

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between

EAST GREENWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE (“Committee”)

and

EAST GREENWICH TOWN COUNCIL (“Council”)

WHEREAS during the course of the fiscal year 2018 (“FY18”) budget discussions and deliberations, the Committee submitted its proposed budget to the Council seeking a 4% increase in its overall appropriation from its FY17 appropriation; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce the tax burden to its residents, the Council voted to pass its FY18 budget that did not provide for any increase in its appropriation to the Committee for the operation of the Town’s public education system; and

WHEREAS, in light of the level funded budget passed by the Council, the Committee attempted to balance its budget to avoid any projected deficit for FY18 by examining its line items and making reductions in certain expenditures, including personnel and programs; and

WHEREAS, both the Committee and the Council are cognizant of the Committee’s obligation under law to provide a level of educational programs and services consistent with the Basic Education Program and other mandates of federal and state law; and

WHEREAS, the Council is cognizant of its obligation to provide for a maintenance of effort funding, including all legal and contractual obligations of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Council and Committee support the One Town plan, which is codified in the budget appropriation as part of the FY18 budget as approved by the Council and Committee; and,

WHEREAS, in light of the above, the parties worked diligently with the Council's auditor to restore in the Committee's proposed budget certain programs and related expenditures the Superintendent and the Committee recommended maintaining. In so doing, the Council agreed to shift and assume with the Town-side budget certain fiscal obligations of the Committee, consisting primarily of salaries for certain School Department personnel, all of which are identified in the chart below, and all of which were passed and approved in the Council's final FY18 operating budget; and

Salaries Transferred to Town (paid by Town) Net of Curriculum Director					
Name	Trans Date	Job	FY18 Annual	FICA	TOTAL
Chris Spagnoli/Linda Dykeman	07/01/2017	Bus Ops O	116,154.95	3,976.84	120,131.79
Vic Babson	09/01/2017	Data Proc	83,596.34	6,395.12	89,991.46
Rose Emilio	07/01/2017	Bus Ops O	54,386.95	4,160.60	58,547.55
Stephanie Russo	07/01/2017	Bus Ops O	60,785.17	4,650.07	65,435.23
Andrew Mello	09/01/2017	Data Proc	41,583.58	3,181.14	44,764.72
Gregory Rumowicz	09/01/2017	Data Proc	52,965.52	4,051.86	57,017.39
Donna Wayles	09/01/2017	Data Proc	38,945.06	2,979.30	41,924.36
			448,417.57	29,394.94	477,812.51

100% Town Responsibility					
Object		Description	FY18 Budget (Adjusted)	FY18 Budget (Original)	Total
54204		Grounds keeping*	-	27,600	27,600
54201		Rubbish Disposal*	-	500	500
52501		Unemployment*	-	17,300	17,300
52201		EAP*	-	4,489	4,489
					49,889

NOTE: The cost for Fire/Police Details have been eliminated by Council Resolution.

NOTE: Items with (*) are fixed amounts and any cost in excess of the stated amounts shall be the sole responsibility of the School Department.

WHEREAS, in reliance on the representations made by the Council and its auditor that it would assume the above-identified expenditures, on June 20, 2017 the Committee amended its proposed budget to conform to the level-funded appropriation by the Council.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by the Committee and the Council, and intending to be legally and equitably bound hereby, the parties agree as follows:

1. For the duration of FY18, and in furtherance of the One Town plan, the Council will assume the obligations of the Committee set forth in the chart above totaling approximately \$527,701.51.

2. Upon presentation to the Council by the Committee of demonstrated need to increase the appropriation related to special education services, as identified in the budget line items below, the Council shall make a supplemental appropriation.

Special Ed - Reductions per Town commitment to subsequently fund documented need				
Object	Description	FY18 Budget (Adjusted)	FY18 Budget (Original)	Variance
53220	Other Purchased Prof Ed	598,850	672,259	73,409
53417	Contracted Nursing Svcs	173,850	247,200	73,350
55610	Tuition to Other School Districts	100,000	111,830	11,830
55630	Tuition to Private Sources	1,091,395	1,246,432	155,037
55640	Tuition to Educational Services	70,000	115,500	45,500

3. The Council may also consider funding additional line items in the Committee's budget, such as sewer charges, but such requests will not be binding and will only be considered on a case-by-case basis.

4. The Committee will continue to pay required health care and pension contributions for the employees and/or positions identified above, according to contract or law.

5. The Council acknowledges that the above positions are School Department employees and as such report to and take instruction from the Superintendent in the performance of their respective duties on behalf of the School Department.

6. The terms of this Memorandum of Agreement may only be amended in writing upon mutual assent of both parties.

EAST GREENWICH SCHOOL
COMMITTEE

EAST GREENWICH TOWN COUNCIL

By: Carolyn Mark, Chairperson

By: Suzanne McGee Cienki, President

Date

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