

**Side Letter Agreement
Between
The Meriden Board of Education
and
The Meriden Federation of Teachers**

Whereas the Meriden Board of Education and the Meriden Federation of Teachers amended Section 6.7 of the collective bargaining agreement (the Agreement) in the last negotiations, with such change to be effective September 1, 2012, and

Whereas the parties wish to avoid an adverse impact on current Meriden Public School teachers who have completed thirty semester hours of approved graduate study beyond a Baccalaureate or Master's Degree.

Now therefore the parties agree to the following:

- 1) The Board agrees to allow any teacher employed with the Meriden Board of Education as of June 1, 2012 who, as of August 31, 2012, has completed at least thirty (30) semester hours of approved graduate study beyond a Baccalaureate Degree, to be paid in accordance with the "Bachelor's +30 or Master's" schedule as it is outlined in the parties' collective bargaining agreement. Such teachers shall continue to be paid in accordance with the "Bachelor's +30 or Master's" schedule until he or she has satisfied the requirements to proceed to the next degree schedule.

- 2) The Board agrees to allow any teacher currently employed with the Meriden Board of Education as of June 1, 2012 who has completed at least thirty (30) semester hours of approved graduate study, and was placed on "Bachelor's +30 or Master's" schedule before August 31, 2012 and who thereafter obtains a Master's Degree in addition to their completed thirty (30) semester hours, to be paid in accordance with the "Sixth Year" schedule as it is outlined in the parties' collective bargaining agreement. Such teachers shall not be required to obtain a second Master's Degree or a Sixth Year certificate in order to remain or be placed on the "Sixth Year" schedule.

For the Meriden Board of Education

For the Meriden Federation of Teachers

Date

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