

AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE

FREEHOLD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION

AND THE

FREEHOLD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2027

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PREAMBLE

This AGREEMENT is entered into this July 1, 2022 by the Board of Education of the Freehold Regional High School District, Monmouth County, New Jersey, hereinafter called the "Board", and the Freehold Regional High School District Principals' Association, hereinafter called the "Association".

ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION

The Association is recognized by the Board as the exclusive representative for collective negotiations concerning terms and conditions of employment, and collective agreements and any questions arising thereunder.

The Association is deemed to be the exclusive representative of all principals and assistant principals employed by the Board, hereinafter designated collectively as "Building Administrators", and specifically excluding:

- All other administrators and employees of the Board that are members of other negotiation units within the Freehold Regional High School District ("District"); and
- All other employees of the Board that are excluded by law.

ARTICLE II - NEGOTIATION PROCEDURES

In accordance with provisions of Chapter 303, Public Laws of 1968, as amended by Chapter 123, Public Laws of 1974, the parties agree to commence collective negotiations on a successor agreement after January 1 of the calendar year in which this Agreement, or any part thereof, is scheduled to expire.

ARTICLE III - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Definitions

"Grievance" shall mean a complaint by a Building Administrator or group of Building Administrators that there has been a misinterpretation, misapplication, or violation of this Agreement which affects policies, or administrative decisions affecting the individual or group. Grievances to be presented to impartial arbitration shall be limited to the application or interpretation of this written agreement. A Grievance to be considered under this procedure must be initiated by the Building Administrator or the Association within fifteen (15) Work Days when the Building Administrator or the Association knew or should have known of its occurrence.

"Grievant" is hereby specifically defined to mean either a Building Administrator covered by this Agreement or the Association.

"Work Day(s)" for purpose of this Grievance procedure shall mean a typical business day, Monday through Friday, when the District is open for business. Approved holidays and inclement weather days when the school does not open for business shall not be considered "Work Days."

B. Procedures

1. (a) Failure at any step of this procedure to communicate the decision on a Grievance within the specified

time limits shall permit the Grievant to proceed to the next step. Failure at any step of this procedure to appeal a Grievance to the next step within the specified time limits shall be deemed to be acceptance of this decision rendered at that step.

(b) It is understood that Building Administrators shall continue to observe all assignments and applicable rules and regulations of the Board until such Grievance has been fully determined.

(c) At all stages of this procedure, copies of responses will be forwarded simultaneously to the Association.

2. (a). **Step 1.** Any Building Administrator and his/her representative who have a Grievance shall discuss it informally first with the Superintendent or his/her designee within fifteen (15) Work Days of occurrence or when the Grievant knew or should have known of the occurrence. This discussion shall be an attempt to resolve the matter informally.

(b). **Step 2.** If the Grievance is not settled satisfactorily within five (5) Work Days, it shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the Superintendent or Director of Personnel specifying: (i) the nature of the Grievance; (ii) the nature and extent of injury, loss or inconvenience; (iii) the result of previous discussions; (iv) the dissatisfaction with decisions previously rendered; and (v) the relief request by the

Grievant. The written Grievance shall be discussed by the Association representative and the Superintendent or Director of Personnel. The Superintendent or Director of Personnel shall have five (5) Work Days from the date of receipt of the written Grievance to answer the Grievance.

(c). **Step 3.** If the decision at Step 2 does not resolve the Grievance to the Grievant's or Association's satisfaction or if no decision is rendered within the timeframe specified by Step 2, the Grievant or the Association shall have five (5) Work Days to request a review by the Board. The Board, in its sole and absolute discretion, may request that the Grievance be considered jointly by the Association and the Board, or such subcommittees as either shall designate. The Board may, at its option, hold a hearing with the Building Administrator and the Association and shall answer such Grievance in writing within no later than five (5) Work Days following the Board of Education's next regular meeting; if the Board elects not to review the Grievance under this provision, it shall notify the Association in writing not later than one (1) Work Day after the decision has been made and the Association shall be permitted to immediately proceed, if it so desires, to the next step.

(f). **Step 4.** For Grievances which involve the application or interpretation of this Agreement and which have

not been resolved to the satisfaction of the Association at Step 3, notice of intention to proceed to binding arbitration shall be given to the Board through the Superintendent within fifteen (15) Work Days after receipt of the decision at Step 3. The Association shall file a request for an arbitrator, subject to the rules of the New Jersey Public Employment Relation Commission, within five (5) Work Days of notification of appeal to arbitration.

(g). The parties agree to adhere to the rules and regulations of the New Jersey Public Employment Relation Commission in the selection and designation of an arbitrator. The arbitrator shall set a hearing at the earliest date possible between the parties and shall have thirty (30) days from the completion of the hearing to render a final and binding award. The arbitrator shall be limited to the issues submitted and shall consider nothing else. The arbitrator can add nothing to nor subtract anything from the current agreement between the parties and any applicable Policy by the Board. The decision and recommendation of the arbitrator shall be advisory only, and only the Board and the aggrieved Building Administrator and his/her representatives shall be given copies of the arbitrator's report of findings and recommendations.

(h). It is understood that the Association and the Board may settle or reach a compromise on any Grievance reduced

to writing at any step so long as such settlement does not discriminate against the Building Administrator involved nor deprive them of any right available to other members of the unit.

C. Rights of the Grievant

The Board and the Association shall assure the Grievant freedom from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination and reprisal in presenting his/her appeal with respect to his/her personal grievances.

D. Costs

Each party will bear its own expenses and costs for the entire Grievance procedure, but the cost of the fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the two parties.

ARTICLE IV - SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Superintendent shall consult with the Association prior to determining the school calendar.

Building Administrators are not required to report to work during the Winter Holiday. However, in consultation with the Freehold Regional High School District Supervisor of Extra-Curricular Activities Association, the name of at least one administrator from each building will be submitted to the

Superintendent as the emergency contact person for that building.

This designated person will be able to physically report to the District building that he/she has been designated to serve as the emergency contact. A Building Administrator from each building is required to work during any Spring Break(s). Building Administrators are required to work any days when pupils are in attendance, orientation days, and any other day that attendance of teachers in the District is required. Any Building Administrator not working at least one day during any Spring Break(s) shall be required to use one vacation day.

ARTICLE V - LEAVES OF ABSENCES

A. Sick Leave

Building Administrators shall be entitled to twelve (12) days sick leave per year. Unused days of sick leave shall be accumulated from year to year except that Building Administrators may not carry over more than fifteen (15) unused sick days per year, inclusive of carried-over personal leave days as set forth in Section B of this Article below. Sick days shall be prorated for Building Administrators who are not employed by the District for the full school year.

B. Personal Leave

Building Administrators shall be entitled to four (4) personal leave days. Unused personal leave days shall accumulate to sick leave the following year.

C. Critical Illness/Death in Family

In the event of a death and/or critical illness in the immediate family, an allowance of up to five (5) days leave shall be granted.

For purposes of this Article, the term "immediate family" shall be spouse, domestic partner, civil union partner, child (this shall include a natural, adoptive and stepchild), parent (this shall include a natural, adoptive and step parent), brother (this shall include a natural, adoptive and step brother), sister (this shall include a natural, adoptive and step sister), mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent or grandchild.

For purposes of this Article, the term "critical illness" is defined as one requiring hospitalization and placement by hospital or medical authorities on the critical illness list, as ascertained and determined by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

D. Professional Development

Attendance at all professional workshops, staff trainings, seminars, conventions and conferences must be approved in advance by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

ARTICLE VI - VACATION

Building Administrators shall be entitled to twenty (20) days vacation per year. Simultaneous vacation time of members of the Freehold Regional High School District Supervisor of Extra-Curricular Activities Association, a principal and assistant principal in the same building shall be granted during the summer months for a period of up to two weeks. Requests for overlapping vacations shall be submitted to the Superintendent in advance of the summer months. Five days (one week) vacation may be used when school is in session provided that such requests are submitted in advance and approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

A Building Administrator may, due to press of business, apply to the Superintendent or his/her designee for permission to carry over up to five (5) days of vacation for one year only. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall have sole discretion whether to allow a Building Administrator to "carry over" unused vacation days, and the decision of the Superintendent or his/her designee shall be final and binding.

All vacation other than the "carry over" days set forth herein must be taken in the year earned. Vacation days shall be prorated for Building Administrators who are not employed for the full school year.

ARTICLE VII - ADMINISTRATIVE WORK LOAD

A. Building Administrators shall not be required to be present on school days when instructional staff is excused and classes are suspended due to emergencies (e.g. inclement weather).

B. Building Administrators shall not be permitted to coach any sport or paid honorarium position.

ARTICLE VIII - BENEFITS

A. Tuition Reimbursement

1. Building Administrators under the conditions set forth herein shall receive reimbursement for tuition and registration fees only. The number of credits in any one year shall be guided by the nature of the program undertaken and shall be with the approval of the Superintendent. Only Building Administrators who have been employed by the Board for more than one year may participate in the program. Continued employment in the District for two years beyond date of completion is a prerequisite for retaining reimbursement, except where the Building Administrator is terminated due to reduction in staff. Any Building Administrator that fails to maintain such continued

employment in the District shall repay the Board one hundred percent (100%) of the tuition reimbursement received. If the Board is required to resort to legal action to recover these tuition monies, the Building Administrator shall be required to reimburse the Board for the legal fees it incurred in such a collection action.

- i. Course/graduate level program taken must be related to the Building Administrator's current or future job responsibilities, and must be approved in advance by the Superintendent. All courses/programs taken shall be reported to the Superintendent on the appropriate reporting forms.
- ii. A transcript and a receipt of the amount to be paid, along with a voucher, must be submitted to the Superintendent for payment.
- iii. Courses for advancement must be on the graduate level from an accredited institution of higher education as accredited by the U.S. Department of Education.
- iv. Grades received for any course submitted for advancement or for tuition reimbursement shall be a B or better, as indicated by an official, sealed transcript from the duly accredited institution of higher learning.

- v. Denials of approval may be appealed through the Grievance Procedure set forth in this Agreement up to Step 3. The decision of the Board at Step 3 shall be final and binding.
- vi. The Board's maximum obligation for tuition reimbursement for all members of the Association for each year of this Agreement shall be as follows:

Year One (2022-2023)	\$42,500	
Year Two (2023-2024)	\$42,500	
Year Three (2024-2025)	\$42,500	
Year Four (2025-2026)	\$42,500	
Year Five (2026-2027)	\$42,500	

The utilization of these maximums shall be divided equitably, on a per credit basis, amongst Building Administrators taking approved graduate course at a duly accredited institution of higher education. The number of courses a Building Administrator enrolls in for any academic year must be approved by the Superintendent prior to enrollment. Building Administrators enrolled in graduate programs as of June 30, 2012 will receive full reimbursement for tuition and registration fees. Reimbursement for these programs will not be included in the above-established "pot."

B. Payment of Accumulated and Unused Sick Leave

Building Administrators retiring from the District that have provided a minimum of six (6) years of service in the District, who have accumulated at least seventy-five (75) days of sick leave shall be paid for their unused accumulated sick leave as follows:

- \$80.00 per day for up to a maximum of the first 100 days; and
- \$100.00 per day for the next 100 days up to a maximum of 200 for a total reimbursement not to exceed the amount of \$18,000.

C. Professional Associations

The Board shall provide reimbursement to Building Administrators for their full payment of dues to Principals and Supervisors Association (NJPSA and NAASP).

D. Mileage Reimbursement

Only Building Principals (not including Assistant Principals) that are required to use their own automobile in the performance of their duties shall be able to submit for mileage reimbursement at the state-approved rate and subject to applicable State law and Administrative regulation requirements for travel reimbursement.

E. Technology Allowance

Each Building Administrator shall receive a stipend of fifteen-hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) per year for technology

allowance (mobile technology and telecommunications support, job-related iPad applications, etc.).

F. Insurance Protection

1. Building Administrators will contribute towards their health and prescription insurance premiums (as appropriate) consistent with the Schedule B of this Agreement for the appropriate level of coverage up to family coverage. See attached hereto as Schedule B the premium contribution rate guide.

2. Building Administrators whose employment starts on or after July 1, 2009, and prior to July 1, 2020, including anyone who is promoted into the Association shall only be eligible to receive the Direct Access health coverage plan or the healthcare plan equivalents required by Chapter 44. All Building Administrators whose employment with the Board starts on or after July 1, 2020, shall only be eligible to receive the health care coverage plan equivalents required by Chapter 44.

3. Upon any eligible Building Administrator in the Traditional Plan selecting to change from the Traditional Plan to the Direct Access, a one-time payment shall be made by the Board to the Building Administrator in the amount of \$750.00. Further and thereafter, the Building Administrator shall not be permitted to re-enter the Traditional Plan.

4. Any Building Administrator has the right to waive the insurance protection coverage provision and appropriate Section 125 Plan which will provide that upon any employee waiving insurance coverage, the net premium savings will be split - 80% Board, 20% employee.

5. Starting with the 2022-2023 (effective July 1, 2022) school year, the Traditional Health Care Plan and the Direct Access Health Care Plan offered to Building Administrators shall both be modified to provide 250% CMS OON.

6. Starting with the 2022-2023 (effective July 1, 2022) school year, the Prescription Plan offered to Building Administrators shall be modified to a point-of-sale administration of benefits (as opposed to the reimbursement administration of benefits).

ARTICLE IX - EVALUATIONS

A. Evaluations of Building Administrators shall comply with all applicable State laws and Administrative Regulations.

B. Evaluation instruments and evaluation criteria will be developed by the Superintendent after a discussion with the Association.

C. A Building Administrator has the right to examine his/her file at any reasonable time and may attach comments as a part of the permanent record to any item.

D. Evaluation Procedure

1. Each Building Administrator shall sign all copies of each written and/or electronic copy of their evaluation attesting to the fact that the contents of the evaluation are known to him/her. Written evaluations may not be included in the Building Administrator's personnel file without his/her knowledge. He/she shall also receive a written or electronic copy of each written evaluation.

2. A conference shall be arranged between the Superintendent of Schools and the Building Administrator within a reasonable amount of time after the written evaluation has been made. At such time, the Building Administrator is entitled to respond to the evaluation and have this response appended to the evaluation report.

E. Any complaints regarding a Building Administrator which are used in any matter in evaluating the Building Administrator shall be promptly investigated and called to his/her attention. The Building Administrator shall be given an opportunity to respond to and/or rebut such complaint and shall have the right to be represented by the Association at any meetings regarding such complaint.

ARTICLE X - DEDUCTIONS FROM SALARY

A. Association Payroll Dues Deduction

1. The Board agrees to deduct from the salaries of its Building Administrators dues for any one or a combination of associations as said employees individually and voluntarily authorize the Board to deduct. Such deductions shall be made in compliance with Chapter 233, N.J. Public Laws of 1969 (N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9e) and under rules established by the State Department of Education. The person designated shall distribute such monies to the appropriate association or associations.

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

B. Local, State, and National Services

The Board agrees to deduct from Building Administrator salaries money for local, state, and/or national association services and programs as said Building Administrators individually and voluntarily authorize the Board to deduct and to transmit monies promptly to such association or associations.

C. Tax-Sheltered Annuity

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

ARTICLE XI - SALARIES

A. The salaries of all Building Administrators covered by this Agreement are set forth in Schedule A which is attached hereto and made part hereof.

B. Effective July 1, 2022, salaries, as set forth in the attached Schedule A, for Building Administrators shall be increased as indicated:

1. The payment of longevity as an administrator on a non-cumulative basis as set forth herein:

After 3 years of service	\$3,000
After 5 years of service	\$4,000
After 7 years of service	\$5,000

2. Employees entering the bargaining unit on or after July 1, 2012 shall not receive longevity.

3. The above increases will be incorporated into the annual percentage as follows:

Year One of Agreement	2.90%
Year Two of Agreement	2.80%

Year Three of Agreement 2.75%

Year Four of Agreement 2.75%

Year Five of Agreement 2.75%

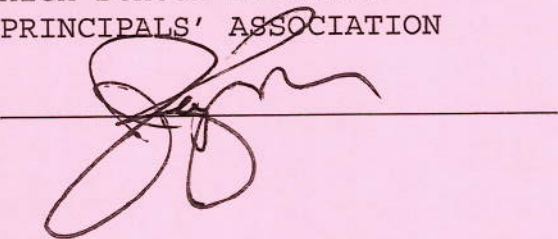
Total of 13.95% increase over the entire Agreement

ARTICLE XII - DURATION OF AGREEMENT

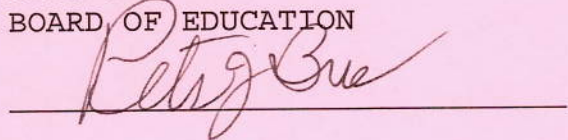
The agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2022 and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2027.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be signed by the respective representatives, all on the day and year first above written.

FREEHOLD REGIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION



FREEHOLD REGIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION



DATED: 4/6/22

DATED: _____

SCHEDULE A

PRINCIPALS' AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' SALARY GUIDE

PRINCIPALS

<u>STEP</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>	<u>2026/2027</u>
1	167,803	171,728	175,526	178,512	182,611
2	169,042	173,005	176,796	179,812	183,861
3	170,280	174,282	178,066	181,112	185,161
4	171,518	175,559	179,336	182,412	186,461
5	172,757	176,835	180,606	183,712	187,761
6	173,995	178,112	181,876	185,012	189,061
7	175,234	179,389	183,146	186,312	190,361
8	176,472	180,666	184,416	187,612	191,661
9	177,710	181,943	185,686	188,912	192,961
10	178,949	183,219	186,956	190,212	194,261
11	180,187	184,496	188,226	191,512	195,561
12	-	185,773	189,496	192,812	196,861

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

<u>STEP</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>	<u>2026/2027</u>
1	135,903	136,015	136,098	136,131	138,204
2	138,303	138,515	138,998	139,431	141,704
3	140,803	141,015	141,998	142,731	145,204
4	143,303	143,865	144,998	146,031	148,704
5	145,803	146,715	148,098	149,331	152,204
6	148,303	149,565	151,198	152,781	155,704
7	151,003	152,565	154,298	156,231	159,204
8	153,703	155,565	157,398	159,681	162,704
9	156,403	158,565	160,598	163,131	166,204
10	159,103	161,565	163,798	166,581	169,704
11	161,803	164,565	167,148	170,031	173,204
12	164,603	167,565	170,498	173,481	176,604

If an Assistant Principal in the Association as of June 30, 2021 is subsequently promoted to the position of Principal, he or she shall either be placed on the Principals Salary Guide at least at the first step, or, placed on the appropriate step that results in a salary increase of \$10,000.

<u>DOCTORATE</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>
	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500

SCHEDULE B
HEALTH BENEFITS CONTRIBUTION

For Building Administrators Subject to Chapter 78

**HEALTH BENEFITS CONTRIBUTION FOR SINGLE COVERAGE
(PERCENTAGE OF PREMIUM)**

<u>Salary Range</u>	<u>Employee Premium Contribution</u>
less than 20,000	4.50%
20,000-24,999.99	5.50%
25,000-29,999.99	7.50%
30,000-34,999.99	10.00%
35,000-39,999.99	11.00%
40,000-44,999.99	12.00%
45,000-49,999.99	14.00%
50,000-54,999.99	20.00%
55,000-59,999.99	23.00%
60,000-64,999.99	27.00%
65,000-69,999.99	29.00%
70,000-74,999.99	32.00%
75,000-79,999.99	33.00%
80,000-94,999.99	34.00%
95,000 and over	35.00%

**HEALTH BENEFITS CONTRIBUTION FOR FAMILY COVERAGE
(PERCENTAGE OF PREMIUM)**

<u>Salary Range</u>	<u>Employee Premium Contribution</u>
less than 25,000	3.00%
25,000-29,999.99	4.00%
30,000-34,999.99	5.00%
35,000-39,999.99	6.00%
40,000-44,999.99	7.00%
45,000-49,999.99	9.00%
50,000-54,999.99	12.00%
55,000-59,999.99	14.00%
60,000-64,999.99	17.00%
65,000-69,999.99	19.00%
70,000-74,999.99	22.00%
75,000-79,999.99	23.00%
80,000-84,999.99	24.00%
85,000-89,999.99	26.00%
90,000-94,999.99	28.00%
95,000-99,999.99	29.00%
100,000-109,999.99	32.00%
110,000 and over	35.00%

**HEALTH BENEFITS CONTRIBUTION FOR
MEMBER/SPOUSE/PARTNER OR PARENT/CHILD COVERAGE
(PERCENTAGE OF PREMIUM)**

<u>Salary Range</u>	<u>Employee Premium Contribution</u>
less than 25,000	3.50%
25,000-29,999.99	4.50%
30,000-34,999.99	6.00%
35,000-39,999.99	7.00%
40,000-44,999.99	8.00%
45,000-49,999.99	10.00%
50,000-54,999.99	15.00%
55,000-59,999.99	17.00%
60,000-64,999.99	21.00%
65,000-69,999.99	23.00%
70,000-74,999.99	26.00%
75,000-79,999.99	27.00%
80,000-84,999.99	28.00%
85,000-99,999.99	30.00%
100,000 and over	35.00%

For Building Administrators Subject to Chapter 44

Base Salary of	Single	Parent & Child(ren)	Employee & Spouse	Family
\$40,000 or Less	1.7%	2.2%	2.8%	3.3%
\$40,000 to \$50,000	1.9%	2.5%	3.3%	3.9%
\$50,000 to \$60,000	2.2%	2.8%	3.9%	4.4%
\$60,000 to \$70,000	2.5%	3.0%	4.4%	5.0%
\$70,000 to \$80,000	2.8%	3.3%	5.0%	5.5%
\$80,000 to \$90,000	3.0%	3.6%	5.5%	6.0%
\$90,000 to \$100,000	3.3%	3.9%	6.0%	6.6%
\$100,000 to \$125,000	3.6%	4.4%	6.6%	7.2%
\$125,000 and up	3.6%	4.4%	6.6%	7.2%

