individual may be a factor in granting of leave.
4. Mini-Child-Rearing Leave.

Mini-child-rearing leaves are granted by the Board under the following provisions and conditions:

- a. Leaves granted beginning the first day of a school year shall be granted for one or two consecutive quarters or the entire school year. Teachers may return at other times by mutual agreement of the Federation and the Administration. Leaves which begin between the second and ninetieth day of the school year shall be granted for the remainder of the school year. Nonetheless, teachers shall be permitted to return on the first day of the 2nd and 3rd quarters. If a teacher works the 1st full quarter, the teacher may return on the first day of the 4th quarter.
- b. Leaves which begin on the 91st or subsequent day of the school year shall be granted for either the remainder of the current school year or the remainder of the school year and up to the beginning of the second semester (the 91st day) of the following school year. Teachers shall be permitted to return the first day of a school quarter.

A teacher beginning a mini-child-rearing leave within the last thirty (30) days prior to the end of the school year shall receive insurance benefits through the following August 31.

- c. Such leave is without pay or benefits (except that sick days are provided until recovery from delivery as evidenced by a physician's statement). Thereafter benefits may be purchased at the group rates if so desired.
- d. Experience step level does not continue during the period of such leave, but step at the time leave begins is used in determining salary schedule placement upon return to work.
- e. Notification of return from leave must be made in writing to the Human Resources Office at least three weeks prior to the date of return.

- f. A teacher returning from mini-child-rearing leave shall be returned to the position held prior to the onset of the leave. If that position no longer exists, the teacher shall be appointed to an analogous position.
- g. Failure on the part of the teacher who is physically able to return from a mini-child-rearing leave will be construed as a resignation from employment.
- h. A teacher shall not be entitled to both a mini-child-rearing leave and a child rearing leave.
- i. These provisions also apply to adoption.
- j. A teacher granted leave benefits under this section shall have such leave benefits credited against his/her family medical leave act benefits.
- k. A teacher shall provide the Board with 30 days' advance notice of intention to take a mini-child-rearing leave if the leave is reasonably foreseeable.

5. Child Rearing Leave.

Child rearing leaves are granted by the Board under the following provisions and conditions:

- a. Such leaves are for up to a maximum of two (2) calendar years.
- b. Such leaves are without pay or benefits. Benefits may be purchased at the group rates if so desired.
- c. Experience step level does not continue during the period of leave, but the step at the time leave begins is used in determining salary schedule placement upon return to work.
- d. Notification of desire to return from leave in September must be made in writing to the Human Resources Office no later than June 30.
- e. Teachers will be returned according to seniority to their original position if vacant or to analogous openings at the beginning of the academic year or during the school year.
- f. Failure on the part of the teacher to request return to duty or extension of leave by the expiration of leave shall be construed as a resignation from employment.
- g. Upon expiration of leave, if no position is available for which the teacher is certificated and qualified, the leave shall be extended until such time as a position is available, or for a period of two (2) years, whichever comes first.

- h. Child Rearing Leave shall include adoption.
- i. A teacher granted leave benefits under this section shall have such leave benefits credited against his/her family medical leave act benefits.
- j. A teacher shall provide the Board with thirty (30) days' advance notice of intention to take a Child-Rearing leave, if the leave is reasonably foreseeable.

6. Health and Hardship Leaves.

When a teacher is absent because of critical or serious illness of a member of the immediate family, such absence(s) will be deducted from the teacher's personal days to the extent available, and then up to five days shall be deducted from the teacher's sick leave, and shall thereafter be unpaid.

7. Personal Days.

- a. Absences are granted without loss of pay and not deductible from sick leave as follows:

Full time teachers shall be granted two days per year without loss of pay and not deducted from sick leave, for important personal or family business that can only be transacted during the school day. To provide for substitute coverage, teachers shall inform their immediate supervisor of the anticipated need for a personal day as far in advance as possible. The individual must give forty-eight hours notice, except in cases of emergency, to his/her immediate supervisor in advance of taking the leave. The individual is not obligated to explain the reason for his/her leave except to state that it is being taken under this provision. Days for personal leave shall not be used on the last day before holidays or school recesses or the first day of school after holidays or school recesses, unless the immediate supervisor grants approval. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

- b. Teachers may carry forward one unused personal day each year. Unused personal days may be accumulated to a maximum of five (5) days, no more than two (2) of which may be taken consecutively unless the immediate supervisor grants approval.

8. Military Leave.

Leave shall be granted for service in the Armed Forces of the United States in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4151.9.

9. Peace Corps/Teacher Corps.

Leave shall be granted for teaching service in the Peace Corps and/or Teacher Corps and such leave shall be considered as active employment by the Board and entitle the teacher to a maximum of two (2) years credit for salary purposes.

10. Exchange Teacher Leave.

Teachers shall be granted the opportunity to participate in an exchange teacher program in the United States or a foreign country upon recommendation of the Superintendent and approval of the Board with the following provisions:

- a. The Norwalk Board shall continue its exchange teacher under regular salary status.
- b. All rights and privileges of the Norwalk teacher shall continue in effect during the exchange period.
- c. Teachers shall receive salary credit for participation in the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program.

11. Sabbatical Leave.

- a. A sabbatical leave of absence may be granted to regular full-time members of the professional staff. The granting of such leave is subject to approval of the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent, when in their considered judgment, the professional competence of the staff members and the general welfare of the Norwalk Public Schools will be benefited. Sabbatical leave is granted to regular, full-time members of the professional staff for the purpose of improving their ability to render educational services. Such improvement is usually achieved by formal study, research, planned travel, etc.
- b. The rules and regulations governing the sabbatical leave program are as follows:

Leave may be granted for periods up to one (1) year after the completion of seven (7) full consecutive years of employment in Norwalk. At the end of each additional period of seven (7) or more years of employment, leave may be granted again. The Superintendent and the Board may extend the leave period beyond one (1) year in special circumstances.
- c. Application for sabbatical leaves must be submitted no later than November 15 of the preceding school year for which the sabbatical will be granted.

- d. The Board shall take action on sabbatical applications no later than December 15. Alternates should be chosen from among those who meet the criteria to replace those who do not accept offered sabbatical.
- e. While on sabbatical leave, the teacher shall be paid seventy-five percent (75%) of the amount of his/her base salary for the leave period according to the current salary schedule, excluding extra compensation, if any.
- f. The period of leave shall count as regular service for the purpose of retirement and payment to the retirement fund shall therefore continue.
- g. The period of leave shall count as regular service for the purpose of salary increment and upon the return of the teacher to his/her regular professional position, he/she shall be entitled to the normal salary increment and any other increases and benefits.
- h. The sabbatical leave salary shall remain in effect even if the teacher receives any cash award or grant. The sabbatical leave salary shall be adjusted so that the recipient does not receive more than his/her salary. Specific expense directly related to the realization of the purposes for which the sabbatical leave was granted are exempt from this provision.
- i. A teacher, upon completion of sabbatical leave, shall be returned to the same school and position previously held. If that position no longer exists, the returnee shall be assigned in accordance with Article XIV, Reduction in Force.
- j. Insofar as possible, a proportionate division of leaves shall be granted to the various departments of the bargaining unit.
- k. A staff member, in accepting a sabbatical from the Board, shall agree to return to the service of the Board for one year after the expiration of leave; or, if the sabbatical leave is for a period less than one year, to complete that year in the service of the Board.
- l. Sabbatical leave may be available to one percent (1%) of the bargaining unit as of January 1 provided such applicants meet the approved criteria and guidelines.
- m. The recipient of a sabbatical leave shall give a report to the Board upon returning from leave.

12. General Leave Provisions.

- a. In those cases where pay deductions for absences by teachers are necessary, they shall be figured by dividing the year's salary by 200 days.

- b. All requests for leaves of absences shall be decided on their merit.
- c. The period of leave shall not count as regular employment for the purpose of accumulating sick leave. However, any sick leave accumulated prior to the leave shall remain in effect upon return.

A teacher applying for leave shall be informed that it is illegal to take employment in any other Connecticut town while on leave from Norwalk, and then return to Norwalk and attempt to buy the leave time back for retirement purposes.

13. Medical and Life Insurance Benefits During Leaves.

Teachers on leave shall be allowed to purchase medical and life insurance benefits at the group rate if desired. The payments are due on or before the 10th of each month.

Benefits continuation shall be restricted to one of the following options:

- a. **Full Coverage**
The same medical and life insurance coverage the employee has at the time the leave is granted.
- b. **Basic Coverage**
Includes Anthem HSA Medical Insurance Plan only and excludes vision, dental and life insurance.
- c. **No Coverage**
No change in options shall be permitted during the leave of absence unless there is a substantial change in the employee's family status.

When a teacher returns to active employment on or before the 15th of the month, the Board of Education shall pay the full premium. If the teacher returns after the 15th of the month, he/she shall pay the full premium.

14. Compensatory Time.

Compensatory time shall not be issued for teachers. All teachers shall be paid on a per-diem basis for extra time worked at the request of the administration.

15. Bereavement Leave.

All employees shall be entitled to five (5) work days leave, without the loss of pay, in the event of death in the immediate family. The immediate family shall be defined as husband, wife, mother, father, brother, sister, child, grandfather, grandmother, mother-in-law, father-

in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law and grandchild. Employees shall be entitled to one (1) working day leave without loss of pay in the event of the death of a brother-in-law, sister-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, or first cousin.

16. If prior approval is granted by the Superintendent or his designee, teachers may be absent from duty to attend conferences or visit in other schools with no deduction from their pay. Reimbursement for expenses incurred by the teacher is made only with the special approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee.
17. Adoption Leave.

With the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, teachers who are pursuing adoption may use up to a total of four weeks of paid sick leave for essential travel related to adoption. Teachers shall provide documentation to the Superintendent of Schools outlining the anticipated time of absence and the reason for its length, e.g., travel to a foreign country. The use of this time does not have to be in a single block.

If a teacher has less accumulated sick days than is necessary for the paid adoption leave, the teacher shall receive the difference between his/her pay and the daily substitute pay rate.

ARTICLE X HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE

1. The Board shall provide coverage for certificated personnel as follows:
 - a. **Medical Insurance**
The Board shall provide employee and family coverage in an insured Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield high deductible Health Savings Account (“HSA”) Plan, as described more fully in Appendix A-4. An ex-spouse shall be provided with Health Insurance coverage when the divorce decree requires such Health Insurance coverage. Employees currently receiving this benefit shall be grandfathered. Effective September 1, 2013, this eligibility shall not apply to other bargaining members not grandfathered.
 - b. **Vision Care**
The Board shall provide for employee and family coverage in the Anthem Vision Care Plan currently provided which is incorporated in and made a part of this Collective Bargaining Agreement.
 - c. **Dental Care**
The Board shall provide for employee and family coverage in a Delta Dental Premier Preferred Provider Plan which is incorporated in and made a part of this Collective Bargaining Agreement with modifications described more fully in Appendix A-4.

- d. Each employee electing the health insurance package provided pursuant to Article X, Sections 1a through 1c, shall contribute 12% of the cost through payroll deduction pursuant to an IRC Section 125 Plan.

In 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, employees electing the health insurance package provided pursuant to Article X, Sections 1a through 1c shall contribute 14% of the cost through payroll deduction pursuant to an IRC Section 125 plan.

- e. **Life Insurance**

- (1) The Board shall provide 100% premium for \$150,000.00 term life insurance for each employee.
 - (2) Employees shall have the option of converting the term life insurance provided by the Board to whole life insurance or universal life insurance provided that the Board assumes no additional premium cost.
 - (3) Employees may elect to increase their own term life insurance coverage by up to an additional \$250,000 provided the Board assumes no additional premium cost.
 - (4) Employees, age 50 or over, may elect to decrease their term life insurance coverage to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) (or the indexed amount) IRS standard for tax advantaged coverage.
2. The Board shall be liable for all uninsured medical costs whenever a teacher is absent from school as a result of personal injury caused by an accident arising out of and in the course of his/her employment. Such absence shall not be charged to sick leave.
 3. If a teacher is absent with a contagious childhood disease directly traceable to contact made in school, the absence will not be charged against him/her. Satisfactory evidence must be provided by the teacher to the Superintendent or his designee.
 4. Certificated personnel retiring before 65 years of age shall be permitted to keep medical insurance coverage at their own expense provided, however, that such is not contrary to law or to the major medical insurance policy, and, provided further, that such would in no way represent any cost to the Board. Retirees and spouses who are eligible for Medicare are removed from the Board medical insurance plan as of the date of their Medicare eligibility.
 5. **Section 125 Plan**
At no cost to the Board, the Board shall provide the employees with a Section 125 cafeteria plan consistent with the statutes and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service. Such I.R.C. Section 125 Plan, in addition to a premium share deduction feature, shall also include an

Internal Revenue Code Section 125 pre-tax medical expense account also known as a Reimbursement Account Plan for the purpose of enabling eligible employees to divert a portion of their gross salaries, prior to reduction for federal income taxes, by a minimum of \$100 to a maximum of \$5,000 (or less, if required by the Internal Revenue Code) per plan year for health reimbursement (including but not limited to their aforesaid share of the premium cost for such plans, uncovered medical and dental expenses, and deductibles), and by a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$5,000 per plan year for dependent care, into an account from which, during the course of the plan year (or less, if required by the Internal Revenue Code), they can be reimbursed for the aforesaid health care costs and dependent care costs they or their covered dependents incur which are not covered by the medical or dental plans described in this Agreement. Such election shall be optional for the employee and this plan shall be subject to the laws and regulations of the Internal Revenue Code.

6. **Change of Carrier/Third-Party Administrator**

The Board reserves the right to change the carrier/third party administrator for the benefits described in this Article and Appendix A-4 if the level of benefits and coverages is substantially equal to current benefits and coverages. The Board agrees to provide the Federation a copy of any RFP it makes, and it shall additionally provide the Federation with all written responses. The Federation shall have fourteen days to comment on the responses before the Board makes a decision whether to change the carrier/third party administrator. Networks shall be considered substantially equivalent if the disruption rate (of doctors comparing the networks) is ten percent or less.

**ARTICLE XI
PROTECTION**

1. If criminal or civil proceedings are brought against a certificated teacher alleging that he/she committed an assault in connection with his/her employment, such teacher may request the Board to furnish legal counsel to defend him/her in such proceedings. If the Board does not provide such counsel and the teacher prevails in the proceedings, then the Board shall reimburse the teacher for reasonable counsel fees incurred by him/her in defending the proceedings.
2. When certificated personnel drive pupils to scheduled, planned or otherwise approved activities which take place away from the school building, certificated personnel and pupils shall be adequately covered by Board Policies governing insurance and liability in accordance with Connecticut Statutes 10-235 and 10-236.
3. It is recognized that inquiries or investigations need to be made when allegations or complaints are made regarding members of the professional staff. The individual concerned shall be given full information, including the identity of the complainant, in sufficient time to prepare his/her defense. No conclusion shall be reached or decisions made, however, until after the staff member has had a full opportunity to defend himself/herself.

4. The Board shall protect and save harmless any teacher from financial loss and expense, including legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of alleged negligence or other act resulting in accidental bodily injury to or death to any person or accidental damage to or destruction of property within or without the school building, provided such teacher at the time of the occurrence resulting in such injury, damage or destruction was acting in the discharge of duties within the scope of employment under the direction of the Board. Such protection shall be in accordance with and subject to the limitations of Connecticut General Statutes, § 10-235.
5. **Disciplinary Action.**
 - a. All written warnings and suspensions shall be for cause. The teacher and the Union shall be informed immediately of all written warnings and suspensions, but by no later than the conclusion of that working day.
 - b. All written warnings and suspensions and the specific reasons for them shall be stated, in writing, and a copy forwarded to the teacher and the Union no later than two working days after such occurrence.
 - c. In the event of any scheduled meeting involving a teacher and his/her supervisor intended to deal with a written warning and/or suspension, the teacher shall have the right to have a Union representative present.
6. The Board shall see that every teacher has some safe, lockable place where coats, pocketbooks and other personal items can be stored during the school day.
7. The Board shall reimburse teachers while on school business for vandalism done to their cars by students. The primary insurance coverage is to be provided by the teacher's own automobile or homeowners insurance plan. The Board will only cover the excess over any valid or collectible insurance carried by the teacher.

ARTICLE XII ASSIGNMENT

1. The best interest of students and the educational program are paramount in the assignment and transfer of certificated personnel. Assignments shall be made after considering the requests and preferences of certificated personnel. Assignments made would be changed only in the best interest of the school system.

2. Teachers shall be notified in writing of their tentative assignments for the coming year no later than June 1. Prior to July 15, such notices shall be in writing and shall include the name of the school, grade or subject matter and any special or unusual circumstances. Consultation between the Superintendent and the Federation shall begin no later than June 15 to discuss the staffing for the succeeding year.
3. To the extent possible, changes in grade assignment in elementary schools, and in subject assignments in secondary schools, shall be voluntary, and in any case, shall not be effected or announced without a prior personal conference at the commencement of which the reason(s) for the proposed change shall be provided to the individual teacher(s) involved with the exception that, if an individual is not available for a conference, having been notified ten (10) days before by registered mail with a return receipt requested, such a change may be made in the best interest of the school system.
4. In arranging schedules for certificated personnel who are assigned to more than one school, an effort shall be made to limit the amount of inter-school travel.
5. No regularly assigned certificated teacher shall be used involuntarily as a substitute teacher except in case of emergency when no substitute is available after a diligent search. If the Board has reasonable notice and opportunity to obtain a substitute, the Board shall engage a substitute, and a regularly assigned certificated teacher shall not be involuntarily assigned as a substitute. Whenever a certificated employee is assigned as a substitute teacher more than three times a year, they shall be paid \$25.47 in 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 per class period, and \$25.97 per class period in 2015-2016. Such payment will take place only after a teacher has actually worked as a substitute for three periods in that year. The above payment will be limited to Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$17,500.00) per year.

ARTICLE XIII TRANSFERS

The best interest of students and the educational program are paramount in the assignment and transfer of certificated personnel. Transfers shall be made after considering the requests and preferences of certificated personnel. Although the Board and the Federation recognize that some transfer of certificated personnel from one school to another is unavoidable, they also recognize that frequent transfer of certificated personnel is disruptive of the educational process and interferes with optimum teacher performance. Therefore, they agree as follows:

1. An involuntary transfer shall be made only after a meeting between the teacher involved and the Superintendent or his/her designee, at which time the teacher shall be notified of the reasons for the transfer. The Superintendent's designee, if any, will be clearly identified prior to the start of the meeting, at the request of the Federation in writing. In the event that

a teacher objects to the transfer at this meeting, upon the request of the teacher, the Federation will be notified and the Superintendent or his designee will meet with the Federation's representatives to discuss the transfer.

2. If there is reason to believe that an involuntary transfer of a teacher after the opening of school may be required because of differences between projected and actual enrollment, the teacher shall be notified of this possibility in writing no later than fifteen(15) school days after the opening of school. The actual transfer, if deemed necessary, shall be effective no later than twenty (20) school days following the opening of school.
3. A list of vacancies in all schools shall be posted in each school for a minimum of ten (10) days prior to closing applications. Upon request of certified personnel being transferred, an up-to-date list will be made available at the Central Office. If qualifications are equal, preference shall be given to the teacher in accordance with seniority in the Norwalk Public Schools. Qualifications include, among other variables, certification, experience, and perceived match during the interview process between the candidate's skills and knowledge and the needs of the position.

Certified personnel who desire a change in grade and/or subject assignment or who desire to transfer to another building shall file a written statement of such desire with the Human Resources Office no later than June 15. Such statement shall include the grade and/or schools (in order of preference, if the teacher has preferences) to which he/she desires to be transferred. The transfer list is active for positions that are vacant between June 15 and August 1. At all other times, vacancies are filled from the candidates who have applied for the positions.

4. Exceptions to the provisions of the numbered Sections above may be made only if the Superintendent determines that it is necessary to do so in the best interests of the teacher(s) and/or school(s) affected. The Federation and the teacher concerned shall be notified of every instance in which the Superintendent shall so determine.

ARTICLE XIV REDUCTION IN FORCE

When reduction of the number of teachers in a school is necessary, qualified volunteers shall be transferred first. If there are no qualified volunteers, the following procedure shall be followed:

1. Elementary
 - a. If there must be reduction in classroom teachers within a building, the classroom teacher(s) in that building at any grade level K-5 who has the lowest seniority defined as years and months of contract service in the Norwalk schools shall be declared to be excess in that school and assigned to a pool of teachers for transfer.

- b. In cases where two teachers have equal seniority, but one's seniority has been attained through accumulated half-time years, the teacher with full-time seniority shall have the privilege of remaining in that school.
- c. If a school must reduce one kindergarten session (1/2 time) from a 2-session assignment (full-time kindergarten teacher) the teacher in the building who has the lowest city-wide seniority in K-5 will be transferred to provide a continued full-time assignment for the kindergarten teacher unless he/she elects to reduce to a half-time assignment or elects to take an additional half-time assignment in another building if such is available.

2. Secondary

If there must be a reduction of classroom teachers, the teacher(s) having lowest seniority city-wide who is currently teaching in the department where reduction is to be made shall be assigned to the transfer pool.

3. General

- a. If, prior to September 1, a full time position becomes available and the highest seniority teacher in the reassignment pool is a half-time teacher, the following procedure shall be followed:
 - 1) Request for voluntary transfers to full-time submitted by half-time teachers shall be reviewed.
 - 2) If among these requests for voluntary transfers there is a teacher(s) with higher seniority than the top seniority teacher in the transfer pool, the teacher with highest seniority shall be offered the full-time position provided that teacher is certified and qualified for the position.
 - 3) The half-time teacher who holds highest seniority in the re-assignment pool shall then be offered the half-time position vacated by the voluntary transferee.
- b. If the full-time position becomes available shortly after the opening of school as a result of the addition of a new position, half-time voluntary transfer requests shall be considered and a final decision made on basis of the best interest of (1) pupils, and (2) teachers.

4. Seniority

- a. Teachers earn seniority on the basis of the total number of months of continuous contract teaching experience in the Norwalk schools, including periods of authorized paid leave. Seniority is not earned during periods of unpaid leave. Half-time teachers earn a month of seniority for each month of continuous contract teaching in the Norwalk schools.
- b. In the event that two (2) or more teachers have equal seniority, the following procedure shall be utilized to determine which teacher is more senior:
 - (1) Board's date of appointment from most recent date of hire. In the event there is a tie,
 - (2) Date of actual starting date from most recent date of hire. In the event there is a tie,
 - (3) Date stamp affixed to the initial signed contract by the Human Resources Office. In the event there is a tie,
 - (4) Date of meeting with Human Resources Officer to formally offer employment and set salary. In the event there is a tie,
 - (5) Decision will be made by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

5. Re-Assignment of Excess Teachers to Vacancies

Among the teachers in the pool for re-assignment, teachers shall be assigned to vacancies by seniority, i.e., if there is a 4th grade vacancy, the teacher in the re-assignment pool who has the proper certification and the highest seniority shall have first opportunity for that assignment. At the secondary level, certification for the vacancy and seniority shall also be followed.

6. Recall Rights

If on September 10, there are continuing contract teachers who have not received an assignment, such teachers shall be placed on extended special leave status without pay or benefits. Such teachers shall be recalled according to seniority to subsequent openings for which they are certified and qualified. Guidelines for transfer of personnel shall apply in the event that two or more teachers hold identical seniority.

These recall rights shall extend only for a period of two (2) years following the end of the school year in which the layoff occurs.

7. Priorities

Regular contract staff, including Sabbatical Leave Returnees, have priority over personnel requesting return from Extended Special Leaves.

Priority List

- a. Sabbatical leave returnees and exchange teacher returnees.
- b. Mini-child-rearing returnees.
- c. Military leave returnees.
- d. Involuntary transferees.
- e. Excess teachers from re-assignment pool.
- f. Leave of Absence without salary returnees.
- g. Child rearing leave returnees.
- h. Extended special leave returnees.
- i. Peace Corps and Teacher Corps returnees.
- j. Voluntary transferees.
- k. New employees.

8. Subsequent Involuntary Transfer

Rules for seniority shall apply even though this may involve a subsequent involuntary transfer for a teacher.

9. Vacancy During School Year

If a vacancy occurs during the school year, the position shall first be offered to teachers on the recall list based on certification, seniority and qualifications. In the event no teacher on the recall list fills the vacancy, the position shall be posted for a minimum of ten (10) days prior to closing applications.

In the event of exceptional circumstances, the Board shall consult with the Federation to develop a plan which would result in the least disruption to students and staff.

10. Administrator Returning To The Teacher Bargaining Unit

Should it be necessary to return an administrator to the teacher bargaining unit:

- a. Former administrators shall return to the teachers bargaining unit effective September 1.
- b. The former administrator shall receive seniority credit for all service to the Norwalk Board of Education in a certified position from most recent date of hire.
- c. The former administrator shall, for purposes of assignment, be treated as a teacher under the procedures set forth in this article.

**ARTICLE XV
PROMOTIONS**

1. All openings for positions paying a salary differential and all openings for specialists who are not classroom teachers shall be posted on the District's website at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the closing date for applications. Positions covered by the administrative salary schedule shall be posted in accordance with the agreement between the Board of Education and the Norwalk Association of School Administrators. Staff members shall have an adequate opportunity to submit qualifications for special programs which are separate from regular duties and for which there is compensation. If qualifications, including education, are equal, preference shall be given to present employees for all promotions. Applicants applying shall be notified in writing of the decision before said decision is made public.
2. If an administrative position is covered on an acting basis, it shall last in duration for a maximum of sixty (60) days from the time the acting appointment is made, except where demonstrable special circumstances require additional time.
3. If an administrative position is covered on an acting basis, the Board shall use its best efforts to appoint an acting person who is not a candidate for the permanent position.

**ARTICLE XVI
NON-EDUCATIONAL DUTIES**

The Board and the Federation agree that an educator's primary responsibility is to educate and that his/her energy should, to the greatest extent possible, be utilized to this end. The Board and the Federation recognize that teacher aides, clerical and non-professional employees are a vital necessity in order to implement this principle.

ARTICLE XVII
WORKDAY AND SCHOOL YEAR

1. The length of the student school year shall be determined by the Board of Education. All teachers shall work the student school year, plus the following additional days: three in-service days (Professional Days) and one Convocation Day. Teachers new to the school system shall be scheduled for an orientation day. The in-service days shall be held with no students in attendance. The length of days shall be the same. The programs and dates shall be subject to consultation between the Superintendent and the Federation President.
2. Prior to May 1 each year the Superintendent shall consult with the Federation over the school calendar. In the event of a disagreement concerning the school calendar, such shall not be a subject of arbitration.
3. Teacher workday as determined by the Board, except as otherwise provided for herein, shall not exceed six (6) hours and thirty-five (35) minutes at the elementary school level, seven (7) hours and five (5) minutes at the middle school level, and seven (7) hours and fifteen (15) minutes at the high school level. These times include the duty-free lunch period set forth in Article XIX and the teachers' reporting time set forth in this Article. At the elementary school level, the teacher work day on Wednesdays from the third week of school through the month of May shall be seven (7) hours and five (5) minutes. The additional half hour will be scheduled at the beginning of the work day and will be used for collaborative professional activities planned by the building administration.
4. Section 3 of this Article may be reopened in the event block scheduling is established at the secondary level.
5. Teachers shall be required to report to school no earlier than fifteen (15) minutes before the start of school and to remain no longer than fifteen (15) minutes after the close of school. On Wednesdays, from the third week of school through the month of May, elementary school teachers shall report to school forty-five (45) minutes before the start of school and shall remain fifteen (15) minutes after the close of school. If, because of problems in a particular school, deviations from standard practice are necessary, such arrangements shall be subject to consultation at the school level under the provisions of Article V, Section 1(b), but in no event shall the total time commitment of any teacher be greater than the total time required by this Section.

ARTICLE XVIII
PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

1. Teachers recognize that their responsibility to their students and their profession requires the performance of duties that involve time beyond that of the normal school day. Attendance at parent conferences is a professional obligation. Attendance at PTA meetings by teachers shall only be required at meetings which are concerned with curriculum and/or student progress.
2. Faculty meetings shall be limited to a maximum of two per month and shall normally be completed in 45 minutes, but shall not exceed one hour. The faculty meeting shall begin ten minutes after the dismissal of the last class of the day. City-wide departmental meetings shall be limited to two each semester and shall not be scheduled in the same week as other meetings involving the same teachers.

Faculty meetings shall have a written agenda which shall be printed on the attendance bulletin and distributed to each teacher no later than the morning of the school day the meeting is scheduled. This provision shall not preclude the administration from adding or deleting items to such agenda. The failure to distribute an agenda shall not relieve teachers of the obligation to attend.

3. Curriculum in-service meetings involving the same teachers shall be limited to one (1) per month, except during those months where there are five (5) Mondays or Tuesdays, two (2) in-service meetings may be held.
4. Once a month the same teachers may be asked to attend either an additional mini-faculty meeting or a mini-curriculum in-service meeting with the same restrictions as days of the week, starting time and length of time as outlined in paragraphs one and three above. This meeting shall not occur on the day the bargaining unit holds its monthly general membership meeting.
5. The Federation shall not schedule meetings during the school day except with prior approval of the Superintendent.
6. All teachers, including part-time teachers, are required to attend all professional meetings, including, but not limited to, faculty meetings and professional development workshops. Part-time teachers who are not scheduled for one or both of the last two periods of the teaching day shall be paid for the meeting time at the in-service hourly training rate.

**ARTICLE XIX
DUTY-FREE LUNCH PERIOD**

Every teacher shall have a 30-minute duty-free lunch period daily. If unusual building restrictions exist, a deviation of no more than three minutes may be made.

**ARTICLE XX
TEACHING HOURS AND TEACHING LOAD**

1. It is recognized that the number of pupils assigned to a teacher has a relationship to the quality of instruction offered. The Federation and the Board shall continue to consult to eliminate as rapidly as possible all instructional classes of heterogeneously grouped children in excess of twenty-two (22) students per class in grades K, 1, 2; twenty-four (24) students per class in grades 3, 4, 5; and twenty-eight (28) students per class at the secondary level. These class size provisions shall not be applicable to magnet schools.
2. The Board intends to maintain a pupil-teacher ratio of 24.0 to 1 at the elementary schools and 21.3 to 1 at the secondary schools, exclusive of team teaching, during the length of this agreement.
3. Ratio Positions Defined:
 - a. **Elementary - Included** in the ratio are all grade level classroom teaching positions*** and redeployed teaching stations.

Excluded from elementary ratio are: Physical Education, Art, Music, Traveling Librarian, all Special Education (including learning centers, learning disabilities, speech and hearing, visually handicapped and gifted children), Corrective Reading, Language Development, Social Workers, Psychologists and all special grant positions such as Career Education, Bilingual, etc.
 - b. **Secondary - Included** in the ratio are subject area positions including Physical Education, Art, Vocal Music, and redeployed teaching positions.

Excluded from the secondary ratio are: Briggs High School, Special Education, Guidance Counselors, Librarians, Planetarium, Young Parents Program, Social Workers, Psychologists, and all special grant positions as Bilingual, Career Education Aero Space, Vocational Education, Drop-out, etc. Release time for department chairpersons is not charged to ratio.

*** Kindergarten enrollment is divided by 2 before ratio is applied when Kindergarten is scheduled on a half day session.

4. Secondary teachers shall not be required to teach in more than two subject disciplines nor more than three subject fields. Where there are numerous single sections of classes, the possibility for assignments of more than three subject fields can be anticipated.
5. Exception to the provisions of Paragraph 4, above, may be made if the Superintendent determines that it is necessary to do so in the best interest of the educational process. The Federation shall be notified in writing of each instance in which the Superintendent shall so determine.
6. During the time elementary pupils are instructed by specialists, the classroom teacher shall be free to perform professional tasks which are deemed by the classroom teacher to be of educational benefit. All elementary school classroom teachers shall be afforded equalized preparation time to the extent that the services of specialists can be equalized in each elementary building and between buildings. This shall take place no later than November 1st of each year.
7. All elementary school teachers shall continue to be granted a daily preparation period which averages no less than 30 minutes a day unless, in the judgment of the Board, significant reductions in the education budget require a reduction in specialists.
8. If the principal of an elementary school must be absent for a day or a substantial portion, adequate supervision shall exist to insure the health, safety and welfare of the students. Whenever a certificated teacher is performing elementary building supervision, he/she shall be provided a substitute to cover his/her class. If no substitute is provided, he/she shall be paid \$25.47 per hour in 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, and \$25.97 per hour in 2015-2016.
9. High school teachers shall not teach more than five (5) periods per day.
10. Each elementary school shall hold an evening of parent conferences each November and March and on said days teachers shall be released one and a half (1 ½) hours prior to the normal student dismissal time. Each school shall hold its conferences on one night (Monday -Thursday) between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. for all teachers in the school. The Board agrees that each school shall be properly supervised. The parties recognize that all conferences cannot be completed within the evening schedule outlined. All remaining parent conferences that cannot be accommodated during the evening period shall be scheduled by individual teachers at their professional discretion for a time that is mutually convenient. In the event a faculty meeting is scheduled for elementary teachers during a conference week, there will be no conferences on the Monday when the faculty meeting is scheduled and there will be a 90 minute early dismissal on one day later in the week.

This time shall be used by the elementary teachers for parent conferences. No other required meetings shall be scheduled for elementary teachers during conference weeks.

11. On elementary school early release days, middle school and high school teachers will not be dismissed early, but rather will be engaged in professional development activities.
12. The administration shall, to the extent lawful and not inconsistent with a Planning and Placement Team's program, provide teachers with the right to review their students' files. Said files shall be made available within one week after the beginning of school or within one week after said student enrolled in school.
13. All middle and high school certificated personnel below the rank of assistant principal, who have had a preparation period, shall continue to have one, and each teacher may utilize this period in the fashion he/she deems necessary. No such teacher shall be deprived of a preparation period without his/her consent except temporarily in an emergency. No emergency, however, shall be deemed to exist as a result of financial difficulties experienced by the Board.
14. All elementary specialists (Art, Music and Physical Education) shall have a minimum of three (3) minutes transition time between classes. If unusual scheduling circumstances concerning this transition time between classes arise, the building administrator shall give written notice to the Superintendent who shall consult with the Federation President.
15. High school teachers, except teachers of physical education, health, music and other classes that meet every other day shall have a maximum student load of 130. Students assigned to science laboratory classes are not included in the 130 total. These loads under this section shall be averaged over the school year.
16. When creating laboratory classes in Science, Technology Education and Computers, the Administration shall not exceed the number of student stations available and equipment available to properly protect the health and safety of the students when the classes are composed and/or students are added.

ARTICLE XXI TENURE AND DISMISSAL

The tenure and dismissal of teachers shall be in accordance with Section 10-151 of the Connecticut General Statutes. If the tenure law, Connecticut General Statutes 10-151 is eliminated, the parties agree to reopen this Article, and to devise, through the Consultation Procedure, a new method of affording teachers a fair employment practice guarantee and security.

**ARTICLE XXII
PERSONNEL FILES**

1. Personnel Files.
 - a. A personnel file for each teacher pertaining to the teacher's performance in the Norwalk Public Schools shall be developed and maintained in the Human Resources Office.
 - b. Given reasonable notice, each teacher shall have the right to inspect his/her own personnel file, to question or to comment in writing or to reproduce any material therein, providing such reproduction occurs in the place designated by the Administration.
 - c. Before any derogatory material has been made a part of a teacher's personnel file, the teacher shall be given the opportunity to read and sign such material. Such signature does not constitute concurrence with the content of the material. Any response by a teacher shall be attached to the material in question.
 - d. In the event it is deemed appropriate to remove any materials from the teacher's file, either by request of the teacher or by the desire of the administration, such removal shall be subject to consultation and with the approval of the Superintendent or his designee.
 - e. Administrators shall enclose in the file information of a positive nature indicating special competencies, achievements, performances or contributions of an academic, professional or civic nature.
 - f. These above provisions shall apply to any files maintained on any teacher, and the teacher shall have access.
2. Each certificated teacher shall be observed during the school year as deemed necessary by the Superintendent and administrative staff. Appropriate records of observations and conferences shall be kept and inserted in the teacher's personnel file. Certificated personnel may have access to their own personnel file.

**ARTICLE XXIII
ADULT EDUCATION, SUMMER SCHOOL AND HOMEBOUND PROGRAMS**

1. Positions in the Norwalk Adult Education Program and Summer School shall, to the extent possible, be filled first by certificated teachers regularly employed in the Norwalk Public Schools.

2. In filling such positions, competence in the subject, quality of teaching performance and prior experience shall also be considered. If other qualifications are equal, length of service in the Norwalk Public Schools shall be considered.
3. All openings for summer school positions shall be listed as early as possible so interested teachers may apply.
4. The above procedures shall be followed for all other programs conducted by the Board.

ARTICLE XXIV INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND FACILITIES

Recognizing the statutory responsibility of the Board and also the professional competence and skills of the staff in relation to these matters, the Board agrees to provide opportunity for the full participation of the faculty members concerned in the making of recommendations in the selection of instructional materials, curriculum changes and implementation, and educational facilities. It is understood that discussions at the school level regarding instructional materials and educational facilities would be appropriate under the provisions of Article V, Section 1(b).

The Norwalk Board of Education shall notify the Federation in writing of the formation and composition of each committee formed concerning instructional materials, curriculum changes/implementation, and educational facilities at least five (5) school days prior to the first meeting of said committee.

ARTICLE XXV OTHER PROVISIONS

1. In order to facilitate the evaluation of students, certificated personnel shall have access to the permanent student records of the students they serve which shall be safeguarded at all times.
2. By September 15, to the extent lawful, certificated personnel shall be given all available data on pupils' mental or physical conditions that will assist the teacher in the performance of his/her duties. The confidentiality of the records shall be respected.
3. Releases made by any group concerning decisions shall be specific in identifying the individuals or groups making the announcements.
4. Teachers shall initiate conferences with parents, whenever in the opinion of the teacher or supervisor such conferences will benefit the pupil. Teachers are urged to make full use of all organizations and other resources of the community which shall contribute to the educational welfare of the pupils and promote a good educational climate.

5. Certificated personnel are to take reasonable and necessary steps to provide individual help for their students. If a student is suspended from school for disciplinary reasons, it is not the responsibility of the certificated teacher to provide special instruction.
6. If a student, other than one who is homebound because of extended illness, is to receive private instructions (instrumental, music, etc.), it should be provided by certificated personnel other than those assigned to teach or direct the student in a program or activity. In that event, the financial arrangements are to be made directly between the parents and the tutor.
7. Because public school facilities should not be used for private gain, private tutoring cannot take place in the school building.
8. Norwalk teachers who live outside the district shall be permitted to have their children attend Norwalk Public Schools tuition free. Such tuition free education does not include special education or related services above the cost per pupil for the appropriate level. The child or children of a teacher shall be assigned to whatever school or class the Board deems appropriate. In the event of a dispute concerning the child's education, the written decision of the Board shall be final, and any attempt to challenge or overrule such a final decision shall result in loss of tuition free privileges. In the event a student causes serious discipline problems, the tuition free privilege may be revoked by the Board.
9. Teachers who work fewer than 5 days per week, i.e. guidance counselors and social workers, etc., who would not have worked on a day school is cancelled do not have to make up that day.
10. All substitute teachers working forty (40) days or more in the same position shall be paid the following long-term daily rate.

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2013-2014	\$233.47
2014-2015	\$233.47
2015-2016	\$238.47

11. Teachers who receive National Board Certification after September 1, 2006 will receive a one lump sum payment of \$5,000.

ARTICLE XXVI DEDUCTIONS

1. Deductions from paychecks shall be in accordance with Board Policy #4142.
2. The Board agrees to deduct dues for the Federation. The Board shall remit all such deductions within fifteen (15) days to the Federation, but shall use its best efforts to remit within ten (10) days.
3. The deductions for the Federation dues and Agency Shop Fees shall be equally divided and withheld from each of the first twenty-two (22) paychecks.
4. The Board shall continue to deduct an authorized deduction for the Tax Shelter Annuity Program, including IRS 403(b) and 457 programs.
5. The Board agrees to make available payroll deduction for contributions to the N.F.T. COPE Committee from the salaries of those teachers who individually and voluntarily, in writing, notify the Board to do so. The Board shall remit all such deductions within fifteen (15) days to the Federation but shall use its best efforts to remit within ten (10) days.

ARTICLE XXVII ETHICAL CONDUCT

The Board and the Federation share a mutual concern with respect to maintenance of professional standards among members of the Norwalk educational staff.

ARTICLE XXVIII DISCIPLINE

The Board and Federation recognize and accept the responsibility of the Board, school administration, and teachers to provide for effective and appropriate discipline in the Norwalk schools. It is recognized that the responsibility for immediate discipline in the classroom is rightfully that of the teacher. It is also recognized that the Board shall give reasonable support and assistance to teachers with respect to the maintenance and control of discipline in the classroom within the limitations of the law. It is further recognized that the teacher has the responsibility for discipline in the total school setting. The Board recognizes that the teacher may not fairly be expected to assume full responsibility for students who are willfully and repeatedly disruptive. It is the joint responsibility of both teachers and administrators to communicate in regard to such students and to cooperate in the solution of the problem. Procedures relative to discipline in the classroom and schools shall be distributed to students, teachers and parents each year.

**ARTICLE XXIX
DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS AND SUBJECT AREA LEADERS**

High School

High School Department Chairpersons shall be provided in the following areas at each High School:

Art	Music
Business Education	Science
English	Social Studies
Family & Consumer Sciences	Special Education
Guidance	Technology Education
Health & Physical Education	World Languages
Math	

High School Department Chairpersons shall be provided with the following release time per day:

1-3 Teachers	No Release Time
4-8 Teachers	1 Period of Release Time Per Day
9 or more Teachers	2 Periods of Release Time Per Day

All Department Chairpersons shall receive the stipend found in Appendix A-5.

All Department Chairpersons shall be provided with secretarial support services.

Middle School

Subject Area Leaders shall be provided in the following areas at each middle school:

English	Science
Math	Social Studies

Subject-Area Leaders shall receive the stipend for Middle School Subject-Area Leaders as found in Appendix A-5 to cover minimal administrative responsibilities.

Subject-Area Leaders shall not be provided with release time.

Nothing in this article shall prevent the Board from eliminating the positions enumerated or reorganizing staff. In the event the Board affects a staff reorganization in the area of Department Chairpersons and Subject Area Leaders, the Board shall negotiate the impact of such reorganization.

All High School Department Chairpersons, High School Subject Area Leaders, Middle School Subject Area Leaders and Coordinators who are appointed by the Board on or after September 1, 2000, shall have appointments of five years' duration and said appointments may be subject to re-posting at the end of the five-year period at the Board's sole discretion.

ARTICLE XXX EARLY RETIREMENT

1. Any teacher whose current age plus number of years' experience total at least eighty (80) and who has been employed by the Board for at least fifteen (15) years, and who is eligible for retirement as defined in the Connecticut General Statutes and who is at least 55 years of age at the time of retirement, may elect to retire early under the following conditions:
 - a. Such qualified teacher shall notify the Human Resource Office of intent to retire at least sixty (60) days in advance of anticipated retirement date.
 - b. Early retirement may begin on either September 1 or February 1 of any given school year.
 - c. Any employee furnishing documented evidence of permanent physical disability who does not qualify under the provisions of this article may individually request the Board to be afforded all benefits of the early Retirement Plan. Each case will be individually considered by the Board.

2. Health Insurance.
 - a. Each early retiree shall receive individual health insurance coverage afforded other members of the bargaining unit by whom the retiree was represented from time of retirement to age 65. The retiree has the choice of continuing dependent coverage under the Board's group rates at no cost to the Board.

ARTICLE XXXI IN-SERVICE CREDIT

Teachers who have received In-Service credit on the salary schedule prior to July 1, 2013 shall maintain such credit for salary schedule placement purposes.

**ARTICLE XXXII
NO STRIKE**

During the term of this Agreement, the Federation shall not cause, counsel, sponsor or participate in any strike or work stoppage in the Norwalk Public Schools. During the term of this Agreement, no professional employee shall participate in any strike or work stoppage in the Norwalk Public Schools.

**ARTICLE XXXIII
LONGEVITY**

1. A teacher shall have taught a total of at least fifteen (15) years in Norwalk to qualify for longevity.
2. A teacher shall be placed on L-1 after completing seventeen (17) years.
3. A teacher shall be placed on L-2 after completing twenty-two (22) years.
4. A teacher shall be placed on L-3 after completing twenty-seven (27) years.
5. A teacher shall be placed on L-4 after completing thirty-two (32) years.

**ARTICLE XXXIV
DURATION**

This Agreement shall be in full force and effect from September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2016.

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**APPENDIX A-1
TEACHERS' SALARY SCHEDULE**

2013-2014

STEP	BA	BA+15	MA	MA+15	6 YR	6 YR+15	7 YR	DR
1	48,994	50,189	51,384	54,969	58,554	62,139	66,919	81,259
2	50,189	51,384	52,579	56,165	59,749	63,334	68,114	83,649
3	51,384	52,579	53,775	57,359	60,944	64,529	69,309	86,039
4	52,579	53,775	54,969	58,554	62,139	65,724	70,504	88,429
5	54,969	56,165	57,359	60,944	64,529	68,114	72,894	90,819
6	56,165	57,359	58,554	62,139	65,724	69,309	74,088	93,209
7	57,359	58,554	59,749	63,334	66,919	70,504	75,284	95,599
8	58,554	61,541	64,529	68,114	71,698	75,882	79,466	99,781
9	63,334	68,114	72,296	75,882	79,466	83,649	87,233	103,964
10	69,279	75,231	81,184	84,477	87,770	91,824	96,003	109,935
L-1	70,529	76,480	82,434	85,727	89,019	93,073	97,252	111,185
L-2	73,028	78,980	84,933	88,226	91,519	95,573	99,752	113,684
L-3	76,777	82,729	88,682	91,975	95,268	99,322	103,501	117,433
L-4	81,776	87,727	93,681	96,973	100,266	104,320	108,499	122,431

Teachers shall not move a step in 2013-2014.

**APPENDIX A-2
TEACHERS' SALARY SCHEDULE 2014-2015**

2014-2015

STEP	BA	BA + 15	MA	MA + 15	6 YR	6 YR + 15	7 YR	DR
1	50,219	51,444	52,668	56,343	60,018	63,692	68,591	83,290
2	51,444	52,668	53,895	57,569	61,242	64,917	69,818	85,741
3	52,668	53,895	55,119	58,793	62,469	66,142	71,042	88,190
4	53,895	55,119	56,343	60,018	63,692	67,367	72,267	90,640
5	56,343	57,569	58,793	62,469	66,142	69,818	74,716	93,088
6	57,569	58,793	60,018	63,692	67,367	71,042	75,940	95,539
7	58,793	60,018	61,242	64,917	68,591	72,267	77,165	97,989
8	60,018	63,080	66,142	69,818	73,491	77,779	81,453	102,276
9	64,917	69,818	74,103	77,779	81,453	85,741	89,415	106,563
10	71,011	77,112	83,214	86,589	89,964	94,120	98,402	112,683
L-1	72,292	78,393	84,495	87,870	91,244	95,401	99,683	113,965
L-2	74,854	80,953	87,056	90,432	93,807	97,962	102,245	116,526
L-3	78,697	84,796	90,899	94,274	97,650	101,804	106,089	120,369
L-4	83,820	89,920	96,022	99,398	102,773	106,928	111,211	125,493

On September 1, 2014 each teacher on step shall move up one step on the salary schedule above the step they were on on August 31, 2014.

APPENDIX A-3
TEACHERS' SALARY SCHEDULE 2015-2016

The parties shall negotiate over Appendix A, Salary Schedule 2015-2016, through reopener negotiations in accordance with statute. Article XXXIII, Longevity, shall also be subject to negotiation in such reopener negotiations.

Step movement for 2015-2016 shall be negotiated in accordance with statute.

**APPENDIX A-4
HEALTH INSURANCE**

The Board shall provide each bargaining unit Member and his/her enrolled dependents with an insured Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield high deductible Health Savings Account Plan which replicates the PPO plan coverage provisions in effect December 31, 2009, except that non-surgical treatment for TMJ and private duty nursing provisions shall terminate effective January 1, 2014.

The HSA plan will have the following provisions.

Deductible: The deductible amounts for single and family respectively shall be:

\$1500/3,000, and shall increase to \$2,000/4,000, effective January 1, 2015.

The HSA deductible is a combined in and out of network deductible.

In network coinsurance: 0%

Out of network coinsurance: 80/20% plan/member

Maximum coinsurance OOP \$900/1800, effective January 1, 2014 Maximum coinsurance OOP \$1,500/3,000, effective January 1, 2016 Maximum coinsurance OOP \$2,000/4,000.

Prescription Drugs: Retail \$10/\$25/\$40
 Mail Order \$20/\$50/\$80
 Prescription Duration: 30/90 days
 Managed Public Sector Formulary and Edits
 Copays Apply after Deductible has been Reached

The percentile reimbursement is 80th percentile out of network

The Board of Education will make a deposit each plan year to the participant's HSA account in the amount of 75% of the applicable deductible value, effective January 1, 2014, 65%, and effective January 1, 2016 50%. The Board will make its deductible deposit as follows: one-half the value on the first day of the plan year with the balance to be transferred in monthly installments.

The Board shall maintain the present PPO for the limited purpose of providing benefits to exempt Bargaining Unit members. The following bargaining unit members would be exempt from the HSA:

Medicare participants who are active employees of the Board of Education
Cross Covered employees
Off cycle hires or newly eligible active participants.

Dental Plan changes effective with implementation of the HSA:

- 1) Calendar year maximum to \$5,000
- 2) Move sealants from B to A
- 3) Increase the lifetime maximum for Ortho to \$4,000
- 4) Increase the dental implant coverage to a lifetime maximum of \$3,000



Lumenos HSA Plan Summary

The Lumenos[®] HSA plan is designed to empower you to take control of your health, as well as the dollars you spend on your health care. This plan gives you the benefits you would receive from a typical health plan, plus health care dollars to spend your way. And, you can earn rewards by taking certain steps to improve your health.

Your Lumenos HSA Plan

First - Use your HSA to pay for covered services:

Health Savings Account

With the Lumenos Health Savings Account (HSA), you can contribute pre-tax dollars to your HSA account. Others may also contribute dollars to your account. You can use these dollars to help meet your annual deductible responsibility. Unused dollars can be saved or invested and accumulate through retirement.

Contributions to Your HSA

For 2014, contributions can be made to your HSA up to the following:

\$3,300 individual coverage

\$6,500 family coverage

Note: These limits apply to all combined contributions from any source.

Plus - To help you stay healthy, use:

Preventive Care

100% coverage for nationally recommended services. Included are the preventive care services that meet the requirements of federal and state law, including certain screenings, immunizations and physician visits.

Preventive Care

No deductions from the HSA or out-of-pocket costs for you as long as you receive your preventive care from an in-network provider. If you choose to go to an out-of-network provider, your deductible or Traditional Health Coverage benefits will apply.

Then -

Your Bridge Responsibility

The Bridge is an amount you pay out of your pocket until you meet your annual deductible responsibility. Your bridge amount will vary depending on how many of your HSA dollars, if any, you choose to spend to help you meet your annual deductible responsibility. If you contribute HSA dollars up to the amount of your deductible and use them, your Bridge will equal \$0.

HSA dollars spent on covered services plus your Bridge Responsibility add up to your annual deductible responsibility.

Health Account + Bridge = Deductible

Bridge

Your Bridge responsibility will vary.

Annual Deductible Responsibility

\$1,500 individual coverage

\$3,000 family coverage

If Needed -

Traditional Health Coverage

Your Traditional Health Coverage begins after you have met your Bridge responsibility.

Traditional Health Coverage

After your bridge, the plan pays:

100% for in-network providers

80% for out-of-network providers

Additional Protection

For your protection, the total amount you spend out of your pocket is limited. Once you spend that amount, the plan pays 100% of the cost for covered services for the remainder of the plan year.

Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum

In-Network and Out-of-Network Providers

\$3,000 individual coverage

\$6,000 family coverage

Your annual out-of-pocket maximum consists of funds you spend from your HSA, your Bridge responsibility and your coinsurance amounts.

And even -

Earn Rewards

What's special about your Lumenos HSA plan is that you may earn reward dollars to redeem for gift cards to select retailers. It's how your Lumenos plan rewards you for taking steps to improve your health.

Earn Rewards

If you do this:

Complete the MyHealth Assessment online

Enroll in the MyHealth Coach Program

Graduate from the MyHealth Coach Program

Complete our Tobacco Free Program

Complete our Healthy Weight Program

You can earn:

\$50

\$100

\$200

\$50

\$50

Some eligibility requirements apply. See page 2 for program descriptions..

If you have questions, please call toll-free 1-888-224-4896.

Healthy Rewards

You can earn reward dollars to redeem for gift cards at select retailers. Earn rewards for the following:

- **MyHealth Assessment:** You and your family members can complete the MyHealth Assessment, our online tool designed to help measure your overall health. One adult family member is eligible to earn \$50 per plan year. The health information you provide is strictly confidential.
- **MyHealth Coach:** If you qualify for the MyHealth Coach Program, you'll receive one-on-one assistance from a specially trained registered nurse to help you manage a health condition. Health conditions may include but are not limited to diabetes, asthma, depression, high blood pressure, heart disease and pregnancy. You'll receive \$100 for enrolling in the MyHealth Coach Program (one reward per covered person per year). You'll receive \$200 for achieving your health goals and graduating from the MyHealth Coach Program (one reward per covered person per year).
- **Tobacco Free Program:** This program helps you manage withdrawal symptoms, identify triggers and learn new behaviors and skills to remain tobacco free. Participation is open to you and your covered family members age 18 or older, and includes counseling support and tools, including nicotine-replacement therapy coverage. You and your spouse are eligible to receive \$50 (one reward per person per lifetime) for completing this program.
- **Healthy Weight Program:** Our Healthy Weight Program is a personalized phone course designed to help you adopt lifestyle changes necessary to lose weight and maintain weight loss. A team of counselors (a registered dietitian and health educator) with expertise in weight management will help you address healthy eating, physical activity and exercise, stress management, and more. You and your covered family members age 18 and older who have a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 25 or higher are eligible for this program. You and your spouse are eligible to receive \$50 (one reward per person per lifetime) for completing the program.

Summary of Covered Services

Preventive Care

Anthem's Lumenos HSA plan covers preventive services recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, the American Cancer Society, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the American Academy of Pediatrics. The Preventive Care benefit includes screening tests, immunizations and counseling services designed to detect and treat medical conditions to prevent avoidable premature injury, illness and death.

All preventive services received from an in-network provider are covered at 100%, are not deducted from your HSA and do not apply to your deductible. If you see an out-of-network provider, then your deductible or out-of-network coinsurance responsibility will apply.

The following is a list of covered preventive care services:

Well Baby and Well Child Preventive Care

Office Visits through age 18; including preventive vision exams

Screening Tests for vision, hearing, and lead exposure. Also includes pelvic exam, Pap test and contraceptive management for females who are age 18, or have been sexually active.

Immunizations:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DtaP)
- Varicella (chicken pox)
- Influenza – flu shot
- Pneumococcal Conjugate (pneumonia)
- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) – cervical cancer
- H. Influenza type b
- Polio
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

Adult Preventive Care

Office Visits after age 18; including preventive vision exams.

Screening Tests for coronary artery disease, colorectal cancer, prostate cancer, diabetes, and osteoporosis. Also includes mammograms, as well as pelvic exams, Pap test and contraceptive management.

Immunizations:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DtaP)
- Varicella (chicken pox)
- Influenza – flu shot
- Pneumococcal Conjugate (pneumonia)
- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) – cervical cancer

If you have questions, please call toll-free 1-888-224-4896.

Summary of Covered Services (Continued)

Medical Care

Anthem's Lumenos HSA plan covers a wide range of medical services to treat an illness or injury. You can use your available HSA funds to pay for these covered services. Once you spend up to your deductible amount shown on Page 1 for covered services, you will have Traditional Health Coverage with the coinsurance listed on Page 1 to help pay for covered services listed below:

- Physician Office Visits
- Inpatient Hospital Services
- Outpatient Surgery Services
- Diagnostic X-rays/Lab Tests
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Emergency Hospital Services (network coinsurance applies both in-network and out-of-network)
- Acupuncture
- Routine foot care
- Hearing aids up to \$500 annually
- Wigs (with a diagnosis of cancer)
- Orthotics, including orthopedic shoes
- JOBST stockings
- Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- Maternity Care
- Chiropractic Care
- Prescription Drugs
- Home health care and hospice care
- Physical, Speech and Occupational Therapy Services
- Magnetic therapy
- Oral surgery as the result of direct accidental injury, the removal of impacted wisdom teeth, or for the correction of a congenital situation
- Travel benefits of \$20,000 associated with a human organ transplant

Some covered services may have limitations or other restrictions.* With Anthem's Lumenos HSA plan, the following services are limited:

- Skilled nursing facility services limited to 120 days per member per calendar year.
- Home Health care services limited to 200 visits per member per calendar year.
- Inpatient rehabilitative services limited to 100 days per member per calendar year.
- PT/OT/ST and chiropractic services limited to a combined total of 50 visits per member per calendar year.
- Inpatient hospitalizations require authorizations.
- Your Lumenos HSA plan includes an unlimited lifetime maximum per member for in- and out-of-network services.

* For a complete list of exclusions and limitations, please reference your Certificate of Coverage.

Prescription Drugs – copay after deductible (when purchased from a network pharmacy*)

Retail (30 day supply)

\$10 Tier 1 copayment
 \$25 Tier 2 copayment
 \$40 Tier 3 copayment

Mail Order (90 day supply)

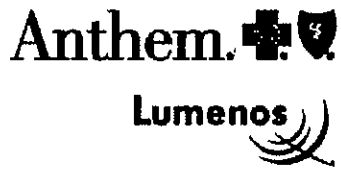
\$10 Tier 1 copayment
 \$50 Tier 2 copayment
 \$80 Tier 3 copayment

* For the out-of-network benefit, refer to the Traditional Health Coverage section.

This summary of benefits has been updated to comply with federal and state requirements, including applicable provisions of the recently enacted federal health care reform laws. As we receive additional guidance and clarification on the new health care reform laws from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Labor and Internal Revenue Service, we may be required to make additional changes to this summary of benefits.

If you have questions, please call toll-free 1-888-224-4896.

Plan Year: 2007



Lumenos HSA Plan Summary

This summary is a brief outline of the benefits and coverage provided under the Lumenos plan. It is not intended to be a complete list of the benefits of the plan. This summary is for a full year in the Lumenos plan. If you join the plan mid-year or have a qualified change of status, your actual benefit levels may vary.

When you redeem your Healthy Rewards dollars for a gift card, the amount of the gift card is considered taxable income to you. You should contact a tax advisor for guidance on tax issues.

Additional limitations and exclusions may apply.



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**APPENDIX A-5
SALARY SCHEDULES**

I. Homebound Instruction

The salary schedule for certificated personnel employed in the Homebound Instruction Program shall be as follows:

HOURLY RATE

STEP	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
1	\$45	\$45	\$46
2	47	47	48

II. Adult Education

The salary schedule for certified personnel employed in the Adult Education Program shall be as follows:

HOURLY RATE

STEP	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
1	\$45	\$45	\$46
2	47	47	48

III. Summer School

The salary schedule for certificated personnel employed in the Summer School Program shall be as follows:

HOURLY RATE

STEP	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
1	\$45	\$45	\$46
2	47	47	48

IV. Guidance Counselors

The stipend for certificated personnel employed as Guidance Counselors shall be as follows:

<u>ANNUAL RATE</u>			
POSITION	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
High School Counselors	\$1,056	\$1,056	\$1,082
Middle School Counselors	791	791	811

Guidance Counselors shall be paid their per diem for full days worked over the teacher work year, or a pro-rated portion of a full day.

V. Teachers in Charge*

The stipend for certificated personnel employed as Teachers in Charge shall be as follows:

<u>ANNUAL RATE</u>		
2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
\$8,890	\$8,890	\$9,112

VI. Teacher Coordinators*

The stipend for certificated personnel employed as Teacher Coordinators shall be as follows:

<u>ANNUAL RATE</u>		
2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
\$7,779	\$7,779	\$7,973

VII. Team Leaders*

The stipend for certificated personnel employed as Team Leaders shall be as follows:

<u>ANNUAL RATE</u>		
2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
\$6,667	\$6,667	\$6,834

VIII. Department Chairpersons* And Subject Area Leaders

High School

The stipend for certificated personnel employed as Department Chairpersons or Subject Area Leaders as follows:

ANNUAL RATE

HIGH SCHOOL	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Department Chairperson	\$3,107	\$3,107	\$3,185

*Teachers who are Teachers-in-Charge, Teacher Coordinators, Team Leaders, Department Chairpersons or Deans of Students who are absent for forty-five (45) consecutive school days shall continue to receive their stipend. Beginning on the forty-sixth (46th) consecutive day of absence, said teachers will have their stipend deducted prorated on a per diem basis (1/200 of the stipend for each school day of absence.)

Middle School

The stipend for certificated personnel employed as Middle School Subject Area Leaders shall be .25 of the High School stipend.

ANNUAL RATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Subject Area Leader	\$777	\$777	\$796
Head Guidance Counselor	3,107	3,107	3,185

IX. Dean of Students*

The stipend for certificated personnel employed as Dean of Students shall be 10% of the affected teacher's annual salary.

X. Part-Time Teachers

The salary schedule for certificated personnel employed in part-time positions shall be as follows:

HOURLY RATE

STEP	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
1	\$45	\$45	\$46
2	47	47	48

XI. Curriculum Development

The stipend for Curriculum Development during weekends or during school vacation periods shall be as follows:

HOURLY RATE

STEP	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
1	\$45	\$45	\$46
2	47	47	48

*Teachers who are Teachers-in-Charge, Teacher Coordinators, Team Leaders, Department Chairpersons or Deans of Students who are absent for forty-five (45) consecutive school days shall continue to receive their stipend. Beginning on the forty-sixth (46th) consecutive day of absence, said teachers will have their stipend deducted prorated on a per diem basis (1/200 of the stipend for each school day of absence.)

XII. In-Service Training

The stipend for in-service training during weekends and during school vacation periods shall be as follows:

HOURLY RATE

2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
\$28	\$28	\$29

XIII. Curriculum Development Leaders

Teachers who have responsibility for leading Curriculum Development Workshops on weekends or vacation shall receive 1.50 of Step 2 of the Curriculum Development Stipend.

HOURLY RATE

2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
\$71	\$71	\$73

XIV. Car Allowance

Teachers who are required to travel from school to school during a school day in furtherance of the objectives of the Norwalk Public Schools and in the performance of their duties shall be remunerated at the I.R.S. rate.

Any inequities shall be subject to consultation. Teachers shall receive car allowance in accordance with existing practices.

XV. Spectator Management

1. The stipend for Spectator Management of a sporting event or school-related activity per event or three hour time block shall be:

CATEGORY I	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Emergency Medical Technician	\$138	\$138	\$142
CATEGORY II			
Site Director Track Starter	\$111	\$111	\$114
CATEGORY III			
Game Timer Scorer	\$97	\$97	\$99
CATEGORY IV			
Ticket Collector Ticket Seller Track Official Lines Person Announcer Crowd Control Audio Visual Technician	\$85	\$85	\$87
CATEGORY V			
Chaperone dances, shows, plays, concerts, etc. 1-3 hours same as Category IV 3-5 hours 1.25 of Category IV 5-7 hours 1.50 of Category IV			

2. The Board agrees that Spectator Management services shall be provided commensurate with the needs of the athletic event.
3. The Board agrees to monitor the use of athletic facilities for the purpose of providing fair and equitable sharing of such facilities between the girls' and boys' athletic teams.
4. Any inequities shall be subject to consultation.

XVI. Astronomy Night Laboratory Instructors

The stipend for certificated personnel employed as astronomy night laboratory instructors shall be as follows:

HOURLY RATE

STEP	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
1	\$45	\$45	\$46
2	\$47	\$47	\$48

XVII. Professional Day Presenters

The salary schedule for certificated personnel employed as presenters in professional day(s) program(s) shall be as follows:

HOURLY RATE

2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
\$82	\$82	\$84

The hourly rates set forth above shall be split or prorated in the event of multiple presenters, consistent with past practice.

XVIII. Continuing Education Unit Presenters (CEU)

The salary schedule for certificated personnel employed in CEU programs who are presenters shall be paid as follows:

HOURLY RATE

2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
\$150	\$150	\$154

The hourly rates set forth above shall be split or prorated in the event of multiple presenters, consistent with past practice.

XIX. Thanksgiving Day

Football head and assistant coaches, band directors and cheerleader advisors who participate in the Thanksgiving Day Football game shall receive the following stipend.

ANNUAL RATE

2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
\$226	\$226	\$232

XX. S.R.T. Coordinators

The stipend for certified personnel employed as S.R.T. Coordinators shall be as follows.

<u>ANNUAL RATE</u>		
2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
\$820	\$820	\$841

Each elementary school shall have two (2) S.R.T. Coordinators. The Board may, at its discretion, eliminate these positions by assigning their work to non-bargaining unit administrators.

There shall be no step movement in 2013-2014.

APPENDIX A-6

EXTRA COMPENSATORY STIPEND SCHEDULE

NO. OF HOURS	CLASSIFICATION	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
101-125	I	\$1,052	\$1,052	\$1,078
126-150	II	1,367	1,367	1,401
151-175	III	1,674	1,674	1,716
176-200	IV	1,986	1,986	2,036
201-225	V	2,306	2,306	2,364
226-250	VI	2,621	2,621	2,687
251-275	VII	2,941	2,941	3,015
276-300	VIII	3,249	3,249	3,330
301-325	IX	3,561	3,561	3,650
326-350	X	3,775	3,775	3,869
351-375	XI	4,195	4,195	4,300
376-400	XII	4,513	4,513	4,626

RESPONSIBILITY FACTOR

NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
4	05%
5	10%
6	15%
7	20%
8	25%
9	30%
10	35%

EXPERIENCE FACTOR

1. The salary for extra compensation represents the inclusion of an experience factor.
2. The experience factor provides an increment for those teachers who bring experience to the position:

A.	0 years Experience	1.00
B.	1 years Experience	1.10
C.	2 years Experience	1.20
D.	3 years Experience	1.30
E.	4 years Experience	1.40
F.	5 years Experience	1.50
G.	6 years Experience	1.60

Service in such positions during the 2013-2014 school year shall not be counted in applying the experience factor set forth above.

**APPENDIX A-7
EXTRA COMPENSATORY SALARY SCHEDULE 2013-15
CLASSIFICATION, RESPONSIBILITY, FACTOR & POSITION**

2013-2015

CLASS	RESP	POSITION	0 YRS	1 YRS	2 YRS	3 YRS	4 YRS	5 YRS	6 YRS
***FALL BOYS SPORTS									
12	9	HEAD FOOTBALL	5,867	6,453	7,041	7,631	8,215	8,801	9,387
8	5	ASSISTANT FOOTBALL	3,574	3,932	4,288	4,647	5,004	5,361	5,719
8	5	FRESHMAN FOOTBALL	3,574	3,932	4,288	4,647	5,004	5,361	5,719
8	7	HEAD SOCCER	3,899	4,289	4,679	5,069	5,459	5,850	6,240
5	5	ASSISTANT SOCCER	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
4	5	FRESHMAN SOCCER	2,184	2,402	2,620	2,838	3,056	3,276	3,493
5	5	HEAD CROSS COUNTRY	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
8	7	HEAD VOLLEYBALL	3,899	4,289	4,679	5,069	5,459	5,850	6,240
***FALL GIRLS SPORTS									
8	7	HEAD FIELD HOCKEY	3,899	4,289	4,679	5,069	5,459	5,850	6,240
5	5	ASSISTANT FIELD HOCKEY	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
8	7	HEAD VOLLEYBALL	3,899	4,289	4,679	5,069	5,459	5,850	6,240
5	5	ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
8	7	HEAD SWIMMING	3,899	4,289	4,679	5,069	5,459	5,850	6,240
5	5	ASSISTANT SWIMMING	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
4	5	FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL	2,184	2,402	2,620	2,838	3,056	3,276	3,493
4	5	FRESHMAN FIELD HOCKEY	2,184	2,402	2,620	2,838	3,056	3,276	3,493
5	5	HEAD CROSS COUNTRY	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
8	7	HEAD SOCCER	3,899	4,289	4,679	5,069	5,459	5,850	6,240
5	5	J.V. SOCCER	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
***WINTER BOYS SPORTS									
12	7	HEAD BASKETBALL	5,415	5,959	6,500	7,041	7,582	8,125	8,666
8	5	ASSISTANT BASKETBALL	3,574	3,932	4,288	4,647	5,004	5,361	5,719
5	5	FRESHMAN BASKETBALL	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
8	7	ICE HOCKEY	3,899	4,289	4,679	5,069	5,459	5,850	6,240
5	5	ASSISTANT ICE HOCKEY	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
8	7	SWIMMING	3,899	4,289	4,679	5,069	5,459	5,850	6,240
5	5	ASSISTANT SWIMMING	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
8	6	WRESTLING	3,737	4,111	4,485	4,858	5,232	5,605	5,980
5	5	ASSISTANT WRESTLING	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
6	5	HEAD INDOOR TRACK	2,883	3,172	3,461	3,748	4,037	4,325	4,613

***WINTER GIRLS SPORTS									
12	7	HEAD BASKETBALL	5,415	5,959	6,500	7,041	7,582	8,125	8,666
8	5	ASSISTANT BASKETBALL	3,574	3,932	4,288	4,647	5,004	5,361	5,719
5	5	FRESHMAN BASKETBALL	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
6	5	HEAD INDOOR TRACK	2,883	3,172	3,461	3,748	4,037	4,325	4,613
8	7	GYMNASTICS	3,899	4,289	4,679	5,069	5,459	5,850	6,240
***SPRING BOYS SPORTS									
8	8	HEAD BASEBALL	4,062	4,469	4,874	5,281	5,688	6,093	6,500
5	5	ASSISTANT BASEBALL	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
3	5	J.V. BASEBALL	1,841	2,026	2,209	2,394	2,578	2,762	2,946
4	5	FRESHMAN BASEBALL	2,184	2,402	2,620	2,838	3,056	3,276	3,493
8	7	HEAD TRACK	3,899	4,289	4,679	5,069	5,459	5,850	6,240
5	5	ASSISTANT TRACK	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
7	5	TENNIS	3,234	3,557	3,879	4,202	4,526	4,850	5,172
5	5	GOLF	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
3	5	ASSISTANT GOLF	1,841	2,026	2,209	2,394	2,578	2,762	2,946
8	8	LACROSSE	4,062	4,469	4,874	5,281	5,688	6,093	6,500
5	5	ASSISTANT LACROSSE	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
4	5	FRESHMAN LACROSSE	2,184	2,402	2,620	2,838	3,056	3,276	3,493
***SPRING GIRLS SPORTS									
8	7	HEAD TRACK	3,899	4,289	4,679	5,069	5,459	5,850	6,240
5	5	ASSISTANT TRACK	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
8	8	HEAD SOFTBALL	4,062	4,469	4,874	5,281	5,688	6,093	6,500
5	5	J.V. SOFTBALL	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
4	5	FRESHMAN SOFTBALL	2,184	2,402	2,620	2,838	3,056	3,276	3,493
7	5	TENNIS	3,234	3,557	3,879	4,202	4,526	4,850	5,172
5	5	GOLF	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
7	5	LACROSSE	4,062	4,469	4,874	5,281	5,688	6,093	6,500
4	2	ASSISTANT LACROSSE	2,536	2,791	3,044	3,298	3,551	3,805	4,059
***COED SPORTS									
3	6	ROWING COACH	1,925	2,118	2,311	2,502	2,695	2,889	3,081
***ALL SPORTS									
12	9	ATHLETIC DIRECTOR (BOYS)	5,867	6,453	7,041	7,628	8,215	8,801	9,387
12	9	ATHLETIC DIRECTOR (GIRLS)	5,867	6,453	7,041	7,628	8,215	8,801	9,387

*The Athletic Director (Boys) and the Athletic Director (Girls) shall each be paid two times (2x) the amount specified herein; release time for each position shall be one (1) teaching period.

2013-2015

***EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMS			0	1	2	3	4	5	6
			YRS	YRS	YRS	YRS	YRS	YRS	YRS
8	5	MS COACH - YRLY (A)	3,574	3,932	4,288	4,647	5,004	5,361	5,719
2	4	MS JAZZ ENSEMBLE	1,435	1,578	1,721	1,865	2,009	2,152	2,294
7	4	CHEERLEADERS	3,086	3,395	3,703	4,012	4,320	4,629	4,938
5	0	SENIOR CLASS PLAY	2,306	2,536	2,768	2,998	3,228	3,460	3,690
5	0	NEWSPAPER	2,306	2,536	2,768	2,998	3,228	3,460	3,690
7	0	YEARBOOK	2,940	3,234	3,527	3,820	4,114	4,408	4,703
6	9	POOL DIRECTOR	3,408	3,748	4,090	4,429	4,771	5,112	5,452
6	5	JAZZ ENSEMBLE	2,883	3,172	3,461	3,748	4,037	4,325	4,613
10	9	MARCHING BAND	4,909	5,399	5,890	6,381	6,871	7,363	7,854
6	8	SENIOR CLASS ADV (B)	3,277	3,605	3,932	4,261	4,588	4,906	5,242
4	0	JUNIOR CLASS ADV	1,984	2,184	2,381	2,580	2,779	2,978	3,175
6	0	SHOWTIMERS	2,621	2,883	3,146	3,408	3,670	3,932	4,195
4	0	LIT MAGAZINE	1,984	2,184	2,381	2,580	2,779	2,978	3,175
3	0	SOPHOMORE CLASS ADV	1,675	1,841	2,010	2,177	2,344	2,512	2,680
2	0	FRESHMAN CLASS ADV	1,366	1,503	1,639	1,775	1,912	2,049	2,186
1	0	MS MEMORIAL DAY (C)	1,052	1,157	1,263	1,367	1,473	1,578	1,682
8	5	SP ED OLYMPICS (D)	3,574	3,932	4,288	4,647	5,004	5,361	5,719
1	0	FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS	1,052	1,157	1,263	1,367	1,473	1,578	1,682
3	0	COMM NEWS LETTER ED	1,675	1,841	2,010	2,177	2,344	2,512	2,680
6	5	WEIGHT TRAINING	2,883	3,172	3,461	3,748	4,037	4,325	4,613
2	0	NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	1,366	1,503	1,639	1,775	1,912	2,049	2,186
4	5	HS MATH COMPUTERS	2,184	2,402	2,620	2,838	3,056	3,276	3,493

- (A) MIDDLE SCHOOL SEASONAL COACHES WILL RECEIVE 1/3 OF THE TOTAL STIPEND
- (B) TWO IN EACH HIGH SCHOOL
- (C) 1/3 OF 1 FOR EACH MIDDLE SCHOOL
- (D) 1/3 OF VII 5-(10%)

**APPENDIX A-8
EXTRA COMPENSATORY SALARY SCHEDULE 2015-16
CLASSIFICATION, RESPONSIBILITY, FACTOR & POSITION**

2015-2016

CLASS	RESP	POSITION	0 YRS	1 YRS	2 YRS	3 YRS	4 YRS	5 YRS	6 YRS
***FALL BOYS SPORTS									
12	9	HEAD FOOTBALL	6,014	6,614	7,217	7,822	8,420	9,021	9,622
8	5	ASSISTANT FOOTBALL	3,663	4,030	4,395	4,763	5,129	5,495	5,862
8	5	FRESHMAN FOOTBALL	3,663	4,030	4,395	4,763	5,129	5,495	5,862
8	7	HEAD SOCCER	3,996	4,396	4,796	5,196	5,595	5,996	6,396
5	5	ASSISTANT SOCCER	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
4	5	FRESHMAN SOCCER	2,239	2,462	2,686	2,909	3,132	3,358	3,580
5	5	HEAD CROSS COUNTRY	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
8	7	HEAD VOLLEYBALL	3,996	4,396	4,796	5,196	5,595	5,996	6,396
***FALL GIRLS SPORTS									
8	7	HEAD FIELD HOCKEY	3,996	4,396	4,796	5,196	5,595	5,996	6,396
5	5	ASSISTANT FIELD HOCKEY	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
8	7	HEAD VOLLEYBALL	3,996	4,396	4,796	5,196	5,595	5,996	6,396
5	5	ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
8	7	HEAD SWIMMING	3,996	4,396	4,796	5,196	5,595	5,996	6,396
5	5	ASSISTANT SWIMMING	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
4	5	FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL	2,239	2,462	2,686	2,909	3,132	3,358	3,580
4	5	FRESHMAN FIELD HOCKEY	2,239	2,462	2,686	2,909	3,132	3,358	3,580
5	5	HEAD CROSS COUNTRY	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
8	7	HEAD SOCCER	3,996	4,396	4,796	5,196	5,595	5,996	6,396
5	5	J.V. SOCCER	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
***WINTER BOYS SPORTS									
12	7	HEAD BASKETBALL	5,550	6,108	6,663	7,217	7,772	8,328	8,883
8	5	ASSISTANT BASKETBALL	3,663	4,030	4,395	4,763	5,129	5,495	5,862
5	5	FRESHMAN BASKETBALL	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
8	7	ICE HOCKEY	3,996	4,396	4,796	5,196	5,595	5,996	6,396
5	5	ASSISTANT ICE HOCKEY	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
8	7	SWIMMING	3,996	4,396	4,796	5,196	5,595	5,996	6,396
5	5	ASSISTANT SWIMMING	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
8	6	WRESTLING	3,830	4,214	4,597	4,979	5,363	5,745	6,130
5	5	ASSISTANT WRESTLING	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
6	5	HEAD INDOOR TRACK	2,955	3,251	3,548	3,842	4,138	4,433	4,728
***WINTER GIRLS SPORTS									
12	7	HEAD BASKETBALL	5,550	6,108	6,663	7,217	7,772	8,328	8,883
8	5	ASSISTANT BASKETBALL	3,663	4,030	4,395	4,763	5,129	5,495	5,862
5	5	FRESHMAN BASKETBALL	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
6	5	HEAD INDOOR TRACK	2,955	3,251	3,548	3,842	4,138	4,433	4,728
8	7	GYMNASTICS	3,996	4,396	4,796	5,196	5,595	5,996	6,396

***SPRING BOYS SPORTS									
8	8	HEAD BASEBALL	4,164	4,581	4,996	5,413	5,830	6,245	6,663
5	5	ASSISTANT BASEBALL	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
3	5	J.V. BASEBALL	1,887	2,077	2,264	2,454	2,642	2,831	3,020
4	5	FRESHMAN BASEBALL	2,239	2,462	2,686	2,909	3,132	3,358	3,580
8	7	HEAD TRACK	3,996	4,396	4,796	5,196	5,595	5,996	6,396
5	5	ASSISTANT TRACK	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
7	5	TENNIS	3,315	3,646	3,976	4,307	4,639	4,971	5,301
5	5	GOLF	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
3	5	ASSISTANT GOLF	1,887	2,077	2,264	2,454	2,642	2,831	3,020
8	8	LACROSSE	4,164	4,581	4,996	5,413	5,830	6,245	6,663
5	5	ASSISTANT LACROSSE	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
4	5	FRESHMAN LACROSSE	2,239	2,462	2,686	2,909	3,132	3,358	3,580
***SPRING GIRLS SPORTS									
8	7	HEAD TRACK	3,996	4,396	4,796	5,196	5,595	5,996	6,396
5	5	ASSISTANT TRACK	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
8	8	HEAD SOFTBALL	4,164	4,581	4,996	5,413	5,830	6,245	6,663
5	5	J.V. SOFTBALL	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
4	5	FRESHMAN SOFTBALL	2,239	2,462	2,686	2,909	3,132	3,358	3,580
7	5	TENNIS	3,315	3,646	3,976	4,307	4,639	4,971	5,301
5	5	GOLF	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
7	5	LACROSSE	4,164	4,581	4,996	5,413	5,830	6,245	6,663
4	2	ASSISTANT LACROSSE	2,599	2,861	3,120	3,380	3,640	3,900	4,160
***COED SPORTS									
3	6	ROWING COACH	1,973	2,171	2,369	2,565	2,762	2,961	3,158
***ALL SPORTS									
12	9	ATHLETIC DIRECTOR (BOYS)	6,014	6,614	7,217	7,819	8,420	9,021	9,622
12	9	ATHLETIC DIRECTOR (GIRLS)	6,014	6,614	7,217	7,819	8,420	9,021	9,622

*The Athletic Director (Boys) and the Athletic Director (Girls) shall each be paid two times (2x) the amount specified herein; release time for each position shall be one (1) teaching period.

2015-2016

***EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMS			0	1	2	3	4	5	6
			YRS	YRS	YRS	YRS	YRS	YRS	YRS
8	5	MS COACH - YRLY (A)	3,663	4,030	4,395	4,763	5,129	5,495	5,862
2	4	MS JAZZ ENSEMBLE	1,471	1,617	1,764	1,912	2,059	2,206	2,351
7	4	CHEERLEADERS	3,163	3,480	3,796	4,112	4,428	4,745	5,061
5	0	SENIOR CLASS PLAY	2,364	2,599	2,837	3,073	3,309	3,547	3,782
5	0	NEWSPAPER	2,364	2,599	2,837	3,073	3,309	3,547	3,782
7	0	YEARBOOK	3,014	3,315	3,615	3,916	4,217	4,518	4,821
6	9	POOL DIRECTOR	3,493	3,842	4,192	4,540	4,890	5,240	5,588
6	5	JAZZ ENSEMBLE	2,955	3,251	3,548	3,842	4,138	4,433	4,728
10	9	MARCHING BAND	5,032	5,534	6,037	6,541	7,043	7,547	8,050
6	8	SENIOR CLASS ADV (B)	3,359	3,695	4,030	4,368	4,703	5,029	5,373
4	0	JUNIOR CLASS ADV	2,034	2,239	2,441	2,645	2,848	3,052	3,254
6	0	SHOWTIMERS	2,687	2,955	3,225	3,493	3,762	4,030	4,300
4	0	LIT MAGAZINE	2,034	2,239	2,441	2,645	2,848	3,052	3,254
3	0	SOPHOMORE CLASS ADV	1,717	1,887	2,060	2,231	2,403	2,575	2,747
2	0	FRESHMAN CLASS ADV	1,400	1,541	1,680	1,819	1,960	2,100	2,241
1	0	MS MEMORIAL DAY (C)	1,078	1,186	1,295	1,401	1,510	1,617	1,724
8	5	SP ED OLYMPICS (D)	3,663	4,030	4,395	4,763	5,129	5,495	5,862
1	0	FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS	1,078	1,186	1,295	1,401	1,510	1,617	1,724
3	0	COMM NEWS LETTER ED	1,717	1,887	2,060	2,231	2,403	2,575	2,747
6	5	WEIGHT TRAINING	2,955	3,251	3,548	3,842	4,138	4,433	4,728
2	0	NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	1,400	1,541	1,680	1,819	1,960	2,100	2,241
4	5	HS MATH COMPUTERS	2,239	2,462	2,686	2,909	3,132	3,358	3,580

- (A) MIDDLE SCHOOL SEASONAL COACHES WILL RECEIVE 1/3 OF THE TOTAL STIPEND
- (B) TWO IN EACH HIGH SCHOOL
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- (D) 1/3 OF VII 5-(10%)

Service in such positions during the 2013-2014 school year shall not be counted in applying the experience factor set forth above.

**APPENDIX A-9
GRIEVANCE FORM**

The undersigned believes that because of the identified specific action(s) the following article(s) and/or paragraph(s) of the contract between the **Board of Education** and the **Norwalk Federation of Teachers** has/have been violated:

1. Article(s) and Paragraph(s) of the contract that has/have been violated:

2. Specific action which violated the article including date and person responsible for alleged violation:

3. Specific connection between action and the article/paragraph being violated:

4. Remedy Sought:

Signature of Grievant: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Building: _____

Informal Level Date: _____ Resolution: _____

Level 1 Sustained _____ Denied _____ _____ Date: _____
Signature of Administrator

Level 2 Sustained _____ Denied _____ _____ Date: _____
Signature of Superintendent

Level 3 Sustained _____ Denied _____ _____ Date: _____
Signature of Board/Committee/Chair

Note:

1. A copy of the grievance must also be filed with the NFT President or his/her designee.
2. A copy of the grievance must be sent to the teacher and NFT President or his/her designee after disposition at each level of the grievance.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
COMBINATION CLASSES**

Elementary classroom teachers assigned to teach combination classes shall be considered for additional preparation time and/or relief from ancillary duties. Such relief shall not necessitate any additional school staff.

Norwalk Board of Education

Norwalk Federation of Teachers

Date: _____

Date: _____

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS**

In each middle school, teachers (i.e.; Art, World Languages, Family and Consumer Sciences, Technology Education, Music, Physical Education), to the extent practicable, shall not teach more than five (5) periods per day. The Board of Education agrees that the administration, in each middle school, shall consider alternative scheduling proposals that address this concern. Such scheduling alternatives shall not necessitate any additional school staff.

To the extent practicable, all middle school Family and Consumer Sciences, Technology Education and Physical Education Teachers who are assigned in excess of five (5) teaching periods per day averaged over a one school week period shall be relieved of bus duty, cafeteria duty, hall duty and non-instructional period duty during such assignment period.

Norwalk Board of Education

Norwalk Federation of Teachers

Date: _____

Date: _____

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING PROFESSIONAL DAY WORKSHOPS

The salary schedule for certificated personnel employed in the role of workshop presenters and facilitators shall be as follows:

General Role of Presenters.

1. Workshop Presenter – Prepares to lead a group of teachers on an instructional/curricular topic. A teacher may be asked to share his/her expertise or may be asked to lead a workshop on new curriculum. The presenter may be given materials to use or may have to develop his/her own. Presenters may be required to plan an agenda, prepare materials and structure the day through a variety of activities including whole or small group “instruction”.

Presenters shall be paid at the contract rate according to Appendix A-5, Category XVII. When more than one presenter is leading a workshop, the stipend will be split or prorated consistent with past practice.

2. Workshop Facilitator – Maintains discussions or pre-planned activities. For example, when teachers come together to share information, one person agrees to direct the discussion. A workshop facilitator may also play a more active role but will have been provided training and all materials necessary for the workshop. There is no advance preparation time required in either case.

Facilitators shall be paid at the hourly contract rate according to the rate established in Appendix A-5, Categories I, II and III, Step 2.

Payment for Preparation.

Workshop presenter’s preparation time will be compensated as follows:

1. **High School Department Chairpersons** may use their release time for any additional preparation required to work with their departments.
2. **High School and Middle School Subject Area Leaders and Middle School Team Leaders** who are trained and/or given materials to use when leading a workshop will not be paid for preparation. If additional preparation time is required, teachers shall be notified in advance of the number of hours they shall be compensated. Teachers may also obtain advance approval for additional preparation time from the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

3. **Literacy Specialists** who have received training and/or been given materials to use when leading a workshop, will usually not be paid for preparation. If additional preparation time is required, advance approval should be obtained from the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Requests will be evaluated on an individual basis.
4. **Classroom Teachers** who take on additional responsibilities shall be paid for preparation time based on prior approval from the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

Approval for preparation time shall be obtained at least two (2) weeks prior to the professional day workshop(s). Exceptions shall be made by the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

All preparation time shall be paid at the contract rate in Appendix A-5, Categories I, II, III, Step 2.

The parties agree that not all contingencies have been addressed. To avoid any misunderstanding about the rate of pay and/or preparation time, the teacher may submit any proposals that do not fit the above descriptions to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction at least two (2) weeks before the actual presentation date.

Norwalk Board of Education

Norwalk Federation of Teachers

Date: _____

Date: _____

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

The parties agree that the settlement reached in Case No. 3:07cv1591, dated November 17, 2008 shall be enforceable through the arbitration clause of the grievance procedure in the 2010-2013 Collective Bargaining Agreement, and it shall become part of future collective bargaining agreements, subject to the collective bargaining process.

Norwalk Board of Education

Norwalk Federation of Teachers

Date: _____

Date: _____

Any side letters that are not attached to the 2010-2013 contract are null and void.

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NORWALK TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 TO AUGUST 31, 2016

Step	BA	BA+15	MA	MA+15	6th Year	6TH+15	7th Year	Doctorate	DR. stipend
1	50,219	52,860	55,500	58,625	61,750	63,125	64,500	84,123	67,000
2	51,444	54,472	57,500	60,625	63,750	65,625	67,500	86,598	70,000
3	52,944	56,222	59,500	62,625	65,750	68,125	70,500	89,072	73,000
4	55,194	58,347	61,500	64,625	67,750	70,625	73,500	91,546	76,000
5	57,444	60,472	63,500	66,625	69,750	73,125	76,500	94,019	79,000
6	59,944	63,097	66,250	69,325	72,400	75,950	79,500	96,494	82,000
7	62,444	65,722	69,000	72,025	75,050	78,413	81,775	98,969	84,275
8	65,530	68,640	71,750	74,725	77,700	80,875	84,050	103,299	86,550
9	68,444	71,647	74,850	77,600	80,350	83,338	86,325	107,629	88,825
10	69,944	73,947	77,950	80,475	83,000	86,163	89,325	113,810	91,825
11	71,444	76,247	81,050	83,600	86,150	89,238	92,325	113,810	94,825
12	72,944	78,547	84,150	86,725	89,300	92,313	95,325	113,810	97,825
13	74,444	80,847	87,250	89,850	92,450	95,388	98,325	113,810	100,825
14	75,944	82,860	89,775	92,838	95,900	98,613	101,325	113,810	103,825
15	77,444	84,872	92,300	95,825	99,350	101,838	104,325	113,810	106,825
16			94,825	98,088	101,350	104,338	107,325	113,810	109,825
17			95,325	99,338	103,350	106,838	110,325	113,810	112,825
18			95,825	100,088	104,350	108,838	113,325	115,825	115,825
19			96,325	100,588	104,850	109,175	113,500	116,000	116,000
20			96,825	101,088	105,350	109,513	113,675	116,175	116,175
21			97,325	101,588	105,850	109,850	113,850	116,350	116,350
22			97,825	102,088	106,350	110,188	114,025	116,800	116,525
23								117,691	
24								117,691	
25								117,691	
26								117,691	
27								117,691	
28								121,573	
29								121,573	
30								121,573	
31								121,573	
32								121,573	
33								126,747	

1. Teachers who are currently on or eligible to be placed on BA+15, MA+15, and 6th Year +15 as of September 1, 2015 shall be grandfathered. Notwithstanding the foregoing, teachers in the cohort commencing employment with the 2015-2016 school year or thereafter shall not be eligible to be placed on the salary lanes above. In the future, such teachers shall move only to BA, MA, 6th Year, 7th Year, and Doctorate Stipend when they so qualify.
2. Teachers shall be placed upon the 2015-2016 salary schedule appended hereto as follows:
 - a. Teachers on steps 1-8 shall move to steps 1-8 on the salary schedule on all degree level columns.
 - b. Teachers on steps 1-9 on the BA and BA+15 shall move to 1-9 on the BA and BA+15 salary schedule.
 - c. Teachers on steps 10, 11 on the BA shall move to step 11 on the BA salary schedule.
 - d. Teachers on step 12 on the BA shall move to step 12 on the BA salary schedule.
 - e. Teachers on steps 10, 11, and 12 shall move to the step 12 on the BA+15 salary schedule.
 - f. Teachers on step 9 shall move to the step 10 on the MA, MA+15, 6th Year, 6th Year+15 and 7th Year salary schedule.
 - g. Teachers on step 10-17 shall be placed on step 13 on the MA, MA+15, 6th Year, 6th Year+15, and 7th Year salary schedule.
 - h. Teachers on step 18-22 shall be placed on step 15 on the MA, MA+15, 6th Year, 6th Year+15, and 7th Year salary schedule.
 - i. Teachers on step 23-27 shall be placed on step 17 on the MA, MA+15, 6th Year, 6th Year+15, and 7th Year salary schedule.
 - j. Teachers on step 28-31 shall be placed on step 21 on the MA, MA+15, 6th Year, 6th Year+15, and 7th Year salary schedule.
 - k. Teachers on step 32, 33 shall be placed on step 22 on the MA, MA+15, 6th Year, 6th Year+15, and 7th Year salary schedule.
3. Teachers who are currently on the Doctorate column and teachers currently in an accredited doctorate program who provide verifiable written proof to Human Resources that they are in an accredited doctoral program by August 31, 2015 shall be grandfathered in the Doctorate column of the salary schedule. (Steps 1 to 33). Notwithstanding the foregoing, teachers in the cohort commencing employment with the 2015-2016 school year or thereafter shall not be eligible for grandfathering pursuant to this paragraph.
4. Teachers in the cohort commencing employment with the 2015-2016 school year or thereafter and current teachers who are not eligible for grandfathering pursuant to paragraph 3 above shall be placed on the Doctorate Stipend column of the salary schedule.
5. In placing teachers on the salary schedule for the 2015-2016 school year, appended hereto, the parties agree no teacher shall receive less than a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) increase over the salary they received in the 2014-2015 salary schedule.

6. Teachers hired from outside the Norwalk School System shall not be placed above step 10 on the Norwalk Teacher Salary Schedule and shall not receive a salary higher than a current Norwalk teacher on the same step of the Norwalk Teacher Salary Schedule.
7. The parties agree that the placement on the 2015-2016 teacher salary schedule reflects a one-time modification of the schedule and therefore the parties also agree that, if full step advancement for that year is negotiated, each teacher shall advance one step above their placement on this 2015-2016 salary schedule effective September 1, 2016.