

PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
PLAINFIELD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
AND
PLAINFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

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PLAINFIELD DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENT

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Agreement is made on this 16th day of March, 2024, by and between the Plainfield School Board, hereinafter called the “Board” and the Plainfield Education Association NEA-NH, hereinafter called the “Association” as follows:

ARTICLE I : RECOGNITION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Plainfield School Board recognizes the Plainfield Education Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for the following certified or licensed personnel: teachers, media generalist, school counselors, nurse educators, and technology integrator.

ARTICLE II: BOARD RIGHTS

The Board, subject only to the language of this Agreement, reserves to itself full jurisdiction and authority over matters of policy and retains the right, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, to direct and manage all activities of the school district.

The parties understand that neither the Board nor the Superintendent may lawfully delegate powers, discretions, and authorities which by law are vested in them, and this Agreement shall not be construed so as to limit or impair their respective statutory powers, discretions, and authorities.

ARTICLE III: ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

The Association and its representatives may use school buildings and equipment at reasonable times for Association business within the guidelines determined by the Principal.

The Association, in cooperation with the Principal, shall be given sufficient time on the agenda of the orientation program for new members to explain Association activities.

The Association shall be given an opportunity at faculty meetings to present to its member’s announcements relevant to Association matters. Never should this be abused so as to be interpreted as disruption of normal school functions.

The Association and its representatives shall have the right to post notices of activities and matters of Association concern on faculty bulletin boards. The Association may use faculty mailboxes for communication to members of the bargaining unit on matters of meetings and announcements. In each instance where the communication is such that a student, parent, or any member of the public may see or hear it, the Principal shall be notified of such a communication procedure and a copy of the communication will be given to them.

On or before September 30th of each year, the District shall provide the Union with a list of all bargaining unit members as well as their date of hire, step, track, salary, job title, and FTE status. Upon request, the Union shall be provided with a reasonable opportunity to meet with the District administration to review documentation and information related to step and track placement.

ARTICLE IV: SAVINGS CLAUSE

If any provision of the Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is held to be contrary to law by any court of competent jurisdiction or if compliance with or enforcement of any provision should be restrained by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby and the parties shall enter into immediate negotiations to bring such part(s) of the Agreement, held to be invalid, into compliance with the edicts set down by the court.

ARTICLE V: PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES

In consideration of this Agreement and its terms and conditions, the Association, its officers, representatives, and members shall not, during the term of this Agreement, engage in or condone any strike, slowdown, work stoppage, or other concerted refusal to perform any assignment on the part of any member(s) represented hereunder.

ARTICLE VI: NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURE

The following shall govern negotiations between the parties:

- A. On or before October 1 prior to the expiration of this Professional Agreement, either party may submit to the other written notice of its intent to negotiate a successor Agreement.
- B. Thereafter, the parties shall meet at a mutually convenient time and place and negotiate in a good faith effort.
- C. During such negotiations, the Board and the Association will present relevant data, exchange points of view, and make proposals and counter proposals. The Board and the Association will make available to one another, for inspection, all pertinent non-confidential records, data, and information of the Plainfield School District in the public domain. Either party may, if it so desires, utilize the services of outside consultants and may call upon professional and lay representatives to assist in negotiations.
- D. Any Agreement reached shall be reduced to writing and be signed by the Board and by the Association. Any Agreement reached which requires the expenditure of public funds for its implementation shall not be binding upon the Board unless and until the voters of the District have made the necessary appropriations. The Board shall make every effort to promote and secure the funds necessary to implement the Agreement. If such funds are not forthcoming, the Board and the Association shall resume negotiations regarding only the matters affected thereby, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- E. If, after discussion of all negotiable matters, the parties fail to reach agreement, either party may declare impasse. In the event of an impasse, a neutral party chosen by both parties, or failing agreement, chosen by the Public Employees Labor Relations Board (PELRB), shall be appointed as mediator for the purpose of assisting them in reconciling their differences and resolving the controversy on terms which are mutually acceptable. The mediator will meet with the parties or their representative, or both, forthwith, either jointly or separately, and will take such other steps as s/he may deem appropriate in order to persuade the parties to resolve their differences and effect a mutually acceptable agreement.

The costs for the services of the mediator, including, if any, per diem expenses and actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses, will be shared equally by the Board and the Association.

- F. If mediation does not result in an Agreement, the fact-finding provisions of N.H. RSA 273-A and subsequent procedures outlined in said law will be pursued.
- G. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to prohibit the Board and the Association from reaching agreement at any time between the declaration of impasse and the Annual School District Meeting.

ARTICLE VII: BENEFITS

A. Eligibility

The District shall make payments of insurance premiums, as outlined in Appendix C, to assure insurance coverage for a twelve month period commencing for each individual member of the bargaining unit the first day of work in the school year following July 1, provided the member of the bargaining unit completes their contractual obligations. Benefits of the members of the bargaining unit shall expire thirty (30) days from the date of termination of employment, except that if termination or non-renewal is effective June 30, benefits shall be paid through August 31.

Benefits will not be extended to temporary employees except as required by law.

Employees covered by the existing agreement shall qualify and be eligible for benefits according to the following:

1. Members employed at 0.8 FTE or higher shall be considered full-time employees for insurance purposes with District- paid coverage as negotiated. Per the Memorandum of Agreement dated April 2022, employees who are 1.0FTE between the Plainfield and Cornish school districts are considered eligible for full-time insurance benefits.
2. Members employed at 0.5 up to 0.8 FTE shall be eligible for pro-rated insurance benefits paid by the District. The District will pay the portion of its obligation equal to the employee's FTE.
3. Members employed at less than 0.5 FTE are not eligible for insurance benefits.

B. "Blended Positions"

A "blended" position is created when an employee concurrently holds a part-time teacher position and a part-time support services position in the Plainfield School District. If an employee works in a blended position in which the aggregate FTE totals .8 or more, that person will qualify for full health and dental benefits under the dominant contract. The dominant contract is one in which the greater number of hours are worked. If the FTE is equally split, the teacher's contract will govern benefits. If the FTE from the combined contracts is greater than or equal to .5 and less than .8, the employee qualifies for prorated health and dental benefits based on the governing contract. Eligibility and contributions for all other benefits will be prorated in accordance with the individual contracts.

C. Coverage

1. Health Insurance

The Plainfield School District will pay the premium of individual, two-person, or full family coverage as outlined in Appendix C. Enrolled members may make a pre-tax contribution according to the schedule in Appendix C, as negotiated, to defray the premium cost as provided under Section 125 of the Federal Code. Members who decline health insurance will receive a payback. Refer to Appendix C for specific amounts.

2. Dental Insurance

The Plainfield School District will pay the premium for individual, two-person, or family coverage in a dental health care program as outlined in Appendix C.

3. Disability Insurance

The Plainfield School District will provide members, who are employed at .5 FTE or more in a permanent capacity, long term income protection (Disability) insurance as outlined in Appendix C. Members will use their accumulated sick time until it has been exhausted if necessary. In the event that a member's sick time has been exhausted before disability payments begin, the District agrees to insure that the members receive full pay during the qualifying period.

4. Life Insurance

The Plainfield School District will provide members who are employed at 0.5 FTE or more in the District in a permanent capacity life insurance as outlined in Appendix C.

5. Tax Deferred Annuity

The Plainfield School District will match a tax deferred annuity contribution by members who are employed at 0.5 FTE or more in a permanent capacity as negotiated and outlined in Appendix C. The District's contribution will be to the member's current 403(b) investment vehicles for all members employed as of the 2009-10 school year. However, new accounts will be in one of three (3) Association chosen, Board approved, 403b plans. Payments will be made in 22 or 26 installments at each pay period. Enrollment in the program must be completed prior to August 15 in order for members to receive the full year's benefits. Matching contributions for members who enroll after this date will be on a pro-rata basis.

For the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 contract years, members who have been employed in the district for a minimum of five (5) consecutive years and who have been on step 16 for at least one (1) year, shall receive a \$1,000 tax deferred annuity contribution by the District, each year, to their chosen 403(b) plan, on or before September 30th of each year, subject to IRS guidelines.

6. Service Award

After fifteen (15) consecutive years of service in the Plainfield School District, any members resigning in good standing after re-nomination or reelection, or retiring, will receive a service award equal to the number of consecutive years of service multiplied by one hundred dollars (\$100.00). If while under contract a member dies, any service award for which s/he is eligible shall be paid to:

A. A beneficiary whose name has been filed with the Superintendent's Office.

B. If no beneficiary has been designated or if the designated beneficiary does not survive the member, the award will be paid to the estate of the deceased.

7. Retirement Health Insurance

The Plainfield School District will provide individual health insurance coverage for all professional staff resigning or retiring at age 55 or older until Medicare eligible or until they are eligible for the benefits from a subsequent employer for whom the member or the member's spouse works full time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for all new staff hired for the 2024-2025 school year and those hired thereafter, the Plainfield School District will provide individual health insurance coverage for all professional staff resigning or retiring at age 60 or older until Medicare eligible or until they are eligible for the benefits from a subsequent employer for whom the member or the member's spouse works full time. The employee contribution will be the same as the contribution made by non-resigning or non-retiring employee members, and therefore may change over time as the contract between the PEA and the District changes. Coverage for a spouse may be purchased as allowed by the insurance carrier. To be eligible for this retirement benefit the member must have completed 10 years of service in the Plainfield School District.

8. Retirement Dental Insurance

The Plainfield School District will provide individual dental insurance coverage for all professional staff resigning or retiring at age 60 or older. This benefit will be available until the age of 65 or until they or their spouse are eligible for dental benefits through full time work for another employer. The district reserves the right to seek verification of other dental coverage for the retired employee or their spouse. The employee contribution will be the same as the contribution made by non-resigning or non-retiring employees. Coverage for a spouse may be purchased as allowed by the dental carrier. To be eligible for this retirement benefit the member must have completed ten years of service in the Plainfield School District.

If the retiree wants to continue with dental insurance beyond the age of 65, the employee would need to enter into an agreement directly with the current District health care provider.

9. Health Insurance Liaison

Each year, the Plainfield School District will provide a \$500 stipend to a member of the PEA to work collaboratively with a member of the PSSA as Health Plan Liaisons. These individuals will be responsible for member education and outreach for the purpose of reducing claims through proactive measures available through the plan. Health Plan Liaisons will work with the SAU administration to review available data and target staff opportunities.

D. Retirement Benefit

The Plainfield School District will offer the following benefit to members of the bargaining unit who wish to resign or retire at age 55 or above. To be eligible, the member must turn 55 by September 1 of the calendar year in which the member retires. For example, if the member wishes to retire in June 2007, the member may retire at age 54 so long as the member turns 55 by September 1, 2007. To be eligible for this retirement benefit the member must have completed 15 years of service in the Plainfield School District.

Procedure:

1. A member wishing to receive this benefit shall submit a letter of resignation to the Board by November 15 of the school year in which they are planning to retire.
2. The Board shall, upon receiving such letter of resignation, grant a one-time cash payment equal to 25% x the member's final salary. Employees who have worked for the district for 14 years by the end of the 2015-2016 school year, will be eligible for the 50% bonus. The cash payment shall be made by July 31 following the member's June 30 resignation date except as provided in section VII.C.5 below. It is the intention of the Board that this severance pay be included in the calculation of the member's average final compensation for the purpose of determining retirement benefits, up to the limits in VII.C.5 below, and will be made in accordance with New Hampshire State Law. The deadline for notification of intent to resign and the date of payment will comply with laws in effect at the time of retirement. The intent of the Board is to allow the Board sufficient time to include the funds in the appropriate budget.
3. This retirement benefit is limited to 3 members per year. If more than 3 members apply for this benefit in a year, the criterion for selecting the 3 who receive the benefit will be based on years of service to the district: the 3 members with the most individual years of service to the district will receive the benefit. Members of the bargaining unit who were employed by the district during the 2004-05 school year ("Exempt Members") will not be subject to the 3 person limit, and will be counted first before non-exempt members in determining who receives the retirement benefit. For example, if 6 members submit letters of resignation, 4 of whom are Exempt Members, the 4 Exempt Members will receive the benefit.
4. Members resigning or retiring under this plan shall not be eligible for the Service Award.
5. Notwithstanding any other provision in this agreement, payment to an employee under this section shall be delayed at least 120 days, but not more than 150 days, after the employee's retirement in such amount as is necessary to prevent the school district from being assessed by the New Hampshire Retirement System under RSA 100-A:16 III-a.

ARTICLE VIII: LEAVE

A. PAID LEAVE

Each member of the bargaining unit shall be entitled to paid leave in accordance with the following:

1. **PERSONAL ILLNESS:**
A full-time member of the bargaining unit starting in the Plainfield School System will have 112.5 hours sick leave as of the first day of school in the year in which they start. They will be allowed 112.5 hours for each additional year they remain in the Plainfield School District. Maximum accumulation of sick leave will be 675 hours.

Part-time members shall be entitled to sick leave in proportion to the fraction of time worked.

Each year that any member of the bargaining unit exceeds the 675 hours at the start of a new year, they will be compensated with the number of days overage times $\frac{1}{2}$ of the current rate of substitute pay.

Any of the member's accumulated sick leave, up to a maximum of 675 hours, may be used by members for attending to the needs of sick or injured members of their household, the children or parents of the member or of the spouse/legal partner, or for child-care leave to care for the member's infant child under the age of one. The use of sick leave for any family members not covered above will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the administration. Members in need of additional sick leave beyond their accumulated hours may request that the Principal or Superintendent allow donations from fellow members for their use. Decisions for this provision will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Members of the bargaining unit shall receive notice of accumulated sick leave as of the start of the school year with the first paycheck in October.

2. EXTENDED ILLNESS:

In the event that illness extends beyond accumulated sick leave, a member will receive any fringe benefits consistent with the Long Term Income Protection Plan (Disability) mentioned in Appendix C.

Sick leave entitlement shall cease as of the date the member is certified by their Primary Care Provider as able to resume their full and regular employment. It shall be the right of the Superintendent to require medical certification at reasonable intervals attesting to this fact.

3. MATERNITY LEAVE:

Maternity leaves will be considered an extended illness.

4. PERSONAL LEAVE:

A. Each member shall be allowed up to 30 hours of personal leave with full pay during each school year for the purpose of transacting or attending to personal, legal, business, household, or family matters which require absence during school hours. It is the intention that leave under this Article shall be available for reasons of hardship or other pressing needs and not merely for personal convenience. The reason for requesting this leave is not required to be stated; however, if the Superintendent has knowledge that puts the reasons for personal leave in question, they may request documentation of the reason. Except in emergencies, the member taking personal leave shall notify the Principal in writing that they are taking leave under this section at least two (2) days in advance of the day they propose to be absent.

B. Personal leave may be used for the purpose of extending a holiday or vacation if approved by the Principal or Superintendent at least two weeks prior to the start of the holiday or vacation in question. Leave for this purpose is limited to two members of the bargaining unit for the holiday or vacation in question. After such request is granted, priority will be given to other members through the following school year.

C. Unused personal leave shall be added to the employee's accumulated sick leave time at the start of the next school year.

5. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE:

A member of the bargaining unit shall have up to five (5) days leave per school year for death in the immediate family. For purposes of implementation of the Article, "immediate family" shall mean: parents, parents-in-law, stepparents, grandparents, siblings, spouse's siblings, children, grandchildren, spouse, or domestic partner living in the same household. Bereavement leave other than stated may be granted at the discretion of the Superintendent. Unused bereavement leave may not be carried over to succeeding school years.

6. PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT:

Members of the bargaining unit may, at the Superintendent's discretion, be required to present a certificate from a Primary Care Provider (PCP) to verify any absence claimed because of illness when the absence occurs repeatedly before or after weekends or holidays or for three (3) or more consecutive days.

7. WORKERS' COMPENSATION:

Any member who is injured or contracts an illness in the line of duty shall receive such compensation and expenses as are prescribed by the Workers' Compensation Law of the State.

8. JURY DUTY:

A member of the bargaining unit called to appear for jury duty shall be paid the difference between their regular salary and jury duty salary if the latter is less than their regular salary during the performance of such obligation.

9. UNAPPROVED ABSENCE:

For each day of unapproved absence, members of the bargaining unit shall lose an entire day's pay. A day's pay shall be figured at 1/186 of annual salary.

B. UNPAID LEAVE

The Board will grant all leaves under this Article upon recommendation of the Superintendent and approval. All benefits accrued prior to this unpaid leave will be retained by the individual upon return to employment.

Any member on a Board- approved leave of absence shall be considered a member of the School District employee group for purposes of fringe benefits and may elect to continue enrollment in insurance plans at their own expense.

1. ELECTED OFFICE:

A leave of absence without pay may be granted to serve in elected public office where the duties of such office require full-time participation of the incumbent and preclude continuance of normal teaching duties in the district. Such leave shall be granted annually and be renewed annually for the length of the term of office. In addition, a reasonable period of time, to be mutually determined by the Superintendent and member of the bargaining unit concerned, may be granted

without pay to a member of the bargaining unit for the purpose of campaigning for public office.

2. HEALTH:

In those instances where a member of the bargaining unit's health warrants it, a health leave, certified as necessary by a Primary Care Provider, may, upon request after one (1) year of service, be granted up to a maximum of one year plus the unfinished year.

3. FAMILY CARE:

A leave of absence without pay for up to one (1) year may be granted to a member of the bargaining unit with three (3) years or more of service in the Plainfield School District for the purpose of caring for a sick family member.

4. FMLA:

Bargaining unit members are entitled to FLMA when the circumstances meet the legal criteria. Members shall proceed through this request process by following the District FMLA Procedures.

5. CHILD REARING:

A leave of absence of up to one and one half (1 1/2) years may be granted to any member of the bargaining unit for the purpose of raising a child.

6. PROFESSIONAL STUDY:

A leave of absence of up to one (1) year may be granted to a member of the bargaining unit for study, travel, or other activities designed to improve the professional skills and/or background of the member provided the proposal is educationally sound.

The School District will provide up to \$5,000 in matching funds for a teacher taking a sabbatical leave of a minimum of three months during the school year (excluding summer vacation). Funds may be used to replace lost income. Requests for sabbatical leave will be reviewed by a three person committee representing the professional staff. Such committee will consist of representatives from grades K-4, 5-8, and Arts/Guidance/Health, to be appointed by the PEA. Recommendations of the committee will be submitted to the School Board for its consideration. A member granted such a sabbatical leave may elect to continue enrollment in their existing insurance plans at their own expense.

Eligibility for leave under this section shall be limited to those members with at least seven (7) years of service in the Plainfield School District who apply on or before the date that signed teaching contracts for the ensuing school year are due in the Superintendent's Office. Requests for professional study will be acted on by the Board on or before June 1. No more than one (1) member may be on leave under this section at any one time. A member taking leave under this section shall be obligated to return to their position for at least one (1) year.

7. OTHER REQUESTS:

Other requests for unpaid days or leaves of absence for special reasons may be granted at the sole discretion of the Superintendent. These times are granted for extenuating circumstances and special events that cannot be rearranged.

C. RETURN FROM LEAVE:

Return from leave shall coincide with the beginning of the school year. Return during the school year shall be at the discretion of the Superintendent. A member of the bargaining unit returning from leave shall be assigned to their former position if desired and if possible, but in any case they shall be assigned within the scope of their certification. A member of the bargaining unit on leave must notify the Superintendent in writing of their intent to return to their position by March 1 preceding the beginning of the school year in which they intend to return to work.

ARTICLE IX: MEMBERS' RIGHTS

- A. **JUST CAUSE.** The Superintendent shall notify a teacher in writing as soon as evidence of any alleged delinquency occurs, indicate expected correction, and indicate a reasonable period of correction.

Alleged breaches of discipline shall be reported in writing to the offending member. The member shall, at all times, be entitled to have present counsel (legal, Association and/or lay) when they are being reprimanded, warned, or disciplined for any infraction of rules or delinquency in professional performance. No member shall be discharged, suspended, disciplined, reprimanded, reduced in rank or compensation or deprived of any professional advantage without just cause. All information forming the basis for disciplinary action will be made available to the member and/or their designee.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to reduce or eliminate the rights provided to the board under RSA 189:14a (Failure to be Renominated or Reelected), and RSA 189:14b (Review by State Board).

- B. **DISCRIMINATION.** Members of the bargaining unit will not be discriminated against in regard to their race, creed, religion, color, disability, marital status, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any future protected classes identified by state or federal law during the life of this contract.
- C. **DEROGATORY MATERIAL.** A member may request in writing that derogatory material be removed from their file after a period of five years. The administration will review the request and remove the material or respond in writing as to why the material should remain in the member's file. The decision of the administrator cannot be grieved. This section in no way limits a member's ability to grieve derogatory material as described in Article X.
- D. **POSTING OF POSITIONS.** Concurrent to posting externally, all instructional positions will be posted internally on a designated bulletin board, email, and other appropriate electronic platforms. The posting shall contain the title of the position, minimum qualifications, and directions for submittal of a complete application.

ARTICLE X: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

DEFINITION: A “grievance” shall mean a complaint by either an individual member or a group of members of the bargaining unit of an alleged violation, misinterpretation, or unequal application of the expressed terms of this collective bargaining agreement. The Association may act in a supportive role if it deems necessary in any grievance matter.

The term “school day” when used in this article shall mean Professional staff members’ contracted workdays, except at the end of the school year when it shall mean Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

A complaint shall not be considered a grievance when:

- A. A specific method of review is prescribed and expressly set forth by law.
- B. A complaint of a probationary member of the bargaining unit arises by reason of not being re-employed.
- C. A complaint by any certified personnel arises by appointment to or lack of appointment to, retention in or lack of retention in, any position for which a continuing contract is not possible or required.
- D. It concerns any matter, which according to law is either beyond the scope of the Board’s authority or limited to unilateral action by the Board alone.

INITIATION: Any member of the bargaining unit who has a grievance must initiate said grievance in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of its occurrence. If a filing of a grievance exceeds the thirty (30) days limit, it shall be deemed to be a waiver of appeal of the loss or injury.

STEP ONE: Any member of the bargaining unit who has a grievance shall submit it in writing to the Principal in an attempt to resolve the matter at that level. Within ten (10) school days of receiving the grievance, the Principal shall communicate the decision to the grievant in writing.

STEP TWO: If, as a result of the decision, the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the aggrieved person, they shall, within ten (10) school days, set forth the grievance in writing to the Superintendent specifying: (1) the nature of the grievance and the date it occurred; (2) the nature of and the extent of the injury or loss; (3) the results of the previous decision; (4) dissatisfaction with decisions previously rendered; and (5) the remedy sought.

The Superintendent shall make every attempt to resolve the matter as quickly as possible but within a period not to exceed ten (10) school days from the receipt of the appeal. The Superintendent shall communicate a decision in writing to the grievant, to the Association, and to the Principal.

STEP THREE: If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision made by the Superintendent, they may request a review by the Board. Such request to the Board must be made within ten (10) school days after receipt of the Superintendent’s decision. The request shall be submitted in writing through the Superintendent, who shall attach all related papers and forward them to the Board. The Board, or a committee thereof, shall review the grievance. Either the Board or the grievant may call for a hearing which will be held within

fifteen (15) school days or at the next regularly scheduled board meeting, whichever occurs last, of the receipt of the appeal. The Board shall render a decision in writing and forward copies of the decision to the grievant and to the Association within fifteen (15) school days of the hearing. If a hearing is not held, a decision in writing shall be rendered within twenty-one (21) school days from the receipt of the appeal. Copies of this decision will be sent to the grievant and the Association. The Board's decision shall be binding and final on all matters excluded from arbitration unless the grievant decides to proceed with court action in accordance with the rights to which he is entitled under the State and National Constitutions and/or statutes, said rights not to be included in collective bargaining agreement.

STEP FOUR: In the event the aggrieved party is not satisfied with the decision of the School Board with respect to the grievance, they may, if the grievance is not excluded from arbitration, refer the grievance in writing to arbitration within ten (10) school days after receiving the statement. The following procedure shall be used to secure the services of an arbitrator:

- A. The parties will attempt to agree upon a mutually satisfactory third party to serve as arbitrator. If no agreement is reached within five (5) school days, the NH PELRB will be notified and requested to submit a roster of persons qualified to function as an arbitrator.
- B. If the parties are unable to secure a mutually satisfactory arbitrator from the submitted list, they shall request the NH PELRB to submit a second roster of names.
- C. If the parties are unable to determine, within ten (10) school days of the initial request for arbitration, a mutually satisfactory arbitrator from the second list, the NH PELRB may be requested by either party to designate an arbitrator.
- D. The arbitrator shall be limited to the issues submitted and shall consider nothing else. They shall be bound by and must comply with all the terms of this agreement. They shall have no power to add to, delete from, or modify in any way any of the provisions of this agreement. The arbitrator may award a "make whole recommendation" but may apply no penalty payments. The arbitrator shall have no power to make any award involving "cost items" beyond those appropriated by the School District.
- E. The arbitrator's report. This shall be accomplished within thirty (30) calendar days of the completion of the arbitrator's hearing.
- F. The finding of the arbitrator shall be final and binding unless either party decides to proceed with court action in accordance with the rights, to which they are entitled under the State and National Constitutions and/or statutes, said rights not to be included in collective bargaining agreement.
- G. The costs for the services of the arbitrator including per diem expenses, if any, and actual necessary travel, subsistence expenses, and the cost of the hearing room shall be borne equally by the Board and the Association. Any other expense shall be paid by the party incurring the same.
- H. Grievances regarding dismissal, non-renewal, the content of evaluations, and matters that are excluded elsewhere in the collective bargaining agreement are specifically excluded from arbitration.

It is understood that any member grievant shall, during and notwithstanding the pendency of any grievance, continue to observe all assignments and applicable rules and regulations of the Board until such grievance and any effect thereof shall have been duly determined.

ARTICLE XI: REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL

If it becomes necessary to decrease the number of members of the bargaining unit, the School Board may lay off the necessary number of members of the bargaining unit in the program area being reduced including, but not limited to, classroom teachers, unified arts, and special education. The union president shall be notified once the decision to reduce employees has been made. Members shall be notified in writing on or before March 31st if they are to be laid off. Any layoffs shall be governed by the following provisions. On or before September 30 of each year, the District shall provide the union with a seniority list.

A. Members of the bargaining unit who are not on continuing contract may be laid off in any order as determined by the Superintendent and the School Board.

B. In determining which members of the bargaining unit on continuing contract shall be laid off, the School Board will retain teachers whose certification provides the greatest instructional flexibility in the District. These factors being equal, layoffs shall be in inverse order of seniority. However, teachers on Level 3 of the PPDMP may be laid off without regard to seniority or certification status. Seniority will be determined by the member's most recent date of continuous employment at the Plainfield School. Leaves of absence for approved study or other approved academic purposes shall count toward the computation of seniority. Leaves of absence for personal reasons shall not terminate the period of continuous service.

C. No member of the bargaining unit may be prevented from securing other employment during the period they are laid off under this subsection.

D. Members on continuing contract shall retain job recall rights for a period of two (2) school years for any position within the bargaining unit for which they are qualified and certified. Recall shall be in inverse order of layoff. Members who were on Level 3 of the PPDMP shall not have recall rights.

E. A member notified of recall shall have fifteen (15) calendar days in which to accept the position. Failure to respond to the offer within fifteen (15) calendar days shall be deemed to be a refusal of the offer and a waiver of future recall rights and the member with the next right of recall shall be offered the position. Notification shall be by certified mail to the last known address of the member and this shall be deemed to be full and sufficient notification. It will be the responsibility of the member to provide the Superintendent with their current mailing address.

F. Reinstatement hereunder shall not result in a loss of credit for previous years of service. No new or substitute appointments may be made while there are laid off members of the bargaining unit who are qualified to fill the vacancies.

G. The provisions of the Article shall not apply to members employed on limited duration or non-renewable contracts.

ARTICLE XII: CREDIT FOR YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION**A. Credit for Years of Experience**

Salaries shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the salary schedule contained in Appendix A. Step placement on the salary scale at the time of hire shall be equal to years of teaching experience except for modifications provided for in this article or for members at the top of the scale. New teachers entering without any prior teaching experience would be placed on step 1. Credit for an applicable experience will be applied equally to all employees. New employees with experience as a non-certified teacher in non-public schools shall be credited with one step for every two years of experience. New employees with non-teaching experience in the subject area for which they are hired may be given up to one (1) step for every two (2) years of full-time experience, consistent with placement of other employees in the bargaining unit. New employees with other non-teaching experience (paraeducator, administrator, etc.) shall be provided step credit at no more than one (1) step for every (2) years of experience. Student teaching and intern work is not recognized when counting years of experience. Once under contract, no new evidence shall be accepted for the purpose of initial salary schedule placement. Candidates for employment shall be provided with a copy of this article and the applicable salary schedule upon interview.

Credit for experience outside of the Plainfield School District, and provided all other requirements are met, may be allowed in full or at a step on the salary schedule that is mutually agreed upon by the member candidate and the Superintendent.

Military and civilian employment should be weighed in light of the value to the actual teaching situation.

No member of the bargaining unit will be hired by the District and placed on the salary schedule at a step higher than members in the system who have equal experience. The Board may approve exceptions to this provision in the cases of emergencies in filling vacancies. The Association will be notified if such an emergency arises.

B. Step Movement

Members of the bargaining unit who have completed at least ninety (90) school days of service during the school year and whose performance is satisfactory shall be advanced one step on the salary schedule the following school year. Advancement by step shall be based on the teacher's demonstration of core competencies and satisfactory performance. Assuming such competency and satisfactory performance, each teacher will proceed annually to the next step in the salary grid until the maximum step is reached.

Professionals placed on Level I or Level II of the Plainfield Professional Performance Process document shall be deemed to meet the requirement of core competencies and satisfactory performance. Professionals placed on Level III of the Plainfield Professional Performance Process document shall be considered not to have met this performance level, and the Superintendent shall notify those professionals in writing prior to March 31 that they will not advance to the next step for the subsequent school year.

The same procedure for step advancement applies to part-time members of the bargaining unit on a proportional basis.

C. Track Movement

Teachers who are not on the MA+30 Track will advance a Track on the salary schedule by attaining the defined level of graduate credits

The cut-off date for notifying the Superintendent's Office of intention to move from one track to another on the salary scale is November 15th of the year preceding the change. The Superintendent's Office shall notify the staff member in writing that the request has been received, specifying the date received. Once all requirements are met, the member shall move to the appropriate track in the year of said change. Adjustments in salary shall be made within 30 calendar days from the District's receipt of documentation.

On or before September 15th, each member of the bargaining unit shall be notified of the total number of staff development clock hours and graduate credits on file as of June 30th in the Superintendent's Office. This notification will indicate the total number of hours/credits accumulated during the three-year certification period and also the total number of hours/credits accumulated for the purpose of moving to the next salary track.

ARTICLE XIII: PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT

The individual member contract shall be for 186 days of service per year which includes 178 days of instruction, with additional days for opening and closing school activities, parent conferences, and staff days for curriculum work and/or staff development. One day before opening will be free of assignments and meetings, and will be used for individual planning time, at the school. A copy of the individual member contract is attached to this agreement as Appendix B.

- A. Variations in the number of working days, more or less than the regular contract year, will be paid on a prorated basis using the formula:

$$\frac{\text{Salary Step} \times \text{Number of Days Worked}}{186}$$

- B. Coverage for Members Involved in Job Sharing:

In recognition of the time commitment and expectations of those involved in a job-share, the salary calculation shall be established at .554 FTE of each individual's track and step placement. Each individual shall be entitled to health insurance (and other benefits as applicable) on a pro-rata basis of 0.5 FTE .

- C. Professional Development Beyond the Contract Day or Year:

1. Members who engage in district-assigned or approved professional development outside the contract year that falls outside section 2. and 3. below – such as approved conferences or other agreed upon summer work – will be compensated at a rate of \$30.00 per hour.

2. Either the member or the administration may invoke up to three (3) days of summer Professional Development to be paid at the per diem rate for work connected to change of grade or introduction of a multi-grade class configuration. The content for the days must be mutually agreeable. Both parties could agree to extend beyond (3) days if it seemed to benefit the overall objectives.

3. The District may schedule up to three (3) additional days per year for professional development and curriculum work. These days will be paid at the per diem rate for each teacher. These days will be added to the beginning or end of the school year and will be scheduled when the school calendar is developed for the following year.

These Professional Development experiences should include the majority of the staff. The Principal can make specific exclusions for certain staff for all or part of these days, that would not benefit from the scheduled professional development, as well as for those staff members with personal extenuating circumstances (i.e., wedding, funeral, college move-in date). Those staff would, therefore, not be paid for those additional days.

4. All activities engaging the services of a staff member require a pre-written contract identifying the hourly rate, number of hours/days, and funding account. Timesheets will be required as evidence of work being completed.

5. Participation in professional development beyond the contract day or year, is voluntary.

D. Professional Development Reimbursement

Professional development reimbursement shall be provided to employees as outlined in the PPDMP (currently Form 2C). Employees shall have \$500 available for workshop and course reimbursement, including travel. Additionally, each employee shall have the option of being reimbursed for one three-credit college course per year, at the rate of UNH graduate credit. \$15,000 shall be budgeted for the purposes of course reimbursement. Any budgeted funds remaining shall be redistributed to any employee eligible for additional reimbursement due to workshop, conference, or tuition expenses incurred that exceeded the individual amounts. Reimbursements for remaining funds shall be provided proportionally to employees who make requests.

All requests for reimbursement and accompanying documentation must be provided to the District on or before May 1st of each year. Any funds remaining after May 1st shall be redistributed as outlined above. All requests for reimbursement and accompanying documentation must be provided for the redistribution of remaining funds by May 31st.

E. Mentors

Members who are asked to, and agree to, mentor teachers will be compensated at the rate of \$600 per mentee for the school year.

ARTICLE XIV: PROFESSIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

A. Length of Work Day

The length of the member workday shall not exceed 7.5 consecutive hours and shall include a thirty (30) minute duty free lunch period. This shall not preclude additional hours for faculty meetings, special education staffing, parent conferences, open house and curriculum night. Part-time staff members will be expected to be available for parent-teacher conferences.

B. Preparation Periods

Members will be scheduled for five (5) duty-free preparation periods a week of forty (40) consecutive minutes each during time when school is in session, with the following exceptions:

1. A preparation period may be canceled after a reasonable effort to find a substitute has been made and none can be found.
2. A preparation period may be preempted by the Principal when deemed to be in the best interest of pupil welfare.
3. Additional preparation periods may be added at the Principal's discretion.
4. A preparation period may be split into two sessions to accomplish specific goals that benefit the grades involved.

ARTICLE XV: EVALUATION

A. It is recognized by the parties that evaluation of performance is the responsibility of the school administration.

B. Observation of the work performance of a member of the bargaining unit will be conducted openly. All evaluation practices will follow the approved Plainfield Professional Development Master Plan (PPDMP) and state laws. The PPDMP is collaboratively created by the Professional Development Committee and then School Board, Association, and NHED State approved.

Definition of Levels (from PPDMP):

- o Level I – Beginning Professional for all professionals on a non-continuing contract.
- o Level II – Experienced Professional for professionals on a continuing contract.
- o Level III – Professional in Need of Assistance for experienced professionals on a continuing contract who need assistance in meeting core standards.

C. Members of the bargaining unit shall acknowledge receipt of observations and evaluations in the method prescribed by the District. Such acknowledgement does not necessarily indicate agreement with the content nor shall the refusal to sign prevent such material from being placed into and remaining in the file.

D. Each member of the bargaining unit shall be entitled to access their evaluation file within two (2) school days of the request. The member of the bargaining unit shall have the right to review and answer any material filed in their evaluation file and their answer shall be reviewed by the Superintendent and attached to the file copy.

E. A member of the bargaining unit on continuing contract whose reelection is in doubt will be given a written warning no later than December 15 containing a statement of improvements needed and will be given opportunity and professional aid in overcoming alleged weaknesses.

ARTICLE XVI: VOLUNTARY DUES DEDUCTION

The Board agrees to deduct from the salaries of the members of the bargaining unit dues for membership in the Plainfield Education Association, the New Hampshire Education Association, and the National Education Association as said members of the bargaining unit individually and voluntarily authorize the Board to deduct and to transmit the monies promptly to the Plainfield Education Association.

Members of the bargaining unit who elect to have dues deducted for the above named Associations may authorize these deductions by filing the appropriate form.

ARTICLE XVII: DIRECT DEPOSIT

Any employee may elect to participate in a direct deposit account. It is the responsibility of the employee to notify the Superintendent’s Office of changes in enrollment.

ARTICLE XVIII: PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION

Copies of this Agreement will be distributed to members of the bargaining unit electronically by the Superintendent at the time of hire and whenever a successor Agreement is ratified. Hard copies of the CBA and School Board Policy Manual may be requested through the Superintendent’s Office.

ARTICLE XIX: DURATION

The provisions of this Agreement will become effective as of July 1, 2024 and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2027 or until a successor agreement has been signed.

In witness whereof:

DocuSigned by:	
	4/23/2024
_____ President, Plainfield Education Association	_____ Date

DocuSigned by:	
	4/23/2024
_____ Chairperson, Plainfield School Board	_____ Date

PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT – TEACHER CONTRACT

Teacher _____

Total Position Salary: _____

Agreement made between the Plainfield School District, hereinafter called the District and **Teacher**, hereinafter called the Teacher, WHEREIN IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The District shall employ the Teacher for the school year beginning on **date and ending on date**, at an annual salary payable biweekly in twenty-two payments or twenty-six installments commencing at the beginning of the school year, except the second payment in June may be for the balance due in this contract, less any deductions required by Federal or State law, proper deductions for the loss of time and other deductions agreed to by the parties is authorized in writing by the Teacher.
2. The Teacher shall work for the District for said period and shall conform to, and carry out all public school laws and all lawful rules and regulations relative to the conduct of the schools and teachers which may be adopted by the School Board or the State Board of Education (RSA 189:15 and 186:5).
3. The Teacher is assigned to the following position:
Such position shall include those duties of a non-instructional nature as are customarily incident thereto. The right is reserved to the District to make such changes in the Teacher’s assignment as unforeseen conditions may require of the best interests of the school system, except that in no event shall the Teacher be assigned to a position for which they are not qualified or certified by the State Department of Education to occupy. The salary herein is the entire compensation of the Teacher for all services to be performed under this agreement and is for the [school year date] (not more than 186 school and other days of professional work).
4. The employment of the Teacher hereunder shall not be valid unless the teacher holds, at the beginning of the school year, an appropriate credential issued by the State Department of Education for the position for which they have been employed. This contract shall become null and void if the Teacher fails to maintain such teaching credential in full force and effect throughout the school year.
Educator Certificate Number: **xxxxxxx**
5. This contract may be terminated by the District prior to its expiration date if the Teacher is lawfully dismissed in accordance with RSA 189:31 and 32, and in case of such terminations, the District shall be obligated to pay the Teacher their compensation for services rendered up to the effective date of termination, but shall not be otherwise liable to the Teacher.
6. This contract may be terminated by mutual consent at any time. Notice of termination must be submitted in writing.
7. The Teacher and the District shall be bound by the public school statutes of New Hampshire now in force or hereafter enacted and by all applicable administrative rules and regulations adopted thereunder having the effect of law.
8. This contract is valid only if it is signed by the Teacher and returned to the Superintendent of Schools on or before **Date**.
9. This contract is provisional pending clearance through the criminal history and background check process.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this contract.

BY: _____
Superintendent, Plainfield School District

Date

Teacher

Date

Degree: **«TRACK»**
Phone:
Additional Days:

Date of Hire: **«DOH»**
Step: **«STEP»**
Salary Guide:
Additional Salary:

Total Salary:
Differential:

Please check one: _____ **22** installments of _____
_____ **26** installments of _____

Fund _____
Acct. No. _____

APPENDIX B
SALARY SCHEDULE
YEAR 1: 2024-25

COLA		5.00%				
2024-2025						
	BA	BA+15	BA+30/MA	MA+15	MA+30	
1	\$ 47,270	\$ 48,875	\$ 50,539	\$ 52,257	\$ 54,032	
2	\$ 48,942	\$ 50,607	\$ 52,316	\$ 54,104	\$ 55,945	
3	\$ 50,675	\$ 52,397	\$ 54,177	\$ 56,022	\$ 57,926	
4	\$ 52,469	\$ 54,252	\$ 56,096	\$ 58,003	\$ 59,976	
5	\$ 54,325	\$ 56,172	\$ 58,082	\$ 60,059	\$ 62,099	
6	\$ 56,249	\$ 58,161	\$ 60,139	\$ 62,183	\$ 64,298	
7	\$ 58,241	\$ 60,220	\$ 62,267	\$ 64,384	\$ 66,574	
8	\$ 60,303	\$ 62,353	\$ 64,473	\$ 66,663	\$ 68,931	
9	\$ 62,435	\$ 64,559	\$ 66,753	\$ 69,024	\$ 71,370	
10	\$ 64,646	\$ 66,843	\$ 69,117	\$ 71,465	\$ 73,897	
11	\$ 66,935	\$ 69,211	\$ 71,565	\$ 73,998	\$ 76,514	
12	\$ 69,305	\$ 71,661	\$ 74,096	\$ 76,616	\$ 79,221	
13	\$ 71,757	\$ 74,198	\$ 76,721	\$ 79,329	\$ 82,025	
14	\$ 74,297	\$ 76,823	\$ 79,437	\$ 82,137	\$ 84,930	
15	\$ 76,928	\$ 79,544	\$ 82,248	\$ 85,045	\$ 87,938	
16	\$ 79,653	\$ 82,359	\$ 85,160	\$ 88,056	\$ 91,050	

**APPENDIX B
SALARY SCHEDULE
YEAR 2: 2025-26**

COLA		3.00%				
2025-2026						
	BA	BA+15	BA+30/MA	MA+15	MA+30	
1	\$ 48,688	\$ 50,342	\$ 52,055	\$ 53,825	\$ 55,653	
2	\$ 50,410	\$ 52,125	\$ 53,886	\$ 55,728	\$ 57,623	
3	\$ 52,195	\$ 53,969	\$ 55,802	\$ 57,702	\$ 59,664	
4	\$ 54,043	\$ 55,880	\$ 57,779	\$ 59,743	\$ 61,775	
5	\$ 55,955	\$ 57,857	\$ 59,824	\$ 61,861	\$ 63,962	
6	\$ 57,936	\$ 59,905	\$ 61,943	\$ 64,049	\$ 66,227	
7	\$ 59,989	\$ 62,026	\$ 64,135	\$ 66,315	\$ 68,571	
8	\$ 62,112	\$ 64,224	\$ 66,407	\$ 68,663	\$ 70,999	
9	\$ 64,308	\$ 66,496	\$ 68,755	\$ 71,095	\$ 73,511	
10	\$ 66,586	\$ 68,848	\$ 71,191	\$ 73,609	\$ 76,114	
11	\$ 68,943	\$ 71,287	\$ 73,712	\$ 76,218	\$ 78,809	
12	\$ 71,384	\$ 73,811	\$ 76,319	\$ 78,915	\$ 81,598	
13	\$ 73,910	\$ 76,424	\$ 79,023	\$ 81,708	\$ 84,486	
14	\$ 76,526	\$ 79,128	\$ 81,820	\$ 84,601	\$ 87,478	
15	\$ 79,236	\$ 81,930	\$ 84,715	\$ 87,596	\$ 90,576	
16	\$ 82,043	\$ 84,830	\$ 87,715	\$ 90,698	\$ 93,781	

**APPENDIX B
SALARY SCHEDULE
YEAR 3: 2026-27**

COLA		3.00%				
2026-2027						
	BA	BA+15	BA+30/MA	MA+15	MA+30	
1	\$ 50,149	\$ 51,852	\$ 53,616	\$ 55,440	\$ 57,322	
2	\$ 51,922	\$ 53,689	\$ 55,502	\$ 57,399	\$ 59,352	
3	\$ 53,761	\$ 55,588	\$ 57,476	\$ 59,433	\$ 61,454	
4	\$ 55,664	\$ 57,556	\$ 59,513	\$ 61,535	\$ 63,629	
5	\$ 57,633	\$ 59,593	\$ 61,619	\$ 63,717	\$ 65,881	
6	\$ 59,674	\$ 61,703	\$ 63,801	\$ 65,970	\$ 68,214	
7	\$ 61,788	\$ 63,887	\$ 66,059	\$ 68,305	\$ 70,629	
8	\$ 63,975	\$ 66,151	\$ 68,400	\$ 70,723	\$ 73,129	
9	\$ 66,237	\$ 68,491	\$ 70,818	\$ 73,227	\$ 75,716	
10	\$ 68,583	\$ 70,914	\$ 73,327	\$ 75,817	\$ 78,397	
11	\$ 71,012	\$ 73,426	\$ 75,923	\$ 78,504	\$ 81,173	
12	\$ 73,526	\$ 76,026	\$ 78,609	\$ 81,282	\$ 84,046	
13	\$ 76,127	\$ 78,717	\$ 81,394	\$ 84,160	\$ 87,020	
14	\$ 78,822	\$ 81,502	\$ 84,274	\$ 87,139	\$ 90,103	
15	\$ 81,613	\$ 84,388	\$ 87,256	\$ 90,224	\$ 93,293	
16	\$ 84,504	\$ 87,375	\$ 90,347	\$ 93,419	\$ 96,595	

APPENDIX C BENEFITS

Health Insurance

For the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 school years, the Plainfield School District for full time employees will contribute toward the premium for individual, two-person, or for a family health insurance coverage in the School Care Consumer Driven Health Plan Yellow Plan with Choice Fund at the rates set below. An HRA is embedded in this plan.

	Employer	Employee
2024-2025		
Single	93%	7%
Two-Person	93%	7%
Family	90%	10%
2025-2026		
Single	92.5%	7.5%
Two-Person	92.5%	7.5%
Family	89.5%	10.5%
2026-2027		
Single	92%	8%
Two-Person	92%	8%
Family	89%	11%

Enrolled employees may make a pre-tax contribution as negotiated, through payroll deduction, to defray the premium cost as provided under Section 125 of the Federal Code. The District agrees to allow for up to \$500 to roll over to the Flexible Spending Account from one year to the next as allowed by IRS regulations.

Members who decline health insurance will receive a buyback equal to 25% of the total plan cost of the Yellow with Choice Fund plan that they would otherwise elect. All eligible school district employees will complete a non-binding survey regarding this buyback no later than December 1st of each year for budgeting purposes; final election of this buyback must be confirmed no later than June 1st of each year and proof of alternative insurance is required. Payback will be prorated for Employees working less than .80 FTE.

The current provider of Health Insurance for PES is School Care. However, the School Board may seek bids from alternative health insurance providers and propose changes at any time. The parties agree that the Association will be given at least two months to review any proposed changes in provider(s) or program(s) and that any change in health insurance providers or programs will be based on cost and benefit comparisons. Adoption of changes by the Plainfield School Board and the PEA will be subject to mutual consent.

During the term of this agreement, if laws or regulations resulting from the implementation of the Affordable Care Act invalidate any portion of health insurance benefits contained herein or cause significant changes in the cost thereof, either party may make a written request that the negotiations on the affected benefits be reopened. No other sections of this contract will be eligible for reconsideration in this process.

Employee contributions for the duration of this agreement will be determined using the following formula:

(Total premium cost YELLOW PLAN) X (negotiated district percent) X (FTE) District contribution. (Total premium cost)-(District contribution)= employee's contribution. The district will fund the CDHP Yellow Open Access With Choice Fund. Other less expensive plans are available but they do not have an embedded HRA. The savings in the total cost, if the Yellow Open Access w/o Choice Fund or the Orange Open Access plans are chosen by the employee, can be applied to an HSA plan by the employee.

- 0.8-1.0 FTE are considered 1.0 for insurance purposes, as are employees who are 1.0FTE between Plainfield and Cornish school districts, per the Memorandum of Agreement signed in May of 2022.

The following chart presents actual district subsidy amounts and employee contribution amounts for the school year 2024-2025.

Health Insurance – 2024-25

Professional Staff

Consumer Driven Health Plan CDHP

Yellow Open Access with Choice Fund (HRA Embedded)

	<u>Premium</u>	<u>Subsidy</u>	<u>Employee Contribution</u>
Single	\$12,156.00	\$11,305.08	\$ 850.92
Two Person	\$24,312.00	\$22,610.16	\$1,701.84
Family	\$32,820.00	\$29,538.00	\$3,282.00

Teachers: ~~94~~93% Yellow Choice premium paid by District for Single and 2-Person Plan, ~~91~~90% Yellow Choice premium paid by District for Family Plan, pro-rated for anyone working 50%-80% (80% considered as full time). Payback of ~~\$1,250~~ 25% of comparable employee plan to members declining health coverage (pro-rated as above).

Dental Insurance

Professional staff will pay 10% of the premium for the preceding school year. Thus, for 2024-2025, Professional staff will pay 10% of the 2023-2024 dental insurance premium, as follows:

Family=\$254.64 Two person=\$145.09 Single=\$75.35

Disability Insurance

The Plainfield School District will provide employees who work 20 or more hours per week in a permanent capacity Long Term Income Protection Insurance (Disability) comparable to the coverage through Medical Life Insurance Company of Cleveland, Ohio.

Life Insurance

The Plainfield School District will provide members who work 20 or more hours per week in the District in a permanent capacity Life Insurance comparable to the coverage through Medical Life Insurance Company of Cleveland, Ohio.

Tax Deferred Annuity

The Plainfield School District will match a tax deferred annuity contribution by members who are employed at 0.5 FTE or more in the District in a permanent capacity up to three percent (3.0 %) of their annual base salaries. The District's contribution will be to the members' current 403(b) investment vehicle (see Article VII: B,5 for specifics). Payments will be made in 22 or 26 installments at each pay period. Enrollment in the program must be completed prior to August 15 in order for members to receive the full year's benefit. Matching contributions for members who enroll after this date will be on a pro-rata basis.

For the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 contract years, members who have been employed in the district for a minimum of five (5) consecutive years and who have been on step 16 for at least one (1) year, shall receive a \$1,000 tax deferred annuity contribution by the District to their chosen 403(b) plan, each year, on or before September 30th of each year, subject to IRS guidelines.