

## **ARTICLE I**

### **RECOGNITION**

- A. Hereafter, both parties recognize the Exeter Region Cooperative School District (ERCSD), hereafter called the “Board,” and the Exeter Education Association (EEA), hereafter called the “Association.”
- B. The Board recognizes the Exeter Education Association as the exclusive representative of all professional employees of the Exeter Region Cooperative School District as defined below for the purpose of negotiating salaries, salary related benefits, and terms and conditions of employment. The Board agrees not to negotiate with any teachers’ group or association other than the designated unit in regard to any matter subject to negotiations. This shall not prevent the Board from communication or consultation with any individual or group of professional employees for any purpose the Board shall deem desirable in the discharge of its responsibilities, nor shall it preclude any professional employees from appearing before the Board in his/her own behalf on matters relating to employment by the Board.
- C. Professional employees are employees of the Exeter Region Cooperative School District whose position requires certification by the State Board of Education under its regulations governing the certification of professional school personnel. Department heads whose classroom teaching assignment averages three (3) or more periods per day, nurses, guidance personnel, and librarians shall be defined as professional employees for the purpose of this agreement. Superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, teacher consultants, and business administrators or persons employed by the State Board of Education are excluded from this definition of professional employee.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES**

- A. The Board, subject only to the language of this Agreement, reserves to itself full jurisdiction and authority over matters of policy and retains the right in accordance with applicable laws and regulations to direct and manage all activities of the School District. The parties understand that the Board may not lawfully delegate the power or authority which, by law, is vested in it, nor may the Superintendent lawfully delegate the power or authority which, by law, is vested in him/her; and this Agreement shall not be construed so as to constitute a delegation of the power or authority of either.
- B. The Association and its representatives may, in accordance with applicable Board policy, be granted the use of District buildings for meetings at such times that will not interfere with the normal operations of the School District and which will not entail additional costs for maintenance or custodial care.

- C. The Association and its representatives may post notice of Association activities and matters of Association concern in the teachers' rooms in each school building.
- D. The Association may be granted the use of professional employee mailboxes and e-mail for communications.
- E. The Association President or designee shall be given an opportunity to speak to the Exeter Region Cooperative School District professional employees immediately preceding or following the scheduled orientation activities as coordinated with the Superintendent or designee.
- F. Representatives of the Local, State and National Associations shall be permitted to meet with Association members concerning Association business on school property at reasonable times, provided that this shall not disrupt normal school operations, and that the representatives shall follow established procedures for school visitors and Board regulations regarding the use of facilities.
- G. If the NEA-NH Assembly of Delegates is limited to one (1) day in any given year, the Association shall be entitled to have five (5) members released without loss of pay to attend such meeting. In addition, the President of the Association or his/her designee shall be released at full pay not to exceed the equivalent of five (5) days per year for Association business.
- H. If an administrator meets with a professional employee to discipline that employee, and if that employee requests, he/she shall be entitled to have a representative from the Association present at the meeting. The administrator, when scheduling the meeting, shall inform the professional employee that the meeting is disciplinary. If the professional employee chooses to have an Association representative present, the administrator will make arrangements for coverage for that representative, if necessary.
- I. The Association may, in accordance with Board policy, be granted the privilege of using specific items of school office equipment at times when such equipment is not otherwise in use, providing all paper and supplies to be used are supplied by the Association and further providing the Association accepts the financial responsibility for any damage or maintenance charge which is incurred by such use.
- J. When public information is available and is requested by the Association from the School District Office, this information shall be provided within a reasonable time.
- K. The Association dues will be deducted from the regular salary paychecks of the Association member upon the request of the member. Deductions shall be in equal installments during the school year. Final date for a member to be eligible for payroll deductions is to be determined annually by the President of the Association and the School District Office. If an Association member leaves the district before the full dues have been deducted, the balance due shall be deducted from the member's final check provided that the final check covers the balance.

- L. At the end of each month, the School District will transmit all current month's dues and scholarship fund deductions to the Treasurer of the Association.
- M. The School District agrees to make regular deductions, which may be altered at any time of year, to the Service Federal Credit Union if an Association member so requests. The request should be made ten (10) working days prior to the paycheck in which the deduction is to be effective. The School District will transmit all monies to the SFCU within forty-eight (48) hours of the actual deductions.
- N. The School District agrees to make regular deductions to a tax sheltered annuity program if an Association member so requests. Such deductions may be initiated or changed by October 1, December 1, April 1, or June 1.
- O. The Board agrees to make available to the Association President and to an Association representative in each building a copy of the agenda on the morning of the day of the Board meeting. Copies of the minutes of the meeting will be forwarded by pouch or e-mail to the aforementioned parties as soon as they are available.
- P. When a Board policy is established or an existing policy is changed, copies will be forwarded to the Association President as soon as they are available.
- Q. Each professional employee upon initial employment will receive a copy of the current Agreement, including appendices.
- R. The Association shall be entitled to a Board review of any change in Board policy and practice which affects the terms and conditions of employment upon written request by the Association.
- S. Any written complaint which is directed to a professional employee's supervisor by any parent, student or other person shall be promptly called to the attention of the professional employee.
- T. Any complaint or comment adverse to the professional employee's career, which is placed into their personnel file(s), shall promptly be called to the attention of the professional employee. Upon reasonable notice each professional employee shall have the right to review his/her personnel file. The professional employee shall have the right to answer in writing any material filed and such answer shall be attached to the filed copy of material.
- U. The School District agrees to make regular payroll deductions as requested by the employee to the Exeter Education Association Scholarship Fund. Deductions shall be in equal installments during the school year and transmitted to the Treasurer of the Association at the end of each month.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURES**

- A. Negotiations will be conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined in RSA 273-A.
- B. Any agreement reached which requires the expenditures of public funds for its implementation shall not be binding upon the Board, unless, and until the necessary appropriations have been made by the voters of the district. If such funds are not approved by the voters of the district, the Board and the Association shall reopen negotiations.
- C. In the event of an impasse, the cost for the services of the mediator, including per diem expenses, if any, and actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses, will be equally shared by the Board and the Association.
- D. Nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit the Association and the Board from reaching agreement at any time between the declaring of impasse and the Annual Meeting.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **SAVINGS CLAUSE**

- A. If any provisions of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is held to be contrary to law, then such provision or application shall be deemed not valid and subsisting, except to the extent of the law, but all other provisions or application shall continue in full force and effect. In such instance, the Board and the Association shall meet within fifteen (15) days of such legal determination for the purpose of adjusting the Article(s) affected so it (they) will be in accordance with the law.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **STANDARDS CLAUSE**

- A. All conditions and benefits specified in this Agreement will be maintained at the highest minimum standards throughout the Agreement period except as noted in paragraph B. This Agreement shall not be applied or interpreted so as to deprive employees of benefits provided through previous negotiations unless such benefits were knowingly omitted from a successor Agreement.
- B. The foregoing does not include the determination of positions within the school system, the setting of Board policy, or other matters that legally or traditionally fall within the prerogative of the Board.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **STAFF EVALUATION**

- A. The parties recognize the importance and value of a procedure for evaluating the performance of both newly employed and experienced staff members for the purpose of identifying individual strengths and weaknesses and for improving the level of instruction in the School District.
- B. The Staff Evaluation Packet as adopted by Exeter Region Cooperative School District will serve as the vehicle for staff evaluation. Each new professional employee will receive a copy of this packet when hired. The Superintendent shall, upon request in September, in any given year make fifteen (15) copies available to the Association and the Association shall inform all members of the bargaining unit of the availability of such packets. Changes to the packet or to the evaluation process shall, upon adoption by the Board, be sent to the Association President.
- C. Staff input into future staff evaluation changes is recognized as being highly desirable and the administration will continue to consult the staff and the Association President or his/her designee in preparing and reviewing changes or additions. Final acceptance of any change will be the responsibility of the Superintendent and the Board.
- D. Each new professional employee will receive a copy of the Staff Evaluation Packet when hired. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall conduct an orientation of new professional employees as to the contents of the Staff Evaluation Packet no later than twenty (20) working days from the onset of employment.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

- A. Definition:
  - 1. A grievance shall mean a complaint by a professional employee or the Association that there has been a violation, misinterpretation, or inequitable application of any of the provisions of this Agreement.
  - 2. An “aggrieved person” or grievant is the person or persons or the Association making the complaint.
  - 3. The term “days” when used in this article shall mean working school days, except after the end of the school year when they shall be Monday through Friday; thus weekend or vacation days are excluded.

## B. Initiation and Processing:

A grievance to be considered under this procedure must be initiated in writing by the grievant within twenty (20) days of when the grievant should have reasonably known of its occurrence or from when it occurred.

Nothing in this procedure shall prevent the Association from processing any grievance under this procedure at level 1B and beyond. Failure at any level of this procedure to communicate the decision on a grievance within the specified time limits shall permit the grievant to proceed to the next level.

Failure at any level of this procedure to appeal a grievance to the next level within the specified time limits shall be deemed to be a waiver of further appeal of the decision and acceptance of the decision rendered at that level.

### 1. Level One – Principal

- (a) A professional employee with a grievance will first discuss it with his/her principal or immediate superior, with the objective of resolving the matter informally. A verbal response shall be given to the grievant within three (3) days.
- (b) If, as a result of the discussion, the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the grievant, the grievant may present the grievance in writing to the principal on the appropriate form. A decision in writing shall be given to the grievant and the Association within five (5) days of receipt of the written grievance.

### 2. Level Two – Superintendent (or his/her designee)

If the grievance is not resolved to the grievant's satisfaction, or if no decision has been rendered with five (5) days by the principal, the grievant may appeal to the Superintendent in writing within (5) days. The Superintendent shall arrange for a meeting to take place within five (5) days of receipt of the appeal. Upon conclusion of the meeting, the Superintendent shall render his written decision to the grievant, to the Association and to the administrators involved at the previous step of the grievance procedure.

3. Level Three – Board

If the grievance is not resolved to the grievant's satisfaction, or if no decision has been rendered by the Superintendent within five (5) days, the grievant may request and shall be granted a review by the Board. Such request must be made within five (5) days after receipt of the Superintendent decision, and shall be submitted in writing through the Superintendent, who shall attach all related papers and forward the request to the Board within five (5) days. The Board, or committee thereof, shall review the grievance and shall hold a meeting with the grievant. Within twenty (20) days of receipt of the appeal, the Board shall render a decision in writing and the reasons therefore, and forward copies of the decision to the grievant, to the Association, and to the administrators involved at the previous steps of the grievance procedure.

4. Level Four – Arbitration

- (a) If the decision of the Board does not resolve the grievance to the satisfaction of the grievant or if no decision is rendered within twenty (20) days of the receipt of the grievance, he/she shall notify the Association within five (5) days of the receipt of the Board's decision. If the Association determines that the matter should be arbitrated further, it shall, in writing, so advise the Board within ten (10) days. The grievant will then initiate a request for arbitration to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service or the American Arbitration Association. The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service or the American Arbitration Association will immediately after the receipt of the request submit a list of qualified arbitrators for selection by the parties, in accordance with rules and procedures prescribed by it for making such designation.
- (b) Neither the Board nor the Association will be permitted to assert any ground or evidence before the arbitrator which was not previously disclosed to the other party. The decision of the arbitrator will be binding upon both parties.
- (c) The Board, the grievant, and the Association shall receive copies of the arbitrator's report. This shall be accomplished within thirty (30) calendar days of the completion of the arbitrator's meeting.
- (d) The Board and the Association recognize this agreement as a legal document and to that extent may utilize the courts to enforce such document.
- (e) The fees and expenses of the arbitrator will be shared by the Board and the Association equally.

### C. Rights of the Professional Employee to Representation

1. An aggrieved person may be represented at all stages of the grievance procedure by him/herself or by the Association.
2. When a grievant is not represented by the Association in the processing of a grievance, the Association shall, at the time of the submission of the written grievance to the Principal, be notified by the Principal in writing that the grievance is in progress. The Association shall have the right to be present and present its position in writing at all hearing sessions concerning such grievances and shall receive a copy of all decisions rendered.
3. The Board and the Association shall assure that the parties in interest and witnesses are guaranteed freedom from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal with respect to the processing of a grievance.
4. The Administration will grant the parties in interest and witnesses released time with pay from their duties to participate in the processing of the grievance.
5. All documents, communications, and records dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed separately from the professional employee's personnel file.



GRIEVANCE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**GRIEVANCE RECORD**

(For use at level 1b, 2 and 3)

Level \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Grievant \_\_\_\_\_ Date Filed \_\_\_\_\_

Building \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

Date of alleged violation or misapplication: \_\_\_\_\_

Article of the Agreement allegedly violated: \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of the grievance: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nature and extent of the injury or loss involved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Remedy Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature-Association Representative Present)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature-Grievant)

Disposition by: Principal/Superintendent

Date answered: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal/Superintendent signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grievance settled on the basis of Principal's/Superintendent's answer.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grievant's signature

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **FAIR SHARE**

The Association agrees to represent equally all such professional employees in the Unit designated above whether they are members or non-members of the Association. If at any time a State statute gives the Board the authority to collect Fair-Share costs, then all non-members will be expected to pay a proportionate share of the cost of the collective bargaining. Such payments would be made beginning September 1 following the passage of a Fair-Share statute.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **WORKING DAY**

- A. The work year for a professional employee shall be 185 days. The professional employees' work year is understood to include student contact days and professional development/in-service days. Either of the latter days that occur immediately prior to the opening day of school shall dedicate a minimum of one-half day to professional employees for the preparation for the opening of school.

It is understood by the parties that the determination of the starting time and closing time of the school day is the responsibility of the Board. A regular working day for a staff member shall be defined as a day not to exceed 430 consecutive minutes except as noted in B and C. In the event the Board considers a change in the starting time or closing time of the school day or change the number of periods in the school day, the Board will notify the professional employees affected by the proposed change and, upon request, will meet with a committee of professional employees selected by the staff of the building affected to discuss these changes.

- B. Professional employees must be present at assigned stations fifteen (15) minutes prior to the opening of school and professional employees are to remain in school fifteen (15) minutes after the close of a regular working day. Permission for early departure may be granted by the building principal to attend classes, meetings, or medical and dental appointments, providing such early dismissal does not disrupt the orderly operation of school activities.
- C. The school day for professional employees may be extended for the following:
- (1) Individual instruction, counseling, and parent conferences which will be scheduled, except in unusual circumstances, at a time and place mutually convenient to the teacher and parties involved.
  - (2) Professional staff meetings, except those held during early release time, involving the entire building faculty shall be limited to two (2) per month except in case of emergency. These faculty meetings will be announced at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance and an agenda will be provided by 9:00 a.m. the morning of the meeting. Such meetings shall begin no later than fifteen (15) minutes after student dismissal and shall run no more than sixty (60) minutes.

(3) Assigned duties:

- a. Early morning duty is not to exceed thirty (30) minutes prior to the opening of school.
  - b. Supervision of detention at the Middle School and High School is not to exceed one (1) hour after the close of school.
  - c. These assigned duties will be distributed equitably among professional employees.
  - d. Librarians, school nurses, and two (2) guidance counselors per day may be asked to be at the school up to fifty (50) minutes prior to the opening of school or to remain up to fifty (50) minutes after the close of school providing the total working time does not exceed 430 consecutive minutes. The Librarians, School Nurses, and Guidance Counselors shall be notified, in writing, of their schedules eight (8) weeks in advance.
- D. Release time will be provided for preparation of I.E.P.'s and I.V.E.P.'s and for participation in pupil placement meetings. A substitute will be provided for this purpose four (4) days/quarters at each level. Those professional employees with the greater number of cases will be considered first for such release time. Release time is defined herein as a reduction of student contact time.
- E. Professional employees may leave the building during their unscheduled time provided they sign out in the principal's office prior to their leaving and upon their return.
- F. All professional employees shall receive a duty-free uninterrupted lunch period of thirty (30) minutes or the student lunch hour, whichever is greater.
- G. In the event of an extended day or double sessions at any school, the Association's President will appoint three (3) members (including the Negotiations Chairperson) and the Board Chairperson will appoint three (3) members to serve on an advisory committee to make recommendation, through the Superintendent to the Board. The Board reserves the right to change time schedules, which modifications could result in changes to the 430 minutes requirement in Section A above. If there is an extended day, double session, or change in the 430 minutes requirement, the Board and the Association agree to renegotiate the financial impact of such changes on employees in accordance with this Agreement. A professional employee, unless hired specifically for the purpose, may be asked, but will not be required to work a split shift, in either the extended day or double session.
- H. Middle School and High School Working Day

Under the present Middle School and High School time schedule, the weekly teaching load for all Middle School and High School professional employees shall be no more than twenty-five (25) teaching periods and five (5) supervisory assignments excluding homeroom period. In addition, the Middle School and High

School shall include an advisory period that will not exceed thirty (30) minutes two (2) times per week with a maximum of twelve (12) students, which will be distributed equitably among all professional staff.

An advisory period involves students meeting in small, interactive groups with at least one adult. This is in addition to regular services provided by guidance counselors. The goal of the advisory program is to personalize education and to assist students as needed by providing a caring, safe, and supportive environment that will increase academic achievement, decrease discipline issues, improve attendance, promote supportive peer relationships, ease transitions through school, strengthen school-wide expectations for student learning, or provide a mentor beyond the regular classroom.

The teachers shall facilitate informal discussions of topics that are of the teacher's choosing and are consistent with the goal of the advisory program. It is the intent that this period will not result in reporting beyond attendance or preparation beyond selection of topic discussions or any other preparation the individual teacher chooses to undertake.

All professional employees may be expected to take a homeroom period or an equivalent time responsibility during homeroom period.

Each professional employee at the Middle School and High School shall be assigned a minimum of one (1) preparation period a day while students are in school excluding lunch period.

With the consent of the professional employee, a schedule may be arranged whereby the minimum daily preparation period may be waived provided that the professional employee receives five (5) preparation periods a week. It is agreed that in unusual circumstances individual teachers may consent to an assignment which would require additional student contact time.

#### I. Seacoast School of Technology Working Day

The weekly teaching load for all Seacoast School of Technology professional employees shall be thirty (30) teaching periods per week. Five teaching periods per week may involve site visits and site contacts to and with off-campus workstations. The periods shall be substantially equivalent in length to the periods at the high school.

Each professional employee shall have a daily preparation period and a duty-free lunch which are equivalent to the preparation and lunch time for middle school and high school professional employees.

#### J. In cases of emergency, such as, but not limited to, fire or natural disaster, the parties agree that the provisions herein may be waived in the best interest of students as determined by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

#### K. Department Heads/Learning Area Leaders

Under the present High School and Middle School time schedule department heads/learning area leaders may be assigned up to twenty (20) periods of student contact time per week. Student contact time is defined as any time a professional employee is assigned to teach or supervise the behavior of students. A department head/learning area leader may choose to have more than the aforementioned amount of student contact time.

Only a department head who has seven (7) or more full time teachers excluding the department head, will be assigned no more than fifteen (15) periods of student contact time per week. If scheduling dictates that one additional section is needed, the department head will teach twenty (20) periods per week.

#### L. Part-time Employees

Whenever possible, all part-time positions will be scheduled by consecutive periods. All extra duty assignments will be pro-rated for a part-time position consistent with the schedule assigned to the part-time position.

If the position is scheduled for morning classes, then early morning duty will be assigned. If the position is scheduled for afternoon classes, then detention duty or afternoon bus duty will be assigned. All part-time professional employees will be required to attend professional staff meetings unless released by their building principals.

### **ARTICLE X**

#### **VACANCIES AND TRANSFERS**

- A. Notice of professional employee vacancies shall be posted in each school during the regular school year and sent to the Association President as soon as prepared. The notice shall be dated, indicate the position open, the location of the vacancy by school, any special requirements for the position, and the date applications cease to be accepted.
- B. During the term of this agreement, professional employees who desire a transfer of grade, subject area or school for the ensuing school year must file with the Superintendent before April 1, a written request, which shall include documentation of qualifications.
- C. The Superintendent or designee shall reply to a request for transfer to a posted vacancy by the professional employee as soon as practicable and in normal circumstances on or before May 15. If the request is denied, the professional employee may request a meeting with the Superintendent or designee to discuss the reasons for the denial.
- D. When the decision to make an involuntary transfer of grade, subject area, or school, has been made by the Superintendent, the professional employee affected will be

notified in writing immediately. Such involuntary transfers shall be based on seniority whenever possible, with the least senior professional employee being transferred first. Upon request a professional employee designated for involuntary transfer shall be entitled to a meeting with the Superintendent or designee to discuss the reasons for the involuntary transfer. If still dissatisfied, the professional employee may request a meeting before the Board. Such meeting will be held within ten (10) days of the meeting with the Superintendent.

- E. The transfer decision is not grievable.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **REDUCTION IN FORCE**

- A. In the event it becomes necessary to reduce the number of employees due to reasons of economy, program elimination, reduction in subject area, decrease in enrollment, or the consolidation or elimination of positions, the basis for the decision to terminate employees shall be performance and seniority. The quality of a professional employee's performance shall be assessed by the means of the procedure outlined in Article VI, Staff Evaluation. Among the professional staff those with less than three (3) consecutive years of experience in the Exeter Region Cooperative shall be terminated first providing there is fully certified and competent staff members qualified to replace them and perform all the assigned duties of the terminated staff member.
- B. Those professional employees with three (3) or less years experience in the Exeter Region Cooperative shall be considered for lay off first and those professional employees with four (4) or more consecutive years experience in the Exeter Region Cooperative shall be considered for lay off second. Such professional employees shall be reinstated in inverse order of their being laid off, if certified to fill the vacancies. Such reinstatement shall not result in a loss of credit for previous years of service. No new or more than one-half (1/2) year substitute appointments may be made while there are laid off professional employees available who are certified to fill the vacancies. Any professional employee laid off because of reduction in force shall have a letter placed in their professional file stating that said professional employee was not offered a new contract because of reduction in force. Such information shall also be contained in any requests for recommendation. Any professional employee so affected shall follow the procedures established by RSA 189-14 a and b. It is the responsibility of a terminated professional employee to notify the School District of availability for recall in writing prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- C. Notice of planned reduction shall be communicated to all employees when a final determination as to the extent of reduction is known. The Board shall make every effort to determine the number of resignations and retirements in any given year in order to avoid unnecessary termination.

## ARTICLE XII

### PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION

- A. The professional employees covered by this Agreement will be paid according to their choice of the following two options. The option selected shall remain in effect until the professional employee submits written notification of the change to the School District office by the appropriate date.
1. Option 1: Payment during the school year from September to June in twenty-one (21) or twenty-two (22) bi-weekly paychecks, with the final paycheck issued on the final day of work.
  2. Option II: Payment divided into twenty-six (26) equal bi-weekly payments with twenty-one (21) or twenty-two (22) bi-weekly paychecks from September to June. The last four (4) or five (5) paychecks will be issued on the final day of work.
- B. Placement on the salary schedule at the time of hire shall be in accordance with professional employee's total years of experience, highest degree, and number of credits beyond said degree with the exception of vocational instructors without degrees who will be hired and paid in accordance with criteria to be established by the Board. Credit for an applicable experience will be applied equally to all teachers being hired. An experienced professional employee coming into the system shall be placed on the schedule step-for-step, up to eight (8) years of prior experience. Step-for-step matching on the salary schedule beyond step nine (9) may be granted at the discretion of the Superintendent and the Board. A professional employee with a break in service of greater than three years may be brought in on a lower step on the salary schedule at the discretion of the Superintendent. Forty (40) course credits approved by the Superintendent beyond a Bachelor's Degree shall be considered an equivalent to a Master's Degree for salary purposes for those professional employees under contract prior to 2014-2015 school year. Accordingly, there is no Master's Degree equivalent for new hires for the 2014-2015 school year and beyond. A professional employee may not advance beyond a Master's equivalency track without the actual degree as of September 1, 1978. For salary purposes, placement beyond the master track will be determined by the number of graduate credits earned by the professional employee after the degree was granted. Advancement beyond the Bachelor's track and Master's track will also result from credits earned through Staff Development after the receipt of the degree.
- Should any previous part-time professional employee change to full-time status, placement on the salary schedule shall be based on the professional employee's full-time equivalent service.
- C. Higher initial placement on the salary schedule shall be at the discretion of the Superintendent and the Board.
- D. Each professional employee may be advanced on the salary schedule until the maximum is reached, provided that the requirements for recertification have been

met, that a professional attitude has been evident, and that there has been demonstrated an improvement or growth in teaching resulting in a generally satisfactory performance. Increments shall be awarded only by action of the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent. If a professional employee is not to receive the customary increment, the professional employee will be notified in writing by March 1.

- E. For salary purposes, fifteen (15) Staff Development clock hours will equal one (1) college credit and is applicable for advancement on the salary schedule, in accordance with paragraph B above, except when taken during school hours. Clock hours received during school hours will apply to recertification but not advancement on the salary schedule. Staff Development credit for advancement on the salary schedule can only be earned while under contract to or on leave of absence from the Exeter Region Cooperative School District. No more than six (6) credits from staff development sources will be recognized for track increase within each separate salary track.
- F. Upon approval of the Principal and the Superintendent, the Board reserves the right to grant increments in excess of those provided by the salary schedule to a professional employee who has made an unusual contribution to the school system.
- G. A review of professional employees at maximum will be made each year by the Superintendent to ascertain if any should be recommended to the Board for merit bonuses. When the bonus is granted, it shall be made part of the annual contract for the ensuing year only.
- H. In the event professional employees are required to work beyond 185 days, the compensation for each extra day shall be prorated  $1/185$  of the annual base salary.
- I. Professional employees excluding directors and nurses, required by school administrators to drive personal automobiles as a usual and customary part of their teaching duties shall be reimbursed upon submission of a voucher, at the IRS standard mileage rate. Reimbursement shall not be made for the occasional use of vehicles to attend professional meetings with the School Administrative Unit. All mandated special needs, reassignment and like meetings which require additional travel by professional employees shall be compensated in the above manner, as long as the total amount does not exceed \$300.
  - (1) If a professional employee voluntarily agrees to teach more than the normal teaching load as set forth in Article IX, Working Day, he/she shall receive additional compensation at one-sixth ( $1/6$ ) of his/her yearly salary for each additional student instruction period.
  - (2) Professional employees assigned to teach laboratory sections shall be paid one-thirtieth ( $1/30$ ) of his/her yearly salary for each additional laboratory section above the normal teaching load of twenty-five (25) class periods.
  - (3) Exclusive of Article XII, Section J.1. above, teachers may voluntarily agree to exchange a corollary for a tutorial which does not require preparation and/or



grading of assignments. Such voluntarily accepted exchanges will be without compensation.

- J. Part-time employee's salaries and appropriate benefits will be pro-rated on a weekly teaching load as defined in Article IX H and I.
- L. A professional employee may receive reimbursement for up to twelve (12) college credits per contract year. Reimbursement shall be based on a per credit basis, not to exceed the in-state graduate level rate per credit hour applicable at the University of New Hampshire (UNH). A professional employee will not be reimbursed for more than one course in the fall or winter sessions. However, the Superintendent can make exceptions on the one (1) course limit. Reimbursement will be paid upon the satisfactory completion of the work (grade of B or higher unless institution uses Pass/Fail option with Pass awarded), submission of proof of the amount of tuition, registration and mandatory lab fee. Book(s), course material fees, graduation fees, travel fees, parking permits, etc. are not eligible. The course(s) must be approved in advance by the Superintendent in order for the professional employee to qualify under this provision. First year professional employees of the ERCSD shall be eligible for course work reimbursement during the second half of their first year and during the summer following their first year. A professional employee receiving this assistance must agree to complete the next full year in the Exeter Region Cooperative School District or forfeit the above amount.
- M. Salary schedule adjustments as a result of professional advancement must be submitted to the District Office by August 15 of the ensuing year. The August 15 deadline will be extended if a professional employee is taking a course which ends after August 15. In this case, the professional employee will provide the District Office with written verification of enrollment in the course by August 15. Professional advancement, which shall authorize a move on the track on the salary schedule, shall mean receiving a college degree, completing graduate level credits, or Staff Development increment clock hours that will designate a move on the tracks on the salary schedule.
- N. For the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 contract years, the school district will furnish to its professional employees a seventy-eight percent (78%) premium payment of either the family, two person, or individual coverage of the (Health Trust) Blue Choice Plan (BC3T20RDR – Rx 10/20/45).

For the 2019-2020 contract year, the school district will furnish to its professional employees a seventy-seven percent (77%) premium payment of either the family, two person, or individual coverage of the (Health Trust) Blue Choice Plan (BC3T20RDR – Rx 10/20/45).

For the 2020-2021 contract year, the school district will furnish to its professional employees a seventy-six percent (76%) premium payment of either the family, two person, or individual coverage of the (Health Trust) Blue Choice Plan (BC3T20RDR – Rx 10/20/45).

In lieu of the above mentioned plans, the school district will furnish to its professional employees the option of a HMO Plan (Health Trust AB15IPDED – Rx 10/20/45). For the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 contract years, the school district will furnish an eighty-eight percent (88%) premium payment for either: family, two person, or individual coverage for this HMO Plan. For 2019-2020, the school district will furnish eighty-seven percent (87%) for either: family, two person, or individual coverage for this HMO Plan, and for 2020-2021, the school district will furnish eighty-six percent (86%) for either: family, two person, or individual coverage for this HMO Plan.

In the 2019-2020 contract year and after, if the excise tax is imposed and if the total premium cost, projected for July 1 of the following calendar year, of any health care plan(s) offered by the District exceeds the Affordable Care Act limits for imposing an excise tax, the EEA will have until March of the upcoming year to select an alternative plan(s) that fall below the premium tax threshold. If the EEA does not select an alternative plan(s) by the deadline, the District is authorized to choose the most closely aligned plan(s) that will be offered. The District will fund the plan(s) based on the contribution rates outlined in the master contract. The Exeter Region Cooperative School Board agrees to provide authorization for current and prospective vendors to supply designated representatives of the EEA with information concerning future rate calculations and plan designs.

- O. If a professional employee volunteers in writing, and by submission of the appropriate form which will be available from the Personnel Director, not to participate in the medical plan, the Board will provide said employee with a stipend of \$500.00. This provision requires annual notification by the professional employee to the Superintendent no later than June 20<sup>th</sup> of the year prior to the voluntary cancellation of benefits.
- P. Life insurance will be issued to each professional employee with 100% of the premium paid by the School District. Coverage will be a \$40,000 life/\$40,000 A.D. & D. term policy for each professional employee. The School District will furnish to part-time professional employees a pro-rated payment for said plan the balance of which said part-time professional employee shall pay the district.
- Q. The School District will furnish to its professional employees 100% payment of the Northeast Delta Dental Plan or similar plan mutually agreed upon. The plan will contain the following: Option 4A, 100% coverage A and 80% coverage B, \$1,000 yearly maximum for one person. If there is sufficient demand to meet insurance company eligibility requirements, professional employees will have the option to purchase dependent coverage at the employee's expense. If a professional employee voluntarily chooses not to participate in the dental plan, the professional employee shall receive a \$50 cash payment. The school district will pay this cash payment to the employee no later than October 15 each year.

The School District will furnish to part-time employees a pro-rated payment for said plan the balance of which said part-time employee shall pay the District.

- R. When a professional employee shall leave the service of the School District between September 1 and the final day of school in June of the contract year concerned, his/her contract salary will be pro-rated on the basis of 1/185 for each day he/she was in service. His/her final paycheck will reflect the per diem rate based on the 185 formula. For those professional employees who complete their assignments through the final day of school in June and leave the service of the School District during the summer, payment of salary will be made in full less any obligations due the District, according to the contract.

### **ARTICLE XIII**

#### **SICK LEAVE**

- A. Sick leave is interpreted to mean absence from school due to sickness or medical needs of the professional employee. Each year a professional employee is entitled to fifteen (15) days sick leave if needed. Sick leave is cumulative to one hundred (100) days per professional employee. Up to fifteen (15) days per year (non-cumulative) of an employees' sick leave may be used for the sickness or medical needs of the professional employees' immediate family. Immediate family includes spouse, child, mother or father. Professional employees will be given a written accounting of their accumulated sick leave every September. After expiration of sick leave, the professional employee shall receive the difference in salary between the substitute and himself/herself until such time as a contract is issued to another professional employee. Should a professional employee be absent from school due to sickness or medical condition for a period exceeding seven (7) consecutive days, the professional employee's supervisor may request medical verification of the existing condition.
- B. Sick Leave Bank – The Board shall recognize a Sick Leave Bank.
1. The Association will establish a Sick Leave Bank Committee of not more than six (6) members with one (1) representative from each building, and a Board member.
  2. The Sick Leave Bank Committee and the District Office shall keep a record of the current total number of days in the Sick Leave Bank.
  3. Upon receipt of written authorization therefore, signed by the professional employee, the District shall:
    - a. deduct one (1) day from that professional employee's unused sick leave.
    - b. add one (1) day to the Sick Leave Bank.

These written authorizations must be received by the District Office by September 15 for all contributing professional employees who are on a yearlong contract. Any professional employee who joins the District after September 1 and who wishes to contribute to the Sick Leave Bank shall have two (2) weeks from the day he assumes his/her duties to get his written authorization to the District Office.

4. The District Office shall notify the Chairperson of the Sick Leave Bank of the name of the professional employee and his/her school assignment whenever a professional employee joins the District after September 15.
  5. The Sick Leave Bank shall become effective on September 15 for all contributing professional employees on a year long contract, and upon receipt of his/her written authorization by the District Office for any contributing professional employee who joins the District after September 1.
  6. In the event any contributing professional employee has used all accumulated sick leave because of extended, chronic illness, he/she shall apply to the Sick Leave Bank Committee for additional sick days to be drawn from the Sick Leave Bank.
  7. The Sick Leave Bank Committee shall be responsible for the approval of professional employee applications for Sick Leave allocations and shall notify the District Office and the professional employee of approved allocations. The District shall then withdraw the approved days from the bank.
  8. The Sick Leave Bank shall accumulate only to the number of participating members and shall be fully depleted at the end of each school year and cannot be transferred to any account. The end of each school year is defined as the last working day for professional employees.
  9. In the event the Sick Leave Bank falls below twenty-five (25) days in any contract year, all Association members may contribute an additional day one time in that year.
  10. If the Sick Leave Bank is depleted before the end of the school year, it will cease to operate until the beginning of the next school year.
- C. The Board agrees to pay a one-time retirement benefit to any professional employee who retires from the District after the age of fifty-five (55). This benefit will be a cash payment at the per diem rate for sixty (60) percent of all accumulated sick days up to the maximum allowed by this agreement. The per diem rate will be based upon the professional employee's final year of employment unless circumstances arise such that, in the final year, a professional employee was required to work on a reduced schedule due to a reduction in force. In such cases, cash payments will be based on the full time equivalent per diem rate of the professional employee's final year of employment. To be eligible for this benefit the professional employee must have worked their last ten (10) school years in the Exeter Region Cooperative School District and be eligible to receive retirement benefits from the N.H. Retirement System. A professional employee who has worked three or more consecutive years with the ERCSD by the end of the 2000-2003 master agreement and is eligible to receive retirement benefits from the N.H. Retirement System shall qualify for this benefit after three (3) school years of employment with the ERCSD. The professional employee retiring must notify the Superintendent by letter no later than December 1 of the school year in which they plan to retire in order to receive this benefit. If the teacher does not so notify the Superintendent, he/she will receive 85% of the retirement specified herein.

- D. “Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, payment to a professional employee under this section shall be delayed until at least one hundred twenty (120) days after the employee’s retirement in such amount as is necessary to prevent the School District from being assessed an employer charge by the new Hampshire Retirement System under RSA 100-A:16 III-a.”

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **TEMPORARY LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Professional employees will be entitled to the following temporary leaves of absence, with full pay, each school year.

A. Personal Leave –

Each professional employee is entitled to three (3) days personal leave with pay each year to perform functions which cannot be performed in other than school hours.

A professional employee taking a personal day should make such a request to his/her building principal at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to departure. The seventy-two (72) hour notice may be waived by the principal, depending on the situation.

Personal leave immediately prior to or following a holiday or extended break is discouraged. Any professional employee requesting personal days prior to or immediately following a holiday or an extended break must obtain approval from the Superintendent through the building principal; such requests will not be unreasonably withheld.

B. Emergency Leave –

Each professional employee has two (2) days emergency leave per year, which is not cumulative, at the discretion of the Superintendent. Emergency absences beyond two (2) days will be deducted from sick leave until sick leave is exhausted.

C. Bereavement Leave –

Each professional employee is entitled to three (3) days leave of absence because of death in the immediate family of the professional employee. Immediate family is hereby defined to mean spouse, parents, children, brothers, sisters, mother-in-law, father-in-law, or a blood relative or ward residing in the same house.

D. Military Leave –

Time necessary for persons called into temporary active duty in any unit of the U.S. Reserve or State National Guard shall be granted, provided such obligation cannot be fulfilled on days when school is not in session. In such cases, professional employees will be paid the difference between their regular professional employee’s

salary that would have been paid and their Reserve or National Guard pay received, for up to a maximum of four (4) weeks during any school year.

## **ARTICLE XV**

### **EXTENDED LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

#### **A. Leave of Absence –**

1. The Board will consider requests for leaves of absence without pay or benefits submitted by professional employees. Normally the duration of a leave shall be no more than one (1) year. A professional employee may request a leave extension due to unusual or extenuating circumstance. All leaves of absence shall be considered in accordance with Board policy.
2. The professional employee who has been granted a leave of absence may arrange with the District Office to make payments for the continuation of medical and dental coverage. Such payments would be paid by the professional employee to the District Office in advance of the month due.
3. Such leaves are to be without loss of accumulated sick leave and seniority.
4. Failure to return to school at the end of the leave shall be deemed as a resignation and any district obligation with respect to re-employment shall be thereby waived/discharged.
5. Confirmation of intent to return from an extended leave of absence shall be given to the Superintendent by April 1 of the professional employee's intention to return at the start of the fall term.

#### **B. Military Leave –**

Military leave, without pay or any other benefits, of up to two (2) years will be granted to any professional employee who is inducted or enlists in time of national emergency in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States. Upon return from such leave, a professional employee will be placed on the salary schedule at the level which would have been achieved had that professional employee remained actively employed in the system during the period of the professional employee's absence.

#### **C. Professional Leave –**

Leave for service to a professional teachers' organization for up to one (1) year without pay may be granted on approval of the Superintendent and ratification of the Board.

## D. Child Bearing or Child Rearing Leave –

### 1. Child Bearing

- a. The professional employee shall be granted upon request, an unpaid leave of absence for up to ninety (90) continuous school days to begin at any time during pregnancy or after the birth of the baby.
- b. Upon her return she shall be placed in her same position.
- c. Within the ninety (90) day period, the professional employee shall be granted upon request a leave of absence without pay which shall terminate at the end of the school year next following the birth of the child unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by the professional employee and the District. Confirmation of intent to return from leave shall be given to the Superintendent by April 1 for professional employees intending to return at the start of the fall term.
- d. Upon her return she shall be placed in her same or a similar position for which she is qualified.
- e. The professional employee will be given an opportunity to continue insurance coverage in the school insurance program during the leave of absence and will be required to pay all premiums connected with this coverage. All premiums must be paid in advance of month due.

### 2. Child Rearing/Adoptive Leave -

- a. Any professional employee upon request shall be granted up to one year leave without pay to begin any time between the birth of the child and two (2) years after the child is born. The professional employee shall notify the Superintendent at least thirty (30) days prior to the date on which the leave is to begin except in cases of emergencies. This provision does not apply to a professional employee who is on probationary status.
- b. Any professional employee may request a one (1) year adoptive leave. The professional employee shall notify the Superintendent of the professional employee's intention to adopt upon the professional employee's application for adoption. The leave shall commence upon the employee-parent's physical receipt of the child except in case of extenuating circumstances. Upon physical receipt of the child, the professional employee shall be allowed to use up to 15 consecutive sick days to care for the child.
- c. The professional employee may continue all insurance at the professional employee's own cost during the leave. All insurance premiums must be paid in advance of month due.

- d. Upon return the professional employee shall be placed in the same or a similar position for which the professional employee is qualified.
- e. Confirmation of intent to return from leave shall be given to the Superintendent by April 1 for the professional employee's intention to return at the start of the fall term.

E. Sabbatical Leave –

1. A full time professional employee of the School District having served for seven (7) consecutive full years shall be eligible for sabbatical leave for one (1) year at half (1/2) salary of the year on leave, or one half (1/2) year at full salary of the year on leave. There shall be a review committee comprised of three members selected by the Association and two members selected by the Board which shall review and evaluate all applications and shall make recommendations prior to the Superintendent recommending leaves to the Board.
2. Two percent (2%) of the full-time professional staff, increased to the nearest whole person, shall be the number authorized each year for sabbatical leave. Should there be a greater number of eligible requests than there are authorized leaves, the Board will award the available leaves on the basis of merit of the proposal, longevity, and quality of service to the schools as recommended by the Superintendent. Should the review committee and the Superintendent mutually agree that there are not sufficient numbers of applications which meet the standard of merit of the proposal, the committee and the Superintendent may recommend fewer than the maximum number of leaves.
3. If the review committee and the Superintendent mutually agree to grant fewer than the authorized number of sabbatical leaves in accordance with Article XV E 2, the monies remaining from the sabbatical replacement account shall be allocated to a Professional Growth Fund. All professional staff shall have equal access to the fund. The funds may be used for, but not limited to, the following activities: workshops, seminars, symposia, curriculum development, institutes, non-credit courses and regional and national conventions.
  - a. A review committee comprised of three members selected by the Association and three members selected by the Board shall review and evaluate the applications. The review committee shall select the applicants to be funded from the Professional Growth Fund.
  - b. Monies to provide substitute teachers shall be provided by the Professional Growth Fund.
4. Requests for sabbatical leave must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent not later than December 20 of the year proceeding the school year anticipated for sabbatical leave. The professional employee shall agree to return to the service of the School District for one (1) school year at the appropriate salary step, as if he/she had not been on leave or return all leave salary.



Upon his/her return whenever possible he/she shall be placed in his/her same position. All benefits normally received by the professional employee except for sick leave and temporary leaves will be continued during his/her sabbatical leave.

## **ARTICLE XVI**

### **JUST CAUSE**

- A. Professional employees shall not be disciplined or discharged except for just cause. Such discipline or discharge shall exclude non-renewal of first and second year teachers.
- B. Where arbitration is elected by an aggrieved employee as the method of resolving any dispute arising under this Article, such arbitration will preclude any otherwise applicable grievance mechanism provided by other administrative tribunals except the State Board of Education.

## **ARTICLE XVII**

### **INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS**

- A. The parties agree that in the event no agreement is reached by March 20 on terms and conditions of employment for an ensuing school year, that individual contracts will be based on the cost-item provisions of the most recent agreement in effect subject only to the District's appropriation being sufficient to implement such provisions.
- B. The individual contracts will be issued with a cover letter to state that the terms of the individual contract will be amended to reflect any changes which result from a successor agreement between the Association and the Board.
- C. Individual contracts may not include provisions contrary to the stipulation in this agreement which agreement remains in effect until a successor agreement is signed.
- D. All professional employees shall be given written notice of their assignment for the forthcoming school year no later than July 15

**ARTICLE XVIII  
EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE  
SALARY SCHEDULES**

**2017-2018**

<u>STEP</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>BA+15</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>MA+15</u>	<u>MA+30</u>
1	41,459	44,307	46,588	50,716	54,094
2	41,955	44,939	48,679	52,469	56,130
3	43,886	47,008	50,921	54,884	58,677
4	45,909	49,169	53,246	57,413	61,381
5	48,011	51,431	55,711	60,052	64,199
6	50,220	53,786	58,327	62,873	67,214
7	52,601	56,333	61,145	65,908	70,453
8	55,008	58,913	64,237	69,360	74,153
9	57,548	61,536	67,445	72,360	76,974
10	60,599	64,872	71,757	77,257	82,555

**2018-2019**

<u>STEP</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>BA+15</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>MA+15</u>	<u>MA+30</u>
1	42,371	45,282	47,613	51,831	55,284
2	42,878	45,928	49,750	53,623	57,365
3	44,851	48,042	52,041	56,092	59,968
4	46,919	50,251	54,417	58,676	62,731
5	49,067	52,563	56,937	61,373	65,611
6	51,324	54,970	59,610	64,256	68,692
7	53,758	57,572	62,490	67,358	72,003
8	56,219	60,209	65,650	70,886	75,784
9	58,814	62,890	68,929	73,951	78,667
10	61,932	66,299	73,336	78,956	84,371

**2019-2020**

<u>STEP</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>BA+15</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>MA+15</u>	<u>MA+30</u>
1	43,304	46,278	48,660	52,972	56,500
2	43,821	46,938	50,845	54,803	58,627
3	45,838	49,099	53,186	57,326	61,287
4	47,951	51,357	55,615	59,967	64,111
5	50,146	53,719	58,189	62,723	67,054
6	52,453	56,179	60,921	65,670	70,204
7	54,941	58,839	63,865	68,840	73,587
8	57,455	61,533	67,095	72,445	77,452
9	60,107	64,273	70,445	75,578	80,398
10	63,295	67,758	74,949	80,693	86,227

**2020-2021**

<u>STEP</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>BA+15</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>MA+15</u>	<u>MA+30</u>
1	44,256	47,296	49,731	54,137	57,743
2	44,785	47,971	51,963	56,008	59,917
3	46,846	50,179	54,356	58,587	62,636
4	49,006	52,486	56,838	61,286	65,522
5	51,250	54,901	59,469	64,103	68,529
6	53,607	57,415	62,262	67,114	71,748
7	56,150	60,133	65,270	70,354	75,206
8	58,719	62,887	68,571	74,039	79,156
9	61,430	65,687	71,995	77,241	82,166
10	64,687	69,248	76,598	82,469	88,124

**LONGEVITY BONUS**

- A. Professional employees hired on September 1, 1997 will be credited with SAU 16 years of service for the purpose of longevity.
- B. Upon completion of fifteen years of service to the Exeter Region Cooperative School District, teachers shall receive \$65.00 for every year of Exeter Region Cooperative School District teaching experience.

**ARTICLE XIX**

**EXTRA DUTY ASSIGNMENTS**

- A. All professional employees are expected to participate in the extra-curricular or extra-duty programs of the schools. Professional employees who participate in major activities or supervisory duties requiring more than the average time, responsibility, involvements, or training, will be paid an additional sum over and above their basic salary according to the following schedules.

This addition to basic salary is paid only after the Board has acted officially to appoint a professional employee to one (1) or more assignments upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. All appointments are for one (1) year (July 1-June 30). The Board reserves the right to dismiss a professional employee from an extra-duty assignment for incompetence or other sufficient reason at any time during the contract year; in such event, the duty will be prorated.

- B. Each professional employee will receive a contract upon his/her appointment to the paid position.
- C. Payment for athletic activities and extra-curricular activities, such as class advisor, etc. shall be made by separate check in accordance with the W-4 forms of the professional employee on file in the business office.
- D. All extra-duty assignment vacancies shall be posted in each school building that is open during the school year as soon as prepared. The notice shall be dated, indicate

the position open, the location of the vacancy by school, any special requirements for the position and the date applications cease to be accepted.

- E. 1. The Board reserves the right to reduce extra-duty assignments for budgetary reasons.
2. The allocation of these funds will be determined by a joint committee comprised of four representatives selected by the EEA, and four representatives selected by the Board.
3. Classification of coaches' salaries will be reviewed by the Athletic Director and the administration if there is a change in the length of the season as designated by the N.H.I.A.A., or if there is a change with number of teams per sport. Any recommendation will be forwarded to the Board for review and adjustment if necessary.

**EXTRA PAY STIPENDS**

[The following stipends will apply to each person who operates under such titles]

**DEPARTMENT HEADS/LEARNING AREA LEADERS/HOUSE LEADERS**

	2017-2018	\$4,820
ENGLISH	2018-2019	\$4,926
SCIENCE	2019-2020	\$5,034
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	2020-2021	\$5,145
SOCIAL STUDIES		
MATHEMATICS		
SPECIAL EDUCATION		
GUIDANCE		
FINE ARTS		
PHYSICAL EDUCATION and HEALTH		

EXTRA DUTY ASSIGNMENTS	2017-2018	\$3,075
CLASS I POSITIONS	2018-2019	\$3,143
	2019-2020	\$3,212
	2020-2021	\$3,283

COMPUTER COORDINATOR	PINACLE-HEAD ADVISOR
EHS DRAMA CLUB ADVISOR	SENIOR CLASS ADVISOR

CLASS II POSITIONS	2017-2018	\$1,937
	2018-2019	\$1,980
	2019-2020	\$2,068
	2020-2021	\$2,113

EHS MARCHING BAND	JUNIOR CLASS ADVISOR
CMS DRAMA CLUB ADVISOR	MATH TEAM ADVISOR
EHS STUDENT SENATE	PINNACLE ASST. ADVISOR
TALON ADVISOR	SENIOR PLAY ADVISOR

CLASS III POSITIONS	2017-2018	\$1,340
	2018-2019	\$1,369
	2019-2020	\$1,400
	2020-2021	\$1,431

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY ADV.  
YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT ADV.  
SOPHOMORE CLASS ADVISOR

DEBATE CLUB  
FRESHMAN CLASS ADVISOR  
10 stipend positions as required by  
the Perkins Grant such as: FFA 1 &  
2, DECA, FCCLA, HOSA, FBLA,  
and Skills USA 1, 2, 3, 4, or their  
equivalent.

NOT CLASSIFIED POSITIONS	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
CMS AUDIO VISUAL	\$3,853	\$3,938	\$4,025	\$4,114
CMS INTRAMURAL COORDINATOR	\$3,729	\$3,811	\$3,895	\$3,981
CMS TRAFFIC CONTROL	\$2,372	\$2,424	\$2,478	\$2,532
CMS DETENTION DUTY	\$2,936	\$3,000	\$3,066	\$2,134
EHS TRAFFIC CONTROL	\$2,136	\$2,183	\$2,231	\$2,280
EHS LIBRARY-MEDIA COORDINATOR	\$2,469	\$2,523	\$2,579	\$2,636
EHS DETENTION DUTY	\$2,937	\$3,001	\$3,067	\$3,135

#### COACHING POSITIONS - EHS

CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV
Basketball – Head	Baseball – Head	Tennis - Head	Swimming – Head
Basketball – Asst.	Baseball – Asst.	Golf – Head	
Football – Head	Fld. Hockey – Head	Volleyball – Head	
Football – Asst.	Fld. Hockey – Asst.	Cross Country - Head	
Ice Hockey – Head	Lacrosse – Head	Cross Country – Asst.	
Ice Hockey – Asst.	Lacrosse – Asst.	Cheerleading (Soccer – Ice Hockey)	
Wrestling – Head	Soccer – Head	Cheerleading (Football – Basketball)	

Wrestling – Asst.      Soccer – Asst.      Ski Team - Head  
 Softball – Head      Special Olympics - Head  
 Softball – Asst.

Winter Track – Head

Winter Track – Asst.

Spring Track – Head

Spring Track – Asst.

**ATHLETIC COACHES SALARIES - EHS**

<b><u>Head Coaches</u></b>		<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
		<b>\$'s</b>	<b>\$'s</b>	<b>\$'s</b>	<b>\$'s</b>
Class I	Years 1 – 2	5,158	5,272	5,388	5,606
	Years 3 – 4	5,682	5,807	5,935	6,065
	Years 5 – 6	6,275	6,413	6,554	6,698
	Years 7 +	6,854	7,005	7,159	7,316
Class II	Years 1 – 2	3,615	3,695	3,776	3,859
	Years 3 – 4	4,218	4,310	4,405	4,502
	Years 5 – 6	4,820	4,926	5,034	5,145
	Years 7 +	5,384	5,503	5,624	5,748
Class III	Years 1 – 2	2,452	2,506	2,561	2,617
	Years 3 – 4	3,039	3,106	3,174	3,244
	Years 5 – 6	3,615	3,695	3,776	3,859
	Years 7 +	4,218	4,310	4,405	4,502
Class IV	Years 1 – 2	1,899	1,941	1,984	2,028
	Years 3 – 4	1,899	1,941	1,984	2,028
	Years 5 – 6	1,899	1,941	1,984	2,028
	Years 7 +	1,899	1,941	1,984	2,028

**ASSISTANT COACHES**

Class I	Years 1 – 2	3,615	3,696	3,776	3,859
	Years 3 – 4	3,916	4,002	4,090	4,180
	Years 5 – 6	4,368	4,465	4,563	4,663
	Years 7 +	4,513	4,621	4,714	4,818
Class II	Years 1 – 2	2,733	2,793	2,855	2,917
	Years 3 – 4	3,028	3,095	3,163	3,233
	Years 5 – 6	3,328	3,401	3,476	3,553
	Years 7 +	3,615	3,695	3,766	3,859

Class III	Years 1 – 2	1,852	1,892	1,934	1,976
	Years 3 – 4	2,149	2,196	2,245	2,294
	Years 5 – 6	2,398	2,497	2,552	2,608
	Years 7 +	2,733	2,793	2,855	2,917

**COACHING POSITONS – CMS**

Baseball	Soccer
Basketball	Softball
Cross Country	Track
Field Hockey	Volleyball
Lacrosse	Wrestling

**COACHING STIPENDS – CMS**

	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
	<b>\$'s</b>	<b>\$'s</b>	<b>\$'s</b>	<b>\$'s</b>
Baseball	2,115	2,162	2,210	2,259
Basketball	2,820	2,882	2,945	3,010
Cross Country	2,115	2,162	2,210	2,259
Field Hockey	2,115	2,162	2,210	2,259
Lacrosse	2,115	2,162	2,210	2,259
Soccer	2,115	2,162	2,210	2,259
Softball	2,115	2,162	2,210	2,259
Track	2,115	2,162	2,210	2,259
Volleyball	2,115	2,162	2,210	2,259
Wrestling	2,115	2,162	2,210	2,259

**ARTICLE XX**

**DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

- A. This agreement shall become effective on September 1, 2017 and shall remain in force and effect until August 31, 2021.
- B. Successor Agreement: Any and all amendments/alterations to an existing Agreement, brought about during the term of that Agreement, shall be incorporated into/with the existing Agreement and the result shall constitute the Successor Agreement.

This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties. This Agreement may not be altered, changed, added to, deleted from, or modified except through the voluntary, mutual consent of the parties in written and signed amendment to this Agreement.

**IN WITNESS** whereof, the parties have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective duly authorized chairpersons, and attested to by their respective Secretary/Board Members this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

EXETER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

EXETER REGION COOP  
SCHOOL BOARD

by \_\_\_\_\_  
President

by \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson-School Board

by \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson-Negotiations

by \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson-Negotiations

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**SIDE BAR AGREEMENT**

1. A committee consisting of three (3) EHS teachers selected by the EEA and three (3) members selected by the Board will examine the need of reducing the number of supervisory assignments at EHS. Likewise, a committee consisting of three (3) CMS teachers selected by the EEA and three (3) members selected by the Board will examine the need of reducing the number of supervisory assignments at CMS.
2. The parties agree that the ERCSB may seek bids from alternate health insurance providers. A change in provider may be adopted by mutual agreement of both parties. Sufficient time and resources shall be provided by the ERCSB to fully research and review the alternative plans with EEA members before implementing any mutually agreed to change.



3. A committee consisting of three (3) Exeter Region Cooperative teachers selected by EEA and three (3) members selected by the ERCSB will review the structure and implementation of the advisory program annually.
4. A committee consisting of three (3) Exeter Region Cooperative teachers selected by the EEA and three (3) members selected by the School Board shall investigate stipend positions with the intent of assigning proper classification and compensation under Article XIX – Extra Duty Assignments.