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AGREEMENT

between

THE PORT WASHINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County
Port Washington, New York

and

**THE PORT WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF
EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES**

covering

CLERICAL EMPLOYEES

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017

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RECOGNITION

Under this Agreement, made and entered into by and between the Port Washington Union Free School District, Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, Port Washington, New York (hereinafter referred to as the "District"), and the Port Washington Association of Educational Secretaries (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"), the Board hereby recognizes the Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for all eligible employees in the Clerical Bargaining Unit. Excluded from the Unit are the positions of the Secretaries to the Superintendent (2), the Secretaries to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and General Administration (2), the Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent for Business (1) and the Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (1).

TAYLOR LAW PROVISION

It is agreed by and between the parties, in accordance with article 14, section 204-1 of the Taylor Law, that any provision of this agreement requiring legislative action to permit its implementation by amendment of law or by providing the additional funds therefore, shall not become effective until the appropriate legislative body has given approval.

I. ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

A. ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

The Association shall have free and unhindered use of mail boxes for the purpose of distributing legitimate Association material to its membership.

In addition, bulletin board space shall be reserved at an accessible place in each school for the exclusive use of the Association for the purpose of posting material dealing with proper and legitimate Association business.

B. ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Space shall be made available to the Association, without charge, for the conduct of general meetings of the membership and individual committee meetings. In those instances where the Association is permitted to use school space when custodial coverage is not otherwise scheduled for the facility, the Association agrees to pay all costs necessary for making such space available.

Duly authorized officers of the Association shall be free, within reason and with due regard to their assigned responsibilities, to transact official Association business directly related to the implementation of the Agreement during the day.

The Executive Board of the Association may hold an average of one meeting per month on school premises during the work day, but beginning no earlier than 3:45 P.M. The Executive Board shall consist of no more than ten (10) people.

Furthermore, officers of the Association may be excused to attend official meetings of the organization. Payment for time lost shall be limited to not more than two (2) meetings per year for not more than two members of the Association. Officers shall be free to attend a reasonable number of additional meetings without pay, with the approval of the Superintendent. In the case of additional meetings, all costs for such attendance are to be borne by the employees or the Association.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

The Superintendent, or his/her designee, and the local committee of the Association, by mutual agreement, shall meet to discuss matters of interest and concern when requested.

All new employees will be advised of their rights and privileges concerning employee benefits at the time of employment, and the Association president shall receive copies of all personnel transactions. The Association is to be provided with copies of published Board surveys and reports, as well as agenda and minutes of public Board meetings.

D. COMMITTEE OF REVIEW

There shall be a Committee of Review for the purpose of making recommendations of eliminations, additions, and changes of any clerical position. This joint committee shall consist of a personnel administrator and two members of the Association appointed by their President / Co-President. The recommendations of the Committee shall be purely advisory to the Superintendent of Schools, and may be accepted or rejected, in whole or in part, by the Superintendent. The Committee shall meet once every two months, except where waived by both parties.

When the District contemplates reductions affecting members of the bargaining unit, it will discuss the proposed reduction with members of the Committee of Review.

E. DUES DEDUCTION/AGENCY FEE

Subject to reasonable District procedural requirements, the District will deduct and remit to the Association, the membership dues of employees who authorize such deductions in writing.

Dues deductions will commence one month after hire and will remain in effect for the remainder of the school year, and will be carried forward automatically into subsequent years unless written notice terminating this deduction is supplied to the District prior to June 1, by the covered employee of Association.

Every member of the bargaining unit who is not a member of the Port Washington Association of Educational Secretaries shall, within 30 days after the initial date of employment or within 30 days after this section becomes effective, whichever is later, pay to the Association an agency fee. Such fee shall be equal to 100% of the membership dues of the Association.

The Association shall forward to the fiscal or disbursing officer of the District

a list of non-members and the sum of money to be deducted from each clerical employee's paycheck for the agency fee. Said full amount shall be deducted from each clerical employee's paycheck not later than 30 days from receipt of a list of non-members. The fiscal or disbursing officer shall forward said total amount of agency fee each month to the Association.

It is agreed that the Association will save and hold harmless the District from all loss, expenses, damages, costs and attorneys' fees that may accrue as a result of any actions or suits brought against the District by any employee in this unit of representation by the implementation of this agency fee provision.

II. CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

A. AFTER SCHOOL PROCTORING/SUPERVISION

Association members covered by this Agreement shall be compensated by the District on a matching fee basis for working as Assistant Proctors at SAT examinations. Such fees will be set each year by ETS. Opportunities for paid after school activities shall be publicized in all district buildings. In addition, Association members covered by this Agreement shall be compensated at the prevailing rates when assisting at sporting events or chaperoning events.

B. BREAKS

A break of not more than 20 minutes will be permitted each day.

C. EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In those instances where a clerical employee is required to report for work on a snow day, one day of compensatory time-off, in addition to the employee's regular payment for the snow day, shall be granted. In the event of a failure to notify an employee of a declared snow day by 7 A.M., the employee shall be granted one half-day compensatory time off. This time off shall be taken at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and the immediate supervisor, subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act.

D. EVALUATIONS

During the probationary period of each clerical employee she/he shall be provided with a minimum of two written evaluations by the immediate supervisor. Provisional employees shall be evaluated in a similar fashion.

All permanent employees shall be evaluated on an annual basis using a form mutually developed by the Association and District.

E. JOB CONDITIONS

Clerical personnel will not be required to lift and carry cartons containing books and supplies for clerical processing. Assistance will be provided for clerical personnel so

affected by the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

No clerical employee shall be required, but may do so if she/he so desires, to work in a building which does not have a custodian or another adult in attendance and a working telephone. A committee will be formed to research methods of protection for clerical personnel working in an office when school is not in session and no administrator, teacher or custodian is within close proximity.

This committee will also meet with the nurse-teacher coordinator to formulate procedures to be followed by clerical personnel regarding any medical occurrence during the absence from the school building of the school nurse (e.g. lunch break) or other first aid certified staff. Protective gloves shall be made available and easily accessible for Association members' use when a situation demands personal physical contact with an injured or ill student where bleeding or vomiting is present or imminent.

It is the obligation of the school district to provide new office equipment, where required, and provide each employee with their own workspace.

F. MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

The Board shall require all new clerical employees to submit evidence of a pre-employment medical examination.

The costs of medical examinations required by the Board shall be borne by the Board, if the examination is by a physician approved by the Board.

G. OVERTIME WORK

Hours of work for clerical employees up to thirty-five (35) in a week, shall be compensated at the regular rate.

Hours of work over thirty-five (35) in a week and all Saturday, Sunday or holiday work shall be compensated at time and one-half the regular rate or time and one-half compensatory time.

All non-emergency overtime must be authorized in advance by the unit member's immediate supervisor. Assumption of non-emergency overtime without authorization will be subject to review by the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

Members of the unit are reminded that they are not permitted to perform any work before they sign in or after they sign out each day. Employees should review their paystubs for accuracy and if there is any discrepancy between their recorded hours and their actual work hours, for any reason, they should immediately report this to their immediate supervisor in writing.

H. PERSONNEL FILES

Upon the request of any clerical employee, such employee shall be permitted to examine her/his personnel file.

No material shall be placed in an employee's personnel file unless that employee has had an opportunity to read the material. The employee shall acknowledge that she/he has read such material by affixing her/his signature to the actual copy to be

filed, with the understanding that such signature merely signifies that she/he has read the material to be filed and does not necessarily indicate agreement with its content.

The employee shall have the right to answer any material filed and her/his answer shall be attached to the file copy. Such response must be submitted within 20 business days to the date of receipt of the document that is being placed in her/his file.

I. POSTING OF POSITIONS

All clerical position openings shall be adequately publicized in each district building, and all personnel covered by this Agreement shall be given initial opportunity to make application for such positions.

Specific information, i.e., classification, building and department, shall be provided concerning the clerical positions available.

During July and August the District shall be responsible to notify all 10 month employees of all vacant clerical positions. Employees covered by this Agreement will be provided ten (10) working days from the date of notification to make application for such position.

J. PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

When hired, clerical personnel new to the bargaining unit may be given credit on the appropriate salary guide for a maximum of two years related and verified experience.

Additional credit may be granted for individual candidates where there is agreement with the District and the Executive Board of the PWAES, after discussion with the Joint Committee of Review, prior to an offer being tendered.

K. PROMOTIONS

As a general rule, seniority shall be observed except where job skills, experience, training, ability and the like require exceptions to seniority, subject to Civil Service regulations.

The date of transfer to higher salary classifications shall be the first day of the month following the award of an approved classification. When an employee is promoted to a higher classification, she/he will be placed on the same numbered step in the new class.

L. PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES

It is understood that clerical employees are entitled to the full protection provided under section 3028 of the Education Law. If an employee is served with any summons, complaint, process, notice, demand or pleading, the employee must deliver the original or a copy of the same to the Board of Education, or the District Clerk, within ten (10) days of the time of service.

Furthermore, the Board will reimburse clerical employees in any school year, for

damage or destruction of clothing and personal effects normally worn or brought to work, while on duty, when the clerical employee has not been negligent, to the extent that such loss is not covered by insurance. Such reimbursement for the unit as a whole shall be limited to \$620.

The term "personal effects" shall include neither cash nor automobiles or other vehicles. The terms "damage" and "destruction" shall not cover the effects of normal wear and tear and use.

M. SAFETY PRACTICES

The parties recognize the necessity of following good safety and health practices in all job classifications. The District will provide and maintain adequate ventilation and working conditions that are safe and healthy. In addition, all V.D.T.'s shall have a protective shield screen to eliminate glare and radiation. A member of the Association shall be included in all meetings concerning health/safety concerns of a general nature. Any condition which is felt to be unsafe shall be reported to the Administration, promptly investigated and corrections made where required.

N. SUBSTITUTES

Subject to the discretion and prior approval of the Human Resources Administrator or his/her designee, substitutes will be provided after two consecutive days of absence when substitutes are available for each day of absence thereafter. If part-time Association members are called for substitute work, they will be paid at the rate of their regular salary. Association retirees shall be paid at an hourly rate of Step 1, Class 1, in accordance with the salary schedules in Appendices B and C.

O. TRANSFER

If the performance of a clerical employee is deemed unsatisfactory by her/his immediate supervisor, the supervisor shall inform said employee, in writing, of the reasons for such dissatisfaction.

An employee who is to be transferred as a result of unsatisfactory performance may request a personal conference with the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and General Administration to discuss the reasons for the transfer. If requested by the employee, she/he may be accompanied by a member of the Executive Board of the Association.

In the event that transfer of the employee is deemed advisable for any reason, the employee shall be informed of such transfer via a personal conference with the immediate supervisor.

An employee who is to be transferred and who has satisfactory performance, may request a personal conference with the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and General Administration to discuss the reasons for the transfer. If requested by the employee, she/he may be accompanied by a member of the Executive Board of the Association.

P. WORK WEEK/YEAR

The regular work week consists of 35 hours; five – 7 hour days, plus one hour each day for lunch

1. 12 Month Employees:

- a. The work calendar shall be from July 1 through June 30. It shall in all other ways be consistent with the school calendar.
- b. **Summer Hours:** Modified hours will be five – 6 1/2 hour days, plus one hour for lunch each day, for five (5) work days immediately following the closing of school, and for five (5) work days immediately prior to opening of school.
Regular summer hours of 30 hours per week; five – 6 hour days plus one hour for lunch each day, will be in effect for the period in between the above mentioned days.

2. 10 Month Employees:

- a. The work calendar shall be from September 1 to June 30. It shall in all other ways be consistent with the school calendar.
- b. **Additional Work:** Where any clerical employee on a ten-month work schedule, September 1 to June 30, is required to work prior to that period or subsequent to that period, that employee shall be paid additionally for such extra work assignments. Compensation shall be at the same rate as during the school year.

3. Recess Periods:

Upon a Supervisor's request and the employee's concurrence, days of work during the school recess period can occur. Clerical employees will be paid at their regular rate of pay for work done during school recess periods.

4. Flex Work Schedules:

Flex work schedules may be implemented for all employees hired after July 1, 1992 as long as new or open positions are posted including this as part of the working conditions. Consultation will be held with the PWAES Committee of Review prior to the posting of such positions.

III. LEAVES

A. BEREAVEMENT

Leave with pay for absences due to death in the immediate family shall be limited to five (5) days for each occurrence. Immediate family shall include only mother, father, sister, brother, spouse, mother-in-law, father-in-law, child, grandparent, grandchildren, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, domestic partner or other dependents residing in the employee's household.

Part-time employees working at least half-time (17.5 hours per week) shall be entitled to bereavement leave on a pro-rata basis.

B. EMERGENCY SICK LEAVE

Additional emergency sick leave for clerical employees who have a serious and extended illness will be granted provided the individual can meet the following criteria:

1. Worked for the District for a minimum of three (3) consecutive years.
2. Provide verification to the District's satisfaction of the serious nature and extent of the medical condition.
3. All other available paid leave days must be used before requesting use of this emergency provision.
4. Previous sick leave usage will be reviewed to assure no previous pattern of abuse.
5. Eligible employees are limited to a one time use of this provision. The number of days available may not exceed the annual vacation allocation.

C. FAMILY ILLNESS

Leave with pay for absences due to illness in the immediate family shall be limited to ten (10) days. Absence for illness in immediate family shall only be allowed for those cases where the presence of the clerical employee is required. Effective July 1, 2011, leave with pay for family illnesses shall be reduced to nine (9) days.

Notwithstanding the above reduction in leave days for full-time employees effective July 1, 2011, such leave shall be prorated based on ten (10) leave days for eligible part-time employees.

Part-time employees working at least half-time (17.5 hours per week) shall be entitled to family illness leave on a pro-rata basis.

D. PERSONAL

The Board recognizes that situations arise in which it is important for personnel to be absent on business which is essentially personal — e.g., appearances in court, house closings, graduation of child — occurrences which cannot be accomplished outside of school hours. If any employee feels that her/his personal business cannot be accomplished outside of school hours, after consulting with the immediate supervisor, she/he will submit a written application stating the reason(s) for such absence. The supervisor will refer the matter with recommendation to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and General Administration. With the approval of the Superintendent, such absence on personal business for full-time employees, for the time necessary, will be allowed with full compensation.

Part-time employees working at least half-time (17.5 hours per week) shall be entitled to personal leave on a pro-rata basis.

No more than three (3) such days will be compensated for in any one year.

All other absences for personal business will be subject to a deduction of one day of pay for each day of such absence.

Absences for reasons other than for personal business will be granted at the

discretion of the Superintendent and will be subject to a deduction of one day's pay for each day of such absence.

Requests for personal leave must be made in writing in advance of the requested day, except in cases of emergency when application must be made as soon as possible.

E. SICK LEAVE

Full-time employees who were hired prior to July 1, 1977, shall be entitled to pay for absence due to personal illness up to 200 working days in any school year.

Full-time employees who were hired on or after July 1, 1977 shall earn sick leave at a rate of 10 days per year cumulative to 200 working days.

Part-time employees working at least half-time (17.5 hours per week) shall be entitled to sick leave on a pro-rata basis.

No new employee may establish sick leave benefits until she/he has officially reported for duty. All sick leave benefits are conditional upon the filing of a pre-employment medical examination, including chest X-ray or tuberculin test.

Where required by the Administration, the employee will furnish a doctor's certificate in order to qualify for the above benefits.

The Superintendent or his/her designees may meet and counsel any employee whose attendance is of concern to the District because of the number of days or pattern of absence. Notwithstanding this language, the District retains all of its rights under Section 75 and other provisions of the Civil Service Law with regard to employee attendance problems.

F. VACATION POLICY

Personnel covered by this collective bargaining agreement shall be entitled to paid vacation based on the length of service as a full-time clerical employee in this district according to the following schedule:

Employees hired prior to July 1, 1996:

1 through 10 years:	17 days
11 + years:	22 days

Employees hired on or after July 1, 1996:

Clerical personnel from the date of hire to the completion of their first year of work shall accrue one (1) vacation day per month of work to a maximum of ten (10) days. Clerical personnel whose effective date occurs between the first and fifteenth of the month shall receive one (1) full day of vacation for that month. Clerical personnel whose effective date occurs between the sixteenth and the end of the month do not begin to accrue vacation days until the following month.

Any clerical hired on or after November 4, 2003, to fill a ten (10) month position shall not be entitled to paid vacation.

Upon completion of the first year, the following schedule is in effect:

1 through 5 years:	12 days
6 through 10 years:	17 days
11 + years:	22 days

Clerical personnel both part-time and full-time hired on or after July 1, 1996 cannot hold more than 20 days vacation time in reserve from one year to the next.

Part-Time Employees:

Clerical employees working at least half-time (17.5) hours per week) shall be entitled to vacation on a pro-rata basis.

G. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

1. Child Care:

A child care leave shall be granted for a period of one year following the birth of a child. This period of leave may be shortened at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools following a written request from the clerical employee to resume her/his duties before the termination of the child care leave.

A year's extension of child care leave may be granted at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools following the written request of the clerical employee.

2. Medical:

In those instances where a member utilizes all of her/his available sick leave due to illness and is unable to report to work in the opinion of her/his physician, or is judged, for medical reasons, temporarily incapable of providing satisfactory performance by a physician appointed by the Board, said member may be granted a medical leave of absence without pay for a maximum of one year.

3. Other:

A personal leave without pay ending at the beginning of the following school year will be granted for the following reasons:

- a. Family illness
- b. Full-time education at an accredited institution of higher learning

IV. INSURANCE AND OTHER BENEFITS

Full time and part-time employees working 17.5 hours per week or more shall be entitled to the following benefits:

A. DENTAL INSURANCE

Employees covered by the Agreement shall be permitted to participate in the District's self-insured plan. During the life of this Agreement, the District will maintain the current plan or a better plan, for clerical employees who are employed more than 17.5 hours per week. Those employees who choose to participate in the plan will make a

contribution via payroll deduction to the following schedule:

individual	\$3.25 per month
individual with one dependent	\$5.25 per month
individual with multiple dependents	\$9.25

Retirees may elect to continue to carry dental insurance contingent upon paying entire cost.

B. HEALTH INSURANCE

The Board shall participate in the New York State Health Insurance program. For each of the years of the Agreement the Board will pay up to 80 (eighty) percent of the cost of the dependent care option for employees. For those employees selecting the individual option, the employee will contribute towards the cost of that option for each of the years of this agreement according to the following:

Health Insurance (Individual Premium): memorialize the increase in the employee contribution towards the cost of individual health insurance from 5% to 10% per year effective July 1, 2006 as previously set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement covering the period 2006-07.

Effective July 1, 2011, those employees hired after July 1, 2011 shall contribute fifteen (15%) percent of the premium cost of individual coverage. Effective July 1, 2012, those employees hired on or after July 1, 2012 shall contribute twenty (20%) percent of the premium cost of individual coverage.

Eligible employees, upon request, can avail themselves of health insurance benefits upon retiring.

C. HEALTH INSURANCE REBATE

District employees who are currently enrolled in the District's health insurance program may elect to withdraw from or reduce coverage in the plan. Those who elect this option shall receive one half (1/2) of the savings to the District contingent upon the type of coverage held and provided they do not change this option for a twelve (12) month period. Payments will be made at the end of the twelve (12) month period and will be made annually each twelve (12) months thereafter provided that the individual and/or family remains uncovered under the District plan.

Individuals must notify the District by May 1 of the prior school year if they wish to participate. Employees who are ineligible for family coverage and who subsequently become eligible (through acquisition of dependents) and elect family coverage would be entitled to the incentive if they subsequently elect to drop that coverage. Employees shall be eligible to reapply for coverage at any time subject to the requirements and conditions specified in the New York State Health Insurance Program, provided that in the case of an individual who reenters in less than twelve (12) months, no payment shall be made.

New employees hired on or after November 4, 2003, shall be offered membership in the district's health insurance program. Those who opt to decline membership in the district's health insurance program will be entitled to an annual payment equal to

one-quarter (1/4) of the savings to the district based upon the type of coverage for which the employee is eligible. The initial rebate payment shall not be made until completion of the first year of service.

The health rebate set forth above shall be subject to the Policies, Rules and Regulations of the New York State Health Insurance Plan ("NYSHIP").

D. LIFE INSURANCE

Eligible members of the Association will be offered participation in a group term life insurance policy. All costs will be borne by the District for the life of this Agreement. Policy coverage shall be \$45,000 for the life of this agreement.

E. ON THE JOB INJURY

Clerical employees will be covered (regular salary and fringe benefits) under this provision for on-the-job injury and/or occupational diseases causing loss of paid time beyond seven (7) days. In such instance full wages will be paid by the District for a period of six months of cumulative loss of time from work per year. Thereafter, employees, if disabled, will receive the Worker's Compensation benefit awarded by the Worker's Compensation Board.

F. PRE-TAX CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

The District will offer, on a voluntary basis, a Pre-tax Contribution program authorized by IRS Section 125 whereby health and dental insurance premiums are deducted from employees' salaries and treated as a non-taxable item for the purpose of paying the employees' portion of the premium for group medical and dental insurance. The Association and District will develop a mutually agreeable procedure for the implementation of the program.

Unreimbursed health care and dependent care expenses are additional options that are currently available.

As they become available, other premium options may be offered as mutually agreeable.

G. PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

Association members may be permitted to attend courses for professional growth specifically designed to enhance employees' health, present job skills or the achievement of additional job related skills. The total sum available each year for such courses shall be \$5,000

An Evaluation Committee comprised of two Association members representing school buildings and administrative offices respectively, will present to the personnel administrator all recommendations for courses offered through the Continuing/Community Education program as well as colleges and/or business schools for approval at the beginning of each school semester.

For purposes of reimbursement, proof of successful completion of a course must be presented to the committee along with proof of payment.

Where an employee is required by the Administration to complete a course, workshop or training session, the full cost of tuition will be paid by the District.

Association members may be permitted to attend in-service training programs provided to administrative and/or Instructional personnel to the extent that space is available. The President/Co-Presidents of the Association shall be advised of any in-service training programs available.

In-service training courses shall be established for members of the Association when deemed necessary by the Administration. Where attendance is required by the District during non-working hours, compensatory time will be made available by the Administration or members will be compensated at their regular hourly rate.

H. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Board, on behalf of the bargaining unit membership, shall participate in the 751 Retirement Plan available to clerical employees working 17 1/2 hours or more per week.

I. TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY PLANS

There shall be a limit of 25 companies offering tax sheltered annuities to employees at any one time. Changes in tax shelters may be made once in each semester.

V. SALARY/LONGEVITY

1. For the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017, employees will be paid salaries in accordance with the schedule set forth in Appendices B and C. In addition, unit members shall be entitled to increments if otherwise eligible.
2. The salary schedules for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years shall be as follows:
The 2014-2015 salary schedule shall be frozen for the 2015-2016 school year and shall become the 2015-2016 salary schedule. This salary schedule shall be set forth in Appendix B.
The 2015-2016 salary schedule shall be frozen for the 2016-2017 school year and shall become the 2016-2017 salary schedule. This salary schedule shall be set forth in Appendix C.
3. Longevity, in the amount of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars commences after completion of Step twenty (20) in each year of the contract. After completion of twenty-five (25) years of service in the District longevity in the amount two thousand two hundred and fifty (\$2,250) dollars shall be granted in each year of the contract.
4. No employee will be assigned to perform substantial duties of a higher rated job on a temporary basis for more than three (3) weeks without receiving the pay of such higher job at the employee's current salary step.

5. When an employee is promoted to a higher class of position, she/he will be placed on the same numbered step in the new class.

VI. NEGOTIATIONS

The District and the Association, for the life of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly agree that the other shall not be obligated to negotiate collectively with respect to any subject or matter referred to, or covered in this Agreement, or with respect to any subject or matter contained in the formal proposals of either party leading to this Agreement.

VII. DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement and each of its provisions shall be effective as of July 1, 2015, and shall continue in full force and effect until June 30, 2017. It is the sole and entire agreement between the parties.

This contract may be amended by the mutual consent and agreement of the Board and the Association. Either party desiring amendment during the terms of this agreement shall notify the second party at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the requested amendment, and the second party shall signify willingness or refusal to consider the proposed amendment within ten (10) days of such notification.

The contract between the Port Washington Association of Educational Secretaries and the Port Washington School District was approved on August 13, 2015.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereunto set their hands and seals this _____ day of _____ 2015.

Co-President, Port Washington Association
of Educational Secretaries

Vivian Halupka

Superintendent of Schools
Port Washington Union Free School District

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APPENDIX A GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

STATEMENT OF POLICY

In order to provide the best possible educational climate and program for the Port Washington School District, and to establish harmonious and effective relationships among those working toward this goal, the purpose of these grievance procedures is to resolve satisfactorily group or individual differences which would tend to unsettle or undermine the effective functioning of the school system. These procedures are based on sound, comprehensive and generally available personnel practices. Employees covered by this Agreement are guaranteed the right to be heard, and to present their grievances in accordance with this plan with freedom from coercion, discrimination, restraint, interference, or reprisal. Decisions shall be rendered judiciously and promptly.

STATEMENT OF BASIC PRINCIPLES

1. Any employee covered by this Agreement has the right to present grievances in accordance with these procedures.
2. The employee or the District has the right to use legal counsel in these proceedings, and the employee may be represented by the Association at any step herein.
3. All participants have equal freedom to consult and use pertinent data.
4. An employee who participates in grievance procedures shall not be subject to discipline, reprisal, or loss of pay because of such participation.

DEFINITIONS

Grievance – The term grievance shall mean a complaint by an employee that there has been a violation, misinterpretation, or inequitable application of any of the provisions of this Agreement, except that the term "grievance" shall not apply to any matter as to which (1) a method of review is prescribed by law, or by any rule or regulation of the State Commissioner of Education having the force and effect of law, or (2) the Board is without authority to act.

Administrator/Supervisor – The term shall mean any person responsible for or exercising any degree of evaluation and/or regulation or authority over another employee.

Immediate Administrator/Supervisor – The term shall mean the next higher ranking employee to the petitioner as designated for each class of employee of the District.

Assignment – The term shall mean the nature of work an employee has been directed to do, or the time or place at which she/he has been directed to do it, or the personnel with which the work is expected to be done.

Representative – The term shall mean the person or persons designated by the petitioner to act or speak on her/his behalf in grievance procedures.

Appeal – The term shall mean the referral of a grievance matter to the next higher stage of consultation in the event that the petitioner is not satisfied with the solution offered by the lower stage of consultation.

Stage – The term shall mean each successive level of consultation for the purpose of resolving a grievance.

Petitioner – The person who is considered aggrieved as a result of an alleged incident or incidents.

Respondent – The person or persons against whom the alleged grievance or complaint is, or who may be responsible for the alleged grievance.

Determination – The decision and recommendation, if any, at any stage.

*GENERAL TABLE OF ORGANIZATION OF STAGES AND PROCEDURES
FOR AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE.*

1. Respondent
2. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and General Administration
3. Superintendent of Schools or his designee
4. Advisory Arbitration (in accordance with terms of Fourth Stage)
5. Board of Education

Informal Conference – Any grievance shall first be handled by an informal conference between petitioner and respondent before the first stage hearing.

First Stage – The grievant shall state her/his grievance in writing on a form provided by the District and present it to her/his immediate supervisor. The grievance shall clearly state the alleged violation and the requested remedy, if any. The presentation of such a grievance shall take place within sixty (60) days following the act or condition which is the basis of the grievance. The immediate supervisor shall consult with the grievant, or with the grievant and/or her/his representative, and in not less than five (5) working days reply to the grievance in writing, stating fully the reasons for granting or denying the grievance.

Second Stage – If the grievance is denied, or the first step answer is unsatisfactory to the grievant, she/he may process the grievance to the second stage providing this is done within five (5) working days of receipt of the first stage reply. The second stage shall be to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and General Administration.

The Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and General Administration shall consult with the grievant, or with the grievant and/or her/his representative and with all other parties of interest, in an effort to settle the grievance. She/he shall, within five (5) working days, reply to the grievance in writing, stating in full reasons for the reply.

Third Stage – If the grievant is not satisfied with the second stage reply, she/he may, within five (5) working days of its receipt, process the grievance to the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent shall review with the grievant, or with the grievant and/or her/his representative, and with all other parties of interest, the full facts of the case and make her/his reply in writing within ten (10) working days of the completion of her/his investigation and hearings.

Fourth Stage – If the grievant is not satisfied with the third stage reply, she/he may, within (5) working days of receipt of the reply of the Superintendent, submit her/his grievance to the fourth stage. The fourth stage appeal may be made directly to the Board of Education or to an arbitrator through the American Arbitration Association.

If the grievant elects to appeal directly to the Board of Education, she/he, shall refer the grievance to the Board by serving a request for a hearing before the Board upon the Clerk of the District or her/his designee.

The Board will, within 30 days of the receipt of such grievance, arrange a meeting with the grievant, or with the grievant and her/his representative, and with all other prior parties of interest to hear the grievance. The Board will take into account all evidence and argument theretofore presented by both parties. The Board will then render, as soon as practical, but not later than 30 days, a final decision, in writing, of the grievance. The Board will state in its reply the basis for its decision.

If the grievant elects to seek an advisory ruling by an arbitrator, rather than a decision of the Board of Education, she/he must submit to the American Arbitration Association and the Superintendent or her/his designee, a notice of arbitration including a brief statement setting forth precisely the issue to be decided by the arbitrator and the specific clause in the Agreement which is at issue.

The arbitrator shall have the power only to issue an advisory ruling and to interpret only what the parties to the Agreement intended by the specific clause in the Agreement which is at issue.

It is further understood that the arbitrator shall have no power to add to, subtract from, modify or amend any of the provisions of this Agreement, or to issue any award limiting or interfering with the operation of any applicable provision of law or rule or regulation having the force and effect of law, or inconsistent with or contrary to any such provision of law.

The arbitrator shall issue an advisory decision to the grievant and the Board of Education not later than (30) days from the date of the closing of the hearings. The decision shall be in writing and shall set forth the arbitrator's opinions and conclusions on the issues submitted.

All costs of arbitration shall be shared equally by the Association and the District.

The Association agrees that it will not bring or continue, and that it will not represent any employee in, any grievance which is substantially similar to a grievance denied by the previous decision of an arbitrator.

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the advisory decision of an arbitrator, the Board of Education shall communicate its final decision, in writing, to the grievant and the Association.

APPENDIX B

Port Washington Union Free Schol District 2015 – 2016 Clerical Salary Schedule

	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V	Class VI
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2	33,515	35,154	37,109	39,402	42,264	45,650
3	34,517	36,208	38,214	40,576	43,533	47,013
4	35,661	37,203	39,353	41,726	44,691	48,266
5	36,859	38,398	40,539	42,932	45,913	49,588
6	38,110	39,624	41,773	44,181	47,169	50,944
7	39,371	40,904	43,037	45,465	48,470	52,347
8	40,856	42,380	44,504	46,923	49,929	53,925
9	42,422	43,952	46,079	48,501	51,491	55,612
10	43,987	45,515	47,650	50,071	53,068	57,316
11	45,551	47,089	49,211	51,645	54,642	59,015
12	47,127	48,653	50,788	53,223	56,230	60,730
13	48,687	50,227	52,350	54,792	57,780	62,401
14	50,248	51,798	53,925	56,384	59,463	64,220
15	51,827	53,363	55,493	57,932	61,088	65,980
16	53,400	54,922	57,097	59,977	62,702	67,720
17	54,940	56,524	58,706	61,243	64,315	69,459
18	56,561	58,133	60,320	62,854	65,941	71,214
19	58,224	59,845	62,088	64,703	67,890	73,320
20	58,820	60,427	62,688	65,295	68,479	73,953
21	59,409	61,031	63,314	65,948	69,163	74,693
22	60,003	61,641	63,948	66,607	69,855	75,440
23	60,603	62,258	64,587	67,273	70,554	76,194
24	61,209	62,880	65,233	67,946	71,259	76,956
25	61,821	63,509	65,885	68,626	71,972	77,726

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