

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION, together with accompanying copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Providence, the Providence School Board and the Laborer's International Union of North America, AFL-CIO, Local 1033 (Teacher Assistants) effective July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1999.

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AGREEMENT made effective the 1st day of July, 1996 by and between the PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD, hereinafter referred to as "The Employer", and the RHODE ISLAND LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL on behalf of Local Union 1033 of the Laborers' International Union of North America, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as the "Union".

WITNESSETH

ARTICLE I PERSONS COVERED BY THIS AGREEMENT

The Employer hereby recognizes and acknowledges that the Union is the exclusive representative of, and this agreement shall apply to, all employees of the employer in the classifications listed below who are included within the definition of "municipal employee" set forth in RIGL 28-9.4-2, excluding all other employees of the Employer:

General Assistants
Teacher Assistants
Teacher Assistants I
Clerical
Teacher Assistants II
Assistant Liaison

The term "Paraprofessional" shall be defined as applying to all persons governed by the decision and order in case No. 1948 issued by the State Labor Relations Board. The parties hereby expressly acknowledge the change in job titles from Aide(s) to Assistant(s) and acknowledge that said titles are interchangeable and that this title change does not affect seniority, length of services in classification or any other rights, benefits or entitlements.

ARTICLE II UNION SECURITY

Section 1. Dues Deduction. The employer agrees to the administration of a union check-off system pursuant to which union dues or service charges will be withheld from the employee's paycheck upon his/her written voluntary authorization. Upon receipt of such authorization, the employer will deduct equal amounts from each paycheck; weekly, bi-weekly, or otherwise, as the frequency of the pay period may require. The employer will transmit to the union's treasurer withheld union dues and service charges for the previous month's earnings not later than the 28th day of each month.

Section 2. Union Security

A. All employees who are members of the union on the effective date of this agreement shall remain members of the union in good standing for the life of this agreement to the extent of paying dues uniformly required for retention of membership.

B. All employees who are not members of the union on the effective date of this agreement and do not apply for membership shall pay a monthly service charge to the union as a contribution towards to administration of this agreement, in an amount equal to the regular dues paid by union members.

C. Employees who fail to comply with the requirements of Subsection A or B above shall be discharged by the employer within 30 days after receipt by the employer of written notice from the union of the employee's failure to pay the service. charge and demand for said discharge.

Section 3. Indemnification. The union agrees to indemnify the employer for any and all costs and damages that the employer incurs as a result of compliance with the provisions of this Article II.

Section 4. No Layoffs. There shall be no layoffs, shutdowns, furloughs or cutbacks that affect any person within this bargaining unit. The Providence School Board shall not layoff bargaining unit employees, alter the work schedule or unilaterally modify any working conditions of bargaining unit employees. However, the parties recognize that certain bargaining unit positions are funded through Federal or State funding program sources and should said Federal or State funding program sources be cut, reduced and/or eliminated, any resulting forced reduction in the work force shall not be in breach of the aforestated no layoff provision. Any such affected bargaining unit employee shall have, in addition to all other rights under this Collective Bargaining Agreement, the first opportunity, by seniority, to fill any future vacancy occurring within this bargaining unit and which vacancy the School Department determines to fill.

ARTICLE III NO DISCRIMINATION AND MEETINGS AND MAILINGS

Section 1. There shall be no discrimination by the Union or the Employer against any employee because of age, race, creed, color, national origin or sex. Nothing contained in this Collective Bargaining Agreement shall be interpreted or construed as a violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

Section 2. Union dues shall be deducted on a 10-month basis in an amount equivalent to 12 months' dues for the paraprofessionals who work on a 10-month schedule.

Section 3. To the extent possible the paraprofessional unit shall have use of school buildings for after-school meetings providing they do not conflict with any scheduled school function. The Union shall be responsible for custodial coverage and other utility costs for such meetings.

Section 4. The Union shall have the right to post and distribute materials relating to Union business. space for bulletin boards shall be provided in each school building.

Section 5. At least one (1) paraprofessional shall be included in all faculty meetings related to school matters.

Section 6. Members of the negotiating team shall be granted time off during working hours without loss of pay to attend contract negotiations mutually scheduled by the employer and the committee. A steward and the grievant shall be granted sufficient time off during w working hours to investigate and try to settle grievances without loss of pay.

Section 7. One employee in the Collective Bargaining Unit who is appointed Delegate to Union Conventions shall be granted time off with full pay to attend said conventions as specified in the L.I.U.N.A. Constitutions.

ARTICLE IV PRE-EMPLOYMENT QUALIFICATIONS

A. The proposed employee must be able to read with comprehension and to write legibly.

B. The proposed employee must have a good previous employment record and be of good moral character.

C. The proposed employee must be free from habits injurious to himself and to others.

D. The proposed employee must be in good health and possess physical and/or other ability to enable him to perform the work assigned.

A new employee shall receive, at the time of employment, the minimum wage for the classification to which the new employee is assigned.

ARTICLE V IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Full-time assistants will be required to have a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate as evidence of their education. A two-week on-the-job training program will be conducted by the Program Division. Additional in-service programs will be designed by the Program Division for programs to which assistants are assigned.

Assistants in their first year of employment shall be required to attend an In-Service Training Program for five (5) days during the February and/or April recess periods. This In-Service Training Program will be conducted by the Training Division. All other assistants, with less than three (3) years of employment shall be required to attend two (2) days of In-service Training Sessions during recess periods as established by the Program Division. The latter training sessions may be either on-the-job training or In-Service Training Programs established at the discretion of the Program Division.

Full-time assistants employed prior to January 1, 1970 who have not obtained their high school equivalency certificate will be retained (providing their work is satisfactory) as General School Assistants and their salary will remain at the entry level.

Assistants will be employed according to the following categories:

1. General School Assistants
2. Teacher Assistants
3. Teacher Assistant I
4. Teacher Assistant II
5. Clerical Assistants
6. Assistant Liaison

ARTICLE VI PRE-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANT REQUIREMENTS

A. High School Diploma or Equivalency.

B. Recommendations from at least three (3) persons.

Candidates with recommendations from people who have worked with the candidates in some capacity involving children and youth; school personnel; members of parent groups or members of recognized social agencies will be given preference.

C. Physician's statement regarding health. Negative chest X-Ray. Confidential character clearance.

- D. Employee applicants must be a resident of the City of Providence.

ARTICLE VII SENIORITY

Seniority shall be based on the length of service of permanent employees with respect to time spent in their occupations, provided, however, that the basic needs of the Employer shall govern the assignment of personnel. Teacher Assistants, Clerical Assistants and other employees of the bargaining unit shall have the right according to seniority to choose from a list of vacant assignments whenever they are moved or displaced from a job site. Seniority list shall be made available to the Local Union not later than October 31st.

Seniority shall be considered broken for the following reasons:

- (a) When an employee has been discharged for just cause.
- (b) When an employee voluntarily terminates his employment.
- (c) When an employee exceeds an authorized leave of absence.
- (d) When an employee fails to respond to a recall notice.
- (e) When an employee engages in other work without authorization while on leave of absence.
- (f) When an employee is laid off in excess of two (2) consecutive years.
- (g) When an employee is found to have submitted materially false information on his pre-employment application or his re-employment medical history form.

ARTICLE VIII EMPLOYEES

A. The term "permanent employee" shall include any employee who has been employed by the Employer continuously in an actually vacated position for a period in excess of six (6) months.

B. The term "probationary employee" shall include any employee who has been employed by the Employer in an actually vacated position for a period of less than six (6) months.

C. The term "temporary employee" shall include a person who is employed on a

substitute basis, emergency basis, or in other situations.

D. Long-term substitute assistants shall receive wages and benefits included in the agreement after a completion of sixty (60) consecutive work days.

ARTICLE IX JOB SECURITY & VACANCIES

Section 1. Subject to the provisions of Article I, Section 4, whenever layoffs become necessary, employees shall be laid off on the basis of their seniority (as defined in Article VII) and those with the least seniority shall be laid off first, insofar as job classifications permit. A permanent employee shall be entitled to two (2) weeks' notice before layoff. Whenever it becomes necessary to increase the working force, laid-off employees shall be recalled in the inverse order of the layoff before any new help is hired, provided they are deemed qualified to fill the vacancy.

Section 2. All vacancies indicating the job description shall be posted at each job site. Copies of vacancies and posting shall be sent to the Local Union Office within two (2) days of such postings. Employees who desire a job vacancy may apply in writing on forms provided by the Employer.

1 copy to Employer
1 copy to Local Union 1033 President
1 copy to Employee requesting vacancy

The Vacancies must be filled by a member of the bargaining unit before outside applicants are considered. If no member of the bargaining unit applies for such position, it may be filled by a laid-off employee before new applicants are considered.

The successful bidder shall be given a trial period of up to sixty (60) days and if he/she is not deemed qualified for the position during that period, he/she shall be restored to his/her former position.

Employees whose hours are reduced shall have the right to bump the junior employee in their classification in order to maintain a full work schedule.

The employment or re-employment of all classifications of assistants shall be dependent upon the funding of the respective federal/state and local budgets which support the continuation of their employment. Evaluation of school assistants will be the responsibility of the school implementation Division.

Section 3. Filling Vacancies. Filling Vacancies. (a) Subject to (b) below and unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, any posted vacancy shall be filled no later than either forty-

five (45) days from the date of posting, or upon the expiration of the retiring employee's vacation leave, whichever is greater.

(b) Vacancies for positions assigned to Special Education classrooms shall be posted and awarded as stated above but shall not be implemented (including any wage adjustments associated with the new position) until the beginning of the following school year semester (September or January).

ARTICLE X WORK YEAR/WORK DAY

Section 1.

A. Employees shall work the full school year extending from the day schools open in September to the day schools close in June and the parties acknowledge and agree that the work year for all school building and educational program employees shall include an Orientation Day prior to the commencement of the new school year.

B. The work day may vary in accordance with established school schedules but in all cases shall be inclusive of a thirty (30) minute lunch period.

C. The beginning and end of the work day shall be determined by the needs of the specific activity performed, such as monitoring buses, breakfast, and other assignments before and after school hours.

D. There shall be no provision for overtime activity unless approved by the Director of Human Resources in writing. Failure of an administrator or his designee to secure authorization from the Director of Human Resources shall not prevent the payment of the overtime of an employee who has been directed to work by said administrator or his designee.

E. All employees' work schedules shall provide for a twenty (20) minute rest period per day according to a schedule to be approved by the supervisor.

F. All employees shall receive one (1) full day with pay to attend either their graduation ceremonies or the graduation ceremonies of their child if the date of graduation falls on the day upon which work is scheduled.

G. All employees shall receive full pay leave for his/her wedding during the individuals work year--two (2) days limited to those school days immediately preceding during or following the wedding.

H. An employee may be granted leave without pay for a period up to six (6) months to further his or her education.

I. Any employee covered by this agreement who has completed his/her probationary

period shall be entitled to receive up to a one (1) year leave of absence without pay. Said leave shall not be granted for reason for engaging in other employment.

J. In the event an employee is required to work during the summer months, that employee shall be entitled to and receive the rate of pay and fringe benefits included in the existing agreement for said time.

K. In the event that a bus run is not completed because of a breakdown, inclement weather or other reasons that may prevent an assistant from finishing his/her duties at the appointed time, that assistant shall receive pay of time and one-half for all the hours worked and/or detained with the bus and/or children.

ARTICLE XI ASSIGNMENT OF DUTIES

A. School principals and projects coordinators will assign, direct and supervise duties performed by assistants in their respective schools or projects.

B. All assistants must be available for bus monitoring assignments. The safety of school children is an important responsibility of the assistant program. Paraprofessionals who have been monitoring buses for four (4) years or more shall have the right to request to be relieved of bus monitoring assignments provided that such request is made prior to June 1 of any school year. Paraprofessionals with less than four (4) years of employment as a paraprofessional must accept bus monitoring assignments in accordance with their seniority in their school. The Director of Human Resources will make an effort to assign such duties keeping in mind the assistants' residences and personal requirements. When such adjustments are not possible, assistants will be expected to be available at the time and place assigned. Bus monitoring is a necessary and important function of the assistant program.

C. The Supervisor of Student Transportation will assign and direct bus monitoring assistants on a daily basis.

D. Bus assistants shall not suffer any loss of pay for refusing to ride in any unsafe school buses.

E. Bus transportation shall be provided for all teachers' assistants who are required to accompany students to school dentists.

F. Teacher assistants shall not be required to do cleaning and wiping of tables during lunch periods.

ARTICLE XII HOLIDAYS AND RECESS VACATION PERIODS

All employees are entitled to the following paid holidays and recess vacation schedule:

Section 1. Holidays.

August 14th**	Christmas Day
Labor Day*	New Year's Day
Columbus Day	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Election Day (on which all schools are closed)	Washington's Birthday
Veterans' Day	Good Friday
Thanksgiving Day	Memorial Day
Thanksgiving Friday	Independence Day-July 4th*

*for observances during employee's work year.

**paid holiday for life of contract for employees' work year. The provision expires with life of contract and would be renegotiated.

Should any of the above holidays fall on a Saturday, the School Board has the option of declaring Friday a holiday or, if Friday is not declared a holiday, then to pay the employees the holiday pay for the holiday which falls on a Saturday.

Whenever a holiday falls during a period of sick leave, an employee of the bargaining unit shall receive regular pay and the day shall not be charged to sick leave.

Section 2. Recesses.

A. All employees with six or more months of service shall be granted the December/Christmas recess with pay.

B. All new employees, i.e. those employed for six months or less, shall be required to attend in-service training workshops for five days during the February recess and will receive their regular salary for that five-day week.

C. All employees with less than one school year of service must attend in-service training workshops for two days during the February recess and will receive their regular salary for that five-day week.

Any employee with less than three years of service who is transferred from one program to another must attend in-service training workshops for two days during the February recess following the transfer and will receive his/her regular salary for that five-day week.

D. All employees with six or more months of service excluding those required to attend in-service training workshops, shall be granted all recesses with full pay.

N.B. All of the foregoing paid recess periods are contingent upon their being budgeted in advance by the Payroll Office.

E. Except for B above, all in-service training shall be conducted during regular school hours and school days.

ARTICLE XIII SICK LEAVE

Section 1. Each assistant will be credited with one and one-half (1-1/2) days sick leave for each full month of employment cumulative to one-hundred thirty-eight (138) days. An employee with less than two years of service may borrow against his sick leave reserve for up to 15 school days, provided, however, that should the employee terminate his employment before earning said days advanced, the amount of unearned leave shall be repaid by the employee.

If an employee is absent in excess of three (3) work days in succession for reasons of illness, the Superintendent may require medical documentation of said illness and such medical documentation shall be required for each sick leave with pay covering an absence of greater than five (5) work days in succession.

Section 2. Sick leave allowance shall at no time be considered as a basis for the collection of severance pay, terminal leave, or in any other manner, except as a sick leave allowance for personal illness. It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or his designee to inaugurate and maintain whatever additional safeguards he may deem necessary in order to prevent abuses of this privilege and to discipline employees found guilty of such abuses. Except that employees who retire and receive a retirement benefit under the City of Providence Retirement System shall, upon retirement, be entitled to a lump sum payment equal to twenty-five (25%) percent of the value of unused sick leave accumulated from January 1, 1986 to the date of their retirement.

Section 3. Workers' Compensation.

Notwithstanding any exclusion to the contrary, members of the bargaining unit shall be covered by and entitled to receive Workers' Compensation benefits pursuant to the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act of the State of Rhode Island while Workers' Compensation Law remains in effect.

To the extent that said Workers' Compensation Act does not pay benefits at the inception of any incapacity, members of the bargaining unit shall be entitled to receive sick leave benefits for the first three (3) days of incapacity.

Section 4. A permanent employee shall be granted a maternity leave without pay not to

exceed one (1) year from the date of the birth of the child unless extended by the superintendent. The employee shall notify the Superintendent one (1) month in advance of required leave. An employee on Maternity Leave shall have the option to retain her Blue Cross and Physicians' service coverage and riders at her own expense. Employees electing this option shall reimburse the Providence School Department on a monthly basis for the premium at the Providence Teachers' group rate.

Section 5. Sick Leave Bank. The parties agree to establish a committee to study the feasibility of establishing a sick Leave bank and implementing Temporary Disability Insurance for bargaining unit employees. The committee shall make its non-binding recommendations to the Superintendent within six (6) months of the initial meeting of the committee. The Superintendent shall respond within ninety (90) days. Thereafter, the parties recognize that the Superintendent shall not be permitted to implement any/all of the recommendations of the committee without agreement with the Union.

ARTICLE XIV BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

An employee may be absent for five (5) consecutive days without loss of pay in the case of the death of a father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife or child, or any other person with whom the employee may then be living; and

Further, such employee may be absent for three (3) consecutive work days without loss of pay due to the death of his own grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or grandchild; and

Further, such employee may be absent for one (1) work day without loss of pay due to the death of an uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew, first cousin, spousal grandparent; and

Further, such employee may be absent for three (3) consecutive work days without pay in the case of the death of a person who had not been residing in the residence of the employee providing said employee is solely responsible for all funeral arrangements of the deceased; and Further, two (2) additional work days may be taken for personal reasons in connection with settling the affairs of a deceased, as defined in the above paragraphs of this Article, provided that these days are taken within one (1) year from the time of the death and further provided that such affairs cannot be handled outside of the work day.

Further, officers and members of the Local Union 1033 Executive Board, as well as stewards, may attend the funeral of the following without loss of pay;

Members of the immediate families of officers, Executive Board members and Stewards, an executive, representative or members of the Executive Board of Local Union 1033 or officers of other AFL-CIO affiliates. Such time shall not be unreasonably withheld.

ARTICLE XV PERSONAL LEAVE - COURT SERVICE

Section 1. Personal Leave. The Superintendent may grant two (2) days personal leave to members of the bargaining unit and the employee shall not be denied such leave for any business that cannot be conducted at a time not in conflict with the Employee's regular work day or for any emergency over which the Employee has no control and which required immediate attention. Requests for such leave shall be given as far in advance as possible. Each request must be submitted on a form provided by the Personnel Office. The request must list the specific reason for the leave.

Section 2. Jury Leave. An employee who is called for jury service in a court of law shall be excused from work for the days on which the employee serves and shall receive, for each such day of jury service on which the employee otherwise would have worked, the straight-time rate of pay for each hour of absence, less the amount received for jury duty. The employee will present proof of such service and the amount received therefor.

Section 3. Educational Leave. An employee who is enrolled in a degree granting educational program shall be entitled to a one (1) year leave without pay. Employees who are seeking degrees with the intention of remaining employees of the Providence School Department by seeking a certified position maybe granted, at the discretion of the Superintendent, an additional one (1) year leave without pay not to exceed a total of two (2) years.

ARTICLE XVI RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE LEAVE

Any employee whose religious obligations require absence from daily work duties may be absent for three (3) days with pay for such observance. Approval must be obtained beforehand or full pay will be deducted.

ARTICLE XVII HEALTH AND DENTAL COVERAGE AND INSURANCE

The School Department shall provide all employees covered by this Agreement and eligible family members with health care coverage as follows:

LOCAL UNION 1033 HEALTH CARE PLAN

COVERAGE LEVELS:

In network - Full coverage from a broad network of hospitals, PCP'S, and specialists.

Members will not be billed for charges beyond Blue Cross allowance.

Out of network - Members may also choose to see any other non-participating provider and still receive coverage at 80% of Blue Cross allowance after an annual deductible of \$100 per individual - \$300 per family; \$1000/ \$3000 maximum out of pocket (Regional allowance)

PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS:

Includes the broad-based BC/BS RI network of hospitals and primary care physicians, plus specialized networks for eye care, lab & x-ray services, DME, chiropractic, home care, mental health/substance abuse.

PRE-AUTHORIZATION:

Authorization is obtained by participating providers. Members are responsible only when using non-participating providers.

DEDUCTIBLES:

\$100 per individual - \$300 per family; \$1000/ \$3000 maximum out of pocket.

ANNUAL MAXIMUM EXPENSE:

Out of network benefit increased to full coverage after maximum expense of \$1,000 per individual, \$3,000 per family.

LIFETIME MAXIMUMS:

Unlimited.

PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS:

Effective March 1, 1996, new employees (during the first 12 months of employment) shall be subject to a pre-existing condition provision that includes a 25% co-pay for hospital - surgical charges related to pre-existing conditions up to a maximum of \$1,000. This provision is waived for employees hired prior to March 1, 1996.

DEPENDENT COVERAGE:

Spouse and unmarried dependent children through the end of the year in which they turn age 19 (or age 25 if a full-time student).

OUTPATIENT SERVICES:

PREVENTIVE CARE:

Well-baby visits - \$10 co-payment; pap smears and mammograms covered in full.

OFFICE VISITS:

Routine and non-routine - \$10 co-payment (\$15 allergist & dermatologist)

EYE EXAMS:

\$10 co-payment for one routine exam per year at participating providers.

OUTPATIENT SURGERY:

Covered in full.

DIAGNOSTIC LAB & X-RAY:

Covered in full at network lab and x-ray facilities.

CHIROPRACTIC CARE:

Office visits (12 per year) - \$10 co-payment; lab tests & x-rays in full.

WISDOM TEETH:

Covered in full, when medically necessary (bone impacted requiring service at hospital).

INPATIENT SERVICES

HOSPITAL ROOM & BOARD:

Unlimited days of care in a semiprivate room.

SURGICAL-MEDICAL:

Covered in full.

EMERGENCY ROOM:

\$25 co-payment for treatment of accident or life threatening medical emergency within 24 hours of onset of symptoms (co-payment waived if admitted).

MATERNITY:

Covered in full.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT:

Covered for eligible costs associated with kidney, liver, lung, heart, cornea and homologous bone marrow transplants.

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE (MHSA)

INPATIENT MH:

45 days of care in a participating hospital, when arranged by the Care Manager. 50% at out-of-area non-participating providers.

OUTPATIENT MH:

\$15 per individual session; \$10 per group session; \$1,000 annual maximum, when arranged by the Care Manager. 50% after deductible at non-participating providers.

INPATIENT SA:

Detoxification - 3 admissions per year or 21 days, whichever comes first, when arranged

by the Care Manager.

Rehabilitation - 30 days in any 12-month period; lifetime limit of 90 days per member, when arranged by the Care Manager.

50% coverage at out-of-area non-participating providers.

OUTPATIENT SA:

30 hours per patient, 20 hours for family members, per 12 month period. \$15 per individual session; \$10 per group session, when arranged by the Care Manager. 50% at out-of-area non-participating providers.

The Employer also agrees to furnish as an alternative to the foregoing, substantially equivalent coverage under Harvard Community Health Plan of New England.

The Employer also agrees to continue health coverage for retirees and retirees' spouses for life for all employees who retired on or after July 1, 1982 and prior to September 3, 1995. The plan of coverage shall be the plan elected by the individual on the date of retirement. Said coverage shall be converted to Plan 65 coverage upon attainment of the age of 65.

The Employer shall furnish health care coverage, on an individual basis only, to employees who retire(d) on or after September 3, 1995. Said coverage shall be of the same plan in effect when the retiree was an active employee up to age 65. Upon attainment of age 65, said coverage shall convert to Plan 65. This coverage shall be for life. The Employer also agrees to provide this coverage to the retiree's spouse upon the death of the retiree.

The cost of either Blue Cross or Harvard Community Health Care coverage, as outlined above, shall be borne solely by the Employer.

Additionally, all employees hired on or after July 1, 1992 must be actually employed by the Providence School Department for at least ten (10) years and receiving retirement benefits under the City of Providence Retirement System prior to qualifying for Retiree Medical Care coverage.

Section 2. All members of the bargaining unit shall be entitled to Delta Dental Level IV family coverage or its equivalent Plan with a Student Rider to age 25. The cost of said coverage to be borne solely by the School Department.

Section 3. Life Insurance. The Employer shall provide, consistent with the current practice and benefits each employee covered by this Agreement with a \$5,000.00 whole life insurance policy, effective the employee's date of hire. The parties acknowledge that this benefit was a \$2,500.00 policy prior to July 1, 1989.

Section 4. Disability Insurance. The Employer shall provide, consistent with the current practice and benefits, each employee covered by this Agreement with a \$75.00 per week accident and disability insurance policy.

Section 5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Employer shall have the right at any time during this Agreement to provide substantially equivalent medical benefits under a different plan than those specified in this Article and in lieu thereof.

ARTICLE XVIII PRESCRIPTION, VISION CARE AND WELLNESS BENEFITS

Section 1. In order to provide each employee covered by this Agreement and their dependents drug/prescription, vision care and Wellness benefits, the Employer agrees to contribute fifty-four cents (54¢) per hour for each straight-time hour each employee covered by this Agreement is paid to the "Rhode Island Public Employees' Health Services Fund", established by Declaration of trust dated July 1, 1979. The Employer shall contribute an additional amount per each ten (10) month employee covered by this Agreement based on the number of hours each ten (10) month employee would work, if that ten (10) month employee were a twelve (12) month employee, during the annual summer non-work period. Said fund shall be administered by a Board of Trustees selected and appointed under the provisions of the Trust Agreement executed by the Union.

Section 2. The City of Providence/Providence School Department and the Rhode Island Public Employees' Health Services Fund have jointly and cooperatively developed and implemented an Employees' Wellness Program for bargaining unit employees with a purpose of combating the escalation of health care costs through health education and safety programs. The Providence School Department and the Union shall encourage employee participation in programs sponsored by the Wellness program and shall further cooperate to reduce health risks and the corresponding utilization of the Health Care Plans.

Section 3. Said contributions will be paid to the Fund no later than the twentieth (20th) day of each month and shall be based on the preceding month's payroll.

ARTICLE XIX GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. Definition. A "grievance" is defined as a written complaint by an employee or the union alleging a violation of this agreement. It must be specific, and it must identify the Article and Section of this agreement allegedly violated by the employer. The term grievance shall not include any complaint with respect to any matter that falls outside the employer's authority or jurisdiction.

Section 2. Procedure. The following procedure shall be adhered to by employees and/or the union in presenting grievances:

Step 1. Within 5 days from the date of the occurrence or event giving rise to the grievance, the employee must discuss the problem orally with his/her immediate supervisor, who shall attempt to resolve the matter informally. Grievances filed by the union may commence at Step 2 which shall be taken by the union within ten (10) days from the occurrence or event giving rise to the grievance.

Step 2. If the matter is not resolved at Step 1, the union and/or the employee must submit a written grievance to the Director of Human Resources within ten (10) days of the immediate supervisor's decision. The Director of Human Resources shall, within five days of receipt of the written grievance, schedule a meeting to decide its merits. Within 7 days following the meeting, the Director of Human Resources shall render a written decision, copies of which shall be sent to the superintendent and the union.

Step 3. If a grievance is not resolved at Step 2. The union and/or the grievant may appeal the Director of Human Resources' decision to the superintendent. Such appeal must be submitted in writing to the superintendent within ten (10) days following receipt by the union of the Director of Human Resources' decision. Within five (5) days following his receipt of the appeal, the superintendent or his designee shall schedule a meeting for the purpose of deciding the merits of the appeal. The appeal must state specifically the grounds on which the union claims that the Director of Human Resources erred in reaching his/her decision. The superintendent shall evaluate the Director of Human Resources' decision and the written appeal filed by the union and render a written decision within five (5) days of the receipt of the appeal. A copy of the decision shall be sent to the union.

Step 4. If the grievance is not resolved at Step 3, it may be submitted by the union to arbitration within fifteen (15) days of the superintendent's decision. Arbitration shall be initiated by the union's filing a request to the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its rules and procedures, with a copy of same forwarded to the superintendent. A decision rendered in accordance with its rules and procedures, with a copy of same forwarded to the superintendent. A decision rendered in accordance with the Association's rules shall be final and binding upon the parties, except that the arbitrator shall have no power to add to, subtract from, modify or disregard any of the terms of this agreement. The expenses of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties.

Grievances which are not submitted within the time limits set forth above, or which are not appealed within the time limits set forth above shall be considered waived and not entitled to further consideration unless the time is extended by mutual agreement of the parties. The union agrees to screen the grievances in order to prevent the unnecessary consumption of time which results from the filing of meritless grievances.

Section 3. Sustained grievances and grievance resolution agreements shall be implemented within thirty (30) days. If the School Department fails to implement the same, the matter shall be submitted to expedited arbitration.

ARTICLE XX SALARIES

Section 1. The salaries of all employees covered by this Agreement shall be as set forth in Appendix A and B which are attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.

Section 2. Wages. (a) Effective July 1, 1996, the wage rate for all bargaining unit classifications shall be that in effect June 30, 1996.

(b) The economic increases for employees covered by this Agreement shall be as follows and as provided for in the below paragraphs. The parties hereby acknowledge that said economic increases are reflected in total on the attached wage Schedules and that the Union membership may allocate a portion of the economic increases provided herein to programs and or benefits and should such allocation occur, said schedules shall be adjusted accordingly. The parties expressly agree that an allocation of the economic package by the Union membership will result in a corresponding reduction in the effected wage increases.

- A. Effective January 1, 1997, an amount equal to an across-the-board wage increase for all bargaining unit employees of 3% (over the December 31, 1996, rate).
- B. Effective July 1, 1997, an amount equal to an across-the-board wage increase for all bargaining unit employees of 3.75% (over the June 30, 1997, rate).
- C. Effective July 1, 1998, an amount equal to an across-the-board wage increase for all bargaining unit employees of 4.25% (over the June 30, 1998, rate).

ARTICLE XXI LONGEVITY AND BONUS PAY

Section 1. Longevity Pay. In addition to the salaries listed in this Agreement, there shall be paid a longevity supplement which shall be considered part of the employee's salary for other purposes in this Agreement, including pension purposes. This supplement shall be computed January 1st on the basis of the employee's salary and years of service, and the Longevity payment shall be payable on or after January 1st of each year in a lump sum as is practical.

YEARS OF SERVICE	PERCENTAGE AMOUNT
5 yrs. but less than 10 yrs.	4%
10 yrs. but less than 15 yrs.	5%

15 yrs. but less than 20 yrs.	6%
20 yrs. or more	7%

Further, any employee within this bargaining unit who separates prior to January 1st will be eligible for a prorated payment of this Longevity supplement at the time of his/her separation and this supplement will be included with his/her final payment.

Section 2. Bonus Pay for Special Education Assistants. It is agreed that Special Education Teacher Assistants shall receive a bonus pay of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) effective and payable at the completion of the work year, providing the Assistant served as a special Education Teacher Assistant for the entire work year. Effective September 1, 1997, the Special Education Bonus pay shall be increased to \$250.

ARTICLE XXII PENSION FUND

Section 1. For the purpose of providing retirement benefits for employees covered by this Agreement, the employer shall, for each day or portion thereof for which the employee receives pay, shall make an hourly contribution to the Laborers' International 26 Union of North America National Pension Fund as follows:

Effective September 1, 1994, eighty-four cents (\$.84) per hour.

For the purposes of this Article each day paid for includes days of paid vacation, holidays and other days for which pay is received by the employee in accordance with the agreement shall be counted as days for which contributions are payable.

Said sums shall be paid into the fund not later than the twentieth (20th) day of each month and up to the end of the last complete payroll period of the preceding calendar month.

ARTICLE XXIII LEGAL SERVICES FUND

Section 1. In order to provide members of the bargaining unit and their dependents with assistance in defraying the cost of legal counsel, the Employer agrees to contribute twenty cents (\$.20) per hour worked by each member of the bargaining unit covered by this agreement to the Rhode Island Public Service Employees' Legal Services Fund.

Section 2. Said contributions shall be paid to such fund not later than the twentieth (20th) day of each and every month for the hours worked by said employees up to the end of the last completed payroll period of the preceding calendar month.

Section 3. The legal services fund shall not be used to provide benefits which defray any

expenses for disputes, grievances, or legal proceedings between the employee-participant, his spouse, or dependents and the Employer, the Union, or any of its members, their agents or any legal entity to which they are a part.

ARTICLE XXIV MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Section 1. Except as abridged or restricted by any provision in this Agreement or by applicable law, the Employer shall have the exclusive right to supervise and control all of its departments and employees, to issue reasonable rules and regulations, and to exercise any and all rights and authority granted to the City as an employer by statute, ordinance, and applicable regulations, and to comply with its responsibilities thereunder. The Employer agrees that no such rights or authority shall be exercised in violation of this Agreement. Further, the exercise of rights normally entrusted to management shall be subject to any obligations the Employer may have under RIGL 28-9.4, or obligations imposed upon the Employer by relevant statute.

Section 2. With regard to any vacancies or unfilled positions, the filling of any/all such vacancies or unfilled positions shall be within the sole discretion of the Providence School Board. Nothing contained in Article II, Section 4 shall negate, contradict, or modify in any way the Providence School Board's rights pursuant to this provision.

ARTICLE XXV TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Section 1. An educational benefit program shall be jointly established in accordance with the following:

Section 2. Effective July 1, 1997, tuition reimbursement shall be funded annually by the employer in the amount of \$5,000.

Section 3. Employees shall not be allowed to attend courses during normal work hours unless prior approval is granted by the Superintendent.

Section 4. An Education Committee shall be established consisting of three (3) members, two (2) appointed by the Superintendent and one (1) appointed by the Union. The Committee shall review all course requests and shall provide all policies and procedures for implementation of the Tuition Reimbursement program for undergraduate, graduate and career enhancing programs.

Section 5. Course disbursements shall be made in a fair and equitable manner and shall benefit the greatest number of employees as is practicable. Initial preference shall be to employees assigned to school buildings and educational programs. Courses qualify for reimbursement if they are part of a degree granting program or are job related, technical,

professional, GED or trade school program. To qualify for reimbursement, the employee must receive a minimum grade of "C" for undergraduate courses and "B" for graduate courses.

ARTICLE XXVI NO STRIKE - NO LOCKOUT

Cognizant of the statutory prohibition against strikes by employees covered by this Agreement, neither the Union nor any employees covered by this Agreement shall engage in, induce, cause, or encourage any strike, slowdown, refusal to perform duties (including collective absenteeism for alleged illness), work stoppage, or withholding of services of any kind for any reason during the life of this Agreement.

The Employer agrees that there shall be no lockouts during the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXVII SEVERABILITY

Should any final decision of any Court of competent jurisdiction affect any provision of this Agreement, only the provision so affected shall become null and void; otherwise, all other provisions under this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE XXVIII CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and complete understanding between the Employer and the Union arrived at as a result of collective bargaining, except such amendments hereto or modifications hereof as shall be reduced to writing and executed by the parties following the execution of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXIX DURATION OF AGREEMENT

Section 1. This Agreement shall be effective from July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1999, provided, however, that the provisions of this Agreement shall be automatically renewed from year to year unless either party shall give written notice to the other party at least 183 days before any subsequent expiration date, that it desires to terminate this Agreement.

Further, if at the time this Agreement would otherwise terminate, the parties are negotiating for a new Agreement, the terms and conditions, excluding any wage increase hereof, shall continue in effect so long as such negotiations continue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties named herein have hereunto set their hands and seals this ____ day of _____ in the year _____.

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD
BY

CHAIRMAN

ARTHUR M. ZARRELLA, Ph.D.
SUPERINTENDENT

WITNESS:

RHODE ISLAND LABORERS'
DISTRICT COUNCIL
BY

RONALD M. COIA
BUSINESS MANAGER

LOCAL UNION 1033
BY

JOSEPH VIRGILIO
PRESIDENT

WITNESS:

APPENDIX A

SALARY SCHEDULE FOR ALL SCHOOL ASSISTANTS

The salaries specified are the minuma and maxima for the positions described. Progression to the maxima within the position ranges specified shall be accomplished in not more than three years or as outlined in the salary schedule unless it should be decided by the superintendent that the salary of any employee covered by this schedule should not be advanced according to the schedule. In such cases notice to that effect will be given to the Business Manager and to such employees explaining the reason for such decision which will be substantiated by written reports, a copy of which shall be filed in the Personnel Office. If the obstacles to an increase are not removed during the ensuing school year, the salary of such employees shall remain the same during the succeeding school year and thereafter until such obstacles are removed. When the obstacles are removed, the employee may resume normal progress on the schedule at the beginning of the following year. The Superintendent will file notice of the removal of cause with appropriate parties.

Progression from one assistant group to another will be according to evaluative judgments made by the superintendent or his designee, providing an actual vacancy exists. General assistants will not be considered for progression to another assistant group until they have received their high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma. Assistants who have attained sixty (60) approved college credits shall be considered for an accelerated progression by the superintendent or his designee from one assistant group to another.

APPENDIX B

The Deputy Superintendent for Programs shall issue a memorandum with regard to the following matters:

1. Notice of all work shops shall be given one month in advance of the work shop.
2. The Deputy Superintendent shall give to the Union a list of all employees in the bargaining unit containing, among other things, their names, addresses, etc.

SCHEDULE A

Group	Position
1	General Assistants* (previously referred to as General Aide)
2•	Teacher Assistants or Clerical Assistants
3•	Teacher Assistant I or Clerical Assistants
4•	Teachers Assistant II or Clerical Assistants
5•	Assistant Liaison** (previously referred to as Aide Liaison)

TEACHER ASSISTANT SALARY SCHEDULE

		1-Jul-96	1-Jan-97
Group 1	General Assistants*	\$9.18/hr.	\$9.46/hr.
Group 2	Teacher Assistant or Clerical Assistant		
1st		\$9.18/hr.	\$9.46/hr.
2nd		\$9.51/hr.	\$9.80/hr.
3rd		\$9.69/hr.	\$9.98/hr.
Group 3	Teacher Assistant I or Clerical Assistant		
1st		\$9.86/hr.	\$10.16/hr.
2nd		\$10.02/hr.	\$10.32/hr.
3rd		\$10.21/hr.	\$10.52/hr.
Group 4	Teacher Assistant II or Clerical Assistant		
1st		\$10.38/hr.	\$10.69/hr.
2nd		\$10.55/hr.	\$10.87/hr.
3rd		\$10.70/hr.	\$11.02/hr.
Group 5	Assistant Liaison**		

*Applies to assistants presently employed who have not attained their high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma.

**Salaries in this group are established according to the special needs of the Program as determined by the Appropriate Director in consultation with the Superintendent.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Entered into this day of April, 1996, by and between the Providence School Board and the Rhode Island Laborers' District Council on behalf of Local Union 1033 Teacher Assistants.

WHEREAS, the parties have concluded good faith negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement and desire to enter into this addendum to said Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to codify their Agreement and be bound by the same, the parties hereby agree as follows:

In order to improve the quality of classroom instruction offered by Instructional Teacher Assistants in Providence Public Schools, The Providence School Department has instituted the G.A.T.E. Program - Gaining Achievement Through Education. The G-A-T-E Program will ensure that Teacher Assistants bring an appropriate level of expertise to their tasks, will require a high school Diploma or GED as a pre-requisite of employment and will also make training and higher educational opportunities available to teacher assistants, contingent upon Federal Funding in the following manner:

A) In an effort to improve the educational level of the instructional assistants and to increase their knowledge of effective and developmentally appropriate instructional methodologies and strategies, the district will provide in-house staff development sessions as well as, when Federal Funding is available, opportunities for the instructional assistants to continue their education at the Community College of Rhode Island in the Early Childhood Education\Child Development Program. Depending on the availability of Federal Funding, any instructional assistant who earns his/her Associate Degree in Education will then be offered the opportunity to attend the University of Rhode Island to work towards a Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Education.

B) For those bargaining unit members who wish to take advantage of the G.A.T.E. Program, contingent upon Federal Funding and contingent upon the colleges ability to set up appropriate courses and class sessions, the bargaining unit member may do so by paying the cost of the college credit course to the Office of Federal Programs by check. The check will be held by the Office of Federal Programs and not cashed. Upon successful completion of the course requirements, including attendance and appropriate passing grade, said check will be returned to said bargaining unit member.

C) For those bargaining unit members who wish to participate in the G.A.T.E. Program, contingent upon Federal Funding and contingent upon the colleges ability to set appropriate courses and class sessions, but who, due to documented financial circumstances, cannot afford or are otherwise unable to make the full tuition payment, the Federal Programs Office will advance the money to said bargaining unit member and pay the tuition and costs for said bargaining unit members' course. In order to be eligible for this advance payment by the Federal Programs Office, the bargaining unit member must document his\her inability to make the financial commitment for the course work (i.e. member has no checking account; documenting financial hardship in meeting day to day expenses if the tuition payment is made, etc.). In addition, if a bargaining unit member receives prepayment, said member will be required to meet all the attendance requirements set forth by CCRI and, in addition, must demonstrate good effort with respect to participation in this program. Should a bargaining unit member who is receiving prepayment from the Federal Programs Office fail to meet all the attendance requirements as established by CCRI, or otherwise fails to demonstrate sufficient good intention and effort with respect to this program, then said bargaining unit member shall be required, in any subsequent semester in which he/she wishes to participate in the G.A.T.E. Program to pay for said course in advance. The intent of this language is to make the individual not eligible for prepayment if attendance requirements or appropriate good intention and effort is not achieved/demonstrated by the member.

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD
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WITNESS:

EMERGENCY SICK LEAVE BANK

Emergency Sick Leave Bank

The parties agree to establish an Emergency Sick Leave Bank to which all eligible members of the bargaining unit shall have access. The Emergency Sick Leave Bank is intended to provide eligible Local 1033 members with additional paid sick time when said eligible member's accrued sick leave time has been exhausted.

To be eligible to use Emergency Sick Leave Bank time:

- a) The Local 1033 member must have a documented illness or injury which is expected/anticipated to exhaust the member's accrued sick leave time.
- b) The Local 1033 member must have contributed at least five (5) sick days to the Bank, which days shall not be refunded to the member once assigned to the bank;
- c) The Local 1033 member must present a physician's note certifying the illness/injury, the amount of time anticipated to be absent, the prognosis and or treatment and the member's anticipated date of return;
- d) Emergency Sick Leave Bank time may only be used for a member's personal illness or injury. Such time may not be used to attend to the illness of a family member or extend a member's leave of absence which is not due to personal illness;
- e) A Local 1033 member who is receiving Workers' Compensation benefits pursuant to the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Act, benefits pursuant to the Rhode Island Temporary Disability Act, or is injured as a result of a third party shall not be eligible to apply for or receive Emergency Sick Leave Bank time to supplement that compensation;
- f) All requests for use of Emergency Sick Leave Bank time shall be made in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the date when the time will be used, or at least fifteen (15) days prior to the eligible member beginning use of his or her own accrued paid leave time due to an illness or injury, whichever is sooner, unless that absence is unforeseen and/or an emergency, in which case application shall be made as soon as practical after the member learns of the need for Emergency Sick Leave Bank Time.

Emergency Sick Leave Bank Committee

The Emergency Sick Leave Bank shall be administered by a Committee established jointly by the Providence School Board and Local Union 1033. The Director of Personnel or his/her designees shall select one individual and the President of Local Union 1033 shall select two individuals to serve as members of the Committee. The Director of Personnel and the President of the Local Union 1033 shall be ex officio members of the Committee and shall have rights and powers granted to all members of the committee.

All requests to use time from the Bank shall be in writing and shall be reviewed by the Committee. The Committee shall notify the member of approval or denial by mailing said notifications, certified mail return receipt requested, to the member's home address. Any decisions of the Committee regarding use, access, application and any other process or procedure concerning the Emergency Sick Leave Bank shall be final and binding upon the Providence School Board and Local Union 1033 and shall not be subject to the contractual grievance procedure or any other administrative remedy.

It shall be the Committee's responsibility to manage the Emergency Sick Leave Bank, and among other things, determine the appropriate level of accumulated days necessary to remain in the bank in order for the Bank to be viable. Should the accumulation of days in the bank fall below a minimum level which the Committee deems necessary to effectively administer the Bank, the Committee may request Bank members to make an additional contribution. Where an additional contribution is requested, each member of the Bank wishing to retain membership shall assign the required number as determined by the Committee. Where a member of the bank wishes to retain membership, but has exhausted his/her sick leave and is unable to make the necessary required contribution, said member shall assign an equivalent amount of sick leave as of the date on which said member next accrues sick leave in a sufficient quantity to make the donation.

Membership in the Emergency Sick Leave Bank shall be pursuant to rules drafted by the Committee. New members may join the Emergency Sick Leave bank each year, at times designated by the Committee, by assigning no less than five (5) full pay sick leave accumulated days to the Bank. Current members of the bank may make additional contributions to the Bank during periods designated by the Committee.

Eligible Local 1033 members requesting to use time from the Bank may make an initial request of no more than sixty (60) days. Extensions of use of Emergency Sick Leave Bank time may be made to the Committee. Any extension request must be documented pursuant to rules as designated by the Committee.

Forms for Local Union 1033 members to donate time to the emergency Sick Leave Bank and to make application to use Emergency Sick Leave Bank Time shall be determined by the Committee and shall be available at the Department of Personnel and the Office of Local Union 1033 with copies being retained in each office.

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor

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April 1, 1997

The Honorable Members of the
Providence City Council
City of Providence
Providence City Hall
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

On behalf of the Providence School Board, I herein transmit the following Collective Bargaining Agreements, which were ratified by the Providence School Board on March 31, 1997:

Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Providence School Board and Council 94,
Local 1339 (Clerical Employees)

Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Providence School Board and LIUNA,
Local 1033 (Bus Monitors).

Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Providence School Board and LIUNA,
Local 1033 (Teacher Assistants).

Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Providence School Board and LIUNA,
Local 1033, (B.E.S.T.)

The Providence School Board respectfully requests ratification of the enclosed labor agreements by the Honorable City Council.

Respectfully,



Roosevelt Benton
Chairman

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VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
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Superintendent

ROBERT A. DE ROBBIO
Assistant Superintendent

MARK V. DUNHAM
Director of Business Operations



Business Office

April 3, 1997

Councilwoman Patricia Nolan
Chairperson Council Finance Committee
Providence City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Councilwoman Nolan:

Pursuant to Section 17-27 of the Providence Code of Ordinances I am hereby submitting Fiscal Notes regarding the proposed September 1, 1996 through August 31, 1999 labor agreements between the City of Providence, Providence School Board, and the Providence Clerical Union, the Providence Bus Monitors, the Providence Teacher Assistants, and the B.E.S.T. Bargaining Unit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark V. Dunham" followed by the initials "(nd)" in parentheses.

Mark V. Dunham
Senior Director
Administration/Finance/Operations

MVD:nd

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c: Dr. Arthur M. Zarrella

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**PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
PROPOSED TEACHER ASST. CONTRACT 1996-99
FISCAL NOTE @ MARCH 31,1997**

ITEM 1 **INCREASE IN PRESCRIPTION RATE**

Effective with the passage of this contract the contribution rate for prescription, vision and wellness programs increase four cents per hour.

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
<u>COST</u>	\$27,500	\$27,500	\$27,500

ITEM 2 **TUITION PROGRAM**

The School Department will fund a tuition reimbursement program for union members interested in further education, courses must be job related or part of a degree program. Funding will be capped at \$5000. per year.

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
<u>COST</u>	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000

ITEM 3 **SALARY SCHEDULE INCREASE**

Effective Jan.1,1997 salaries will increase by 3%,effective 7/1/97 the increase will be 3.75%,effective 7/1/98 the increase will be 4.25%.

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
<u>COST</u>	\$56,136	\$144,550	\$169,966

ITEM 4 **ORIENTATION DAY BEFORE OPENING OF SCHOOL**

Teacher Assistants will have one orientation day before the opening of school.

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
<u>COST</u>	\$21,415	\$22,218	\$23,162

ITEM 5 **INCREASE SPECIAL EDUCATION STIPEND**

The stipend paid for special ed. teacher assts. will increase from \$200. to \$250. per yr.

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
<u>COST</u>	\$10,650	\$10,650	\$10,650

**PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
PROPOSED TEACHER ASST. CONTRACT 1996-99
FISCAL NOTE @ MARCH 31,1997**

SUMMARY

		<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
<u>ITEM 1</u>	Rate Increase	\$27,500	\$27,500	\$27,500
<u>ITEM 2</u>	Tuition	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
<u>ITEM 3</u>	Salary Increase	\$56,136	\$144,550	\$169,966
<u>ITEM 4</u>	Orientation Day	\$21,415	\$22,018	\$23,162
<u>ITEM 5</u>	Stipend	\$10,650	\$10,650	\$10,650
	Annual Cost	\$115,701	\$209,718	\$236,278
	Cummulative Cost	\$115,701	\$325,419	\$561,697
	Total cost of proposal			\$561,697

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BETWEEN

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD

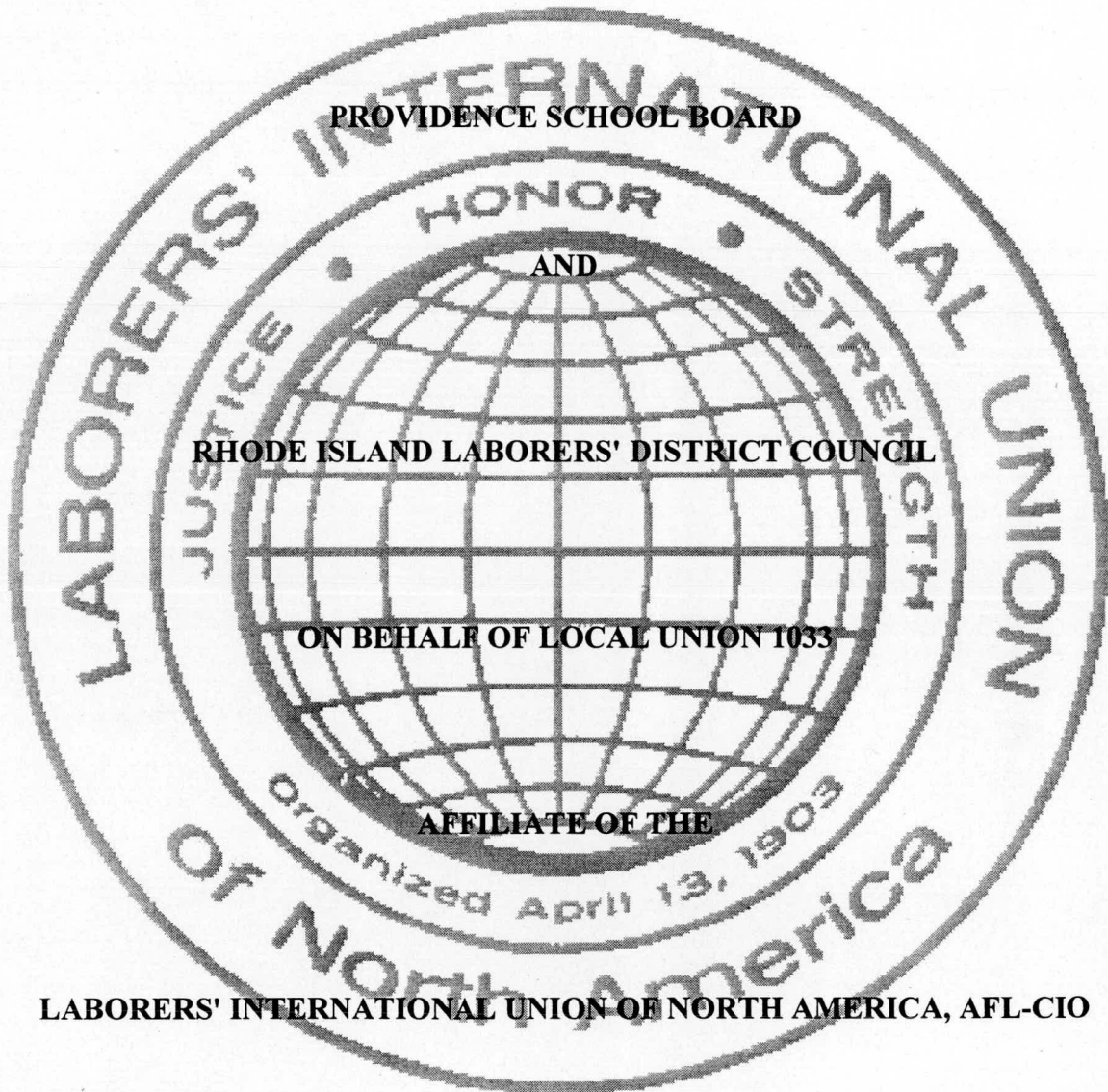
AND

RHODE ISLAND LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL

ON BEHALF OF LOCAL UNION 1033

AFFILIATE OF THE

LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, AFL-CIO



Effective July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1999

TEACHER ASSISTANTS