

AGREEMENT

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BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
NORTH SHORE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

-and-

UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION
(CAFETERIA UNIT)

July 1, 2024-June 30, 2028

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AGREEMENT made this 17th day of July, 2025, by and between the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NORTH SHORE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (hereinafter referred to as the "District") and UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION (hereinafter referred to as the "Union").

WITNESSETH

ARTICLE 1. RECOGNITION:

A. The District hereby recognizes the Union as the exclusive representative of all full-time cooks, part-time cooks, assistant cooks and food service workers, excluding all other employees (as set forth in the January 22, 1993 Decision of the Director of the New York Public Employment Relations Board), for the purpose of negotiating collectively and in the administering of all grievances arising under the terms of this Agreement and for the purpose of entering into written agreements in determining such terms and conditions of employment.

B. The Union shall be entitled to unchallenged representation status for the maximum period permissible by law.

C. In accordance with § 208 of the Taylor Law, the District shall deduct regular membership dues from the wages of those unit members who submit duly executed authorization permitting such payroll deductions.

ARTICLE II. WAGES

A. The wage rate of members of the unit are set forth in Appendix A to this Agreement.

B. Effective retroactive to July 1, 2021, in the event an Assistant Cook is assigned to fill in for a Head Cook on one or more days, the Assistant Cook will be paid the same rate as the Head Cook for such days.

C. Effective July 1, 2024 the Elementary Head Cooks and High School Assistant Cooks shall make the same wage per hour. Effective July 1, 2025 the Elementary Head Cooks shall make .25 cents (twenty-five cents) above the highest paid Assistant Cook. Effective July 1, 2026 the Elementary Head Cooks shall make .25 cents (twenty-five cents) more above the highest Assistant Cook, for a total of .50 cents above the assistant head cooks.

ARTICLE III. UNIFORMS

The uniform consists of a shirt, hat, and apron. At the commencement of employment, each unit member will be provided two sets of uniforms. Each subsequent school year, unit members may select up to six replacement items (either hats, shirts, or aprons) in any combination of their choosing, at no cost. A shoe reimbursement, up to \$75.00 per year will be provided for the purchase of a pair of school approved shoes for use at work. Receipts must be provided to the District for reimbursement to occur. The District reserves the right to refuse reimbursement if the District determines the shoes are not appropriate for work.

ARTICLE IV. INSURANCE

A. Unit members who work at least 17.5 hours per week shall be entitled to receive one of the following benefits:

1. Individual Health Insurance - The District shall provide on behalf of the members of the bargaining unit the same Health and Major Medical Insurance Plan as negotiated by the District and North Shore Schools Federated Employees Teachers Unit. The percentage rate of contribution for unit members shall be the same as the percentage rate of contribution required for teachers. All unit members shall contribute twenty percent (20%) for individual health insurance coverage.
2. Family Health Insurance - (same plan as teacher). Eligible employees shall pay thirty (30%) percent of the total cost of the family coverage and the District shall contribute seventy (70%) percent towards the total cost.

(Unit employees who are eligible for health insurance coverage outside of the District shall not be eligible for health insurance coverage provided by the District.)

B. Unit members with three or more years of continuous service in the District shall be eligible for enrollment in the New York State Disability Program. Participating employees shall contribute the maximum amount permitted by law.

C. Eligible unit members shall continue to receive health insurance coverage into retirement subject to the following:

1. Eligible unit members shall have completed a minimum of ten (10) years of cumulative service with the District prior to the effective date of his/her retirement;
2. Unit members shall be eligible for said coverage into retirement subject to the rules and regulations of the Health Insurance Plan;
3. The District shall contribute 50% of the premium cost of individual coverage into retirement;
4. The District shall contribute 35% of the premium cost of family coverage into retirement;
5. Unit members must be enrolled in the District Health Insurance Plan as an active employee at the time of retirement in order to continue to receive said coverage into retirement.

D. All unit members shall be eligible to term group life insurance coverage in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)

ARTICLE V. UNION BUSINESS

A. The District shall make available to the Union without charge, space for the conduct of general meetings of the membership and individual committee meetings.

B. No Union Business meetings shall be conducted during working hours, except as granted by the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

C. A representative of United Public Service Employees Union may enter the premises for Union business upon prior notice to the Assistant Superintendent for Business. Entry will be after working hours when school is not in session, unless prior approval is given by the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

D. The Union shall have free and unhindered use of school mail service and boxes for the purpose of distributing material to its membership provided such use does not interfere with official use by the District.

ARTICLE VI. EXAMINATIONS

A. Unit members shall comply with the District's policy regarding medical examinations.

B. Fingerprinting - The District will reimburse the member the cost of fingerprinting obtained by the member in order for the member to comply with New York State Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) legislation. Reimbursement will be made to members who complete one (1) full year of service to the District. This applies to members hired after May 30, 2018.

ARTICLE VII. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

1. Each unit member shall be entitled to a representative of his/her own choice at each step of the grievance procedure.

2. Any disputes arising concerning the interpretation or application of the terms of this Agreement, or the rights claimed to exist thereunder, may be the subject of a grievance and shall be processed and resolved in accordance with the following:

- A. A grievance shall be presented by the aggrieved unit member to the School Lunch Managers, in writing, within ten working days after the alleged grievance arises. Within five working days after receipt of the written grievance, the School Lunch Manager shall confer with the aggrieved unit member and his/her representative, if the unit member so desires.
- B. In the event such grievance is not resolved, in writing, within five working days following such conference with the School Lunch Managers, the aggrieved unit member shall present it, in writing, within five working days thereafter to the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Personnel.
- C. Within five working days after receipt of the written grievance, the Assistant Superintendent for Business shall confer in person with the aggrieved unit member and his/her representative, if he/she so chooses. In the event such grievance is not satisfactorily resolved, in writing, at the Assistant Superintendent's level within ten working days after such conference, the grievance shall be presented in writing within ten working days after receipt of the reply to the Superintendent of Schools for settlement. Within five working days after receipt of the written grievance, the Superintendent of Schools shall confer in person with the aggrieved unit member and his/her representative, if he/she so chooses.
- D. In the event such grievance is not satisfactorily resolved, in writing, at the Superintendent's level within ten working days after presentation,

the grievance shall be presented, in writing, within ten working days after receipt of the reply to the Board of Education for settlement. The decision of the Board of Education shall be final and binding.

ARTICLE VIII. PAID LEAVE

1. Unit members shall be entitled to nine paid sick leave days per year. For each sick day not used by the unit member by June 30, the District shall pay that unit member the daily amount of his/her wages, at the unit member's request.

2. The policy of paid sick leave in cases of short-term illness shall be subject to the District's discretion.

3. An employee shall be entitled to up to a maximum of two (2) days of paid bereavement leave in the event of a death in the employee's immediate family. Immediate family is defined as the employee's mother, father, brother, sister (or corresponding in-law), spouse, child, grandparents or legal guardian. Bereavement days may only be taken within 25 days of the immediate family member's death, provided the employee submits evidence of the date of death within two weeks of the employee's return to work following such leave.

4. Unit members shall be paid up to 3 days per school year when school is cancelled due to emergency/unforeseen events (i.e. inclement weather, plumbing issues, flooding, etc...) or when schools switch to virtual education and buildings are closed. If any food service operations are required on such days, the School Lunch Manager may call in employees for necessary operations at his or her discretion and such unit members will be paid at the regular rate of pay.

5. N.Y. Retirement and Social Security Law Section 41(j)- Upon approval by the New York State Employees' Retirement System, the parties agree to adopt Section 41(j) for the Employees' Retirement System (ERS).

- a. A unit member must accrue a minimum of fifty (50) sick leave days upon retirement, in order to be eligible for section 41(j).
- b. Unit members will be able to accrue 180 sick leave days.

6. Unit members will be paid for the following holidays each year: Thanksgiving Day; Christmas Eve; Christmas Day; President's Day; Memorial Day; and Juneteenth.

ARTICLE IX. JURY DUTY

Subject to the requirements of law, employees shall be required to adjourn jury duty to a time when school is not in session.

ARTICLE X. SUBCONTRACTING

The District may continue to contract for cafeteria services.

ARTICLE XI. BREAKS

The District recognizes that those unit employees working five or more hours each day shall receive a ten-minute break during the course of the workday, as assigned by the School Lunch Managers. Both the Union and the employees, however, recognize that such breaks may not in any way delay the preparation or service of food or otherwise have a detrimental impact on the school lunch program. Such breaks may not be taken on those days it is not feasibly possible to do so, as determined by the Supervisor.

ARTICLE XII. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Employees using their own personal vehicle for District work shall be reimbursed for mileage at the District rate.

ARTICLE XIII. MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Subject to the provisions of this Agreement and applicable law, the District retains full responsibility and sole right of management of the District, its business affairs and property, including, but without limitation, the right to supervise, direct and transfer the working forces; to plan, control, increase, decrease, transfer, or discontinue operations; to establish work and school schedules; to establish, modify and enforce work rules; to hire,

and promote employees; to increase or decrease the working force; and to suspend, discipline and discharge employees.

A. The District, in its discretion, may utilize timekeeping equipment in accordance with State Technology Law § 106-b,

ARTICLE XIV. ILLEGALITY

In the event any part, provision, or term of this Agreement shall be determined or found to be contrary to law, then such provision shall not be applicable nor shall the term thereof be performed or enforced except to the extent permitted by law. However, all other terms and provisions of this Agreement shall continue in force and effect.

ARTICLE XV. TAYLOR LAW

IT IS AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT ANY PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO PERMIT ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY AMENDMENT OF LAW OR BY PROVIDING THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS THEREFOR, SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE BODY HAS GIVEN APPROVAL.

ARTICLE XVI. JOB POSTINGS

Job postings of new positions shall be posted in the kitchens of the District.

ARTICLE XVII. RE-OPENER

In the event that the New York State Legislature enacts into law a statute establishing "caps" on school budgets, or on tax levies for school districts, or in any way imposes a statutory limit on any increases in the annual budgets or tax levies of school

districts, and in the further event that such legislation becomes law, then either party may thereupon demand the initiation of re-opener negotiations respecting salary and health insurance.

ARTICLE XVIII. DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective July 1, 2024, and shall remain in full force and effect to and including June 30, 2028, and shall be automatically renewed thereafter for periods of one (1) year unless either party notifies the other, in writing, by certified mail, on or before January 15, 2028 or any subsequent January 15th, of its desire to make changes herein or to terminate this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been duly executed by the Parties the day and year first written above.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
NORTH SHORE CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE
EMPLOYEES UNION
(Cafeteria Unit)

By: _____

By: _____

Dated: 7/25/2025

Dated: 7/17/2025

APPENDIX A

A. Food Service Helpers

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Step 1	19.74	20.74	21.74	22.74
Step 2	21.25	22.25	23.25	24.25

i. *If a Unit Member begins working for the School District on and between July 1 and December 31, of a given school year, the Union member would be entitled to a salary Step increase in the salary schedule in the following school year if he/she remains working for the School District as a Unit member; and

ii. *If a Unit Member begins working with the School District on and between January 1 and June 30 of a given school year, the Unit Member would not be given a salary Step increase in the following school year but would remain on the same salary Step to which he/she was initially assigned.

B. Assistant Cooks

The salary schedule for assistant cooks is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Level 1 Elementary	22.80	23.80	24.80	25.80
Level 2 Middle School	23.71	24.71	25.71	26.71
Level 3 High School	24.73	25.73	26.73	27.73

C. Cooks

The salary schedule for cooks is as follows:

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Level 1 Elementary	24.73	25.98	27.23	28.23
Level 2 Middle School	25.75	26.75	27.75	28.75
Level 3 High School	27.13	28.13	29.13	30.13

Retroactive increases will be applied to all current unit members in all job titles

LONGEVITY

Effective July 1, 2022. After seven years of continuous service, unit members shall receive \$500.00 longevity payment. After 12 years of continuous service, unit member shall receive \$750.00 longevity payment. These payments are not cumulative.