

AGREEMENT

Between

THE NEW BRITAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION

And

**NEW BRITAIN FEDERATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS,
LOCAL 51, AFSA, AFL-CIO**

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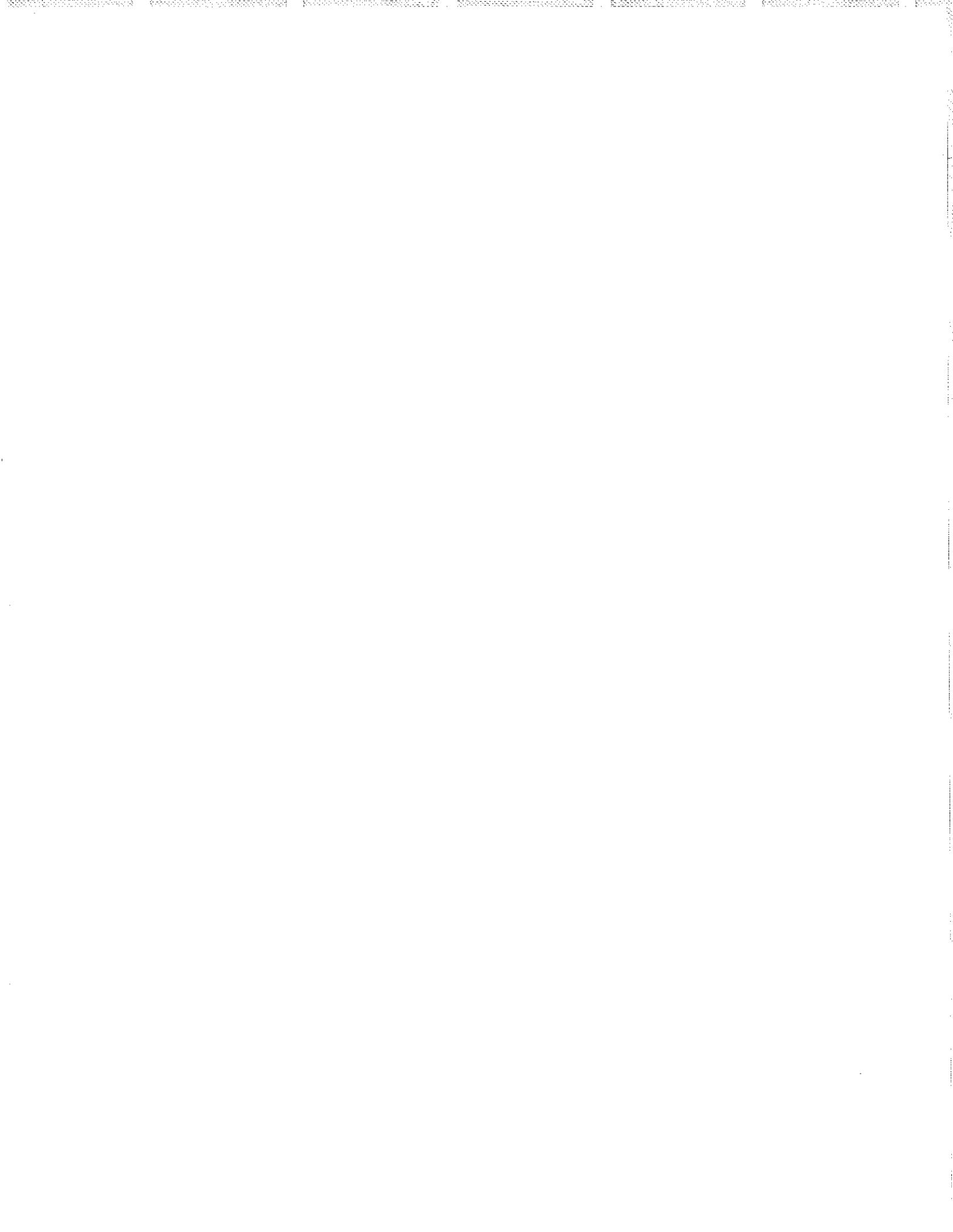


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This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the Board of Education of the City of New Britain and New Britain Federation of School Administrators, Local 51, AFSA, AFL-CIO

ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS

- “Board”** Board of Education of the City of New Britain.
- “Administrators' Union”** New Britain Federation of School Administrators, Local 51, AFSA, AFL-CIO
- “Superintendent”** Superintendent of Schools for the Board.
- “Member”** Any person employed by the New Britain Board of Education for whom the Administrators' Union is entitled to negotiate according to statutes of the State of Connecticut.
- “Immediate Family”** Spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, child or any domestic partner of the administrator (unless noted otherwise).
- “Course Credit”** Course credit shall mean credit for graduate courses, which are part of a program of higher learning (the individual administrator teacher need not be matriculated in said program), licensed by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education or in the case of out-of-state institutions, by Regional Accredited Agency or course credits approved in writing, in advance, by the Superintendent.

“Categories”

High School Principal
High School Vice Principal
High School Associate Principal
High School Supervisor of Special Services
Principal at HALS Academy, Gifted & Fine Arts
Middle School Principal
Middle School Assistant Principal
Elementary School Principal
Elementary School Assistant Principal
Elementary School Administrative Intern
Director of Pupil Services
District Coordinator of Adult Education, Summer School
District Coordinator of Language Arts
District Coordinator of Health, Physical Education, Athletics & Safety
District Coordinator of Science, Technology & Applied Education
District Coordinator of Mathematics
District Coordinator of Elementary Special Education & Pupil Services K-5
District Coordinator of Special Education, Pupil Services 6-12 & Speech
Language Services PK-12
Principal of the Alternative Center School, Psychological, Social Work
and Special Education
District Coordinator of Assessment, Data Integration, Professional
Development & Program Evaluation
District Coordinator of Early Childhood
District Coordinator of Bilingual, ESOL & World Languages
Principal of New Britain Satellite Academy
Director of Teaching and Learning
Director of ELD and World Languages
PK-8 Principal
PK-8 Assistant Principal
District Supervisor of Special Education-New Britain Transition Center
District Supervisor of Special Education KEY Program

**ARTICLE II
RECOGNITION**

2:1 The Board recognizes the New Britain Federation of School Administrators, Local 51, AFSA, AFL-CIO as the exclusive bargaining representative of all those employees in the Administrators' bargaining unit as defined by Connecticut law for the purpose of collective bargaining.

ARTICLE III POSITION CATEGORIES

- 3:1 In the event positions represented by the Union are to be established or discontinued by the Board during the term of this contract, or the duties and responsibilities of presently existing positions or categories altered or amended, the Union shall be apprised, in writing, of the contemplated establishment, discontinuance, or alteration of such a position or category. The Union shall receive at least two (2) weeks notice prior to submission to the Board of any and all proposed changes mentioned above.
- 3:2 When the duties or responsibilities of any position in the bargaining unit are decreased, increased, or otherwise altered by the Board, impact negotiations with the Union shall be held.
- 3:3 If an administrative position is eliminated by the Board, negotiations with the Union concerning the impact of such elimination of position on the salaries, terms and conditions of employment of other affected administrative positions shall be held.
- 3:4 The duties or responsibilities of any position in the administrator's bargaining unit shall not be reassigned out of the administrator's unit.
- 3:5 When a new bargaining unit administrative position is created by the Board, or a job description is changed, a job description will be prepared by the Superintendent, or designee, and the job will be placed ("slotted") in a salary group which requires similar or comparable duties and responsibilities and shall then be presented to the Union. If the Union believes that the position has not been placed in the proper salary group ("slotted") by the Superintendent or believes that a new salary group should be created, it may request a meeting with the Superintendent or his/her representatives to negotiate the placement ("slotting") of the job. If agreement is not reached between the Superintendent and the Union after twenty-five (25) days from the commencement of negotiations, the matter shall be submitted to the mediation/arbitration procedures as set forth in CGS 10-153f(e).
- 3:6 Under normal circumstances, all administrators will be individually notified of their assignments and programs for the coming school year in writing by the Superintendent of Schools no later than July 1.

In an emergency or unexpected situation (e.g., resignation during July/August, sudden death), administrators will be individually notified of their assignments and programs for the coming year within fourteen (14) calendar days of an emergency or unexpected situation (e.g., resignation during July/August, sudden death), upon consultation with the administrator and union.

**ARTICLE IV
SALARIES**

- 4:1 The salaries of all persons covered by this Agreement are set forth in Appendix A which is attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.
- 4:2 Full year increment credits shall be granted for members who complete 140 days of service during any school year.

**ARTICLE V
CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT**

5:1 **Administrative Year**

For the purpose of establishing equitable rates of pay for all persons whose positions fall within the purview of the Administrators' Union, the Administrative Year for each category of personnel shall be 220 work days. Such work year shall not include any of the following:

New Year's Day	Columbus Day
Martin Luther King Day	Veteran's Day
Lincoln's Birthday	Thanksgiving Day
President's Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Good Friday	Last working day before Christmas
Memorial Day	Christmas Day
Independence Day	Next regular work day after Christmas
Labor Day	

The two hundred and twenty work days will include the two weeks immediately preceding the first day of school for students and the one week immediately following the last day of school for students.

All members of Local 51 shall be allowed to carry up to a maximum of ten (10) non-work days from one fiscal year to the next. At no time, however, shall the total time carried over exceed ten (10) non-work days. Accrued non-work days shall not be paid out upon separation from employment.

5:2 **Administrative Day**

It is understood that each member shall carry out his/her professional responsibilities to the extent required by the educational program of the New Britain Board of Education.

The Board and the New Britain Federation of School Administrators recognize and agree that the administrator's responsibility to their students and teachers and to their profession at sometimes entails the performance of duties and the expenditure of time

beyond the normal working day, and that the administrators are entitled to work schedules upon which they can ordinarily rely to the extent possible throughout the school system. Therefore, in accordance with above, the following guidelines are hereby set forth:

- a) When administrators must be present at after hours meetings, pre-planned presentations, participation, or discussions, a week's notice will be provided, where possible.
- b) When an emergency or unplanned attendance is required, twenty-four hours notice will be provided, where possible. In short notice situations, every consideration will be given to prior commitments of the administrator whose attendance is required.
- c) In the event that the administrator is requested to make an appearance at a Board meeting, the Superintendent will request that the agenda item concerning the administrator, be addressed as early as possible in the meeting.
- d) On days on which schools are officially declared closed due to inclement weather, it is expected that administrators will report to work unless, in their own good judgment, they find that, due to weather conditions, it would be impossible or unreasonable for them to do so. Administrators may work from home on these days and such days shall constitute a work day. Administrators shall notify either the Chief Academic Officer and/or the Chief Operations Officer when they work from home.

5:3 **Consultations**

The Superintendent of Schools shall meet at least once a month, at the request of the Executive Board of the New Britain Federation of School Administrators, whose members shall be selected by the Administrators' Union, to discuss the operation of New Britain's public schools. Any matter which affects the operation of these schools shall be deemed a proper matter for discussion.

5:4 **Pay Credit**

Any member, or the designated beneficiary, or the estate in the absence of a beneficiary, shall receive, in the event of separation of employment or death, any pay withheld up to the date of such separation or death.

**ARTICLE VI
LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

6:1 Paid Sick Leave

- a) Each member shall be entitled to eighteen (18) days annually for the term of this contract.
- b) Each member of the administrative unit shall be entitled to accumulate two hundred twenty (220) days of sick leave. Accumulated sick leave shall be compiled at the end of the administrative year or upon separation, whichever comes first.
- c) Each member with five (5) or more years of continued service as an administrator with the New Britain Board of Education shall be paid upon retirement under the State Teachers Retirement Board or death for unused accumulated sick leave at the rate of 2% per year of service for the first twenty (20) years of service and 1 and 1/2% per year of service beyond twenty years; maximum payment shall be 65% of accumulated sick leave. Payment shall be included in the member's final paycheck or any other reasonable option mutually agreeable to the Board and the Union at a rate of compensation equal to the highest per diem salary rate of the member during any year of service to the system. Bargaining unit members hired on or after July 1, 2008 will not be eligible for this benefit.
- d) A sick leave bank is hereby established, for use in cases of extreme hardship. A member must contribute two days of sick leave to the bank in order to become a participant in the sick leave bank, such day or days to be deducted from the contributing member's accumulated sick leave. A committee, consisting of two members selected by the Union and two members selected by the Superintendent or his/her designee, shall develop procedures for application and granting of sick leave from the bank. Granting of extra sick leave days shall be by majority vote of committee members. The maximum number of days which may be jointly contributed to the bank shall be two hundred twenty days (220).

6:2 Maternity, Paternity, Adoption And Foster Care Leave

Employees shall be entitled to maternity, adoption and foster care leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as set forth in the Board's Family and Medical Leave Policy, and the following additional procedures. All such leave will be counted against the employee's annual 12-week entitlement, if any, under the Family and Medical Act:

a) Child-Bearing Leave:

- (i) An employee shall be entitled to use accrued paid sick leave during such time before the birth of the child for pre-natal care as necessitated by the employee's physician.
- (ii) The period of child-bearing leave shall be the length of time during which the employee's physician certifies that the employee is incapacitated from

working. The employee shall provide a letter from her physician stating when the period of incapacity commences and when the period of incapacity is anticipated to cease.

b) Adoption and Foster Care Leave

An employee shall be entitled to use accrued paid personal leave as necessary for the purpose of effectuating the adoption or foster care of a child and will be granted up to an additional three (3) days under Superintendent's discretion when necessary to effectuate such adoption or foster care. An employee shall be entitled to an unpaid leave of absence immediately following the adoption of a child or the placement of the child in the foster care of the employee in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act and will be entitled to additional unpaid leave for child-rearing as specified in (c)(ii) below.

c) Child-Rearing Leave:

- (i) An employee shall be entitled to an unpaid leave of absence for child-rearing purposes immediately following expiration of child bearing leave.
- (ii) The child-rearing leave may continue for any or all of the first twelve weeks after the birth or adoption of the child (or placement of the child in the foster care of the employee) or for the balance of the school year during which the child was born. The employee may choose to continue the child-rearing leave into the next fiscal year. The employee may choose to continue the child-rearing leave for any or all of the first twelve weeks of the next school year in accordance with the FMLA (i.e., up until the time the baby's first birthday) or may remain on such leave for the entire next school year.
- (iii) Such employee must notify the Superintendent in writing on or before June 1 if she will return to work at the beginning of the next school year or continue the child-rearing leave into the next school year, along with the date upon which the employee plans to return to work.

6:3 Uniformed Services

Uniformed Services leave shall be granted pursuant to federal law. Up to two weeks of such leave will be paid.

6:4 Leave of Absence for Physical or Mental Illness

Extended paid or unpaid leave may be granted to members who have a serious health condition upon recommendation of the Superintendent and approval of the Board. Such leave will be counted against the member's entitlement, if any, under the Family and Medical Leave Act.

6:5 **Paid Family and Medical Leave**

Members shall be granted time off, up to ten (10) working days, chargeable to sick leave, provided a medical certificate is furnished to the Superintendent. Such leave that qualifies will be counted against the employee's entitlement, if any, under FMLA. Additional time chargeable to sick leave may be granted at the discretion of the Superintendent. Members who have exhausted their sick leave shall be granted time off for illness of members of the immediate family at the discretion of the Superintendent. Immediate family for purposes of this Section will include spouse, child, stepchild, foster child, parent, domestic partner. Members may be granted time off for serious illness of other family members (e.g., siblings) at the sole discretion of the Superintendent, which decision shall not be grievable.

6:6 **Sabbatical Leave**

- a) The underlying philosophy of the sabbatical leave is to increase the quality of education by giving the member an opportunity to improve or refresh professional skills and to gain enriching and broadening by professional study, research, or travel. A Sabbatical Leave is a privilege granted by the Board and, as such, the major concern must be the benefits which will be received by the pupils and the community through the individual's personal growth. Sabbatical leave may be granted to those members meeting the following conditions:
- b) Applicant members must have completed seven (7) years of service in New Britain, the last five (5) of which shall have been consecutive.
- c) Such leave shall be granted for one (1) year or one-half (½) year.
- d) Members on sabbatical leave shall be paid three-quarters (3/4) of their annual salaries; but in no event shall the total earnings of such members exceed their earnings for the previous year. Each such member shall, prior to sabbatical, sign a note for the amount of such sabbatical pay. Said note shall provide that the amount shall be forgiven in whole in the event the member shall complete two (2) years service after return from the sabbatical, or shall die.

6:7 **Bereavement Leave**

- a) In case of death in the member's immediate family the member shall be entitled to a maximum of five (5) consecutive work days leave. Immediate family for purposes of this Section shall include spouse, child, stepchild, foster child, parent, grandchild, sibling, parent of spouse, or domestic partner.
- b) In case of death of the administrator's grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, niece or nephew, the administrator shall be entitled to a maximum of two (2) days' leave per occurrence.
- c) A member may be entitled to one (1) day for each funeral outside of the immediate

family, subject to the approval of the Superintendent. Such leaves shall not exceed three (3) days per year.

6:8 **Professional Leave**

- a) Members may be granted, upon approval of the Superintendent, time to attend professional meetings and conferences as representatives of the School District.
- b) Time may be granted, upon approval of the Superintendent, to authorized representatives of professional organizations to conduct business which may lead to the improvement of education in the New Britain School System.

6:9 **Religious Holiday Leave**

Members may be entitled to time off for religious holidays, not to exceed three (3) paid days per year.

6:10 **Jury Duty Leave**

If a member must serve, time must be granted. Salary received for this period shall be equal to the member's full salary. The amount received for such jury duty from the State shall be turned over to the School District.

6:11 **Personal Business Leave**

Members shall be permitted absences without loss of pay up to a total of not more than five (5) days in any school year for any or all of the listed reasons below. Personal business days must be taken for appropriate reasons, and are intended to be used for personal business that cannot be conducted outside of regular work hours.

- a) Weddings
- b) Graduations
- c) Personal Business
- d) Educational Events

6:12 **Superintendent's Discretion**

Nothing agreed to heretofore concerning absences precludes the Superintendent from granting additional paid or unpaid time off for circumstances covered or not specifically covered in this Agreement. All such requests for time off shall be brought to his/her attention through routine channels as speedily as possible. The Superintendent shall make a determination in the case of such requests for absence with regard to the number of days permitted, salary, etc. The granting or denial of additional days off with or without pay is at the sole discretion of the Superintendent and is not grievable under Article IX of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE VII
FRINGE BENEFITS**

7:1 Health Insurance

Effective July 1, 2016, a High Deductible/Health Savings Plan (“HSA”) shall be the insurance plan for all employees. The deductible for the HSA Plan shall be \$2,000 for single coverage and \$4,000 for family coverage. The Board will fund fifty percent (50%) of the applicable HSA deductible amount for each full-time employee who elects coverage under the High Deductible/HSA.

The Board’s contribution toward the HSA deductible will be deposited into the HSA accounts as follows: one-fourth (1/4) of the applicable amount on July 1st of each year and the remaining three-fourths (3/4) on October 1st of each year. The parties acknowledge that the Board’s contribution toward the funding of the HSA Plan is not an element of the underlying insurance plan, but rather relates to the manner in which the deductible shall be funded for actively employed teachers.

The co-pay for prescriptions drugs after the deductible will be as follows:

- \$10 for generic retail
- \$25 for brand formulary retail
- \$40 for brand non-formulary retail

Covered members must obtain a prescription through mail order after the third prescription and receive a 100-day supply at two times the rates listed above.

The Board and the employees shall pay the following percentages of the costs for coverage in the High Deductible/HSA plan:

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Board	83%	82%	81%
Employee	17%	18%	19%

All employees who are not eligible for the HSA shall be eligible for the insurance plan listed below:

Blue Shield Century Preferred with Vision Care and Prescription. The following plan changes will be implemented effective July 1, 2016:

- (a) The co-pay for medical visits will be as follows:
 - (i) no co-pay for “well” visits; \$30 for primary care office visits; \$45 for specialists
 - (ii) The emergency room visit co-pay will be \$200 (waived if admitted).

- (iii) The hospital co-pay for inpatient stays will be \$500/day to \$2,000 per co-pay. The hospital co-pay for outpatient surgical procedures will be \$500 per outpatient admission.
- (iv) The urgent care co-pay will be \$75.
- (v) The out-of-network deductibles will be \$1,000/\$2,000/\$2,000.
- (vi) The out-of-network out-of-pocket maximums will be \$2,500/\$5,000/\$5,000.

[Amend Plan to reflect change to Cost of Care regarding Infertility; State Mandated Benefit]

- b) The co-pay for prescriptions currently provided will be as follows:

- \$10 for generic retail (34-day supply)
- \$30 for brand formulary retail (34-day supply)
- \$45 for brand non-formulary retail (34-day supply) -

Covered members must obtain a prescription through mail order after the third prescription and receive a 100-day supply at two times the rates listed above.

PPO Premium cost sharing. Commencing in the 2016-17 plan year, each eligible employee participating in the Anthem BC/BS Century preferred insurance program shall pay twenty-two percent (22%) of the annual cost for the Anthem BC/BS Century Preferred insurance program listed above for which he/she is eligible and which he/she selects; effective in the 2017-18 plan year employees shall pay twenty-three percent (23%) of the annual premium cost for said coverage; effective in the 2018-19 plan year employees shall pay twenty-four percent (24%) of the annual premium cost for said coverage. The Board shall pay the balance of the cost of such insurance programs.

- c) Excise Tax. If the Board receives notice that the total cost of a group health plan or plans offered under this contract will trigger an excise tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 4980I, or any other local, state or federal statute or regulation, during the term of this contract, the Board and the Union will, upon the request of the Board, engage in mid-term negotiations regarding the impact of such excise tax, in accordance with the Municipal Employees Relations Act (MERA).

- d) Delta Dental. [Amend Plan to have deductibles on Class 2 of \$25/\$75; Class 2 Benefits reimbursed at 80%]

- e) Section 125 And Flexible Spending Accounts

A member also may designate pre-tax dollars for a flexible spending account for un-reimbursed medical expenses and for dependent child care expenses. A monthly administrative fee of \$4.00 will be charged for enrollment in one or more

of the flexible spending account plans.

7:2 **Long Term Disability Insurance**

The Board shall provide an equal sum of money for each participant for the purpose of providing a long-term disability insurance policy. The policy purchased would be individually issued and individually owned. The Board shall reimburse the participant an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the participant's premium payment, with a maximum Board reimbursement of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) per fiscal year.

The Board's payment towards the premium cost of such long-term disability policy will be subject to a written request by the employee for such benefit along with documentation of the annual cost of such policy.

7:3 **Change of Insurance Carriers**

The Board reserves the right to change insurance carriers to those that will provide coverage that is substantially equal to or better than that which is in effect. Prior to implementing such substitute coverage and benefits, the Board shall give the Union at least thirty (30) days written notice. If the Union believes that such coverage is not substantially equal to or better than that which is currently in effect, the Union may file any objection to such effect with the Board. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute within the next thirty (30) days from the filing of such objection, the parties shall submit the matter to the binding arbitration provision of Article IX.

7:4 **Life Insurance**

Two and one-half (2½) times the administrator's salary, rounded off to the nearest higher thousand dollars for Life Insurance covering the employee only. If permitted by the insurance carrier, individual members shall be entitled to purchase additional coverage in multiples of \$10,000. Such additional coverage shall be paid by the employee. The Board may change insurance carriers provided the same insurance coverage is maintained.

7:5 **Retiree Benefits**

a) **Life Insurance**

Upon retirement, a member may retain the above life insurance coverage by payment to the Board of the group rate premium.

Within the age limitations, health limitations and dollar amount limitation provided by the Board's group life insurance carrier, an administrator, at the time of retirement, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §et seq., may elect to purchase post employment life insurance coverage from the Board's life insurance carrier. Under no circumstances shall failure by the Board of Education's group life insurance carrier to provide or extend coverage under this Article cause the Board of Education to assume

any insurance obligation.

b) Retiree Health Insurance

(i) Eligibility

- I. An administrator must be in active employment as a full time administrator in the New Britain Public Schools, and must have worked in the New Britain Public School System for eight (8) or more years of continued service as an administrator.
- II. An administrator is eligible for this plan when he/she is eligible to receive a normal/early retirement benefit pursuant to the Connecticut Teachers Retirement system (Connecticut General Statutes 10-183F).
- III. An administrator who wishes to take advantage of this benefit must submit a written application on a form prescribed by the Board to the Superintendent prior to the close of business on February 1 of the year in which the administrator plans to retire. This application includes a waiver and a letter of resignation.

(ii) Benefits

Once an administrator is deemed eligible to participate under this plan he/she will be eligible to participate in the current health insurance programs listed under Section 7.1(a) above. Administrators who apply for and meet the requirements for this benefit will pay 50% of the COBRA cost of the benefits outlined in Section 7:1(a) above and 50% of the cost will be paid for by the Board for a period of two (2) years after the effective date of the administrator's retirement. The administrator may cover his/her eligible dependents under this provision. The Board will pay 50% of the cost, up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year, for the cost of the administrator's benefits for three (3) additional years, but not past age 65.

- c) Upon the death of a retired administrator, his/her enrolled dependents may continue to receive the above-described medical insurance coverage in accordance with COBRA.

7:6 Tuition Reimbursement

The Board desires to encourage the professional improvement of its administrators. Therefore, when eligible members, as hereinafter described, successfully complete courses in fields of study for which they have received the prior approval of the Superintendent, the Board will reimburse such members one-half of the tuition of one course a semester and up to two courses during the summer, but not for more than twelve

(12) credit hours per school year not to exceed \$5,000. The Superintendent may pre-approve, at his/her sole discretion, courses and/or programs of studies that he/she determines to be relevant to the member's assignment, and such decision shall not be grievable.

7:7 **Mileage**

Members shall be entitled to a mileage allowance based on the current IRS rate when required to use their private vehicles for school connected activities.

7:8 **Annuity**

The Board shall institute a plan for withholding contributions to a tax-sheltered annuity program from the pay of members who so elect. The Board will contribute an amount equal to two percent (2%), rounded to the nearest dollar, as pre-tax dollars, to each member's annuity program in each year of the contract.

7:9 **Longevity Payment:**

10 - 14 years	\$ 900
15 - 19 years	\$1,150
20 - 24 years	\$1,300
25 - 29 years	\$1,450
30 - 34 years	\$1,600
35 + years	\$1,750

7:10 **Personal Property Fund**

The Board shall allocate \$1,000 each year for the purpose of reimbursing administrators for damage to personal property incurred while in the performance of duty. Such payment shall not duplicate those covered by the member's insurance.

All reimbursements for the foregoing will be held until the end of the fiscal year at which time reimbursement will be made in full if the amount allocated is sufficient for such purpose; otherwise, prorated reimbursement will be made according to the demands made on the fund.

7:11 **Alternative Health Insurance**

An administrator who is covered under alternate health insurance through another employer (e.g., spouse) may waive his/her basic health insurance benefits provided by the Board for a minimum period of one (1) year. Administrators who opt not to accept the health insurance as outlined above shall be compensated on a fiscal year basis in the amount of \$1,000. Such payment (subject to regular deductions) shall be made during each fiscal year by September 15th. Administrators choosing this option shall only be able to change their option effective on July 1 of each fiscal year by notifying the Human

Resources Office by the preceding April 1. However, any administrator who becomes ineligible under some alternate health insurance coverage during the one (1) year period, will be re-enrolled under the Board's Health Insurance provisions provided that the Board is notified in writing by the administrator. Proof of insurability shall be determined by the insurance policies then in effect. In a case requiring the re-enrollment of an administrator before the one (1) year period has expired, the administrator will receive a pro-rated amount for any full months in which he/she participated in the plan; provided however, that a minimum participation of six (6) full months in the plan is required. Any administrator choosing this option will be required to sign a waiver of Board Insurance and submit proof of alternate health insurance coverage to the Human Resources Office and the Union President. If mandated by Board group insurance requirements, the Board reserves the right to limit the number of administrators who may participate in the plan.

Such waiver signed by an administrator shall release the Board from any liability or responsibility in connection with this withdrawal of insurance coverage.

Any administrator with a spouse who is employed by the District shall not be eligible for the compensation outlined in this section.

ARTICLE VIII CONFORMITY TO LAW - SAVINGS CLAUSE

8:1 In the event that any provision of this Agreement is, or shall at any time be, contrary to law, all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in effect.

ARTICLE IX GRIEVANCES

9:1 **Informal Disposition of Problems**

The parties recognize that the informal disposition of problems is often preferable to formalized proceedings. Therefore, administrators are encouraged to seek the assistance of the Executive Board of the Administrators' Union in order to achieve informal disposition of problems.

9:2 **Definition**

- a) A grievance shall mean a complaint by an employee that:
 - (i) the member has been treated unfairly or inequitably,
 - (ii) there has been a violation, misinterpretation, misapplication or infringement upon the provisions of this Agreement, established policy, or written practice.

- b) As used in this Article, the term "employee" shall mean:
 - (i) an individual employee,
 - (ii) a group of employees having the same grievance,
 - (iii) the Administrators' Union.

9:3 **Procedure**

- a) Any employee who decides either alone or after seeking the assistance of the Executive Board of the Union that such employee has a grievance shall discuss it with the administrator taking the action which is the subject of the grievance in an attempt to resolve the matter informally at that level.
- b) If, as a result of the discussion, the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the employee within seven (7) calendar days of the discussion, such employee shall set forth the grievance in writing to the Superintendent, specifying:
 - (i) The nature of the grievance;
 - (ii) The results of previous discussions;
 - (iii) That such employee is dissatisfied with decisions previously rendered;
 - (iv) The remedy requested; and
 - (v) Reference to that provision of the contract which the employee claims has been misinterpreted or misapplied.

The Superintendent shall give his/her decision to the grievant in writing within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the written grievance.

- c) If the grievance is not resolved to the employee's satisfaction, the employee may appeal to the Board of Education within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the Superintendent's decision. The request shall be submitted in writing through the Superintendent of Schools who shall attach all related papers and forward the request to the Board. The Board, or a committee thereof, composed of not less than five (5) members, shall hold a hearing with the employee within twenty (20) calendar days of receipt of the written grievance and render a decision in writing within ten (10) calendar days of the hearing.
- d) In the event a grievance shall not have been settled under the procedure above, and if such grievance involves a claim of violation, misinterpretation, misapplication or infringement upon the provisions of this Agreement, the aggrieved, subject to the approval of the Union, may proceed directly to arbitration, which shall be binding subject to the limitations of statute.
- e) The Union shall initiate arbitration by certified letter addressed to the Superintendent of Schools and bearing the written approval to proceed of the President of the Administrators' Union. Such letter shall be mailed within twenty (20) calendar days of receipt of the written decision of the Board.
- f) The grievant, or the person designated by the grievant to represent the grievant in the grievance and the Superintendent, or the person designated by the Board to represent it in the grievance shall promptly attempt to agree upon and engage an arbitrator, but if either party determines that no purpose will be served by attempting or continuing to attempt to

so agree, either may submit the choice of arbitrator to the American Arbitration Association. In either event the conduct of the arbitration shall be under the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

- g) The arbitrator shall hear and decide only one grievance in each case. The arbitrator shall be bound by and must comply with all the terms of Agreement. The arbitrator shall have no power to add to, delete from or modify in any way any of provisions of this Agreement. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding upon both parties and all employees during the life of this Agreement, except that such shall not usurp the functions or powers of the Board of Education as provided by statute. Fees and expenses of the arbitration shall be borne equally by both parties.
- h) Any complaint or grievance not presented for disposition through the grievance procedure set forth above within twenty-eight (28) calendar days of the occurrence of the facts or condition giving rise thereto, or within twenty-eight (28) calendar days of the grievant's knowledge of their occurrence, whichever comes later, shall not thereafter be treated or processed as a grievance under this Agreement.

9:4 **General Provisions**

- a) Any grievance not processed in accordance with the time limits specified herein shall be deemed relinquished by the grievant.
- b) Administration failure at any step of this procedure to communicate a decision within the specified time limits shall be considered a denial of the grievance and permit the grievant to proceed promptly to the next step. The time limits specified at any step may be extended in any particular instance by agreement between the Superintendent or his/her designee and the grievant.
- c) Copies of all written grievances, responses and notices shall be delivered to the Administrators' Union. Meetings held under this procedure shall be conducted at a place which will afford a fair and reasonable opportunity for all proper persons to be present. Such persons are defined as the aggrieved, the appropriate representatives and witnesses of the Board and the Administrators' Union. The Administrators' Union shall be entitled to represent the grievant at any stage, upon request of the grievant. The Administrators' Union shall have the right to appeal in its own behalf from the disposition of a grievance of any bargaining unit employee or group of such employees at any step of this procedure. Counsel of the Board and the Administrators' Union shall be permitted at Steps 9:3c and 9:3d. If, at the option of the Board, hearings are held during school hours, persons proper to be present shall be excused without loss of pay.
- d) Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as compelling the Administrators' Union to submit a grievance to arbitration.
- e) No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by either party or by any member of the administration against any participants in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.

**ARTICLE X
AGENCY SHOP**

- 10:1 All administrators eligible for membership in the Union shall, as a condition of employment or continuing employment, join the Union or pay to the Union a service fee, as determined by the Union. The Union shall annually determine the proper amount of the agency fee.
- 10:2 The Board agrees to deduct via payroll dues for all members of the bargaining unit, unless an individual member gives notice to the Director of Human Resources, in writing that he or she wishes to have deducted the service fee only. The proper deduction will be made each month from the employee's salary and forwarded to the Union.
- 10:3 The Union agrees to indemnify and save the Board and the City harmless against any and all claims, demands, costs, suits, or other forms of liability, including reasonable attorney's fees, which are incurred by or charged against the Board of Education in connection with any action taken by the Board of Education for the purpose of complying with this Article.

**ARTICLE XI
INVOLUNTARY REASSIGNMENT
LAYOFF AND RECALL**

- 11:1 When a position is eliminated, pursuant to a reorganization or for any other reason, the administrator within the category of that position with the least total years of administrative certificated service from the last date of hire in the schools of New Britain, shall be the only person in such category to be considered for displacement from the category. If displacement from the category occurs, such least senior administrator as aforesaid shall be offered a vacant administrative position for which he/she is certificated and within his/her category if one exists. If no such vacancy exists, but a vacancy exists in another administrative category such administrator will be appointed to that position provided that he/she is certificated and qualified for it and provided that the position is at the same or lower level as the position from which the administrator was displaced. Such appointment shall not be required if it would constitute a promotion for the administrator but may be made at the discretion of the Superintendent and the Board. The term "vacant position" shall include a position newly created pursuant to a reorganization or newly created for any other reason. In the event that more than one administrator in such category being reduced have equal years of certificated service in the schools of New Britain, the administrator with the least years of service in the administrators' bargaining unit shall be the person considered for displacement.

Such person shall then be placed upon a recall list for a period of two years, and shall be reassigned to the original category at such time as a vacancy occurs in such category.

- 11:2 If more than one person is on a recall list from the same category, the administrator with the most total years of administrative certificated service, from the last date of hire, shall

be recalled first.

If a vacancy occurs in another administrative category, persons on the recall list may apply for such position without loss of status on the recall list. If such person is the successful applicant and is appointed, that person shall retain his total seniority but shall be removed from the recall list.

- 11:3 If an administrator is relieved of his/her duties because of a reduction in staff or elimination of position and another administrative position is not otherwise available as aforesaid, he/she will be offered a teaching position for which he/she is certified, subject to, and consistent with the law and the contract between the Board of Education and New Britain Federation of Teachers, Local 871.
- 11:4 In the event an administrator is displaced to an administrative category with a salary schedule lower than that which the displaced administrator was paid in the year of displacement, such administrator's salary shall be maintained at the salary rate earned in the year of displacement for one (1) year or until the salary for the new position on the salary schedule shall be equal to or exceeds the amount earned in the year of displacement, whichever occurs first.
- 11:5 In the event an administrator is displaced to a teaching position with a salary lower than that which the displaced administrator was paid in the year of notification of their displacement, the administrator shall be paid their per diem rate as an administrator only for the days worked as a teacher for a period of up to one (1) year following displacement.

11:6 **Lay-Off**

In the event a member is laid off due to the elimination of a position(s) such layoff shall be governed by the following provisions:

- a) No member shall be laid off if any other position in such member's category is held by another member who has fewer years of administrative certificated service in the schools of New Britain from the last date of hire and has qualifications aligned with the job description;
- b) The names of all members who have been laid off shall be placed on a recall list and shall remain on such list for a period of two (2) years; provided such member notifies the Human Resources Office in writing of his or her desire to remain on such list between April 1 and May 30 in each subsequent year.
- c) Members on the recall list shall be re-employed to a position in his or her category at such time as a vacancy occurs.
- d) If more than one person is on the recall list from the same category, the member with the most total years of administrative certificated service in the schools of New Britain, from the last date of hire, shall be re-employed first.

- e) If a vacancy occurs in another administrative category, persons on the recall list may apply for such a position without loss of status on the recall list. If one such member is a successful applicant, and is appointed, that member shall retain his total seniority but shall be removed from the recall list.
- f) Length of time served by a member shall include any periods during which the member was on authorized leave by the Board of Education.
- g) A member who fails to accept recall after layoff within thirty (30) calendar days after notice of an available position has been sent by registered mail to the President of Local 51 and the member's last known address or fails to give a reasonable excuse within thirty (30) days for not accepting the position shall be removed from the recall list.
- h) If a member is recalled to an equal or lower category he/she will be placed at the same step at which he/she left.
- i) A member shall receive no seniority credit while on recall list.

11:7 Involuntary reassignments shall be made on the basis of the best educational interest of the school system. Involuntary transfer shall not be made without prior consultation between the administrator and the Superintendent at which time the administrator shall be notified of the reason for the transfer. An administrator who does not believe his/her reassignment/transfer to be in the best educational interest of the school system may appeal the decision of the Superintendent by following the contractual grievance process.

ARTICLE XII JUST CAUSE

12:1 No administrator will be disciplined, reprimanded, suspended or demoted, without just cause.

ARTICLE XIII BOARD PREROGATIVE CLAUSE

13:1 It is recognized that the Board has and will continue to retain, whether exercised or not, the sole and unquestioned right, responsibility and prerogative to direct the operations of the public schools in the City of New Britain in all its aspects. Except as is otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time, it is recognized that the Board has and will continue to retain, whether exercises or not, the right, responsibility and prerogative to direct the operation of the public schools in the Town of New Britain including but not limited to the following: to maintain public elementary and secondary schools and such other education activities as in its judgment

will best serve the interest of the Town of New Britain; to give the children of New Britain as nearly equal advantages as may be practicable; to decide the need and program for the summer school, if any; to determine the maintenance and operation of buildings, lands, apparatus and other property used for school purposes; to determine the number, age and qualifications of the pupils to be admitted into each school; to employ, assign and transfer teachers, principals and assistant principals or other certified personnel; to suspend or dismiss the employees of the schools; to designate the schools which shall be attended by the various children within the town, to make such provisions as will enable each child of school age residing in the town to attend school for the period required by law and provide for the transportation of children wherever it is reasonable and desirable; to prescribe rules for management, studies, classification and discipline for the public schools; to decide the textbooks to be used; to make rules for the arrangement, use and safe-keeping of the school libraries and to approve plans for school buildings; to prepare and submit budgets and, in its sole discretion, expend monies appropriated by the town for the maintenance of the schools, and to make such transfer of funds within the appropriated budget as it shall deem desirable.

These rights, responsibilities and prerogatives are not subject to delegation in whole or in part, except that the same shall not be exercised in a manner inconsistent with or in violation of any of the specific terms and provisions of this Agreement. No action taken by the Board with respect to such rights, responsibilities and prerogatives, other than as there are specified provisions hereto elsewhere contained, shall be subject to the grievance provisions of this agreement.

ARTICLE XIV IMPACT STATEMENT

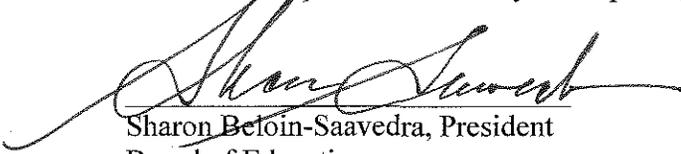
- 14:1 If the total number of days or the individual work day, of any administrator is increased by the local or State Board of Education or by the legislature beyond that which existed in the 1986-87 school year, the administrator(s) affected shall be compensated at a per diem or hourly rate based on each administrator's individual salary. Alternatively, the Board may elect to negotiate with respect to such impact issues, in which case such negotiations shall be subject to the mediation/arbitration provisions of Connecticut General Statutes.

ARTICLE XV DURATION

- 15:1 This Agreement shall become effective July 1, 2016 and continue in full force and effect until June 30, 2019.

**ARTICLE XVI
PRIOR PRACTICES**

16:1 The parties acknowledge that practices may develop from time to time at one or more of the district's facilities. The practices in effect prior to July 1, 2016 shall not be binding on the parties unless they are expressly incorporated, in writing, herein.


Sharon Beloin-Saavedra, President
Board of Education


Mark Fernandes, President
Local 51, AFSA, AFL-CIO

9/25/15
Date

9/24/15
Date

APPENDIX A-1
2016 – 2017
SALARY SCHEDULE
LOCAL 51 ADMINISTRATORS

	1	2	3	4	5
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL					
M + 30	141,201	141,914	142,638	143,356	144,068
PhD/M + 60	145,779	146,944	147,654	148,376	149,092
DIRECTOR					
M + 30	135,222	135,943	136,656	137,378	138,098
PhD/M + 60	140,247	140,967	141,680	142,402	143,117
PRINCIPAL HALS ACADEMY, GIFTED AND FINE ARTS					
M + 30	133,355	134,070	134,791	135,506	136,224
PhD/M + 60	138,380	139,092	139,814	140,533	141,248
MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL					
M + 30	131,483	132,205	132,913	133,635	134,352
PhD/M + 60	136,298	137,228	137,944	138,662	139,376
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL					
DISTRICT COORDINATOR					
M + 30	130,335	131,052	131,770	132,487	133,203
PhD/M + 60	135,359	136,072	136,792	137,511	138,228
HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL					
HIGH SCHOOL VICE-PRINCIPAL					
M + 30	128,612	129,334	130,049	130,770	131,484
PhD/M + 60	133,784	134,499	135,214	135,933	136,653
MS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL					
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COORDINATOR HIGH SCHOOL					
SUPERVISOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES (220 days)					
M + 30	119,857	120,570	121,292	122,008	122,727
PhD/M + 60	124,881	125,599	126,314	127,029	127,750
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (200)					
M + 30	108,962	109,609	110,342	110,917	111,571
PhD/M + 60	113,528	114,181	114,831	115,480	116,136

**APPENDIX A-2
2017-2018
SALARY SCHEDULE
LOCAL 51 ADMINISTRATORS**

	1	2	3	4	5
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL					
M + 30	144,025	144,752	145,491	146,223	146,949
PhD/M + 60	148,695	149,883	150,607	151,344	152,074
DIRECTOR					
M + 30	137,926	138,662	139,389	140,126	140,860
PhD/M + 60	143,052	143,786	144,514	145,250	145,979
PRINCIPAL HALS ACADEMY, GIFTED AND FINE ARTS					
M + 30	136,022	136,751	137,487	138,216	138,948
PhD/M + 60	141,148	141,874	142,610	143,344	144,073
MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL					
M + 30	134,113	134,849	135,571	136,308	137,039
PhD/M + 60	139,024	139,973	140,703	141,435	142,164
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DISTRICT COORDINATOR					
M + 30	132,942	133,673	134,405	135,137	135,867
PhD/M + 60	138,066	138,793	139,528	140,261	140,993
HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL HIGH SCHOOL VICE-PRINCIPAL					
M + 30	131,184	131,921	132,650	133,385	134,114
PhD/M + 60	136,460	137,189	137,918	138,652	139,386
MS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT COORDINATOR HIGH SCHOOL SUPERVISOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES (220 days)					
M + 30	122,254	122,981	123,718	124,448	125,182
PhD/M + 60	127,379	128,111	128,840	129,570	130,305
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (200)					
M + 30	111,141	111,801	112,549	113,135	113,802
PhD/M + 60	115,799	116,465	117,128	117,790	118,459

**APPENDIX A-3
2018- 2019
SALARY SCHEDULE
LOCAL 51 ADMINISTRATORS**

	1	2	3	4	5
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL					
M + 30	146,906	147,647	148,401	149,147	149,888
PhD/M + 60	151,669	152,881	153,619	154,371	155,115
DIRECTOR					
M + 30	140,685	141,435	142,177	142,929	143,677
PhD/M + 60	145,913	146,662	147,404	148,155	148,899
PRINCIPAL HALS ACADEMY, GIFTED AND FINE ARTS					
M + 30	138,742	139,486	140,237	140,980	141,727
PhD/M + 60	143,971	144,711	145,462	146,211	146,954
MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL					
M + 30	136,795	137,546	138,282	139,034	139,780
PhD/M + 60	141,804	142,772	143,517	144,264	145,007
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DISTRICT COORDINATOR					
M + 30	135,601	136,346	137,093	137,840	138,584
PhD/M + 60	140,827	141,569	142,319	143,066	143,813
HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL HIGH SCHOOL VICE-PRINCIPAL					
M + 30	133,808	134,559	135,303	136,053	136,796
PhD/M + 60	139,189	139,933	140,676	141,425	142,174
MS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT COORDINATOR HIGH SCHOOL SUPERVISOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES (220 days)					
M + 30	124,699	125,441	126,192	126,937	127,686
PhD/M + 60	129,927	130,673	131,417	132,161	132,911
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (200)					
M + 30	113,364	114,037	114,800	115,398	116,078
PhD/M + 60	118,115	118,794	119,471	120,146	120,828