

**Employment Contract**  
**for the Director of Food and Nutrition Services**

This Employment Contract is made and entered into on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2012, by and between the Brick Township Board of Education, with offices located at 101 Hendrickson Ave., Brick, New Jersey 08724 (hereinafter referred to as the "Board").

and

Margaret M. DeBlasi, RD, (hereinafter referred to as the "Director of Food and Nutrition Services")

**WHEREAS**, Board of Education desires to provide the Director of Food and Nutrition Services with a written Employment Contract in order to describe, specifically, the relationship between the Board of Education and the Director of Food and Nutrition Services, and to serve as the basis of effective communication between them as they fulfill their respective governance and employment functions in the operation of the Brick Township Public Schools,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board and the Director of Food and Nutrition Services, for the consideration herein specified, agree as follows;

**TERM**

Whereas, the Board, in consideration of the promises herein contained of the Director of Food and Nutrition Services, hereby employs, and the Director of Food and Nutrition Services hereby accepts employment as the Director of Food and Nutrition Services for the Brick Township Board of Education, for a term commencing July 1, 2012 and running through the date of June 30, 2013.

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The duties to be performed by the Director of Food and Nutrition Services shall be as set forth in applicable New Jersey Statutes and Administrative Code, relevant sections of policies and administrative regulations heretofore or hereafter adopted by Board and other appropriate duties as Board may from time-to-time require.

The Director of Food and Nutrition Services shall devote her time, attention and energy to the business of the school district. However, she may seek additional forms of compensation outside of the district. Such outside activities shall not interfere with the duties of the employee nor the Board's business. The Board's business shall be of top priority at all times. All duties assigned to the Director of Food and Nutrition Services should be consistent with the professional role and responsibility of the Director of Food and Nutrition Services, and shall be set by Board policy and in the appropriate job description which may be modified from time to time, consistent with the intent set forth above.

The normal work day and work week shall be seven (7) hours per day, Monday through Friday, thirty five (35) hours per week, with a daily lunch of one hour (added to work day). Summer hours shall be in effect from the first full five day work week in July (excluding holidays) through the last full five day work week in August. The summer time workday shall be seven and one half (7.5) hours per day, plus a one half (1/2) hour lunch period. The summer time workweek shall be four (4) days per week, Monday through Thursday. Sick, Vacation, and Personal days utilized during this period will be charged as 1 day, or in other words seven (7) hours of sick, vacation or personal time for every 7 hour workday.

## COMPENSATION

During the term of this Employment Contract, including any extensions thereof, the Director of Food and Nutrition Services shall not be reduced in compensation, including salary and benefits. Any increase in compensation during the term of this contract shall be considered an amendment to this contract. Any additional compensation that the Board agrees to give to the Director of Food and Nutrition Services, over and above the compensation set forth and agreed upon between the parties, shall become part of this Employment Contract, but it shall not be deemed that the Board and the Director of Food and Nutrition Services have entered into a new Employment Contract. Any amendments to this Contract shall be in writing, approved by the Board and signed by representatives of the Board and by the Director of Food and Nutrition Services.

- A. Salary: The salary rate shall be paid to the Director of Food and Nutrition Services in accordance with the schedule of salary payments of the Board. The Board shall pay the Director of Food and Nutrition Services an annual salary rate of ninety thousand five hundred sixty dollars (\$90,560), for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
- B. Cell Phone: The Director of Food and Nutrition Services at her own cost and expense shall be required to have and maintain a cellular telephone for business purposes.
- C. Vacation/Holidays: The Director of Food and Nutrition Services shall be granted fifteen (15) paid vacation days annually pro-rated and earned at 1.25 days per month. A maximum of 10 unused vacation days may be carried over from one year to the next with prior approval from the Business Administrator. The Director of Food and Nutrition

Services shall not take more than ten (10) working days, as vacation days, in a row without prior approval of the Business Administrator. The Business Administrator's office shall be responsible for maintaining written documentation of the Director of Food and Nutrition Services earned and accrued vacation days. In the event the Director of Food and Nutrition Services retires or resigns during the year, vacation days earned shall be pro-rated for that year. In the event of death of the Director of Food and Nutrition Services all accumulated earned and accrued vacation days shall be paid to the estate of the Director of Food and Nutrition Services at the Director of Food and Nutrition Services then current per-diem rate of pay. The per-diem rate of pay shall be 1/260<sup>th</sup>. The Director of Food and Nutrition Services shall be entitled to all holidays in the school year that are given to certified staff members. If the Director of Food and Nutrition Services is required to work on a given holiday, she shall be entitled to take another day off during the contract term, without loss of pay.

- D. Sick Leave: The Director of Food and Nutrition Services shall be allowed fifteen (15) days sick leave annually. The unused portion of said days, at the end of any year, shall be accumulated in accordance with state law. Upon retirement from service with the Brick Township School District, the Board will pay the Director of Food and Nutrition Services for all unused, accrued sick leave time in the district at an amount not to exceed one half the per diem rate of pay earned by the Director of Food and Nutrition Services at her then-current annual salary based upon one day for every two days earned to a maximum reimbursement for 29 days (days accumulated as of June 30, 2012) not to exceed \$4,500. The per-diem rate of pay shall be 1/260<sup>th</sup>.

- E. Bereavement Leave: The Director of Food and Nutrition Services shall be entitled to paid bereavement leave in the event of the death of a member of her immediate family for up to four (4) days, to be utilized within a two-week period commencing on the date of death without loss of pay. Immediate family shall include spouse, civil union partner, child, mother, father, step mother, step father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandfather, grandfather-in-law, step grandfather, grandmother, grandmother-in-law, step grandmother, brother, stepbrother, brother-in-law, sister, stepsister, sister-in-law. Up to one (1) school day within a two-week period commencing with the event of death of an aunt, aunt-in-law, uncle, uncle-in-law, niece, step-niece, nephew or step-nephew shall be allowed without loss of pay.
- F. Benefits: The Board of Education shall pay the premium of insurance protection for the Director of Food and Nutrition Services and her family, which insurance shall include Point of Service/HMO health care insurance, dental insurance and a prescription plan. The Board reserves the right to select the appropriate insurance carrier(s). All insurance plans mentioned in this Article shall be continued by the Board while the Director of Food and Nutrition Services is utilizing FMLA/NJFLA. The prescription plan provided by the Board shall be a co-pay prescription plan. The co-payment for prescription drugs shall be the same as that of the Brick Township Education Association. The dental insurance provided by the Board will be equal to the dental insurance provided to all other certified staff members. The Board shall provide a payroll deduction for voluntary disability insurance with carriers as selected by the Board. The Director of Food and Nutrition Services may request a waiver of insurance protection. If a waiver of insurance

protection is granted by the Board, payment in lieu of insurance protection will be made annually to the Director of Food and Nutrition Services as follows:

Health Care Insurance \$3,000

Dental Insurance \$500

Prescription Plan \$1,000

Waiver of health care insurance coverage will require proof of health care insurance elsewhere. If the Director of Food and Nutrition Services waives coverage for a partial year then payment will be paid in lieu on a pro-rata basis. Payments of the waived amounts will be made with the final paycheck of the school year. The Board shall provide a payroll deduction for voluntary disability insurance with carriers as selected by the Board. Upon the permanent separation from employment the Board's health-care plans shall cease immediately following the Director of Food and Nutrition Services last day on the payroll. The coverage shall immediately be terminated unless the Director of Food and Nutrition Services has arranged prior thereto for its continuation consistent with her rights, if any, under law. If the Director of Food and Nutrition Services elects to participate in any of the insurance protections (medical, prescription or dental) offered she shall contribute toward the cost of the insurance as dictated by State law. If the Board elects to move out of the State Health Benefits Plan, coverages provided (health care, dental and prescription plan) shall be consistent with the coverages provided to other employees of the Board.

G. Membership Dues: The Board shall pay the Director of Food and Nutrition Services membership dues with the approval of the Business Administrator and pursuant to applicable state laws.

- H. Automobile Use Reimbursement: When automobile use is necessary in the course of District business, the Board shall reimburse the Director of Food and Nutrition Services for all tolls, parking fees and mileage expenses at maximum established by applicable State law as may be amended from time to time.
- I. Expense Reimbursement: If the Director of Food and Nutrition Services pays for legitimate expenses or purchases items needed to serve in her role, she shall be reimbursed following submission of the appropriate expense account form to the Business Administrator. The Director of Food and Nutrition Services shall be entitled to attend conferences and/or workshops related to her responsibilities. All expense reimbursements shall comply with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 and applicable Board policies.
- J. Deferred Compensation: The Director of Food and Nutrition Services is authorized to establish and contribute to a deferred compensation/tax shelter program in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:66-127, -128 and – 129.
- K. Tuition Reimbursement: The Board shall reimburse the Director of Food and Nutrition Services for registration fees, tuition expenses, and textbooks for graduate school coursework or doctoral program at institutions of the Director of Food and Nutrition Services choice, up to \$3,500 per year.

## **TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**

This Contract shall terminate, the Director of Food and Nutrition Services employment shall cease, and no salary shall be paid, under any one of the following circumstances:

- a) Mutual agreement of the parties;



- b) Unilateral termination by either party, with or without cause, by giving thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice of termination to the other party at the address set forth above;
- c) Fraudulent misrepresentation by the Director of Food and Nutrition Services of employment history, educational and professional credentials, and criminal background;
- d) Incapacity of the Director of Food and Nutrition Services to perform all the responsibilities of a full-time Director of Food and Nutrition Services;

### **COMPLETE AGREEMENT**

This Employment Contract embodies the entire agreement between the parties hereto and cannot be changed except by written agreement of the undersigned parties.

### **CONFLICTS**

In the event of any conflict between the terms, conditions and provisions of this Employment Contract and the provisions of the Board's policies or any permissive Federal or State law, then, unless otherwise prohibited by law, the terms of this Employment Contract shall take precedence over the contrary provisions of the Board's policies or any other such statutes, regulations or rulings.

### **SAVINGS CLAUSE**

If, during the term of this Employment Contract, it is found that a specific clause of the Contract is illegal under Federal or State law, the remainder of this Employment Contract shall remain in force.

### **RELEASE OF PERSONNEL INFORMATION**

The Board acknowledges and agrees that the New Jersey Open Public Records Act and case law interpreting that Act govern disclosure of personnel records. All other information, except as otherwise provided by law, is deemed confidential and shall not be released to the public absent the written consent of the Director of Food and Nutrition Services, or by a lawful order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

### **PERSONNEL RECORDS**

The Director of Food and Nutrition Services shall have the right, upon request, to review the contents of her personnel file and to receive copies at Board expense of any documents contained therein. She shall be entitled to have a representative accompany her during such review. At least once every year, the Director of Food and Nutrition Services shall have the right to indicate those documents or other materials in his file that she believes to be obsolete or otherwise inappropriate to retain. Upon the agreement with the Business Administrator, such documents identified by her shall be destroyed. No material derogatory to the Director of Food and Nutrition Services conduct, service, character or personality shall be placed in her file unless she has had an opportunity to review the material. The Business Administrator shall acknowledge that the Director of Food and Nutrition Services has had the opportunity to review such material by affixing his signature to the copy to be filed, with the express understanding that such

signature in no way indicates agreement with the contents thereof. The Director of Food and Nutrition Services shall also have the right to submit a written response or rebuttal to such material.

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Food and Nutrition Services has approved of the terms and conditions of this Employment Contract; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Employment Contract has been approved by a vote of a majority of the full membership of the Board of Education of the Township of Brick at its meeting of June 21, 2012, and has been made a part of the minutes of that meeting.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have set their hands and seals to this Employment Contract effective on the day and year first above written.

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Margaret M. DeBlasi, RD  
Director of Food and Nutrition Services

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF  
EDUCATION

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Sharon Kight  
President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS

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James W. Edwards, Jr., CPA  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary