



2020-2021 EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered on _____, 2020 by and between the **TEANECK BOARD OF EDUCATION** with its principal place of business at 300 Frank W. Burr Blvd 7th Floor, Suite 710 Teaneck, NJ 07666 (hereinafter "**BOARD**") and **CHRISTINE JIMENEZ-JOHNSON**, residing in the State of New Jersey (hereinafter "**MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON**").

WITNESS, in consideration of the promises and covenants herein set forth, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged by each of the parties, the parties hereto agree and are agreed as follows:

1. EMPLOYMENT/JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** agrees to serve, and the **BOARD** agrees to employ **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON**, as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction of the Teaneck Public School System for the **BOARD** of Education and **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** accepts full-time employment in such capacity in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- b. **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** represents that she possesses all appropriate and necessary certifications to carry out the responsibilities of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for the Teaneck Public School System, pursuant to State statutes and regulations.
- c. **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** agrees to accept and carry out all the full-time duties and responsibilities that currently do or may hereafter pertain to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the Teaneck Public School System, including specifically all of the duties and obligations prescribed by statutory, regulatory, decisional or any other State and/or Federal law, and all other duties and obligations that may now or hereafter be required by the **Superintendent**.
- d. The hours of work for **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** shall be all those hours necessary or desirable to fulfill her professional responsibilities as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. These hours specifically include those required for school system-related responsibilities occurring on weekends, evenings, nights and holidays. As Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON'S** work shall include, but shall not be limited to, the duties and responsibilities set forth in her job description and all other administrative duties designated or assigned by the Superintendent consistent with the job description.

- e. Nothing herein shall preclude **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** from undertaking speaking engagements, writing, lecturing or other professional activities provided that the **BOARD**, through the Superintendent of Schools and/or the **BOARD** President or designee, shall determine, in advance, that such activities do not interfere with or affect carrying out of the duties imposed upon **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

2. **TERM**

This Agreement shall commence July 1, 2020, and shall run through June 30, 2021. **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** shall serve in the role of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

3. **SALARY**

- a. **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON'S** annual salary shall be **\$163,200.00**. Salary shall be pro-rated for periods less than one full year.
- b. Payment of the salary amount described above shall be in accordance with the schedule of payments to administrative staff members.

4. **INSURANCE COVERAGE and FRINGE BENEFITS**

- a. **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** shall be entitled to medical, prescription and dental insurance coverage at **BOARD** expense, with coverage effective upon the first day of employment. Dependent care coverage shall be provided at **BOARD** expense, with coverage effective as stated above; provided, however, in addition to the co-pays required in the current coverage plans, pursuant to applicable law and regulation, **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** shall contribute an amount toward payment of premiums.

MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON may waive coverage in any of the health benefits plans if covered through a spouse, civil union or domestic partner's health plan, and in accordance with procedures established by the Board. **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** will be paid the lesser of (twenty-five percent) 25% or (Five Thousand Dollars) \$5,000 of the cost of said coverage for waiving such coverage.

- b. **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** shall be entitled to disability coverage at **BOARD** expense. The annual premium cost for such benefit shall not exceed eight thousand six hundred forty (\$8,640.00) dollars.
- c. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** shall earn twenty-five (25) vacation days, at the rate of 2.083 days per month, for each school year (July-June) covered by this Agreement. **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** agrees to make all reasonable efforts to take her vacation days when school is not in session and when an event or circumstance of special importance is not taking place or occurring in the District. Superintendent approval will be required for vacations of (5) five consecutive days, or more, when school is in session. Any vacation days unused in the year in which they accrued may be accumulated for one additional (1) year beyond the year of accrual. However, any vacation days remaining unused after the one additional year period shall be forever forfeited. Upon separation from service,, **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** shall be compensated for all accumulated unused vacation days to a maximum of fifty

(50) days. Compensation for unused vacation leave pursuant to this Section shall be at the rate of 1/260th of her then current annual salary for each unused vacation day. Unused accumulated vacation days shall be payable to MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON's estate or designated beneficiary. MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON shall be paid for all unused accumulated vacation days within 30 days of the date of separation.

- d. **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** shall be reimbursed for her annual professional organization membership dues and professional improvement at an amount not to exceed \$2,500. Memberships include but are not limited to the following organizations, NJ Association of School Administrators, American Association of School Administrators and the Bergen County Association of School Administrators. In addition to memberships, the Board has agreed to pay **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON's** mentoring fees and the cost of attending the New Jersey Residency Program to obtain the school administrator endorsement.
- e. **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON shall be given 12 sick days per year. She** may accumulate sick days not to exceed fifteen (15) days per year. Upon retirement, **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** shall be entitled to payment for accumulated sick leave days, as Assistant Superintendent, at the rate of 1/260 her then current salary per day (current salary divided by 260), to a maximum total payment of \$15,000. Said payment shall be made within thirty (30) days of the date of separation. Upon the commencement of employment, MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON will be given a bank of 20 sick days to be utilized in the event of illness. These banked sick days shall decrease in direct proportion to the number of sick days earned in the district and shall not be eligible for compensation.
- f. **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** shall be entitled to four (4) personal business days and three (3) family illness days annually. Unused personal business days shall be carried over as sick days as of June 30, 2015, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:30-7, as no more than fifteen (15) sick days can be accumulated in one year.
- g. **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** shall be entitled to reimbursement for up to (6) credits per semester at the Rutgers University rate subject to approval by the Superintendent of Schools and the **BOARD**. Reimbursement does not include the cost of registration, books, fees, etc. All education credits must be taken at an accredited institution. Reimbursement is contingent upon the attainment of a "B" or better. Coursework must culminate in a graduate degree conferred by a duly accredited institution of higher education. NJAC 6A:23A-3.1 (e)(16). Tuition shall be paid in accordance with the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-3.1(e)(16) and NJAC 6A:9-2.1.

5. **EXPENSES**

MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON shall be entitled to mileage reimbursement in connection with the performance of her duties. All district related travel and the reimbursement rate shall be in accordance with the New Jersey Office of Management and Budget circulars and regulations. MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON shall also be entitled to a District cell phone and a computer, both of which are to be used exclusively for District business.

6. SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT

MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON may unilaterally terminate this Employment by giving the Board 60 days notice.

7. INDEMNIFICATION

- a. The **BOARD** agrees that it shall defend, hold harmless and indemnify **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** from any and all demands, claims, suits, actions, and legal proceedings brought against **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** in her individual capacity or in her official capacity as agent and/or employee of the **BOARD**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 16-6 and 6.1.
- b. If, in the good faith opinion of **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON**, conflict exists as regards the defense to such claim between the legal position of **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** and the legal position of the **BOARD**, **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** may engage counsel, in which event the **BOARD** shall indemnify **MS. JIMENEZ-JOHNSON** for the costs of legal defense as permitted by state law.

8. SAVINGS CLAUSE

If any provision of this Agreement shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not impair, invalidate, or affect the remaining provisions of this Agreement, and they shall remain in full force and effect.

9. FORCE OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their respective heirs, successors and permitted assigns.

10. CONFLICTS

In the event of any conflict between the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of any Board Policy, practice, or any permissive State or federal law or regulations, the terms of this Agreement shall take precedence over the contrary provisions.

11. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be interpreted, construed and governed according to the laws of the State of New Jersey. Controversies arising under this Agreement pertaining to the purely contractual rights and obligations of the parties shall be cognizable in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County, and before the Commissioner of Education. All other controversies arising under this Agreement with regard to the parties' rights under any provision of the New Jersey Education Laws, N.J.S.A. Title 18A and the regulations implementing same, N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A, shall be within the primary jurisdiction of the New Jersey Commissioner of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-9.

12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The parties hereto understand and expressly intend that this Agreement embodies and contains the entire understanding between them, and that there are no representations, promises or considerations of any nature whatsoever, except as set forth herein. The parties further acknowledge that they agree to and are mutually capable of understanding and appreciating the intention and effect of every provision hereof, and that in addition, they have had the opportunity to review all provisions hereof with their respective legal counsel.

The parties further acknowledge that as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j), the Executive County Superintendent or designee has reviewed and approved all terms and conditions of the Contract prior to final Board action. The letter of approval is attached hereto.

13. REVOCAION CLAUSE

The parties hereby agree that in the event that the Assistant Superintendent's certification is permanently revoked, all provisions of this Employment Agreement shall be null and void as of the date of the revocation and if the Assistant Superintendent is lawfully precluded from performing her duties by any Judgment, Order or direction of any court of competent jurisdiction or the Commissioner of Education, that all provisions of this Employment Agreement shall terminate and the Assistant Superintendent's employment shall cease.

14. MODIFICATION CLAUSE

The terms and conditions of this Employment Agreement shall not be modified except by the written consent of both parties hereto and review and approval by the Executive County Superintendent. Any amendments to this Employment Agreement shall not create a new agreement or agreement term but shall only constitute an amendment to the existing Employment Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto affixed their hands and seals
this _____ day of _____, 2020.

MS. CHRISTINE JIMENEZ-JOHNSON

Ardie D. Walser, Ph.D.
Board President

Melissa Simmons
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

ASSISTANT/DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

Detailed Statement of Contract Costs

District: Teaneck

Name: Christine Jimenez-Johnson

Job Title: Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

District Grade Span: K-12

On Roll Students as of 10-15-18 3899.5

Yrs. As District Asst. Supt. 1.0 Total Yrs. Exp. as Asst. Supt. 1.0

	2019-2020	2020-2021	Difference	% Inc
Salary				
Salary	\$ 160,000	\$ 163,200	\$3,200	2.00%
Subcontracted Services				
Longevity				
TOTAL ANNUAL SALARY	\$ 160,000	\$ 163,200	\$3,200	2.00%
Additonal Salary				
Quantitative Merit Goals				
Qualitative Merit Goals				
Additional Compensation - Describe:				
Total Additional Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$0	#DIV/0!
TOTAL ANNUAL SALARY PLUS ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION	\$ 160,000	\$ 163,200	\$3,200	2.00%
Board Contribution for Cost of Premiums for:				
Health Insurance	\$ 37,905	\$ 36,147		
Prescription Insurance				
Dental Insurance	\$ 1,594	\$ 1,594		
Vision Insurance	\$ -	\$ -		
Disability Insurance	\$ 8,640	\$ 8,640		
Other Insurance - Describe:	\$ -	\$ -		
Waiver of Benefits	\$ -			
Section 125 Plan Reimbursements - Describe:	\$ -	\$ -		
Board Cost of Premiums	\$ 48,139	\$ 46,381	-\$1,758	-3.65%
Employee Contribution to Premiums as per Law	\$ 13,267	\$ 12,651	-\$616	-4.64%
TOTAL HEALTH BENEFITS COMPENSATION	\$ 34,872	\$ 33,730	-\$1,142	-3.27%
Other Compensation				
Travel and Expense Reimbursement (Estimated Annual Cost)	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		
Professional Development (Capped Amount or Estimated Annual Cost)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		
Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 8,900	\$ 8,900		
Mentoring Expenses - Describe: includes SARP				
National/State/County/Local/Other Dues	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500		
Subscriptions		\$ -		
Board Paid Cell Phone or Reimbursement for Personal Cell Phone	\$ -	\$ -		
Computer for Home use, including supplies, maintenance, internet	\$ -	\$ -		
Other - Describe: Professional Liability Insurance & Bond Insurance	\$ -	\$ -		
TOTAL OTHER COMPENSATION	\$ 13,900	\$ 13,900	\$0	0.00%
Sick and Vacation Compensation				
Maximum Payment for Unused Sick Leave Upon Retirement	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000		
Maximum Payment for Unused Vacation Leave - Retirement or Separation	\$ 30,769	\$ 31,385		
TOTAL UNUSED SICK AND VACATION PAYMENT	\$ 45,769	\$ 46,385	\$616	1.35%
TOTAL CONTRACT COST	\$ 254,541	\$ 257,215	\$2,674	1.05%

Vacation Days 25 Holidays 15 Personal Days 4 Total 44