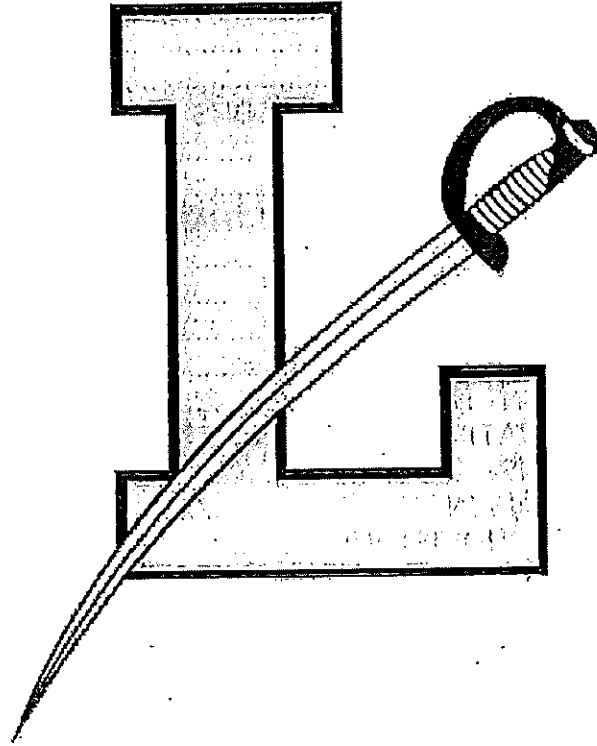


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LEDYARD BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND
LEDYARD ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION



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ARTICLE I RECOGNITION

The Board of Education ("Board") of the Ledyard School District ("District") hereby recognizes the Ledyard Administrators' Association ("Association") as the exclusive representative for all employees in the administrators' unit comprised of all certified professional employees in the school district not excluded from the purview of Connecticut General Statutes §§ 10-153a to 10-153n, inclusive, employed in positions requiring an intermediate administrator or supervisor certificate, or the equivalent thereof, and whose administrative or supervisory duties, for purposes of determining membership in the administrators' unit, shall equal at least fifty percent (50%) of the assigned time of such employee.

Unless otherwise indicated, employees within the above-described bargaining unit are hereinafter referred to as "Administrators." Any term used herein that denotes sex, shall apply equally regardless of an individual's gender/gender identity.

ARTICLE II ASSOCIATION PROTECTION

SECTION A

All Administrators in the bargaining unit employed by the Board may join the Association. No Administrator is required to become a member of the Association as a condition of employment or continued employment with the Board, and there shall be no discrimination by the Association against any Administrator on account of the Administrator's membership or non-membership in the Association.

SECTION B

It is recognized that the Association, as the exclusive bargaining representative of all bargaining unit members, owes the same duties to all employees in the bargaining unit whether Association members or not. All Administrators in the bargaining unit who voluntarily join or voluntarily remain members of the Association may voluntarily pay Association dues to the Association, as set forth below, during the life of this Agreement, or any extension thereof.

SECTION C

It shall be the sole responsibility of the Association to solicit Administrators who may join the Association and/or to explain Association membership to the Administrators, and the Board will refrain from engaging any Administrator in discussion of the same but will direct all questions regarding membership, dues or fees, etc. to the President of the

Association. All changes to Association membership shall come from and/or through the Association to the Board.

All Administrators who elect to join the Association shall pay monies directly to the Association or sign and deliver to the Association (on forms mutually developed by the Board and the Association), a written authorization for payroll deduction of membership dues of the Association and any state or national organization which is affiliated with the Association, and any bargaining unit member electing not to join the Association may voluntarily pay service fees in the same manner.

The Board agrees to deduct such dues or fees from the salaries from each of its Administrators who voluntarily have submitted to the Association such written authorization. Said authorization shall continue in effect unless the Administrator notifies the Association that such Administrator does not wish to continue membership. It shall be the Association's responsibility to notify the Board of changes to an Administrator's dues or fees.

The Association shall notify and certify to the Board in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance of any changes to the amount of the membership dues and fees to be deducted from each Administrator's salary per pay period. The Board shall deduct such amounts from each Administrator's paycheck and submit the same to the Association monthly by the 15th of each month.

SECTION D

It is specifically agreed that the Board assumes no obligation, financial or otherwise, arising out of the provisions of this Article, and the Association hereby agrees that it will defend, indemnify and hold the Board harmless from or against any claims, actions or proceedings which arise under this Article and/or the Board's actions in compliance with the provisions of said Article.

ARTICLE III DURATION

SECTION A

Except as provided below, the provisions of this Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2024 and shall continue and remain in full force and effect for a period of three (3) years, up to and including June 30, 2027, when such Agreement shall expire unless extended by the mutual consent of the parties, reduced to writing, or unless replaced by a successor agreement.

ARTICLE IV GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

SECTION A

1. A grievance is hereby defined as a claim by an Administrator or by the Association that a specific and identified section or sections of this Agreement has/have been violated, misinterpreted or misapplied by the Board or its designated representatives, or that there

has been a failure to follow the established procedures of the District's evaluation and support programs. All grievances, in order to be valid, must be reduced to writing and filed with the Superintendent within thirty (30) calendar days after the occurrence of the act or omission giving rise to the grievance; otherwise, the claim shall be waived.

2. The parties both agree that the resolution of grievances should, to the extent possible, be handled informally. Therefore, if an Administrator feels that they may have a grievance, the matter shall first be discussed informally with the Superintendent or designee in an effort to resolve the problem. If, after such discussion, the Administrator is not satisfied with the informal attempts to resolve the matter, they shall then have the right to file the grievance in writing. In any event, a grievance must, in order to be valid, be filed within thirty (30) calendar days of the act or occurrence giving rise to the grievance. In the event that an Administrator is unable, for whatever the reason, to satisfactorily engage in informal discussions with the Superintendent or designee as set forth above, they shall nonetheless have the obligation to formally file the grievance in writing with the Superintendent within the above-mentioned thirty (30) day period in order for the grievance to be valid. The Superintendent shall notify the Association of any grievance filed by an Administrator and the resolution of said grievance.
3. The Superintendent or designee shall have ten (10) work days to meet with the grievant, starting from the date the written grievance is filed with the Superintendent. The grievant may request the attendance of an Association representative at this meeting or any future step in the grievance process. At this meeting, the grievant shall explain the grievance to the Superintendent in an effort to reach a mutually acceptable settlement. The Superintendent shall have a period of five (5) work days, commencing with the day of the last grievance meeting within the above-described ten (10) day period in order to respond in writing to the grievance.
4. If, upon receipt of the Superintendent's written decision, the Administrator is not satisfied with the disposition of the matter, the Administrator shall have five (5) work days in which to file a written appeal of the Superintendent's decision to the Board. Upon receipt of such written appeal, the Board shall review the written grievance and schedule a meeting on the grievance within twenty (20) work days after the appeal of the Superintendent's decision is filed. At this meeting, the grievant shall be permitted to explain and discuss the claim with the Board. The Board shall have ten (10) work days following the conclusion of the grievance meeting in which to respond in writing to the grievance. The Board may, if it desires, appoint a permanent or ad hoc committee of its members for the purpose of handling grievance appeals.
5. No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by the Board, the administration, the Association or individual Administrators against any participant in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.

SECTION B – Arbitration

If, after receipt of the decision of the Board, the Association is not satisfied with the disposition of the matter, the Association only may appeal the grievance to arbitration in accordance with the voluntary labor arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association. In order to be valid, the written appeal, signed by an officer of the Association, from the Board's decision must be filed with the American Arbitration Association within (10) ten work days from the date of the Board's decision, with a copy of such appeal sent to the Board. Thereafter, the parties shall be bound by the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association. The costs for services of the arbitrator, including per diem expenses, if any, as well as actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses, shall be borne equally by the Board and the Association. Only one (1) grievance may be heard by an arbitrator and the arbitrator shall have no power to add to, delete or modify the terms of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent the parties from mutually agreeing to an arbitrator of recognized competence on their own.

The arbitrator shall render their decision in writing with copies to the parties. The decision shall set forth the arbitrator's findings of fact, reasoning, and conclusions on the issues submitted, and provide relief in an appropriate case. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the Board, the Administrator and the Association to the extent provided by law.

ARTICLE V PROTECTION OF ADMINISTRATORS

SECTION A

The Board agrees that the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-235 shall apply to its Administrators and that such protection shall be extended to any Administrators against whom a claim, demand, suit or judgment has been made in accordance with the provisions of such statute.

SECTION B

Administrators shall immediately report in writing to the Superintendent all instances of assault suffered by them in connection with their employment by the Board. The Board shall hold harmless any Administrator in any action arising out of the assault on an Administrator or out of disciplinary action taken against a student by an Administrator in accordance with the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-235.

SECTION C

If civil proceedings are brought against an Administrator alleging that such Administrator committed an assault in connection with the Administrator's employment by the Board, the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-235 shall be honored by the Board.

SECTION D

When an Administrator is absent from school as a result of injury caused by an assault on such Administrator arising out of and in the course of the Administrator's employment, they shall be paid full salary, less the amount of any workers' compensation award made for temporary disability due to said injury, in accordance with the applicable provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-235 and the workers' compensation provisions of said General Statutes. Said absences shall not be deducted from the Administrator's sick leave account.

ARTICLE VI
SICK LEAVE

SECTION A

Administrators whose work year is more than two hundred (200) days shall be entitled to twenty (20) days of sick leave with full pay annually. Part-time Administrators will receive a prorated number of sick days based on the amount provided to full-time Administrators. The accumulation of unused sick leave shall not exceed the number of days in the individual Administrator's work year. After five (5) consecutive workdays of absence on sick leave, an Administrator may be required to submit a doctor's certificate to the Superintendent that verifies the medical reason for the absences.

SECTION B

In the event of catastrophic illness, special consideration for extension of sick leave may be requested of the Board by written application of the Administrator, accompanied by a physician's certification. Such written request shall be made to the Board through the Superintendent, who shall forward such request to the Board together with a recommendation. The Board agrees to review such requests in good faith, but shall not be bound to grant them. The decision of the Board shall be final, and shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

SECTION C

Administrators shall be notified in writing of the number of sick days accumulated by them on or about October 1st each year.

SECTION D

In all cases, Administrators absent on sick leave shall contact the office of the Superintendent immediately upon a determination that they will be absent from school on sick leave. The absent Administrator will also keep the Superintendent informed as to the anticipated duration of the absence.

ARTICLE VII
FRINGE BENEFITS

SECTION A

1. The Board agrees to provide the following health insurance coverages, or comparable coverages, for the term of this Agreement.
 - a. The United Healthcare Block Purchasing Group medical and prescription drug insurance plan ("the United Plan").
 - b. The dental insurance plan offered to the Administrators will be through the United Plan.
 - c. The Vision Rider offered to the Administrators will be through the United Plan.
2. Employees will pay a twenty and one-half percent (20.5%) premium share contribution starting July 1, 2024, and a twenty-one percent (21.0%) premium share contribution starting July 1, 2025.
3. In the event that the premium rates for the plan design are reduced, the Board, at its discretion, may offer such plan to bargaining unit members (with no change in the premium share contribution).
4. In any negotiations triggered under paragraph 3 above, as well as negotiations for a successor to this collective bargaining agreement, the parties shall consider a High Deductible Health Plan with Health Savings Account to be the baseline for such negotiations, and the parties shall consider the following additional factors:
 - Trends in health insurance plan design outside of the United Plan;
 - The costs of different plan designs, including a high deductible health plan structure and a PPO plan structure.

Should such negotiations be submitted to arbitration for resolution, the arbitration panel shall consider the foregoing in applying the statutory criteria in making its ruling.

SECTION B

The Board shall provide life insurance on the life of the Administrator in the amount of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00).

SECTION C

1. The Board shall provide long-term disability insurance for each Administrator at sixty percent (60%) of annual salary with a maximum of eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500) per month. The Board shall pay to the Administrator, as

an addition to base pay, an amount equal to the premium cost and the Administrator shall pay, by way of salary reduction, the premium for such disability insurance to the carrier.

2. Each Administrator shall be allowed to deposit into a special flexible benefits account under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code, for the purpose of defraying additional medical costs that may be incurred by each Administrator and/or their families. These monies may be expended for medical care and/or dependent care under Section 129 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Administrator may also voluntarily contribute additional dollars to the account under Sections 125, 129, 105, and 106 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Cost of the administration of the plan shall be borne by the Board.

3. Subject to the availability of coverage by the carrier, Administrators who have reached the age of fifty-five (55), have qualified for retirement with the Connecticut State Retirement Board, and who retire after the ratification by both parties of this Agreement, may have the option of being retained in the Board's approved carriers' insurance plans for Administrators. Any premiums or membership costs not reimbursed from the state or other sources shall be paid fully by the retired Administrator and shall involve no expense to the Board. Payments shall be submitted to the Office of the Superintendent in accordance with the schedule established between the Board and the insurance carrier. Failure to do so will result in an automatic loss of coverage. The Association agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Board from all types of suits, litigation and other claims arising from action taken by the Board pursuant to this section, provided, however, that the Board shall not be saved harmless from errors of omission on its part. Retirees shall be notified promptly by the Board, by certified mail to the last known address, of the payment schedule established between the Board and the insurance carrier.
4. Administrators who were enrolled in the insurance waiver provision in 2007- 08 may elect to waive all health insurance benefits and, in lieu thereof, be remunerated in the amount of thirty-five percent (35%) of the allocated rate for the coverage waived. Such remuneration shall be paid twice per year, on or about December 1 and June 1. Administrators choosing this option shall be able to change their option on July 1, for any reason, and/or at one other time during each year, if there has been a significant change in the Administrator's circumstances, such as divorce, death of a spouse, etc., which warrants such change in option. Such requests for change must be presented, in writing, to the District business manager at least sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the month in which the change is to take effect. Upon receipt of the revocation of waiver, coverage by the insurer shall be subject to any regulations including waiting periods, which may then be in effect. Waivers under this section are subject to the approval of the applicable insurance earner.

SECTION D

The Board may change carriers for any of the above insurance provided that the coverage and benefits are substantially equal to those currently offered, and that no such

change shall result in any lapse of benefits. At least sixty (60) days prior to changing of carrier, the Board or its designee shall notify the President of the Association, and the parties will meet to discuss the proposed changes.

If the Board and the Association are unable to agree that the changes proposed are substantially equal within sixty (60) days from notice by the Board of its intention to change carriers, the matter, at the request of either party, shall be submitted to binding arbitration. Either party may request that such arbitration be expedited under the Rules of the American Arbitration Association for expedited arbitration. No change shall be implemented prior to the completion of arbitration, if required. Nothing herein shall prevent the parties from mutually agreeing to an arbitrator of recognized expertise in health insurance issues on their own.

SECTION E

The Board agrees to assist Administrators in paying dues in the following educational organizations: ASCD, EMSPAC, NASSP, PHI DELTA KAPPAN or for participation in other professional development programs with prior approval of the Superintendent. The Board will contribute \$150.00 per Association member.

ARTICLE VIII LEAVES OF ABSENCE OTHER THAN SICK LEAVES

SECTION A - Personal Leave

1. Administrators are eligible for a maximum of six (6) days annually with full pay, but not cumulative, to be used when needed to conduct the following personal business:
 - a. marriage of self or immediate family members;
 - b. death or illness of immediate family;
 - c. funeral attendance for other than immediate family;
 - d. legal requirements;
 - e. religious holidays;
 - f. graduation of children, spouse or self from high school, college or university; or
 - g. other circumstances that may be deemed extraordinary by the Superintendent and the Administrator.

Two (2) of these six (6) personal days may be used at the discretion of the Administrator, except that at least three (3) days' notice must be given to the Superintendent, except in cases of emergency, and such day shall not be taken on the day before or after a school vacation.

2. The Superintendent may recommend the extension of personal days with or without pay. This provision shall not be subject to the Grievance or Arbitration provisions of this Agreement. All requests for personal leave must be made to the Superintendent at least ten (10) working days prior to the date of the requested leave, except in the case of an extreme emergency when such an advanced

request is not possible and except in the case of the two (2) personal days which may be used at the discretion of the Administrator in which case three (3) days' notice must be given as set forth in Section A.1. above.

3. **Extended Leave:** An extended leave of absence may be granted by the Board for personal reasons. The leave shall extend only for one (1) school year or less. An Administrator on personal leave of absence must notify the Superintendent in writing prior to March 1 if they intend to return to District the following year. For leave commencing after March 1, such notification must be given no less than sixty (60) days prior to the intended return date. In the event the Administrator so indicates their intention to return, the said Administrator shall be reappointed to their original position, if such position continues to exist, or to a comparable position, unless said Administrator is otherwise subject to reduction under the provisions of Article XVI of this Agreement. Personal leave of absence shall be taken without pay or credit for salary increments and will terminate at the end of the approved period of time. An Administrator on personal leave shall retain the sick leave accumulated prior to the commencement of leave. If requested by the Administrator, group health and/or insurance programs will be continued at no cost to the Board. The decision of the Board regarding such a request shall be final, and shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

SECTION B - Professional Leave

Administrators may be granted professional leave days by the Superintendent of Schools. Requests for such leave must be made in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the date requested and will be subject to the approval of the Superintendent. The Superintendent may approve such leave for attendance and/or participation in professional institutes, meetings of state or national organizations of which the Administrator is a member and professional conferences.

The Board agrees to reimburse Administrators who attend such professional meetings for reasonable expenses incurred for such attendance. The Board shall allocate \$300.00 for each member of the Association for this purpose. If requested by the Superintendent, Administrators will provide a written summary to be shared with other Administrators and/or staff.

It is understood that, in some cases, it may be necessary for the Superintendent to assign Administrators to attend such functions. In such cases, the reasonable expenses incurred as described in the above paragraph shall be reimbursed.

In order to encourage the development of innovative projects and research related to administrative leadership, \$2,000.00 shall be allocated for planning grants. A committee comprised of two (2) members of the Association and the Superintendent shall develop guidelines for the grant application and selection process.

SECTION C - Sabbatical Leave

Sabbatical leave requests may be granted by the Board in its sole discretion to Administrators with at least seven (7) years of active service in education, the last four (4) of which must be active service as a member of the bargaining unit, subject to such terms as the Board and the successful Administrator shall agree upon.

SECTION D - Academic Leave of Absence

An academic leave of absence may be granted for one (1) school year or less upon recommendation of the Superintendent and approval of the Board. An interim Administrator will be appointed during the absence of the Administrator on leave. An Administrator on academic leave of absence must notify the Superintendent in writing prior to March 1 if they intend to return to the District the following year. For leave commencing after March 1, such notification must be given no less than sixty (60) days prior to the intended return date. In the event the Administrator so indicates their intention to return, the Administrator shall be reappointed to their original position, or comparable position, unless said Administrator is otherwise subject to reduction under the provisions of Article XVI of this Agreement. Academic leave of absence shall be granted based on a cumulative assessment of the following criteria:

1. value of leave to the school system;
2. quality of service such as evaluations and letters of commendation or reprimand;
3. number of years' service; and
4. availability of a certified and qualified person to serve as an interim Administrator.

Academic leave of absence shall be taken without pay and will terminate at the end of the approved period of time. An Administrator on academic leave shall continue to accrue sick leave on the same basis as granted by this Agreement. If requested by the Administrator, group health and/or insurance programs will be continued at no cost to the Board.

An academic leave of absence shall not be considered a break in seniority, and seniority shall accrue.

SECTION E - Childbearing and Childrearing Leave

1. Administrators shall be entitled to take a leave of absence related to pregnancy, paternity, the birth or placement of child with the Administrator, and/or first year child rearing/ bonding, in accordance with state and federal law, including but not limited to the Family and Medical Leave Act, subject to the applicable notice provisions in this Agreement.
2. Disabilities caused or contributed to by pregnancy, miscarriage, abortion, childbirth, and recovery therefrom shall be treated as temporary disabilities for all job-related purposes. (The term "temporary disability" shall be interpreted as being within the meaning of the term "sick" as used in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-156). Accumulated sick leave shall be available for use during periods of such disability. Disability leave

beyond any accumulated sick leave shall be available without pay for such a reasonable further period of time as an Administrator is determined by the Administrator's physician to be disabled from performing the duties of the Administrator's job because of pregnancy or conditions attendant thereto.

3. Policies involving the accrual of seniority and other benefits and privileges, protection under health or temporary disability plans, and payment of sick leave shall be applied to disability due to pregnancy or childbirth on the same terms and conditions as they are applied to other temporary disabilities.

ARTICLE IX WORK YEAR

SECTION A - Ledyard High School

1. The work year for the Principal shall equal two hundred and twenty (220) actual work days with days beyond the school year to be worked as scheduled in consultation with the Superintendent.
2. The work year for the First Assistant Principal and High School Student Services Administrator shall equal two hundred and twelve (212) actual work days with days beyond the school year to be worked as scheduled in consultation with the Superintendent.
3. The work year for the Second Assistant Principal shall equal two hundred and five (205) actual work days with days beyond the school year to be worked as scheduled in consultation with the Superintendent.

SECTION B - Ledyard Middle School

1. The work year for the Middle School Principal shall equal two hundred and twenty (220) actual work days with days beyond the school year to be worked as scheduled in consultation with the Superintendent.
2. The work year for the Middle School Assistant Principal and Middle School Student Services Administrator shall equal two hundred and five (205) actual work days with days beyond the school year to be worked as scheduled in consultation with the Superintendent.

SECTION C - Elementary Schools

1. The work year for the Elementary Principals shall equal two hundred and fifteen (215) actual work days with days beyond the school year to be worked as scheduled in consultation with the Superintendent.
2. The work year for the Elementary Assistant Principals and Elementary Student Services Administrator shall equal two hundred and five (205) actual work days

with days beyond the school year to be worked as scheduled in consultation with the Superintendent.

SECTION D - District-Wide

The Director of Student Services' work year shall equal two hundred and twenty (220) days with days beyond the school year to be worked as scheduled in consultation with the Superintendent.

SECTION E – Vacation Days

All Administrators shall be entitled to the following vacation days and non-work periods:

1. All federal and state holidays for which school is not in session.
2. All non-session days during the school year with the understanding that the Administrators will notify the office of the Superintendent of their intentions to be absent during non-session, non-holiday days.

From time to time as particular need arises, the Superintendent may request that Administrators attend a meeting or otherwise work during a non-session, non-holiday day during the school year.

The Administrators agree to respond to such reasonable requests in a professional and responsible manner.

SECTION F

The parties recognize that the Board has the right to determine and make adjustments to the number of workdays for the bargaining unit in its discretion. If the Board changes the number of days per year for any position(s) in the bargaining unit, the annual salary for such position(s) shall be adjusted accordingly on a pro-rated basis. If such adjustment results in a reduction in salary, such reduction will be effective one (1) year after the reduction in the number of workdays.

ARTICLE X ADMINISTRATORS' RIGHTS

SECTION A

The private and personal life of an Administrator is not within the concern or attention of the Board except as it may interfere with the Administrator's job performance responsibilities to, and relationships with students and/or the District.

The parties recognize that the Principal is the educational leader of the school in which they work.

SECTION B

Recognizing their obligations under applicable federal and state statutes, the Board, the Association and Administrators agree that they shall not engage in any unlawful discrimination. This provision is not subject to the grievance procedure.

SECTION C

At the discretion of the Superintendent, Administrators will attend Board meetings.

SECTION D

The Board reserves the right to require attendance at in-service programs held beyond the normal work day if educational funds are expended for the service to the Administrators. If an Administrator is required to attend in-service programs that are held on a day an Administrator is not normally scheduled to work, that Administrator will be paid an hourly rate based on the Administrator's per diem for time in attendance at said in-service.

SECTION E

The Board agrees to reimburse any Administrator in accordance with the prevailing mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service on January 1 of the previous contract year for travel to in-service meetings held on non-session days if they are required to attend by the Superintendent and are not paid an hourly rate according to Section D, above.

ARTICLE XI
MILITARY SERVICE

SECTION A

Administrators called to enter military service shall be given all rights set forth under applicable state and federal statutes.

ARTICLE XII
COURSE REIMBURSEMENT

SECTION A

Administrators will be reimbursed for graduate courses of study if such courses or plan of study were approved by the Superintendent prior to their commencement.

SECTION B

Reimbursement will be paid at the rate of eighty-five percent (85%) of the cost per credit hour not to exceed eighty-five percent (85%) of the cost per credit hour at the University of Connecticut. If the Administrator is reimbursed for courses by an outside agency or

group, the Administrator shall not be reimbursed by the Board. Reimbursement shall only be paid for credit hours where a grade of B or higher is awarded.

SECTION C

Credit reimbursement will be made up to a total of fifteen (15) credits per year.

SECTION D

Credit reimbursement shall be made by the second pay period after submission of evidence of successful completion of course work, but not later than June 30th of any given year.

SECTION E

A request for credit reimbursement, together with acceptable substantiation, will not be accepted if received later than the second week in June, and may not be applied for in the following year.

SECTION F

Credit reimbursement for courses taken during summer months will be granted only if the person returns for, and completes, the following school year.

ARTICLE XIII MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

SECTION A

The Board reserves and retains, solely and exclusively, all its rights, express or implied, to manage the District and its employees as such rights existed prior to the execution of this Agreement. The Association agrees that the functions and rights of management belong solely to the Board and that the Association will not interfere with the Board's exercise of these rights and functions.

a. Enumerated Rights.

The exclusive functions and rights of the Board include, but are not restricted to, the right to: direct the operation of the public schools in the District in all aspects; select and employ new personnel; manage the District and the direction of its workforce; determine methods and levels of financing and budget allocation; provide, when necessary, for the transportation of students; designate the schools to be attended by the children in the District; establish the number of schools to be utilized by the District; maintain good public elementary and secondary schools and provide such other educational activities as in its judgment will best serve the interests of the District to give the children of the District as nearly equal advantages as may be practicable; maintain and operate buildings, lands, apparatus and other property used for school purposes; decide the textbooks to be used; make rules for the

arrangement, use and safekeeping of school libraries and to approve the books selected therefore; prepare and submit budgets and, in its sole discretion, expend monies appropriated to the Board for the maintenance and operation of the schools, and to make such transfers of funds within the appropriated budget as it shall deem desirable; determine, and from time to time re-determine, the number of Board personnel and the methods and materials to be employed; select and determine the qualifications of Administrators required to promote the efficient operation of the District; distribute work to Administrators in accordance with the job content and job requirements determined, and from time to time re-determined, by the Board; establish assignments for Administrators; transfer Administrators; determine the procedures for promotion of Administrators; create, enforce and, from time to time, change rules and regulations concerning discipline of Administrators; discipline, suspend or discharge Administrators; and, otherwise take such measures as the Board may determine to be necessary to promote the orderly, efficient and safe operation of the District.

b. Unenumerated Rights.

The listing of specific rights in subsection (a) of this Section is not intended to be all inclusive, restrictive or a waiver of any rights of the Board not listed which have not been expressly and specifically surrendered herein, whether or not such rights have been exercised by the Board in the past.

None of the above specific and unremunerated rights of the Board, however, shall be exercised so as to contravene a specific provision of this Agreement, an established past practice, or policy of the Board.

SECTION B

Where the Board has negotiated specific language in this Agreement, such language shall not be modified without the mutual consent of the Association. All present language in the Agreement shall be subject to the grievance procedure except as specifically excluded by that language.

SECTION C

Where rights noted above granted to the Board relate to terms and conditions of employment of members of the bargaining unit, the Board agrees to:

1. Notify the Association at least thirty (30) days prior to the implementation of the proposed changes where possible in the best interest of the District; and
2. Negotiate the impact of such changes in conformity with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 153f(e).

ARTICLE XIV
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

SECTION A

In the event the Board decides to materially, substantially and permanently (as opposed to temporarily) change or alter the duties or responsibilities of any position represented by the Association, it shall notify the affected Administrator and the Association, in advance, preferably at least thirty (30) days prior to implementation of the proposed change. The Association shall have the opportunity to meet and consult with the Board prior to the proposed change becoming operational. In emergency cases, no advance notification need be given and discussions shall be held as soon as possible. In the event such change or alteration is more than "de minimis," the effect of such change or alteration on the salaries and employment conditions of such position, and on any other bargaining unit positions affected by such change or alteration, shall be subject to negotiations upon demand by the Association pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-153f(e).

SECTION B

In the event the Board decides to exercise its authority to eliminate, consolidate or reduce to less than full-time status, any position represented by the Association, it will provide appropriate advance notification to both the Administrator and the Association.

To the extent that such eliminations, consolidations, or reductions impact on working conditions of the remaining Administrators, the Board agrees to negotiate such impact in conformity with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-153f(e). If a reduction in pay results, the Administrator will continue at the same rate of pay said Administrator had received in their prior assignment for one (1) year.

SECTION C

In the event of any change or modification in the duties or responsibilities of administrative/supervisory positions or work year, or in the event of reclassification of administrative/supervisory positions, or in the event of any transfer or reassignment, the Administrator or Administrators affected thereby shall be paid the salary called for in the new position as long as it does not result in a reduction in pay, provided that in the event of transfer or reassignment on grounds of lack of competence or proper qualifications to hold or carry out the duties of the former position, or for just cause (Article XVII(J)), the Administrator or Administrators affected thereby shall be paid the salary called for in the new position whether or not a reduction. If a reduction in pay results, the Administrator will continue at the same rate of pay they had received in the former position for one (1) year. The issue of competence or proper qualifications, as well as just cause (Article XVII(J)), as aforesaid shall be specifically subject to the grievance procedure provided in Article IV of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XV
PROMOTIONS

SECTION A

The Association recognizes that the promotion and assignment of administrative personnel within the District is the right and duty of the Superintendent, who shall exercise such right and duty in accordance with the terms of this Agreement when applicable.

SECTION B

Whenever a vacancy in a promotional position is to be filled, the Superintendent shall notify each Administrator at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the filling of this vacancy.

SECTION C

Said notice of vacancy shall clearly set forth qualifications for the position.

SECTION D

Administrators who desire to apply for such vacancy shall file their applications in writing with the District Personnel Office within the time limit specified in the notice. The District Personnel Director will notify each applicant in writing when a decision has been reached as to whether or not the particular applicant was successful.

ARTICLE XVI
REDUCTIONS IN STAFF

SECTION A

The parties recognize that the Board may from time to time eliminate administrative positions from the table of organization and the parties recognize that such a decision is within the discretion and prerogative of the Board.

SECTION B

In the event such a decision is made, the Board agrees to make reasonable efforts to retain the affected Administrators within the District as follows:

1. If there exists another equivalent or subordinate position in an area represented by the Association and such position is vacant and the affected Administrator is certified and qualified to fill such vacant position, they shall be assigned to said position. If there is no such position available, the affected Administrator will be allowed to displace, i.e., bump, an Administrator, based on administrative seniority in the bargaining unit, provided the affected Administrator is certified and qualified in the same or a lower Administrative position as set forth below in Section 2. In the event an Administrator is assigned to a subordinate position, the Administrator shall continue at the salary level received prior to such assignment,

until such time as the salary for the subordinate Administrator's position equals or exceeds the Administrator's previous salary level.

2. For purposes of this Article, bumping shall be allowed as follows:
 - A. High School Principal may bump all other high school and middle school principal and assistant principal positions.
 - B. Middle/Elementary School Principal may bump within this group and may bump down to all assistant principals and the High Student Services Administrator.
 - C. All Assistant Principals and Middle School/Elementary Student Services Administrators may bump within this group.
 - D. Director of Student Services may bump the High School Student Services Administrator.
3. Before an Administrator is released from employment in the District, the Administrator shall be eligible for a teaching position in conformity with the reduction in force language in the Agreement with the Ledyard Education Association. In such an event, the Administrator shall maintain any unused sick leave accumulated. The salary of the reduced Administrator shall be held constant for the first (1st) year in the new position.
4. In the event that an Administrator cannot be assigned to a position following the elimination of their position under either step 1 or 2 above, the Administrator shall be entitled to be laid off for a maximum period of two (2) years commencing with the last day of employment. During such layoff period, the Administrator shall be entitled to another equivalent or subordinate position covered by the Association which becomes open. It is the obligation of the individual to keep the Superintendent fully apprised of their current mailing address, and any obligation the Board shall have under this Article shall be fully discharged by transmitting a letter by certified mail to the last known address of the laid off Administrator appearing on current records maintained by the Superintendent notifying said Administrator of the availability of a position and granting said Administrator a period of time as set forth in the notification letter to apply for said position.
5. An Administrator to be laid off may not refuse assignment in any vacant administrative position. If any such position is vacant at the time of layoff, said Administrator must accept such position or forfeit completely all layoff and recall rights. The inverse shall be true with respect to recall from layoff and the Board shall not have any obligation to offer a laid off Administrator recall to an administrative position more than one time.
6. Under no circumstances shall the Board be required to promote or transfer any Administrator in the event of a reduction in staff or to continue unchanged the salary level of any Administrator who is transferred or reassigned to another position in the school system, except as otherwise provided for herein.

7. Any and all termination of employment of members of the bargaining unit shall take place solely and exclusively under applicable provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-151. No such termination shall in any way be the subject of a grievance proceeding under the grievance procedure set forth in this Agreement.

ARTICLE XVII GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION A

It is understood that this Agreement is subject to, and shall operate within the framework of, the statutes of the State of Connecticut.

SECTION B

It is understood that Administrators shall continue to serve under the direction and assignment of the Superintendent in accordance with Board and administration policies, position descriptions, rules and regulations.

SECTION C

There shall be no reprisals of any kind taken against any Administrator by reason of the Administrator's membership or lack of membership in a professional education organization or by reason of participation or lack of participation in its activities.

SECTION D

Administrators shall be evaluated in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-151b.

SECTION E

Administrators shall have the opportunity to review and discuss their evaluation reports with their evaluator and with the Superintendent, and to review the contents of any evaluation reports originated in the District which are contained in their personal files as maintained by the Superintendent.

SECTION F

If any portion of this Agreement is declared illegal for any reason by an authority of established and competent legal jurisdiction, the balance and remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION G

This Agreement may not be modified in whole or in part except by an appropriate instrument in writing duly executed by authorized representatives of both the Board and the Association.

SECTION H

Administrators who resign or retire shall provide a minimum of sixty (60) days written notice of such intent to resign or retire to the Superintendent of Schools. This notice may be waived at the discretion of the Board.

SECTION I

The Administrators and the Association shall not, at any time, collectively or individually, call, authorize, instigate, sanction, approve or condone any strike, slowdown, work stoppage, refusal to render services or other action against the Board or its administration which would impede the proper functioning of the District's school system.

SECTION J

No Administrator shall be reprimanded in writing, reduced in compensation, suspended or transferred to a teaching position without just cause. Any transfer to a teaching position due to a reduction in force shall not be subject to this provision.

SECTION K

An Administrator shall have the right to review their personnel file at a time mutually acceptable to the Superintendent or designee and the Administrator.

SECTION L

An Administrator may request a duplicate copy of any materials in their file at a cost not to exceed ten (10) cents per page.

SECTION M

No written reprimands or derogatory material shall be placed in an Administrator's file prior to their receiving a copy. The Administrator shall be required to sign a copy of such written reprimand or derogatory material to signify receipt thereof.

SECTION N

No anonymous materials of a derogatory nature shall be placed in an Administrator's file, except as required by law.

SECTION O

The Board shall give consideration to a request from any nonresident Administrator to send their child(ren) to District schools with seventy-five percent (75%) of the tuition being waived by the Board. Any decision to accept a nonresident student is subject to annual review.

ARTICLE XVIII
SALARY

SECTION A

Salaries for individual Administrators shall be made in accordance with Appendix A attached hereto.

SECTION B

Each Administrator shall be paid their annual salary bi-weekly beginning with the first pay period in July in equal installments of one twenty-sixth (1/26) of the total contractual salary. The Payroll calendar shall be published each school year on or before May 1. All employee elective deductions shall be withdrawn equally over twenty (20) pay periods from September to June.

All Administrators must participate in direct deposit of paychecks with electronic notification.

SECTION C

Pay deductions at the rate of the total number of work days for an Administrator divided into the total contractual salary shall be made for each day of unauthorized absence from work.

SECTION D

Administrators holding a doctorate at the commencement of any school year shall receive an annual payment of \$2,000.00.

SECTION E - Withholding Salary Increases

1. The Superintendent may withhold a salary increase for unsatisfactory service. A salary increase in any year may be withheld under the following conditions:
 - a. The Superintendent shall hold a meeting with the Administrator, clearly stating the facts as to why the Superintendent is withholding the increase;
 - b. The affected Administrator shall be given a reasonable period of time to make the necessary improvements; and
 - c. The Superintendent determines, after the reasonable period of time has passed, that the affected Administrator has not made adequate improvement in the areas discussed pursuant to paragraph 1(a) above.
2. The Administrator in question has the right to be represented by an Association representative during any and all meetings held pursuant to part 1 of this Section.

3. The Association shall have the right to challenge the Superintendent's decision to withhold the affected Administrator's salary increase pursuant to the grievance procedure.

Section E is subject to the grievance procedure of this Agreement, but the evaluation itself is not, except if it is claimed that there has been a failure to follow established procedures of the District's evaluation and support programs pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-151b.

ARTICLE XIX LONGEVITY

Only Administrators hired on or before July 1, 2015 shall be eligible to receive any longevity payments under this Agreement.

SECTION A

After seven (7) years of employment as a teacher or Administrator, which must be cumulative service in the District, an Administrator shall receive an annual stipend of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00).

SECTION B

After twelve (12) years of employment as a teacher or Administrator, which must be cumulative service in the District, an Administrator shall receive an annual stipend of four hundred dollars (\$400.00).

SECTION C

After seventeen (17) years of employment as a teacher or Administrator, which must be cumulative service in the District, an Administrator shall receive an annual stipend of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00).

SECTION D

After twenty-five (25) years of employment as a teacher or Administrator, which must be cumulative service in the District, an Administrator shall receive an annual stipend of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

ARTICLE XX TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY

Each Administrator shall have their base salary increased by One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) from which total base salary the Administrator shall pay through an elective deferral to a tax sheltered annuity the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) each year. The Board shall report said annuity payment as salary to the Teachers' Retirement Board, consistent with the law.


ARTICLE XXI
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

There shall be an annual stipend of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) paid to the Athletic Director when the duties of that position are performed by a member of the Administrators' bargaining unit with another full time administrative position. Nothing in this provision shall be interpreted to require the Board to continue to employ an Administrator to perform the duties of Athletic Director.


IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, the parties hereunto have each executed this Agreement this day and year written below.

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LEDYARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

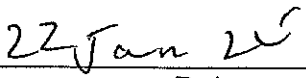
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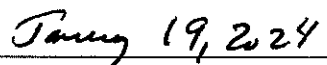
Chair, Board of Education



William Turner, President of Association
for the Ledyard Administrators' Association



Date



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APPENDIX A

G.W.I.	3.0% <u>2024-25</u>	3.0% <u>2025-26</u>	3.0% <u>2026-27</u>
Position	Salary	Salary	Salary
High School Principal	\$181,216	\$186,653	\$192,252
High School First Assistant Principal	\$153,198	\$157,794	\$162,528
High School Student Services Administrator	\$153,198	\$157,794	\$162,528
High School Second Assistant	\$147,965	\$152,404	\$156,976
Middle School Principal	\$169,353	\$174,433	\$179,666
Middle School Student Services Administrator	\$147,945	\$152,383	\$156,955
Middle School Assistant Principal	\$147,945	\$152,383	\$156,955
Elementary Principal	\$161,489	\$166,333	\$171,323
Elementary Assistant Principal	\$137,458	\$141,581	\$145,829
Elementary Student Services Administrator	\$137,458	\$141,581	\$145,829
Director of Student Services	\$169,354	\$174,434	\$179,667

The Board may hire new administrators at a salary up to ten percent (10%) below the salary listed above for the position in question. In the second year of employment, the newly hired Administrator will receive a salary that is two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) the original reduction below the current salary for the position in question. In the third year of employment, the newly hired Administrator will receive a salary that is one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) the original reduction below the current salary for the position in question. In the fourth year of employment, the Administrator will receive current salary for the position in question. The parties agree that the movement of an Administrator towards the salary listed in the salary schedule in accordance with this provision shall not be considered as an "increment cost" in calculating future salary schedules. The Superintendent will notify the Association through its President of the starting salary of all newly hired members of the bargaining unit, along with the delineated salary progression, within ten (10) days of the newly hired member accepting the position in the District.

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