# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

### AND THE

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO STATE COUNCIL 93, LOCAL 641

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# AFSCME LOCAL 641 CONTRACT

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### ARTICLE I

### **PREAMBLE**

This Agreement between the New Bedford School Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee" and Local 641, Council 93, AFSCME hereinafter referred to as the "Union", has, as its purpose, the promotion of harmonious relations between the Committee and the Union; the establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for resolution of differences; and the establishment of rates of pay, hours and work and other conditions of employment.

### ARTICLE II

### RECOGNITION

"The Committee recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for the purpose of establishing wages, hours and other condition of employment for all Civil Service employees of the School Department of the City of New Bedford, excluding the Confidential Secretaries to the Superintendent of Schools, the Confidential Secretaries each assigned to the Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Business Manager, Headmaster, Executive Director of Human Capital Services, Supervisor of Payroll and the Supervisor of Bookkeeping, nurses, instructional media coordinators, all emergency employees or temporary employees, unless a temporary employee has been employed in excess of ninety (90) days in any twelve (12) month period and all part-time employees hired after July 1, 2007 for less than twenty (20) hours per week. A temporary employee who has worked in excess of ninety (90) days in a twelve (12) month period who is re-employed following school vacation, shall be considered to have met the ninety (90) day requirement to qualify for benefits under this agreement effective upon the signing of this contract.

When a new position is to be established by the Committee, within the scope of the bargaining unit, the School Department agrees to notify the Union of its intent prior to the establishment of said position for the purpose of negotiating hours, wages and such other working conditions as may be required.

### **ARTICLE III**

### **DUES DEDUCTION**

### A. AUTHORIZATION

During the term of this Agreement, the Employer shall deduct from the employee's pay on a bi-weekly basis an amount set by the Union for Union dues, agency fee, COPE contributions from each member of the Union who voluntarily executes an authorization form and upon request, any additional dues amounts specified by the Union and authorized by the employee.

### B. AUTHORIZATION CARDS

Each employee who desires to authorize such a deduction shall file with the Treasurer of the City of New Bedford through the Union and the School Department, a signed and dated Union or

Agency Fee Payroll Deduction Authorization form, authorizing the Treasurer of the City of New Bedford to deduct from his/her bi-weekly earnings and to remit to the Treasurer of the Union once per month an amount of money equal to the dues required for membership in the organization, a waiver of all right and claim against the School Committee and the City of New Bedford, and the officers and agents thereof, for monies deducted and remitted in accordance with said authorization, and an agreement that said deductions and remittances shall continue from year to year as so authorized, unless such employee notifies the Treasurer of the City of New Bedford through the School Department, in writing of his desire to change such authorization, said notice to be given at least sixty (60) days in advance of the effective date of such change. The payroll deduction form is to be supplied to the employee at the time payroll forms are completed.

#### C. PERIODIC DEDUCTIONS

All other payroll deductions shall be made bi-weekly.

### D. NOTICE TO EMPLOYER

The Union shall, within ten (10) days of the signing of this agreement, give the employer written notice of the amount of union dues or agency fee to be so deducted and hereafter the Union shall give written notice to the Employer of any change in the amount of said dues, said written notice to take effect thirty (30) days after receipt by the Employer. This provision is not to be construed as affecting any current check-off policy which may be continued in effect until the abovementioned written notice shall become effective.

#### E. BONDING

The Treasurer, through the Union, shall comply with any bonding provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 180, Section 17A.

#### F. EMPLOYER NOTICE

The Employer shall notify the Union of all new employees, discharges, laid off employees, or retirements in the bargaining unit by providing the Union with notice on the monthly School Committee personnel report. The Employer shall notify the Union of all approved leaves of absences upon request.

### ARTICLE IV

### DISCRIMINATION AND COERCION

#### A. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be no discrimination by foreman, superintendents or other agents of the Employer against any employee because of his/her activity or membership in the Union.

#### B. NO STRIKE

The Union agrees that they will not engage in, induce, or encourage any strike, work stoppage, slow down or withholding of services by employees. The Committee reserves the right to discipline, suspend, demote or discharge, any employee who violates the provisions of this Article.

#### C. UNION ACTIVITY

The School Committee agrees that they will not interfere with, restrain or coerce employees in the exercise of their rights guaranteed in Chapter 150E of the General Laws. They will refrain from dominating or interfering with the formulation, existence of administration of the Union. They will not discharge or otherwise discriminate against any employee because he/she has signed or filed an affidavit, petition, or complaint or has given any information or testimony relating to this Article.

### ARTICLE V

### **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

A grievance is a dispute which may arise between the parties as to the application, meaning or interpretation of this agreement, and shall be settled in the following manner:

### STEP 1:

The Union Steward and/or the representative shall take up the grievance or dispute, in writing with the employee's Department Head/Director within five (5) working days of the grievance or his/her knowledge of its occurrence. The Department Head/Director shall attempt to adjust the matter and shall respond within five (5) working days.

### STEP 2:

If the grievance has not been settled, it shall be presented, in writing, to the Superintendent or designee within five (5) working days after the supervisor's response is due. The Superintendent or designee shall respond to the steward in writing within ten (10) working days.

### **STEP 3**:

If the grievance is still unsettled, either party may within thirty (30) calendar days after the reply of the Superintendent, by written notice to the other, request arbitration. The parties agree to rotate use of the Labor Relations Connection and the Massachusetts Department of Labor Relations to administer the arbitration provision during the term of this agreement.

The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties and the arbitrator shall be requested to issue his decision within thirty (30) calendar days after the conclusion of testimony and argument.

The expense, if any, for the arbitrator's services and the proceedings shall be borne equally by the employer and the union. If either party desires a verbatim record of the proceedings, it may cause such a record to be made, providing it pays for the record and makes copies available without charge to the other party and to the arbitrator.

Grievances involving disciplinary action shall be processed beginning at the second (2nd) step. If the case reaches arbitration, the arbitrator shall have the power to direct a resolution of the grievance up to and including restoration to the job with all compensation and privileges that would have been due the employee.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein contained, no grievance or dispute which is covered in any manner by the provisions of Chapter 31 of the Massachusetts General Laws shall be subject to the grievance procedures herein contained.

### ARTICLE VI

### **CIVIL SERVICE**

- A. The employer and the Union shall recognize and adhere to all Civil Services laws, Rules and Regulations, relative to seniority, promotions, transfers, discharges, removals, and suspension.
- B. In accordance with the Civil Service Rules and Regulations, the Union further reserves the right to represent employees under any established procedure. Any employee within the Unit not covered by the Civil Service Law, Rules or Regulations relative to the above matters shall have recourse to the grievance procedure contained herein if the dispute as to seniority, promotion, transfer, discharge, removal or suspension is a dispute over the interpretation or application of the terms of this agreement; except that the Employer may, for any reason, discharge an employee during his/her probationary period in accordance with the Civil Service Laws.
- C. The employer agrees that prior to the submission of any job changes to the Civil Service Commission, it shall first discuss such matters with the Union.

### ARTICLE VII

### HOURS OF WORK AND WORK YEAR

- A. Hours of Work for Regular Full Time Employees
  - 1. Except for cafeteria personnel and clerks, the normal work week for regular full time employees (including the Data Technician) shall be forty (40) hours of work in five (5) eight (8) hour days, Monday through Friday.
  - 2. The normal work week for regular full time cafeteria personnel (including the cafeteria manager) and clerical personnel working a calendar or academic year shall be thirty five (35) hours of work in five (5) seven (7) hour days. The School Department reserves the right to reduce the hours of work of cafeteria personnel to less than seven (7) hours per day when the position becomes vacant caused by the resignation, retirement, death, transfer, promotion or demotion of the incumbent employee. The School Department

- reserves the right to increase the hours of clerical employees and cafeteria managers assigned to schools to forty (40) hours per week.
- 3. Each employee shall be scheduled to work a shift with regular starting and quitting times, but the School Department may require an employee to work in excess of his/her regular work day. Personnel may be required to work earlier than the hour scheduled and remain after the scheduled work day whenever it is required in order to properly heat or maintain a building or to insure the physical safety of personnel in said building. If after completing their regularly scheduled duties, cafeteria personnel may be required to perform other such additional duties as may be required of them.
- 4. Employees regularly scheduled work hours will not be curtailed in order to avoid overtime payment.
- 5. Each year custodians employed at a school and assigned to the second shift or mid shift shall be afforded the opportunity to request to reschedule their hours to the first shift for the summer months. The decision to permit one or more custodians assigned to the second/mid shift to work first shift in the summer months or for some set period of time during the summer months will be at the discretion of the building principal/supervisor outside of the bargaining unit.
- 6. Nothing in this Article is to be construed as a guarantee of work or the number of hours in the work week. The School Department reserves the right to change the hours of work by no more than thirty (30) consecutive minutes upon ten (10) calendar days' notice in writing to the employee, except in emergencies. Reassignments will be made by volunteers first within the building and if no volunteers by reverse seniority. The Union shall be notified of a proposed change in hours beyond thirty (30) minutes and will be subject to bargaining with the School Committee. Changes in hours shall not be arbitrary or capricious.
- 7. For payroll purposes, each employee shall sign in and out of the building(s) in which the employee is working when the employee arrives to work and any time the employee departs from the building/campus for any non-work purpose. The School Department may implement an electronic method of signing in/out such as a swipe card system for payroll purposes.

### B. Work Year

1. The work year for academic year clerks shall be established at a minimum of one hundred eight-three (183) school days plus ten (10) working days prior to the start of the school year and ten (10) working days after the school year. Should the Principal/Supervisor outside of the bargaining unit determine that it is in the best interest of the school/department to distribute those twenty days differently and schedule in excess of ten days prior to the school year, the District will inform those impacted clerical employees of the change in schedule no later than June 1 of the preceding year.

2. Cafeteria personnel on an academic year shall be established at a minimum of one hundred and eighty-one (181) work days, except for cashiers in the cafeteria's whose work year shall be established as a minimum of one hundred seventy-nine (179) work days. The Committee may add one (1), two (2) or three (3) additional workdays to the work year(s). When the Committee decides to add one, two or three work days to a work year, it shall provide the Union with notice on or before May 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the academic year in which the additional day(s) will be worked. In the event that snow emergencies cause the temporary closing of schools, clerical and cafeteria personnel shall not be compensated.

### C. Overtime

- 1. Employees shall be paid overtime at the rate of one and one-half their regular rate of pay for work in excess of their normal work day and/or normal work week.
- 2. Cafeteria employees working less than seven (7) hours per day shall be paid time and one-half when they have exceeded seven (7) hours of work in any one day or thirty-five (35) hours in any one week. However, cafeteria employees working less than seven (7) hours per day shall be paid time and one half for work on Saturdays or Sundays and whenever required by functions sponsored by outside organizations or vendors for all hours worked in excess of their regular work day or work week.3. Overtime work shall be assigned to the employees who would normally perform the work on the site, on an equitable and fair basis according to seniority. Then the overtime shall be distributed as equally as possible by seniority and on a rotating basis to the employees in the classification who desires to perform such overtime work. The list of overtime opportunities for school or school related overtime shall be kept separate from the list for overtime available because of the buildings by outside or non-school organization. The definition equitable and fair distribution shall incorporate a rotation system where employees in each department shall be listed or posted by seniority. Each offer to perform overtime shall be noted in the following fashion: a. work accepted; b. work refused; c. employee unavailable. Unavailability shall count as a refusal. Unavailability shall mean the employee is unable to be reached to accept or decline the offer for overtime. Distribution of overtime shall not be measured by hours of work but by the number of work assignments except overtime for all maintenance department employees shall be measured by total hours of work, not by work assignment.

For snow plowing duties, the following titles will be called in order as listed: groundskeeper, Walsh Field custodian, maintenance personnel in the maintenance department according to the employees with the least amount of hours first. Should no one in the maintenance department be available for snow plowing duties, then those duties shall be assigned to custodians. Such snow plowing shall not limit the responsibilities of the custodians to clear the walks at their assigned work locations.

4. Overtime assignments for the preceding month shall be posted monthly. The School Committee reserves the right to schedule or determine whether overtime is required and this decision shall not be subject to arbitration.

- 5. In the event the department does not notify employees within twelve (12) hours of a scheduled overtime that said overtime is canceled (if the overtime has been scheduled in advance for twenty-four (24) hours or more), the department shall be responsible for payment of three hours at the rate of time and one-half the employee's regular hourly rate of pay.
- 6. When there is unanticipated overtime in a department (i.e., emergencies, last minute or forgotten), overtime shall be distributed starting with the next person on the rotating seniority list without said person being charged. The list shall resume back to the rotation where it was on the list before the emergency took place.
- 7. Any employee called back to work on the same day after having completed their assigned work and having left their place of employment and before their next regularly scheduled starting time shall be paid at the regular rate for all hours worked on recall unless the employee shall have already worked forty (40) hours (thirty-five (35) hours in case of cafeteria personnel or clerical) or more in one week or eight (8) hours (seven (7) hours in the case of cafeteria personnel and clerical) in one day in which case, they will be paid at the overtime rate. An employee recalled will be guaranteed a minimum of three (3) hours.
- 8. Approved leave with pay (such as holiday pay or sick leave) shall be synonymous with work time for purposes of computing overtime provided that sick leave or holiday pay shall always be paid at the regularly hourly rate.
- 9. For employees whose work week does not consist of five (5) consecutive days within a week, holiday pay is not paid time for overtime purposes if the holiday falls on a normal day off.
- 10. Overtime pay shall be paid no later than the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Thursday (or pay day) following the period in which the overtime was worked by an employee.

### D. Rest Periods

Employees work schedules shall provide for a ten (10) minute rest period during each one half (1/2) shift. To the extent possible, the rest period shall be scheduled at the middle of each one half (1/2) shift. The two ten minute rest periods may be combined together, with the approval of the employee's immediate supervisor, however, no combined rest period may exceed twenty (20) minutes. When practicable, work schedules shall provide a ten (10) minute personal cleanup period prior to the end of each shift.

### E. Lunch Period

Employees assigned to a school may leave the school building grounds during his/her lunch period, as long as the employee notifies the employee's immediate supervisor outside of the bargaining unit and signs out and in at their work site.

### F. Emergency Closing

In the event that any school is closed early due to inclement weather or emergency conditions, any employee working in said school or building who is excused from further work by the Superintendent or their designee, shall receive a full day's pay. The Superintendent reserves the right to maintain essential personnel on duty during periods of emergency. Essential personnel are defined as employees required to maintain critical building operations. The Superintendent or their designee shall excuse said employees from further work in his/her sole discretion, which discretion shall not be exercised arbitrarily or capriciously. When essential personnel are required to stay and work, said employees will be given compensatory time in the amount of hours worked for the time of the emergency for no more than three (3) work days per school year and said days shall be used on or before December 31 following the end of the school year.

In the event that inclement weather or emergency conditions cause the temporary closing of schools for the entire day, clerical and cafeteria employees may elect to use a personal or vacation day.

G. Annually prior to May 1, clerical employees not scheduled to work in the summer, who wish to work during the summer months, will submit their name on a list prepared by the District (Summer List). Should a clerical employee temporary job vacancy occur in the summer months for which an employee in the same job classification is on the Summer List that employee will be offered the temporary job vacancy, provided the list employee is available for the entire vacancy term. Should multiple employees in the vacant classification from the list be available to fill a summer vacancy role, the District will use the criteria identified in Article XVI, 1B to fill the vacant role. If an employee declines the position, that employee's name will be removed from the summer list for the remainder of the summer season. The employee will be allowed to submit their name the following year.

### ARTICLE VIII

### **RECALL**

### A. COMPENSATION

Any employee called back to work on the same day after having completed their assigned work and having left his place of employment and before his next regularly scheduled starting time shall be paid at the regular rate for all hours worked on recall unless the employee shall have already worked forty (40) hours (35) hours in case of cafeteria personnel or clerical) or more in one week or eight (8) hours (seven (7) hours in the case of cafeteria personnel and clerical) in one day in which case, he will be paid at the overtime rate.

### B. MINIMUM HOURS

An employee recalled under Paragraph A will be guaranteed a minimum of three (3) hours at time and one-half his/her regular hourly rate of pay. Employees recalled on Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Day will be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours.

### ARTICLE IX

### **COMPENSATION**

### A. WAGES

All current employees have an anniversary date for column advancement of July 1 of each year.

Each employee who has completed fifty-two (52) weeks of service in the prior salary column shall advance to the next column on July 1<sup>st</sup> in the employee's job classification until the maximum column is reached. Notwithstanding the prior sentence, employees who are promoted from one position to a higher position in the bargaining unit and in the same job category (such as food service; custodial; clerical; plant engineer) shall advance to the next column on July 1<sup>st</sup> provided that the promoted employee has completed the trial and training period required in Article XVI in the position to which the employee was promoted. New employees may be hired at any column except the highest column. However, notwithstanding the prior sentence, an employee who transfers from a municipal department in the same job title without a break in service shall be placed in the column with wages that are closest to but not less than the wages such employee earned from a municipal department in the title from which he transferred. Service shall mean the period of time an employee is on the payroll either in active service or on a paid leave. Any period in which an employee is on an approved leave of absence without pay for less than six (6) consecutive months shall not be deemed a break in service.

All new hires after execution of this contract will advance for column increases as follows:

Date of Hire – July 1-December 31 – advance to the next column on the next July 1

Date of Hire – January 1-June 30 – advance to the next column on July 1 in the year following the date of hire not the next July1

The hourly wages for Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, and 2026 are in Appendix A to this Agreement.

#### B. LONGEVITY

1. Full time personnel shall be granted an annual longevity pay increment as follows:

YEARS OF	<u>AMOUNT</u>
SERVICE	
10 - 14	\$ 700
15 - 19	\$ 800
20 - 24	\$ 900
25 - 29	\$1,000
30 - 34	\$1,100
35 or more	\$1,250

2. Permanent part-time personnel shall be granted longevity payment at one-half the rate for a full time employee. The service of a part-time employee shall be determined by his/her years of service as a part-time employee. Part-time employees hired after July 1, 2007 for less than twenty (20) hours per week shall not be eligible for longevity payments. A part-time employee who accepts appointment as a full time employee shall have his/her years of service converted to hours and shall receive credit for one year of full time service for each 1050 hours of part-time service. If the employee has a sufficient number of years of full time service following such conversion, he/she will receive longevity pay at the full time employee rate of payment. (Note: There is a possibility that longevity payments may be suspended until such time as the former part-time employee has sufficient full time service.) A full time employee who accepts appointment as a part-time employee shall receive longevity payment at one-half the rate for a full time employee.

Part-time employees receiving longevity payments on the effective date of this agreement shall continue to receive longevity payments at the full time longevity rate of compensation.

3. The term "years of service" as used in this Article, refers to continuous and uninterrupted years of service with any Department of the City of New Bedford or School Department. Years of service to qualify for longevity shall not be interrupted by an approved leave of absence of less than six (6) months. An approved leave of absence of six months or more shall be deducted from an employee's years of service for longevity purposes, but said leave shall not result in a break in service.

An employee with prior service as a permanent intermittent, temporary or provisional employee who is appointed to a full time position without a break in service (continuous) shall have such service qualify for longevity purposes.

- 4. When an employee retires, his/her longevity shall be pro-rated through the month of his/her retirement.
- 5. The longevity increment shall be paid on the last pay period in November immediately following completion of the qualifying years of service based on the employee's anniversary date, except when an employee retires, his/her pro-rated longevity pay increment shall be paid with his/her final payroll check. Employees shall be eligible for longevity payments for years of service as of November 15 and not their anniversary date of appointment, except for those employees identified in the longevity side letter.

#### C. SUPPLIES

Cafeteria personnel employed prior to October 1 of a calendar year shall receive a uniform consisting of five shirts and five pairs of pants in lieu of a clothing allowance.

The School Department shall also supply hairness and gloves to cafeteria personnel.

The School Department shall provide food service/truck drivers and helpers with a jacket with an identifying patch not more than once per three-year period.

All drivers, laborers, storekeepers and MEO's shall be provided with khaki pants and maroon shirts not more often than once per three-year period.

The Department will provide outerwear for employees who work in colder weather or who work in the freezer. The School Department shall issue to custodians and maintenance personnel at no cost to the employee five tee shirts, three long sleeve shirts and one sweatshirt (at the time the employee is provided the sweatshirt an employee may choose a hooded sweatshirt, though under no circumstances is the employee permitted to wear the hood inside a school building), collectively referred to as apparel of a design approved by the Superintendent that will be required to be worn by the employee while at work.

Apparel will be supplied to relevant staff and will remain the property of New Bedford Public Schools, however full responsibility for maintenance and cleanliness will remain with the employee, including exchange of damaged apparel.

Upon termination all apparel must be returned. If the apparel is not returned, the employee will be responsible to purchase the apparel at the full cost via payroll deduction from the employee's final check. Annually the Department will provide the Union uniform cost data.

The New Bedford School Department understands that from time to time, the apparel will become unusable or not presentable to utilize during the course of his/her work day. The employee should bring the apparel to the Directors or his/her designee's attention for evaluation. Should the apparel be deemed in need of replacement by the Director or his designee, it will be replaced with new apparel by the New Bedford School Department.

The employee will be responsible:

- Treat the apparel with care.
- Wear the apparel at all times during work hours.
- Ensure that the apparel is kept clean and presentable at all times. Apparel should always be neat.
- Ensure the apparel is replaced if it becomes faded, ripped or torn.

The following dress code shall be established for cafeteria workers as an addendum to the contract:

### Dress Code – Cafeteria

All Nutrition Department employees, excluding drivers, laborers, and MEOs, will be provided with five (5) uniform pants and five (5) uniform shirts and shall wear such uniform items while at work. Principals/Supervisors may permit employees to wear non uniform color or patterned scrub tops during holidays and special occasions. Aprons are provided by the Committee and wearing aprons is optional. The employee provides his/her own footwear which must be: (i) closed toe, (ii) with a back (clogs are permitted only if they have a strap behind the heel), and (iii) non-slip rubber soles.

Drivers and laborers in the Nutrition Department are to wear an upper button golf (polo) shirt provided by the Committee.

Hand tools for personnel will be replaced upon notification to the Supervisor that they have been damaged in the performance of School Department work and satisfactory evidence has been provided to the Supervisor to this effect. Employees are not required to purchase or maintain specialized tools for the performance of their work.

### D. NIGHT DIFFERENTIAL

Employees working the late shift 2 PM to 10 PM on a regularly scheduled basis shall be paid a differential of an additional 7% of their regular rate of pay. Employees working the late shift 3 PM to 11 PM on a regularly scheduled basis shall be paid a differential of an additional 9% of their regular rate of pay. When the School Department establishes a custodial position with the hours of work scheduled as a 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM shift, the custodian shall be paid the 9% differential for the hours of 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The regular rate for overtime purposes is the weighted average of the two hourly rates of pay in accordance with federal regulations.

### E. LIFE INSURANCE

The employer agrees to pay 75% of the premium for \$20,000.00 group life insurance.

### F. PRO-RATED DEDUCTION

Academic year personnel shall have payroll deductions pro-rated from September to June of each year.

### G. WORKING OUT OF CLASSIFICATION

All employees except food service employees:

Whenever an employee covered by this agreement who is not in food service is required by the Superintendent or his designee in writing to perform the duties normally performed by an employee of a higher grade or classification for more than five (5) days, said employee shall be paid at the higher grade and at the next step rate above his/her current position. Employees may elect to refuse to perform duties in a higher classification. No employee will be paid for working out of classification while the employee in the higher classification is on vacation. Employees working five (5) consecutive days will receive compensation from the first day except in cases of vacations or personal leave or combination thereof.

### Food Service Employees Only:

Whenever an employee in food service is required by the Superintendent or his designee in writing to perform the duties normally performed by an employee of a higher grade or classification, said employee shall be paid at the higher grade and at the next step rate above his/her current position from the first day such employee performs the duties of the higher grade or classification.

### H. ASSAULT LEAVE

When an employee is injured as the result of an assault in the performance of his/her duties and must be absent from school due to such injury, the School Committee shall pay the employee his/her full salary for the first five (5) days of absence, and the employee shall not suffer loss of any sick days for this period of time. After the first five (5) day period, the School Committee shall, for the period up to thirty (30) days, pay the employee the difference of what workers' Compensation pays and the amount the employee earns on a daily basis. During this period of time, the employee shall suffer no loss of sick days. After the thirty (30) day period, the School Committee shall pay the same difference in pay of what Workers 'Compensation pays and what the employee earns on a daily basis, however, the employee will lose that percentage of what the School Committee pays in sick days. Example: Workers' Compensation pays 2/3, the School Committee pays 1/3, and the employee loses 1/3 of sick day.

### ARTICLE X

### UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- A. A written list of union stewards and other representatives shall be furnished to the employer within ten (10) days after the execution of this Agreement and the Union shall notify the employer immediately in writing of any changes.
- B. With permission of the Superintendent, the above shall be granted reasonable time off during working hours to investigate and settle grievances.
- C. Union representatives shall be allowed to attend union meetings at the state or national level and shall be granted reasonable time for such attendance.

#### ARTICLE XI

### **HOLIDAYS**

- A. The following days shall be considered to be paid holidays:
  - (1) For employees who work a calendar year:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Day
Washington's Birthday
Good Friday
Patriot's Day
Memorial Day
Effective June 19, 2023: Juneteenth
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day

Day after Thanksgiving Day before Christmas Christmas Day Day before New Years

## (2) For employees who work a school year:

New Year's Day Martin Luther King Day Washington's Birthday Patriots Day Good Friday Memorial Day Effective June 19, 2023: Juneteenth (clerks only) July 4th (clerks only) Labor Day Columbus Day Veterans Day Thanksgiving Day Day after Thanksgiving Day before Christmas Christmas Day Day before New Year's (clerks only)

- B. Any employee who is required to work on a holiday for which he/she is not scheduled to work shall receive time and one-half of his/her regular hourly rate of pay for each hour worked in addition to his/her holiday pay.
- C. In the event a holiday falls on a Saturday, the School Committee, at its option, may grant compensatory time in lieu of payment for the holiday on the immediately preceding Friday. If a holiday falls on a Sunday and is celebrated on the following Monday, the holiday for purposes of payment, shall be considered as falling on Monday.
- D. Employees who are absent for any part of the employee's scheduled work day before or after the holiday shall not receive pay for the holiday. Absent for purposes of this Section D includes an absence for any reason, except the following:
  - (i) jury duty;
  - (ii) bereavement leave,
  - (iii) vacation leave pre-approved at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the leave, and
  - (iv) personal time pre-approved at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the leave,
  - (v) sick leave with a doctor's note verifying that the absence was due to the employee's illness and provided that such doctor's note is delivered to the Office of Human Capital Services on the day that the employee returns to work after such absence. Failure to provide the required doctor's note on the first day the employee returns to work after such absence will result in the loss of holiday pay.

E. Employees may utilize personal time or vacation time on a religious holiday provided that they give their supervisor outside of the bargaining unit at least ten (10) business days advance notice.

### ARTICLE XII

### **VACATIONS**

Full time employees in the unit, except emergency employees, shall be credited as of July 1st with vacation leave with pay not to exceed the following. All vacations will be taken from July 1-June 30.

A. For less than one year's service completed on July 1st, vacation leave of one day for each calendar month, not to exceed the hourly equivalent of ten (10) days. Vacation leave credit shall begin at once for employees starting work on the first working day of a calendar month, otherwise, on the first day of the following calendar month.

For school year clerical and cafeteria workers hired after September 1, 1999 having less than one year service on July 1st, vacation leave shall accrue at the hourly equivalent of one-half (½) day per month not to exceed the hourly equivalent of five (5) days as detailed below.

Length of Scheduled Work Day	Maximum Amount of Vacation Leave
4 hours	20 hours
6.50 hours	32.50 hours
7 hours	35 hours
8 hours	40 hours

B. For each of the next succeeding four (4) years completed from July 1st, following the date of employment, vacation of the hourly equivalent of two (2) weeks as detailed below. If an employee enters the service on the first working day of a vacation year, that year shall constitute the first of the above four years.

Length of Scheduled Work Day	Maximum Amount of Vacation Leave
4 hours	40 hours
6.50 hours	65 hours
7 hours	70 hours
8 hours	80 hours

For school year clerical and cafeteria workers hired after September 1, 1999 for each of the next succeeding two (2) years completed from July 1st following the date of employment, vacation of the hourly equivalent of five (5) days.

Length of Scheduled Work Day	Maximum Amount of Vacation Leave
4 hours	20 hours
6.50 hours	32.50 hours
7 hours	35 hours
8 hours	40 hours

C. For each of the next succeeding five (5) years completed from July 1st, following the completion of the first four (4) years, vacation of the hourly equivalent of three (3) weeks.

Length of Scheduled Work Day	Maximum Amount of Vacation Leave
4 hours	60 hours
6.50 hours	97.50 hours
7 hours	105 hours
8 hours	120 hours

For school year clerical and cafeteria workers hired after September 1, 1999, for each of the next succeeding two (2) years completed from July 1st following the date of employment, vacation of the hourly equivalent of ten (10) days.

Length of Scheduled Work Day	Maximum Amount of Vacation Leave
4 hours	40 hours
6.50 hours	65 hours
7 hours	70 hours
8 hours	80 hours

D. Each year after the ninth such year is completed, vacation of the hourly equivalent of four (4) weeks, twenty (20) days.

Length of Scheduled Work Day	Maximum Amount of Vacation Leave
4 hours	80 hours
6.50 hours	130 hours
7 hours	140 hours
8 hours	160 hours

E. Each year after the nineteenth (19th) such year is completed, vacation leave of the hourly equivalent of five (5) weeks.

Length of Scheduled Work Day	Maximum Amount of Vacation Leave
4 hours	100 hours
6.50 hours	162.50 hours
7 hours	175 hours
8 hours	200 hours

F. Each year after the twenty-ninth  $(29^{th})$  such year is completed, vacation leave of the hourly equivalent of six (6) weeks.

Length of Scheduled Work Day	Maximum Amount of Vacation Leave
4 hours	120 hours
6.50 hours	195 hours
7 hours	210 hours
8 hours	240 hours

- G. Vacation leave of no more than the hourly equivalent of one week earned in any one year shall be permitted to be carried over to a succeeding year with the permission of the Superintendent or whenever an employee is requested or ordered to postpone vacation leave in the public interest. In the event an employee is permitted or ordered to forego his/her vacation, the employee may be paid for such vacation time or be granted compensatory time. In no event may one week of vacation time be carried beyond the following vacation year.
- H. Part-time cafeteria personnel shall earn vacation time based on their part time pay. All cafeteria personnel shall be granted pay in lieu of vacation time.
- I. Whenever practicable, vacation will be given at the time most desired by the employee, who will be permitted to indicate his choice by order of seniority. The Superintendent of Schools, however, reserves the right to schedule vacations in the current school year, at such time, in his opinion, as will cause the least interruption.

Employees using vacation time equal to three (3) consecutive days or less shall be allowed to do so only with the approval of the Principal or of their immediate supervisor if not assigned to a school. The employee shall receive a response in less than ten (10) calendar days. In the summer months, approval shall be requested from the Finance and Operations Office. Request for vacation time equal to three (3) days or less do not require a thirty (30) day notice to take a vacation.

J. Employees may request the Superintendent of Schools or his designee upon thirty (30) days' notice to take a vacation. Whenever practicable, vacation will be given at the time most desired by the employee, who will be permitted to indicate his choice by order of seniority. The Superintendent of Schools, however, reserves the right to schedule vacations in the current school year, at such time, in his opinion as will cause the least interference. Once personal or vacation leave has been approved, it cannot be revoked except in an emergency as determined by the Superintendent or his designee.

In the event an employee is on vacation when there is a death in the family, he/she shall be eligible for funeral leave and he/she will not be charged for vacation leave.

K. Service in a municipal department upon transfer to School Department shall be credited to an employee for vacation purposes on July 1 following the transfer, provided there is no break in service.

An employee who is reinstated or reemployed in a position with the School Department from a previous position in the School Department shall be credited with his/her prior service for vacation purposes on July 1 following reinstatement, provided the reinstatement occurs within two years or less.

L. Elementary clerks and cafeteria personnel shall be given the option to be paid for the hourly equivalent to twelve (12) days of vacation in lieu of payment at the end of school in June. The balance of any unused vacation will be paid at the end of the school year.

School year employees may schedule vacation during the Christmas, February and April recess.

Employees will notify the Superintendent or her designee no later than December 15<sup>th</sup> if they elect this option. Failure to notify the Superintendent may result in denial of the option and vacation shall be paid in June.

- M. Vacation may be utilized for snow days for cafeteria and academic year clerical.
- N. Accrued Vacation Upon Movement between School Year and Full Year Positions:
- (1) Movement from a School Year Position to a Full Year Position
  When an employee moves from a position in the bargaining unit that is a school year position to a position in the bargaining unit that is full-year (12-month) position, vacation accrued and unused while the employee was in the school year position shall, at the employee's election, either be paid out for the accrued unused vacation prior to the date that the employee moves to the full-year position or shall carry over the accrued unused vacation into the full-year position for the employee to use starting the July 1<sup>st</sup> following the employee's movement to the full year position.
- (2) Movement from a Full Year Position to a School Year Position
  When an employee moves from a position in the bargaining unit that is a full-year (12 month) position to a position in the bargaining unit that is a school year position, vacation accrued and unused while the employee was in the full-year position shall be paid out prior to the date that the employee moves to the school-year position.

#### ARTICLE XIII

### SICK LEAVE

### A. RATE OF ACCRUAL

- 1. Each employee, except emergency or temporary employees with ninety (90) days or less of service in any twelve (12) calendar months, shall be credited with sick leave with pay at the rate detailed below based on the length of their scheduled work day. Sick leave credit will begin the first day of the month following the month in which a new employee is employed. Sick leave may be accumulated up to the hourly equivalent of one hundred and eighty five (185) days.
- 2. A full-time employee shall accumulate sick leave with pay credits at the rate detailed below based on the length of their scheduled work day, for each full calendar month of employment. All employees, including elementary clerks, shall accrue sick leave as detailed below. An employee on any leave with pay or industrial accident shall accumulate sick leave credits. A full-time employee shall not accrue sick leave credit for any month in which he/she was on leave

without pay or absent without pay for the entire month, except cafeteria personnel shall accrue sick leave during the summer months.

# Monthly Sick Accrual Rates

Length of Scheduled Work Day	Amount of Sick Leave Accrued Monthly
6.50 hours	8.25 hours
7 hours	8.75 hours
8 hours	10 hours

Employees, who have to their sick leave account a maximum accumulation of the hourly the equivalent of 185 days on January 1 and each January 1 thereafter, will be permitted to use no more than the hourly equivalent of 15 days of sick leave during the calendar year before any deduction is made from their maximum accumulation.

Notwithstanding this procedure for sick leave use, no employee shall be paid more than the hourly equivalent of 180 days in Severance Pay pursuant to Article XIII, Paragraph H.

School year clerical and cafeteria employees hired after September 1, 1999 shall not accrue sick leave during the summer months.

3. Regular employees, who are employed on a part-time basis having a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week, shall be entitled to paid sick leave, accrued monthly, as detailed below:

Length of Scheduled Work Day	Amount of Sick Leave Accrued Monthly
4 hours	5 hours

- 4. A list of accumulated sick leave shall be posted for all employed within that department by January 31<sup>st</sup> for the previous year ending December 31st. No transfer, within the service of the City, shall affect the amount of earned sick leave credit and accumulations to which an employee is entitled to under this Article.
- 5. The use of sick leave shall result in the reduction of the amount of the incentive as follows and continuing each year thereafter, employees will be provided an incentive for attendance for each year in which no sick leave days are taken in an amount of \$450. The use of sick leave shall result in the reduction of the amount of the incentive as follows:

Hourly equivalent of 0 day of sick leave - \$450

Hourly equivalent of 1 day of sick leave - \$350

Hourly equivalent of 2 days of sick leave - \$300

Hourly equivalent of 3 days of sick leave - \$250

Hourly equivalent of 4 days of sick leave - \$200

Payment shall be made the first pay period of December of each year.

In the event an employee is absent due to an injury that is work related that would be compensable under Workers' Compensation but for the fact that he/she was absent for less than

five (5) days, use of sick leave will not be charged against his/her record of attendance for the purpose of incentive payment.

Newly hired employees after December 1 of each year who are employed for six (6) months or more during the period December 1 through November 30 will be entitled to the following sick leave incentive:

Hourly equivalent of 0 day of sick leave - \$225

Hourly equivalent of 1 day of sick leave - \$175

Hourly equivalent of 2 days of sick leave - \$150

Hourly equivalent of 3 days of sick leave - \$125

Hourly equivalent of 4 days of sick leave - \$100

Employees with less than six (6) months of service shall not be entitled to sick leave incentive payment.

#### B. REINSTATEMENT OR RE-EMPLOYMENT

An employee who is reinstated or reemployed after an absence of less than one year shall be credited with his or her sick leave credits at the termination of his or her prior employment.

### C. LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

An employee having no sick leave credits, who is absent due to illness, may be placed at the discretion of the appointing authority on vacation leave or leave without pay. Such leave shall be charged on the same basis as provided above.

### D. TERMINATION OR RESIGNATION

Employees whose service with the City is terminated or who have resigned shall not be entitled to any compensation in lieu of accumulated sick leave credits.

### E. RETURN FROM LEAVES

Sick leave credits earned by an employee following a return to duty after leave without pay or absence without pay shall not be applied to such period of time.

### F. ANTICIPATED SICK LEAVE

Notification of absences under this Article must be given to the designated representative of the appointing authority as early as possible on the first day of absence. If such notification is not made, such absence may, at the discretion of the appointing authority, be applied to absence without pay.

### G. PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE

A department head may request a doctor's verification of an employee's condition satisfactory to the City's Physician. Medical certification will not be required to substantiate request for

approval of sick leave for three (3) days or less. A doctor's verification of illness may be required by a department head regardless of duration in cases of frequent use of sick leave or when the pattern of sick leave used indicates a potential abuse of sick leave privileges or in any circumstances in which the department head determines the employee's health status constitutes an obstacle to performing his employment responsibilities. A requirement for a medical certification in substantiation of an absence due to claimed illness regardless of duration will not be invoked without first advising the employee of his questionable sick leave record and give him an opportunity to improve. If there is no improvement, the employee will be advised in writing that all future requests for sick leave must be supported by medical certification as a condition of payment. Expenses, if any, resulting from verification of illness will be the responsibility of the employee. This requirement will be periodically reviewed with the employee, at least once in every ninety (90) day period and the determination made if the requirement is to continue. In the event of illness requiring a doctor's certificate, separate certificates for each pay period shall not be required. A doctor's certificate for an illness beyond three (3) days shall be submitted before the next pay period stating the expected length of time the employee will be unable to work, and will be considered sufficient proof of illness to insure continuing receipt of sick pay. In the event an illness will exceed the length of time state by the physician, the first certificate may be extended in writing by the physician. A certification stating the date on which the employee is capable of returning to his duties shall be submitted by the employee upon his return to work.

#### H. SEVERANCE PAY

Only employees hired by the New Bedford School Department prior to July 1, 2017 will be eligible for severance pay provided by this Section. Each employee retired by the Retirement Board or dies after ten (10) years of satisfactory service shall receive in one lump sum fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each day of actual accumulated sick leave. Each employee who resigns with ten (10) or more years of service and with at least seventy-five (75) days of accumulated sick leave upon the effective date of resignation, shall receive in one lump sum fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each day of accumulated sick leave.

### I. DISABILITY DUE TO PREGNANCY

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### J. EXTENDED ILLNESS PLAN

- 1. In the event that an employee with three (3) or more years of service shall be absent due to an illness or accident of an extended nature, which is verified by a physician to be twenty (20) days or longer in duration and has twenty (20) sick days available, the employee shall be entitled to benefits under the extended illness plan.
- 2. Such an employee who complies with the above requirements shall be entitled to an additional number of sick days at the inception of their extended illness.
- 3. The rate of compensation for their actual accumulated sick leave shall be full pay in accordance with current School Committee policy. The rate of compensation for the additional

days in accordance with the Extended Illness Plan shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

RATE OF PAY TIMES ACTUAL ACCUMULATED SICK DAYS AT THE INCEPTION OF THE EXTENDED ILLNESS DIVIDED BY TOTAL POSSIBLE ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE SINCE INCEPTION OF EMPLOYMENT EQUALS RATE OF PAY DURING EXTENDED ILLNESS.

- 4. Upon return from an extended illness, an employee shall continue to be eligible for the extended illness plan in the following manner: an employee shall be entitled to additional sick days equal to the number of actual Accumulated sick days since their return to work. Said days shall be compensated at the rate of pay calculated by multiplying their daily rate of pay times the ratio of actual accumulated sick days since their illness over the total possible accumulated sick days since their return to work.
- 5. Continuing treatments for a prolonged illness shall qualify for extended sick leave even though the absences are not consecutive.

### K. FAMILY ILLNESS

Employees eligible for sick leave shall be allowed up to eight (8) days for attendance to members of the immediate household of the employee, whose illness requires the care of such employee. Use of those days shall be deducted from the employee's annual sick leave allotment.

### L. SICK LEAVE BANK

### 1. ESTABLISHMENT

A Sick Leave Bank shall be established for the purpose of making additional sick leave days available to employees who are not "Sick Leave Abusers", i.e., have never received a warning for excessive absenteeism, have exhausted their entire sick leave accumulation through prolonged illness and who have a serious illness or injury. Participation in the Sick Leave Bank shall be voluntary. Any employee who voluntarily participates in the Sick Leave Bank shall be eligible to use the Bank after using all available time (sick days, vacation, compensatory and personal time) due the employee.

### 2. FUNDING

The Sick Leave Bank will be initially funded by deducting one (1) sick day from the accumulated sick leave days of each employee who has agreed to participate in the Bank and contributing such day(s) to the Bank. When the Bank is depleted to twenty (20) sick leave days, an additional assessment of one (1) day of sick leave shall be made against the account of each employee who has agreed to continue to participate in the Bank, without membership solicitation.

### 3. GRANTING OF DAYS

The initial grant of sick days from the Bank shall not exceed forty (40) days, after which the employee may reapply for additional periods of twenty (20) days. The total amount of time may not exceed one hundred eighty (180) days in the aggregate. Requests for Sick Leave Bank days shall be submitted in writing to the Sick Leave Bank Committee and shall include a written statement from the employee's physician indicating the nature and the extent of the illness or injury and the estimated time that the employee will be absent from work.

### 4. MEMBERSHIP

Employees wishing to join the Bank must apply for membership on a form approved by the Sick Leave Bank Committee. New employees must have three (3) years of service or have accrued twenty (20) days of sick leave in order to be eligible to join the Sick Leave Bank. Current employees of AFSCME wishing to join the Bank must submit an application for membership to Sick Leave Bank Committee, AFSCME, Local 641, 46 Foster Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. Membership will be open to all employees after the finish of their probationary time. Employees may join the Sick Leave Bank in November and remain a member until resignation.

### 5. ADMINISTRATION

The Sick Leave Bank shall be administered by a Sick Leave Bank Committee comprised of five (5) persons; three (3) employees of the School Department who are members of AFSCME, Local 641 and two (2) members designated by the Superintendent. The Sick Leave Bank Committee shall submit a copy of the membership list with the number of days to be deducted from each member to the Human Capital Services Department and Business Office by January 31st of each year. The decisions of the Sick Leave Bank Committee shall be final and shall NOT be subject to the grievance procedure. To be able to serve on the committee, the AFSCME member has to participate in the Sick Leave Bank.

### 6. WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Employees who are drawing on Workers' Compensation will not be eligible to draw from the Sick Leave Bank.

#### 7. SICK LEAVE INCENTIVE

Donations to the Sick Leave Bank shall not affect the employees' sick leave incentive.

### ARTICLE XIV

### JURY DUTY

The employer agrees to make up the difference in an employee's wages between a regular week's wages and compensation received for jury duty for any week the employee would normally be scheduled to work.

#### ARTICLE XV

### BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

In case of death in the immediate family of an employee, the employee shall be granted an absence, with pay, of four (4) working days preceding and including the funeral. The four (4) working days leave must be taken within five (5) days immediately following the death. In the event the deceased member of the family is cremated, the funeral leave need not be consecutive days and not required to be taken within the five (5) day period from date of death.

The term "immediate family" as used in this Article means: spouse, parent, stepparent, grandparent, grandchild, son, daughter, adopted child, stepchild, brother, sister, such in-laws, significant other residing in the household of the employee, and persons for whom the employee is appointed to be responsible at the time of death whether living in the employee's household or not.

In the case of the death of an aunt or uncle, niece or nephew, the employee shall be granted the absence of one (1) working day to attend the funeral.

When an employee is on sick leave or vacation and a death occurs of a spouse, parent, child, grandchild, brother or sister of the employee, said employee shall be placed on bereavement leave in lieu of sick leave or vacation for no more than three (3) days following the date of death if the employee would be on sick leave or vacation during this period.

### ARTICLE XVI

#### TRANSFERS AND REASSIGNMENT

### 1. Vacancies/Promotions

- A. Except in emergency, not to exceed thirty (30) days, when a position covered by this agreement becomes vacant which represents a lateral transfer within a classification such vacancy shall be posted in a conspicuous place listing the pay, duties, and qualifications in the Office of the Executive Director of Human Capital Services and the Personnel Bulletin to be distributed to members of the Bargaining Unit. The notice of vacancy shall remain posted for seven (7) work days. Employees interested shall apply in writing within the seven day period. Effective July 1, 2023, notwithstanding any provision or practice to the contrary, Human Capital Services may communicate vacancies and promotional opportunities via electronic mail in lieu of paper postings and mailing of notices.
- B. At the expiration of the posting period the following factors in priority shall be used by the Superintendent or his/her designee after receiving a recommendation from the principal, if applicable, in selecting the employee for a lateral transfer:
  - 1. Work history and performance.
  - 2. Experience in related work.
  - 3. Education and training related to the vacant position.

4. Seniority as measured by length of service within the School Department.

In the event the Principal or Superintendent declines to approve a request for transfer under this article he/she shall state the reasons to the employee for not approving the request in writing. The candidate and the Union have the right to a meeting with the School Superintendent or his/her designee to discuss the concerns. The Superintendent will then render a decision in writing. If said employee is not satisfied with the outcome of the decision from the Principal/Superintendent, said employee shall have recourse through Article V and Article VI paragraphs A & B if applicable.

- C. The successful applicant shall remain in the position for a minimum of one (1) year before becoming eligible to request a transfer. The one year restriction on bidding shall not apply to assignments made by the administration caused by a promotion.
- D. The Department shall transfer or reassign the employee to the position no later than 30 working days following approval of the transfer by the Superintendent. The Union will receive notice within 15 working days of the approval of the transfer by the Superintendent.
- E. Trial Period. The successful applicant shall be given a ninety (90) day trial and training period in the new position at the applicable rate of pay. If at the end of the trial and training period it is determined that the employee is not qualified to perform the work, he/she shall be returned to his/her old position and rate if the same is available.
- F. It is mutually agreed between the parties that if no applicant is qualified, the Superintendent may fill the position from outside the bargaining unit. When hiring an employee from outside the bargaining unit, the District will consider the following factors when assigning the employee a salary grade:
  - 1. Work history and performance.
  - 2. Experience in related work.
  - 3. Education and training related to the vacant position.

The District's salary grade assignment is not subject to Article V, the parties' grievance and arbitration provision.

- G. Assignments to positions in the Human Capital Services Department and Cafeteria Manager shall not be subject to grievance or arbitration, provided the Superintendent of Schools did not act arbitrarily or capriciously in the selection.
- H. In all cases in which the Department promotes employees within the bargaining unit from a civil service list of employees eligible for promotion, which list is issued under the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 31, the provisions of civil service for selection shall apply for promotions. In cases where a provisional promotion is made the factors described in paragraph B above for lateral transfers shall apply.

## 2. Emergency Appointments

Notwithstanding the above, the Superintendent of Schools may fill a vacant position without notice during the posting period for a period of thirty (30) days, but not to exceed sixty (60) days.

### 3. High Lift Bucket Trucks

A crew of two employees shall be utilized when the high lift bucket truck is assigned to a job requiring the use of the bucket. The employee assigned to assist the bucket truck operator shall be the custodian on duty at the building. If there is no custodian on duty at the building, then an assignment shall be made from among the maintenance crew.

### ARTICLE XVII

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

### A. SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTICES

Announcements shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the Human Capital Services Department.

A copy of the Superintendent's Bulletin and Personnel Bulletin shall be provided to the Union President. The Union shall provide the Superintendent with the names and school locations of members of the Executive Board. Parties to this agreement, both of whom may use the bulletin boards for notices of routine nature, agree that it would be improper to post denunciatory or inflammatory written material on such bulletin boards.

### B. SEVERANCE CLAUSE

Should any provision of this agreement be found to be in violation of any Federal or State Law or Civil Service rule by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this agreement.

#### C. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The parties to this Agreement agree that they shall not discriminate against any person because of race, creed, color, sex, age, religion, nationality, sexual orientation or ancestry unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification and that all such persons shall receive the full protection of this agreement.

### D. UNION ACTIVITIES

The Employer agrees to permit representatives of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO and/or Council 93 to enter the premises at reasonable times for individual discussions of working conditions with employees, provided care is exercises by such representatives that they do not interfere with the performance of duties assigned to the employees.

### E. MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Except as specifically abridged, delegated, granted or modified by this Agreement, all the rights, powers and authority the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools had prior to the signing of this Agreement are retained by the Committee and the Superintendent of Schools and remain exclusively and without limitation within the rights of the Committee and the Superintendent of Schools and are not subject to grievance procedure and/or negotiation during the term of this Agreement.

### F. RE-EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

Military leaves of absence shall not count as a break in service.

#### G. DEATH BENEFIT FOR EMPLOYEES FAMILY/ESTATE

If an employee of the New Bedford Public schools dies during employment said employees family/estate shall receive any sick leave buy out as well as any vacation and longevity payments that would be owed to said employee at their time of death as if they would be resigning or retiring on that date of death.

### H. DRESS CODE CLERICAL EMPLOYEES/CLERKS

Clerical employees will wear business casual attire. Business casual attire does not include:

- sweat pants,
- sweat shirts, (however, NBPS logo sweatshirts are acceptable)
- Activewear pants (however, leggings with tops that fall below the buttocks are acceptable),
- hoodies,
- halter tops/dresses, strapless tops/dresses,
- tops/dresses with spaghetti straps, crop tops,
- clothing where undergarments are visible
- shorts/skorts/skirts/dresses that are more than 5" above the knee,
- clothing with tears or holes,
- crocks without back straps, flip flops, or other beach footwear, and
- attire with messages, graphics, images other than New Bedford Public School logos with the exception of theme events such as holiday events, seasonal events, and sports events authorized by the building principal.

### I. PRINTING OF CONTRACT

The contracts shall be available within ninety (90) days, subject to appropriation and departmental needs. The contract shall be available online under NBPS Human Capital Services tab. If an employee requests a paper copy the union will provide the paper copy to the member.

#### J. RESIDENCY

Every person first employed by the New Bedford Committee on or after June 2, 1980, in a Civil Service position, shall be a resident of the City of New Bedford. An employee subject to the residency policy, who has completed three (3) full years (36 months) of full or part-time service with the New Bedford School Department, may reside outside the City.

#### K. PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT LEAVE

An employee may be allowed a leave of absence, without pay, for a period of one (1) year for professional improvement (college or attendance at an educational institution) with the approval of the School Committee.

### L. INSERVICE TRAINING

Cafeteria workers shall receive, one day annually, in-service training as determined by the Superintendent. Clerical employees will be provided professional development opportunities annually to update their skills. These sessions shall be provided by the New Bedford School Department.

### M. Direct Deposit and Electronic Pay Advices

, All employees shall receive their pay through direct deposit. (Each employee who has not been receiving his/her pay through direct deposit shall provide the required signed authorization forms to facilitate direct deposit to the District's payroll office.) The District will assist an employee who has a documented hardship in establishing direct deposit. The District may provide employees with electronic pay advices in lieu of paper advices/paystubs.

### N. Biweekly Pay

Each member of the bargaining unit shall be paid on a bi-weekly basis.

### O. Probationary Period

Each member of the bargaining unit must successfully complete a probationary period of six months.

### P. Translation and Interpreter Differential for Clerical Employees

Annually, employees who wish to provide interpreter and/or translation assistance to the school district will identify themselves to Human Capital Services by October 1. If the school district certifies that the employee is qualified and eligible to perform assistance, interpreter and/or translation services, the employee will receive a differential as follows for all hours worked:

- (i) \$0.35 per hour for multi-lingual assistance;
- (ii) \$0.50 per hour for qualified interpreters;

(iii) \$1.00 per hour for qualified translator and interpreter.

Employees are not eligible for more than one differential under this Section P. An employee who is qualified for more than one differential shall receive the highest differential for which the employee is qualified as determined by Human Capital Services.

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Employees who have the following license or certification, which is not required for the employee's job, and who the employer directs to utilize such license or certification for the New Bedford Public Schools shall receive a differential of ten cents (\$0.10) per hour for having and utilizing each such license/certification:

- Massachusetts Hoisting License
- Massachusetts Construction Supervisor License
- CPO Certification

#### ARTICLE XVIII

### **USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

A. As a service to the community and in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 71, the School Committee may allow the use of public school property by individuals and private organizations for educational, recreational, social, civic, philanthropic and similar purposes that the School Committee deems appropriate.

When school facilities are used by such individuals or private organizations under the policy of the School Committee on non-school days or not during an employee's normal work schedule adequate custodial or other services may be provided at the expense of the individuals or organizations permitted to use the facilities.

Service charges for such activities will be at the rate of time and one-half the employee's regular hourly rate of pay.

B. When school facilities are used by the School Department for sports events, meetings of teachers, pupils or other school purposes, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall determine if custodial or other services are required. If such services are required employees may be assigned to work overtime, unless the facilities are used on regular school days during the employee's normal work hours.

#### ARTICLE XIX

### **SENIORITY**

### A. DEFINITION

The term "seniority" as applied in this agreement, shall mean total service rendered to the School Department as a full-time employee in a permanent, provisional or temporary position, except that employment in a temporary or provisional capacity must have led to a permanent position in a continuous and unbroken period of service. Where service has been interrupted, seniority shall be determined by the last date of employment, unless prior service is allowed under Civil Service pursuant to the rules contained in Chapter 31, Section 33 of the General Laws. In the event of a tie in seniority between employees on full time employment, seniority shall be determined by the length of any part-time service with the School Department and if there was no prior part-time service of the tie continues, then by an employee's standing on the Civil Service eligibility list when he/she was appointed.

#### B. REDUCTION IN FORCE

- 1. In the event employees in positions having the same title are to be separated from such positions, they shall be laid off according to seniority so that employees senior in length of service shall be retained the longest and reinstated in accordance with Civil Service rules first.
- 2. As provided by Civil Service rule, if a permanent and tenured employee is laid off, he/she may consent to be demoted (bump) to a position in the next lower title in succession in the official or labor service, as the case may be, if in such lower title there is an employee junior in length of service.
- 3. Nothing in this Article is intended to add to or diminish the Civil Service rights of an employee concerning a reduction in force as provided by Civil Service law.

### ARTICLE XX

### LICENSES

### A. SPECIAL LICENSES

The Employer agrees to reimburse maintenance personnel, custodians and cafeteria workers covered hereunder for the cost of any special license required as a condition of employment for such personnel.

### B. TUBERCULOSIS TEST

In the event a School Department shall require a TB test to be taken by employees handling or serving food, said test to be paid by the School Department.

### ARTICLE XXI

### PERSONAL DAYS

1. All permanent or provisional full time employees who have successfully completed the required probationary period of six (6) months or if a provisional employee six (6) months of service, will be eligible for paid personal leave days which may be taken during the calendar year as detailed below.

Cafeteria and school year clerical workers hired after September 1, 1999 will be eligible for Paid personal leave as follows:

# First Five Years of Employment

Length of Scheduled Work Day	Amount of Personal Leave
3 hours	3 hours
3.50 hours	3.50 hours
4 hours	4 hours
6.50 hours	6.50 hours
7 hours	7 hours
8 hours	8 hours

### In succeeding years of Employment:

Length of Scheduled Work Day	Amount of Personal Leave
3 hours	6 hours
3.50 hours	7 hours
4 hours	8 hours
6.50 hours	13 hours
7 hours	14 hours
8 hours	16 hours

<sup>2.</sup> Full time employees who become eligible for personal leave after January 1 of a calendar year will be credited with personal days in accordance with the following schedule:

# Date of Eligibility

January 1 - March 31

Length of Scheduled Work Day	Amount of Personal Leave				
6.50 hours	19.50 hours				
7 hours	21 hours				
8 hours	24 hours				

# Date of Eligibility

April 1 - June 30

Length of Scheduled Work Day	Amount of Personal Leave			
6.50 hours	13 hours			

7 hours	14 hours
8 hours	16 hours

# Date of Eligibility

July 1 - September 30

Length of Scheduled Work Day	Amount of Personal Leave				
6.50 hours	6.50 hours				
7 hours	7 hours				
8 hours	8 hours				

### Date of Eligibility

October 1 - December 31

No paid personal leave

- 3. Temporary employees with ninety (90) days or less of service in any twelve (12) calendar months or emergency employees shall not be eligible for personal leave.
- 4. Request for personal leave must be submitted to the employee's immediate supervisor and approved by the Department Head on an "application for leave" form. The application must be submitted three (3) working days before the anticipated personal leave, unless the circumstances for requesting such leave did not permit the three (3) working days' notice. Once personal or vacation leave has been approved, it cannot be revoked except in an emergency as determined by the Superintendent or his designee.
- 5. Personal leave may be requested in units of no less than one hour and no more than one (1) working day. A Supervisor may authorize an employee to take personal leave for two consecutive days if it does not interfere with required work in the department.

Personal leave shall not be authorized in the following circumstances:

- 1) Absences due to inclement weather, such as snowstorms, excluding clerical and cafeteria staff.
- 2) Absences during periods when the work within a department requires the necessary staff for timely and efficient operators of the department, unless the request for personal leave if for a purpose to conduct necessary personal business that must be conducted during hours on the day requested.
- 3) Absences due to illness or injury if the employee has sick leave available for such purpose.
- 6. Personal leave shall not accrue from one calendar year to the next year. If personal leave is not taken in any calendar year, any unused personal leave shall be converted to sick days. An employee who terminates or resigns from employment will not be compensated for any accrued personal leave at the time of termination or resignation.

7. Calendar year employees, except employees in the Custodial or Maintenance Departments, shall be compensated for no more than two (2) emergency suspension days if the Superintendent authorizes the closing of all administrative and other school buildings. These days will not be charged to personal leave.

### ARTICLE XXII

#### MATERNITY LEAVE

- 1. Any member of the Civil Service staff expecting to become a mother and wishing to continue in the service of the New Bedford Public School System, shall be granted a leave of absence, without pay, at the request of the employee prior to the normal birth of her child and to terminate not less than three (3) months after the birth of the child.
- 2. A maternity leave may be extended or curtailed when abnormal conditions exist; for instance, interruption of pregnancy.
- 3. All members shall make written request for leave of absence thirty (30) days before the leave of absence becomes effective, unless abnormal conditions exist.
- 4. Any female member of the bargaining unit shall be entitled to take paid sick leave for any period of disability caused by pregnancy or the termination of pregnancy. Sick leave shall be taken from accumulated sick leave and be verified by a physician. In order to qualify for such leave, the employee shall indicate her intention to return to work.

### ARTICLE XXIII

#### CONSULTATION

The Committee agrees that once during the months of February, April, October and December prior to the fifteenth (15th) day of each said months, the Superintendent or his designee will meet with representatives of the Union for the purpose of discussing such matters as the Union determines.

#### ARTICLE XXIV

### PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

- A. In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 767 of the Acts of 1981, there shall be established a performance evaluation system for all employees covered by this Agreement. Evaluations will be completed by the end of the second week of January.
- B. All employee evaluations shall be in writing and shall be included in the employee's official personal file.
- C. Immediate supervisors shall, after completing the evaluation, forward the evaluations for review to the appropriate reviewing official as per the below listed schedule.

### WORK LOCATION IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR

School Clerk Principal

School cafeteria Food Service Manager and/or Principal

School custodian Principal in consultation with Facilities Director

Maintenance Facilities Director

Plant Engineers Principal in consultation with Facilities Director

PRAB custodians Facilities Director

PRAB clerical Executive Director of Human Capital Services

PRAB Food Service Food Service Manager Cafeteria Manager Food Service Manager

- D. Formal evaluations shall be completed at least once per year for each employee, but not more than twice per year.
- E. Prior to each evaluation period, the supervisor shall meet with the employees and shall inform them of the general performance dimensions and procedures to be utilized in evaluating the employee's performance.
- F. At the mid-point in the evaluation period, the Supervisor shall meet with the employee to review the employee's progress.
- G. At the end of the evaluation period, the Supervisor shall meet with the employee and inform the employee of the results of the evaluation. Employees shall sign the evaluation and indicate whether he/she agrees or disagrees with the evaluation.
- H. Any employee who, as a result of an evaluation pursuant to this agreement, receives an overall rating of unsatisfactory shall have the right to grieve said rating through Step 2 of the grievance procedure.
- I. The appeal procedure provided in this agreement shall not be available to any employee who elects to appeal his/her evaluation rating under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 31, Section 6C.

#### ARTICLE XXV

### PERMANENT INTERMITTENT EMPLOYEES

- 1. Employees appointed to a position under Civil Service as a permanent intermittent employee who are employable for more than ninety (90) school days in a school year, i.e., September 1st to June 30th, shall be entitled to the following benefits under the collective bargaining agreement:
- a) Vacation leave shall be determined as of June 30 of the school year by establishing the hours per day an employee has worked, i.e., four or six and one-half hours per day, by identifying if the employee has worked a majority of days at either four or six and one-half hours per day. If he/she has worked a majority of days at four hours, vacation leave shall be based on a four hour day or if he/she has worked a majority of days at six and one-half hours, vacation leave shall be based on a six and one-half hour day. The daily vacation hours shall be multiplied by ten (10) days and the employee shall receive payment of vacation leave allowance in hours by

dividing the number of days the permanent intermittent employee worked in the school year by the number of days a full time regular part-time employee works in a school year multiplied by the daily vacation hours the permanent intermittent employee worked in a school year.

- b) For employees who do not work a school year, the above formula shall be applied to the fiscal year, July 1 through June 30 in the same manner, except that the denominator for establishing the vacation allowance shall be 260 days.
  - c) Clothing allowance shall be the same as regular employees.
- d) The employee shall be paid for holidays set forth in Article XI that occur after he/she has worked for ninety (90) days in a school or fiscal year, as the case may be, provided the employee works three (3) or more days (excluding the holiday) in the week in which the holiday is observed or two (2) or more days (excluding the holiday) in a week in which more than one holiday is observed.
- e) Employees who are employed for more than ninety (90) days in a school or fiscal year, as the case may be, shall be paid on Step 1 of the salary schedule in his/her classification beginning on the 91st day of employment. If an employee returns to the same position in the next school year in which he/she has been paid at Step 1 of the salary schedule at the end of the previous school year, he/she shall continue to be paid at Step 1 upon his/her return rather than at the permanent intermittent rate.

### ARTICLE XXVI

### TERM AND EFFECT OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be in full force and effect for the term beginning the first day of July 2023 and ending the thirtieth (30th) day of June 2026. It shall continue in effect from year to year thereafter until either party shall notify the other in writing at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of any subsequent yearly period that it desires to modify this agreement. In the event that such notice is given, negotiations shall begin no later than thirty (30) days prior to the end of the yearly term then in effect; this agreement shall remain in full force and effect during the period of negotiations and until notice of termination of this agreement is provided to the other party in the manner set forth in the following paragraph:

"In the event that either party desires to terminate the agreement, written notice must be given the other party not less than ten (10) days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall not be before the end of the last completed yearly term of this agreement".

In Witness Whereof, the School Committee acting on behalf of the City of New Bedford and Local 641, AFSCME have caused this agreement to be signed by their duly authorized representatives on this <DATE>.

LOCAL 641, AFSCME N	IEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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# **APPENDIX A – Hourly Wages**

# **One-Time Retention Payment:**

To avoid the risk of an extraordinarily high number of vacancies in the bargaining unit for the 2023-2024 school year, the Committee will pay employees who were in positions in the bargaining unit as of June 1, 2023, and who return to a position in the bargaining unit at the start of the 2023-2024 work year, a one-time retention payment of two hundred, fifty dollars (\$250). Such payment shall be made on or about the first pay period in October of 2023.

# **Year 1 (July 1, 2023 – June 30 – 2024)**

Effective July 1, 2023, implement the new wage table for Appendix A. Employees move to the step on the new wage table on July 1, 2023 in the applicable grade that is closest to but not less than \$0.50/hour more than the hourly rate the employee was earning on June 1, 2023.

AFSCME FY 2024 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
Junior Clerk- Academic Year Clerk	16.24	17.57	18.90	19.66	20.42	21.09	21.46	21.89
Senior Clerk	17.02	18.36	19.72	20.53	21.81	22.51	22.91	23.37
Principal Clerk	18.01	19.38	20.74	22.19	23.86	24.64	25.07	25.57
Principal Clerk - NBHS	18.47	19.82	21.19	23.92	25.57	26.42	26.88	27.41
Junior Custodian								
Storekeeper								
MEO	16.27	17.56	18.83	19.19	19.77	20.42	20.78	21.19
HVAC								
Plumber								
Electrician								
Steamfitter	29.75	30.27	30.80	31.34	31.89	32.45	33.01	33.51
Sr. Plant Engineer	23.42	24.36	25.47	26.55	27.92	28.83	29.33	29.91
Jr. HVAC								
Jr. Plumber								
Jr. Electrician								
Licensed Carpenter								
Technology Field Technician	22.68	23.48	24.43	25.52	26.75	27.63	28.11	28.67
Jr. Plant Engineer	21.89	22.55	24.04	24.84	25.79	26.59	27.06	27.60
Maintenance Craftsman								
Lead Ground and Field Maintenance Worker	18.59	19.53	20.60	21.84	23.27	24.03	24.45	24.94
Mason	17.81	18.43	19.26	20.41	21.63	22.35	22.74	23.19

Welder	17.81	18.43	19.26	20.41	21.63	22.35	22.74	23.19
Painter	17.81	18.43	19.26	20.41	21.63	22.35	22.74	23.19
Carpenter	17.81	18.43	19.26	20.41	21.63	22.35	22.74	23.19
Senior Custodian - High School	16.98	18.51	20.71	21.14	21.79	22.48	22.88	23.34
Senior Custodian								
Senior Storekeeper								
MEO with CDL								
Ground and Field Maintenance Worker	16.98	18.51	20.12	20.53	21.14	21.83	22.21	22.65
Building Maintenance	17.11	18.16	19.29	20.07	20.94	21.62	22.00	22.44
Cashier	15.30	16.56	17.33	18.01	18.60	18.93		
Cafeteria Helper								
Laborer	16.56	17.33	18.01	18.60	18.93	19.31		
Cafeteria Worker	17.03	17.72	18.42	19.03	19.37	19.76		
Asst. Cook	17.03	17.72	18.42	19.03	19.37	19.76		
Cook	17.84	18.54	19.57	20.21	20.56	20.97		
Cafeteria Manager	19.04	19.80	20.60	21.28	21.65	22.09		
Cafeteria Manager NBHS	19.75	20.54	21.31	22.00	22.39	22.84		
Lead Technician	23.36	24.80	26.85	27.33	28.11	28.98	29.49	30.08
Printer	21.23	22.65	24.71	25.18	25.98	26.83	27.30	27.84

**Year 2 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)** 

AFSCME FY 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
Junior Clerk- Academic Year Clerk	16.56	17.93	19.28	20.05	20.83	21.52	21.89	22.33
Senior Clerk	17.36	18.73	20.11	20.94	22.24	22.96	23.37	23.83
Principal Clerk	18.37	19.77	21.15	22.63	24.33	25.14	25.57	26.08
Principal Clerk - NBHS	18.84	20.21	21.61	24.40	26.08	26.95	27.41	27.96
Junior Custodian								
Storekeeper								
MEO	16.59	17.92	19.21	19.57	20.16	20.83	21.19	21.62
HVAC								
Plumber								
Electrician								
Steamfitter	30.35	30.88	31.42	31.97	32.53	33.10	33.67	34.18
Sr. Plant Engineer	23.89	24.84	25.98	27.08	28.48	29.40	29.91	30.51
Jr. HVAC								
Jr. Plumber								
Jr. Electrician								
Licensed Carpenter								
Technology Field Technician	23.14	23.95	24.92	26.03	27.29	28.18	28.67	29.25
Jr. Plant Engineer	22.33	23.00	24.52	25.33	26.30	27.12	27.60	28.15
Maintenance Craftsman								
Lead Ground and Field Maintenance Worker	18.97	19.92	21.02	22.27	23.73	24.51	24.94	25.44
Mason	18.17	18.80	19.64	20.82	22.07	22.80	23.19	23.65
Welder	18.17	18.80	19.64	20.82	22.07	22.80	23.19	23.65
Painter	18.17	18.80	19.64	20.82	22.07	22.80	23.19	23.65
Carpenter	18.17	18.80	19.64	20.82	22.07	22.80	23.19	23.65
Senior Custodian - High School	17.32	18.88	21.12	21.57	22.22	22.93	23.34	23.80
Senior Custodian								
Senior Storekeeper								
MEO with CDL								
Ground and Field Maintenance Worker	17.32	18.88	20.53	20.94	21.57	22.26	22.65	23.10
Building Maintenance	17.45	18.52	19.67	20.48	21.36	22.06	22.44	22.89
Cashier	15.61	16.90	17.68	18.37	18.98	19.31		

Cafeteria Helper								
Laborer	16.90	17.68	18.37	18.98	19.31	19.70		
Cafeteria Worker	17.37	18.07	18.79	19.41	19.76	20.15		
Asst. Cook	17.37	18.07	18.79	19.41	19.76	20.15		
Cook	18.20	18.91	19.97	20.61	20.97	21.39		
Cafeteria Manager	19.42	20.19	21.02	21.70	22.09	22.53		
Cafeteria Manager NBHS	20.14	20.95	21.73	22.44	22.84	23.29		
Lead Technician	23.83	25.29	27.38	27.87	28.67	29.56	30.08	30.68
Printer	21.65	23.11	25.21	25.69	26.50	27.36	27.84	28.40

**Year 3 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026)** 

AFSCME FY 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
Junior Clerk- Academic Year Clerk	16.89	18.28	19.66	20.45	21.25	21.95	22.33	22.77
Senior Clerk	17.71	19.10	20.51	21.36	22.69	23.42	23.83	24.31
Principal Clerk	18.74	20.16	21.57	23.08	24.82	25.64	26.08	26.61
Principal Clerk - NBHS	19.22	20.62	22.04	24.89	26.60	27.49	27.96	28.52
Junior Custodian								
Storekeeper								
MEO	16.93	18.27	19.59	19.96	20.57	21.25	21.62	22.05
HVAC								
Plumber								
Electrician								
Steamfitter	30.95	31.49	32.04	32.61	33.18	33.76	34.34	34.86
Sr. Plant Engineer	24.37	25.34	26.50	27.62	29.05	29.99	30.51	31.12
Jr. HVAC								
Jr. Plumber								
Jr. Electrician								
Licensed Carpenter								
Technology Field Technician	23.60	24.43	25.42	26.55	27.84	28.75	29.25	29.83
Jr. Plant Engineer	22.77	23.46	25.01	25.84	26.83	27.67	28.15	28.72
Maintenance Craftsman								
Lead Ground and Field Maintenance Worker	19.35	20.32	21.44	22.72	24.21	25.00	25.44	25.95
Mason	18.53	19.18	20.04	21.23	22.51	23.25	23.65	24.13
Welder	18.53	19.18	20.04	21.23	22.51	23.25	23.65	24.13
Painter	18.53	19.18	20.04	21.23	22.51	23.25	23.65	24.13
Carpenter	18.53	19.18	20.04	21.23	22.51	23.25	23.65	24.13
Senior Custodian - High School	17.67	19.26	21.54	22.00	22.67	23.39	23.80	24.28
Senior Custodian								
Senior Storekeeper								
MEO with CDL								
Ground and Field Maintenance Worker	17.67	19.26	20.94	21.36	22.00	22.71	23.10	23.56
Building Maintenance	17.80	18.89	20.07	20.88	21.79	22.50	22.89	23.35
Cashier	15.92	17.23	18.03	18.74	19.36	19.70		
Cafeteria Helper								
Laborer	17.23	18.03	18.74	19.36	19.70	20.09		

Cafeteria Worker	17.72	18.43	19.17	19.80	20.15	20.56		
Asst. Cook	17.72	18.43	19.17	19.80	20.15	20.56		
Cook	18.56	19.29	20.36	21.02	21.39	21.82		
Cafeteria Manager	19.81	20.60	21.44	22.14	22.53	22.98		
Cafeteria Manager NBHS	20.54	21.37	22.17	22.89	23.29	23.76		
Lead Technician	24.30	25.80	27.93	28.43	29.25	30.15	30.68	31.29
Printer	22.08	23.57	25.71	26.20	27.03	27.91	28.40	28.97