

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education

"Building a Bright Future for All Learners"

Regular Board Meeting

August 16, 2023

6:00 p.m. Closed Session

7:00 p.m. Open Session

Galt City Hall Chamber

380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA 95632

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AGENDA

Anyone may comment publicly on any item within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction to the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education. However, the Board may not take action on any item not on this Board meeting agenda except as authorized by Government Code section 54954.2.

- Complete a public comment form indicating the item you want to address and give it to the board meeting assistant.
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- Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item.
- Public comments emailed to superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us 24 hours before the board meeting will be posted on the GJUESD website with the agenda. Email public comment is limited to 450 words.
- The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the president may increase or decrease the time allowed for public presentation, depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard.

Board of Education Meetings are recorded.

A. 6:00 p.m. – Closed Session Location: Galt City Hall Conference Room

B. Announce items to be discussed in Closed Session, Adjourn to Closed Session

1. STUDENT MATTER, Education Code §35146, 48918(c)
 - Expulsion Re-admit Case No. 21/22-04
2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, Pursuant to Government Code, §54956.8
Property: 320 W Elm Avenue [APN 148-0140-057-0000]
Agency Negotiator(s): P. Addison Covert, Parker & Covert LLP Attorney At Law
Negotiating Parties: Galt Joint Union Elementary School District and City of Galt
Under Negotiation: Purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property
3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, Government Code §54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Lois Yount, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Kuljeet Nijjar
 - Employee Agency: (GEFA) Galt Elementary Faculty Association
 - Employee Agency: (CSEA) California School Employee Association
 - Non-Represented Employees

4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT, Pursuant to Government Code, §54957, subd. (b)(1)
Title: Chief Business Officer

C. Adjourn Closed Session, Call Meeting to Order, Flag Salute, Announce Action Taken in Closed Session

D. Board Meeting Protocol

E. Public Comments for topics not on the agenda

Public comment is limited to three minutes or less, pending Board President's approval.

F. Reports

LCAP GOAL 1

Engaging learners in PreK-8 through a focus on equity, access, and academic rigor with inclusive practices in various learning environments.

1. New School Year and Enrollment Updates
2. 2023 Summer Programs
3. Spring 2023 Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) and California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

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OTHER REPORTS

1. Budget 45-Day Revision
2. Williams Uniform Complaint Process (UCP) Quarter 4 Report
3. State Facility Funding
4. School Calendars

G. Routine Matters/New Business

232.401 Consent Calendar

a. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION

At a regular meeting, the Board may act upon an item of business not appearing on the posted agenda if, first, the Board publicly identifies the item, and second, one or more of the following occurs:

- 1) The Board, by a majority vote of the entire Board, decides that an emergency (as defined in Government Code section 54956.5) exists; or
- 2) Upon a decision by a two-thirds vote of the Board, or if less than two-thirds of the Board members are present, a unanimous vote of those present, the Board decides that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the District after the agenda was posted; or
- 3) The item was posted on the agenda of a prior meeting of the Board occurring not more than five calendar days before the date of this meeting, and at the preceding meeting, the item was continued to this meeting.

b. Minutes

- June 20, 2023 Special Board Meeting
- June 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

c. Payment of Warrants

- Vendor Warrants: 24428709-24428769; 24427909-24427926; 24427394-24427420; 23426952-23426987; 23423170-23423263; 23424609-23424661; 23425602-23425642; 24431193-24431212
- Payroll Warrants: 6/16/23; 6/30/23; 7/10/23; 7/31/23; 8/10/23

- d. Personnel
 - Resignations/Retirements
 - Leave of Absence Requests
 - New Hires/Reclassifications

- e. Out-of-State Conference Attendance: Edupoint Synergy Connect 2023 Conference, November 2-3, 2023, Orlando Florida, for Gina Fuentes, Teacher on Special Assignment and Kristine Baptista, Information Systems Technician

- f. Contractor Bid for Base Foundation for Three Portable Classrooms at Lake Canyon Elementary School

- g. Consulting Services Agreement with AR Leadership Partners, LLC

- h. Master Contracts for Nonpublic Schools and Agencies
 1. ATX Learning
 2. CCHAT
 3. Easter Seals
 4. Lodi Children’s Therapy
 5. Point Quest Depot Park
 6. The Stepping Stones Group

232.402	Consent Calendar (Continued) – Items Removed for Later Consideration	MOTION
232.403	Board Action Regarding Student Expulsion Re-admit Case No. 21/22-04	MOTION
232.404	Board Consideration of Approval of Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Employment Agreement for Chief Business Officer Beginning September 1, 2023, and Ending September 1, 2026.	MOTION
232.405	Board Consideration of Approval of Master Agreement For Architectural Services	MOTION
232.406	Board Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 1 California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program (CalSHAPE) Grant Agreement for Robert L. McCaffrey Middle School, Lake Canyon Elementary, Vernon E. Greer Elementary, River Oaks Elementary and Marengo Ranch Elementary	MOTION
232.407	Board Consideration of Approval of 19six Architects’ Proposal for Facility Master Plan Services	MOTION
232.408	Board Consideration of Approval of 2023-24 Consolidated Application	MOTION
232.409	Board Consideration of Approval to Increase Adult School Lunch Prices for the 2023-24 School Year	MOTION

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| 232.410 | Board Consideration to Nominate California School Boards Association (CSBA) Directors-at-Large African American, American Indian, and County | MOTION |
| 232.411 | First Reading of the Following Board Policies (BP), Administrative Regulations (AR) and Bylaw (BB):
<u>Superintendent</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BP 1113 - District and School Websites
AR 1113 - District and School Websites 2. BP 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units 3. BB 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials <u>Curriculum</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. BP 4112.2 – Certification
AR 4112.2 – Certification 5. BP 6174 - Education for English Learners
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H. Public Comments for topics not on the agenda
Public comment is limited to three minutes or less, pending Board President's approval.

I. Pending Agenda Items

J. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the GJUESD Board of Education: September 20, 2023

Board agenda materials are available for review at the address below. Individuals who require disability-related accommodations or modifications, including auxiliary aids and services, to participate in the Board meeting should contact the Superintendent or designee in writing.

Lois Yount, District Superintendent
 Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
 1018 C Street, Suite 210, Galt, CA 95632
 superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us



Board Meeting Agenda Item Information

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Revised February 9, 2022

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
BOARD MEETING PROTOCOL

SESSION INTRODUCTION

1. The meeting is being recorded.
2. The meeting is open to the public.
3. The meeting is being broadcast live through Zoom teleconference.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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BOARD VOTE AND CONNECTIVITY

1. Each motion will be followed by a roll call vote for action items.
2. Should a board member attend the meeting remotely and lose connectivity by teleconference or phone, the meeting will be delayed five minutes.

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS SHALL BE ADJOURNED BY 10:30 P.M.





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Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Welcome Back 2023

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
August 14, 2023



Mission Statement

The mission of the school district is to promote growth and achievement through innovative educational programs that integrate personal strengths, social-emotional and academic learning for all children.

Vision Statement

Our schools create safe learning environments that provide equitable access to engaging opportunities for all children. We foster learning environments for collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking to ensure children are successful in school and in their future.

2023-24 District Goals and Focus Areas

- *Student Academic Growth*
 - *MAP Reading and Math – 5% growth*
 - *District Reading Assessments – 10% growth*
- *Continuous Improvement Cycles and Collaboration*
- *CalSCHLS Surveys – Increase engagement, relationships and safety*
- *Improve Attendance*
- *Improve & Maintain Facilities*
- *New Math Framework Professional Development*
- *Implementing **SOME** Building Thinking Classrooms Strategies*



Vertical Workspaces and Collaboration

Learning on Their Feet

Vertical learning – a framework for high quality group work – showcases student thinking for everyone to see.

Celebrate Growth

- *CAASPP: Smarter Balanced Test Results*
- *Percentage of Students Met/Exceeded Grade Level Standards*

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Leadership Teamwork & Collaboration

Board of Education

Wesley Cagle
President
Area 1

Katherine Harper
Area 2

Casey Raboy
Clerk
Area 3

Traci Skinner
Vice President
Area 4

Annette Kunze
Area 5

Cabinet Members

Lois Yount
Superintendent

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano
Curriculum Director

Kuljeet Nijjar
Educational Services
Director

Alejandra Garibay
Chief Business Officer

School Administrators

Laura Marquez, Principal
Fairsite

Judi Hayes, Principal
Lake Canyon

Jennifer Porter, Principal
Marengo Ranch

Tina Homdus, Principal
River Oaks

Carlos Castillo, Principal
Robert L. McCaffrey

David Nelson, Principal
Valley Oaks

Stephanie Simonich, Principal
Vernon E. Greer

Elaine Trull, Asst. Principal
River Oaks & McCaffrey

Joshua Saldate, Asst. Principal
McCaffrey

Laura Papineau, Asst. Principal
Lake Canyon & Marengo Ranch

Leah Wheeler, Asst. Principal
Greer and Valley Oaks

Supervisors/Coordinators

Brenda Bachman
Fiscal Services Supervisor

Lori Jones
Expanded Learning District
Coordinator

Michelle Trujillo
Transportation Supervisor

Minh Do
Technology Coordinator

Nick Svoboda
Food Services Supervisor

Stephanie Semas
Human Resources
Coordinator

William Beckett
Environmental Coordinator

Union Leadership

GEFA

Gayleen Gomez
President

Amy Mangili
Kristin Szyper
Sunshine Umeda
Tammy Partridge
Brett Larson
Laura Christopherson

CSEA

Isabel Valencia
President

Connie Valencia
Tristan Bond
Cheyenne Zimmerman-
Calkins
Cristina Robles
Shelly Zimmerman

Math Pilot Teachers

Alyson Willey
River Oaks

Ashley Cobb
Greer

Brittany Kelly
Marengo Ranch

Erika Duenas
McCaffrey

Jean Keiser
Lake Canyon

Jenne McGranahan
Marengo Ranch

Kim Frizzi
Greer

Kourtney Scott
Lake Canyon

Kristin Kendall
Valley Oaks

Michelyn Farrell
Marengo Ranch

Sara Mullins
Fairsite

Sarah Giglia
Greer

Tracey Leveroni
McCaffrey

Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSA)

Christina Ceccarelli
Lake Canyon

Christa Dunkel
Greer

Colleen Wilson
River Oaks

Gina Fuentes
District Office

Heather Wetzel
Marengo Ranch

Jessica Rogers
Valley Oaks

Building Thinking Classroom Teachers

Brittany Abitz
Christina Ceccarelli
Chelsea Crager
Erika Duenas
Christa Dunkel
Anna Durnell
Michelyn Farrell
Gilberto Gil
Lisa Guttridge
Francine Hooper
Tracy Leveroni
Cozann Martindale
Cindy McCown
Jenne McGranahan
David Moore
Ashley Morris
Sara Murray
Alexis Paige
Jissel Palomares
Sarah Pierce
Anyia Pierre
Jessica Rogers
Benjamin Solomon
Joshua Thornton
Tammy Trinnamin
Crystal Vallejo
Sunshine Umeda
Jessica Utile
Heather Wetzel
Suzanne Whelihan

Teacher Mentors

Amy Mangili
Valley Oaks

Ann Rivera
McCaffrey

Britney Sommer
River Oaks

Christa Dunkel
Greer

Emily Dermon
McCaffrey

Gina Fuentes
Valley Oaks & River
Oaks

Heather Wetzel
Marengo Ranch

Jenne Mcgranahan
Marengo Ranch

Joanna Nelson
McCaffrey

Lupita Ayala
Valley Oaks (DLI)

Marcia Juarez
Fairsite

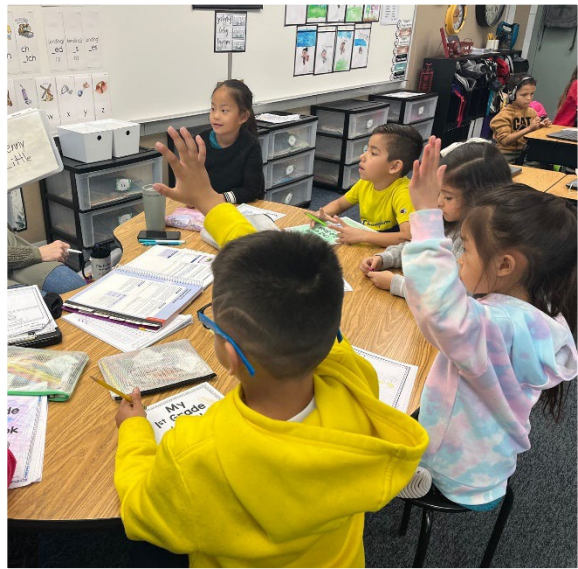
Michelle Mobley
Lake Canyon

Michelyn Farrell
Marengo Ranch

Sara Mullins
Fairsite

School Resource Officer (SRO): Matt Walters

“Teachers affect eternity; They can never tell where their influence stops.” — Henry B. Adams





Mark Schumacher, Guest Speaker

Mark is an educator, speaker and stand-up comedian. He was a classroom teacher for over 10 years and taught in three different countries. His comedy writing was featured in the LA Times and in 2015 he was selected as one of the top 100 comedians in the country and appeared on NBC's Last Comic Standing. Mark has delivered his keynote message to tens of thousands of educators all across the country. His unique background in education and comedy will help give us ideas on how we can better connect with our students and colleagues and reignite the joy in our schools and profession.



Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

Enrollment

Total Enrollment

Beginning 2023-24	Ending 2022-23	Ending 2021-22
3410	3361	3320

Enrollment by School

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Fairsite (Transitional Kinder)	125	94 <small>(does not include special education)</small>	
Greer	539	508	495
Lake Canyon	470	511	536
Marengo Ranch	467	446	503
River Oaks	517	534	545
Valley Oaks	515	508	508
McCaffrey	777	781	725

Enrollment by Grade Level

	TK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Fairsite	125									
Greer		81	69	89	81	67	90	62		
Lake Canyon		44	64	60	63	94	70	75		
Marengo Ranch		57	57	60	54	72	84	83		
River Oaks		49	67	83	72	84	73	89		
Valley Oaks		89	63	66	74	73	74	76		
McCaffrey									377	400
Total	125	320	320	358	344	390	391	385	377	400



Summer Programs 2023

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

Programs

Extended School Year (ESY), Summer School, Migrant Program:

- ❖ June 5th through June 30th
- ❖ (no school 6/19)

Expanded Learning Summer Program (GEL)

- ❖ Session 1: June 5th through June 30th
- ❖ Session 2: July 5th through July 26th



Staffing

- ESY Coordinator: Gina Fuentes
- Summer School Coordinator: Leah Wheeler
- Expanded Learning Coordinator: Lori Jones
- Teachers - 41
- Classified Staff - 59
- School Nurse- 1

2023 Student Projections: Summer School/GEL Numbers

Site	Gen Ed.	SPED	SCOE	GEL
GES	256	11	7	122
RO	161	60	0	105
FS	51	20	5	33
MMS		27		43
LC				67
MRE				71



Attendance

Grade	Number of Students	Average Attendance
PreK/TK	56	76%
K	43	83%
1	75	81%
2	53	74%
3	49	75%
4	63	77%
5	49	73%
6	22	66%
6-7-8 (SpEd)	17	78%
Migrant	14	47%



Academic Growth

Percentage of students that made growth on pre and post tests.

	Math	ELA
Kindergarten	97%	85%
1st	85%	91%
2nd	81%	72%
3rd	72%	56%
4th	88%	86%
5th	86 %	75%
6th	88 %	76%



Migrant Program

3 thematic units:

- The highs and lows of California: The math of this unit focused on integers (positive and negative numbers).
- Solar System: We focused on scientific notation and the distance between planets. We did a walking field trip called "[If the Earth was a Peppercorn.](#)" We built a scale model of the solar system and the distance between planets.
- Cesar Chavez and his impact for equity in California: The focus for the math in this unit was rates and ratios. The larger focus was on Cesar Chavez and his impact for families in California.

The Life of Cesar Chavez

5 Key Terms

1. Activist
2. Farm worker
3. Labor leader
4. Boycott
5. Stereotyped

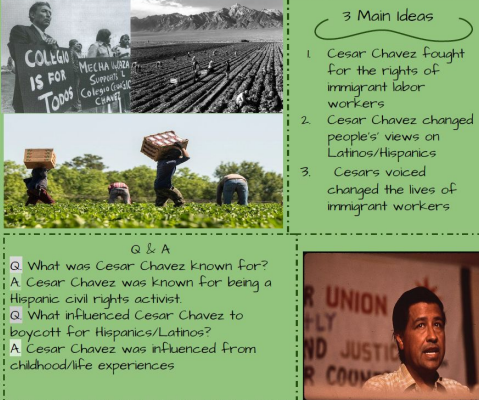
3 Main Ideas

1. Cesar Chavez fought for the rights of immigrant labor workers
2. Cesar Chavez changed people's views on Latinos/Hispanics
3. Cesars voiced changed the lives of immigrant workers

Q & A

Q What was Cesar Chavez known for?
A Cesar Chavez was known for being a Hispanic civil rights activist.

Q What influenced Cesar Chavez to boycott for Hispanics/Latinos?
A Cesar Chavez was influenced from childhood/life experiences



Cesar Chavez One Pager



Cesar Chavez was a Mexican-American Laborer and grew up on a ranch in Yuma Arizona but was scammed out of their ranch and moved to California.



When Cesar boycotted the grapes did he ever think about eating a few? Did Cesar ever get tired doing all that for people he didn't even know? Did Cesar ever get in a fight in his whole life since he didn't resort to violence during his marches? When he moved did he feel different? Yes, because he saw how Mexican-American people were being treated and started the NFWA. How long did he walk when going to Sacramento from Delano? He walked 340 miles.

Was Cesar Chavez born in Arizona? Yes, he was born in Yuma Arizona to be exact.



He grew and realized that the Mexicans that were working in the field were not getting paid enough and were being treated very badly so he became a civil rights activist and became Co-founder of the National Farm Workers Association(NFWA). He told people to boycott the grapes that Laborers picked and led marches all over California.

Expanded Learning Summer Programs

- Served students and families at 6 sites
- 6 Site Coordinators and 18 Instructional Assistants
- 325 students enrolled in Session 1
- 250 students enrolled in Session 2



Expanded Learning Summer Programs

Students participated in a variety of activities that included:

- Creative writing
- Team building exercises
- WOW on Wheels
- LEGO and magnetic block building
- Walking field trip
- Circle time with the “question of the day”
- Gardening



Questions



Board Meeting August 2023

Reports

SBAC Results

The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments, which are administered by computer, consist of two sections: a computer adaptive test (CAT) and a performance task (PT) based on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for ELA and mathematics. The computer adaptive section includes a range of item types, such as selected response, constructed response, table, fill-in, graphing, and so forth. The PTs are extended activities that measure a student's ability to integrate knowledge and skills across multiple standards—a key component of college and career readiness.

These results in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and mathematics give one measure of how well students are mastering California's challenging academic standards. The skills called for by these standards- the ability to write clearly, think critically, and solve problems- are essential for preparing students for college and careers.

There are four performance levels for ELA and math; Level 1- Standard Not Met, Level 2- Standard Nearly Met, Level 3- Standard Met and Level 4- Standard Exceeded. The goal is a Performance Level 3 or Level 4.

The data below reflects the percent of students who obtained a Level 3 or Level 4 as measured by SBAC 2023; as a reference point, SBAC 2022 results are also included:

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Data sets are also included- by school- for your review:

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CAASPP: Smarter Balanced Test Results

Percentage of Students Met/Exceeded Grade Level Standards

English Language Arts/Literacy

Greer	3	4	5	6	All Students
2022	39%	43%	47%	35%	41%
2023	55%	44%	33%	51%	46%

Lake Canyon	3	4	5	6	All Students
2022	49%	42%	54%	49%	49%
2023	46%	45%	48%	52%	48%

Marengo Ranch	3	4	5	6	All Students
2022	61%	41%	64%	54%	54%
2023	58%	45%	58%	52%	53%

River Oaks	3	4	5	6	All Students
2022	45%	44%	51%	53%	48%
2023	55%	44%	42%	47%	47%

Valley Oaks	3	4	5	6	All Students
2022	33%	20%	32%	41%	31%
2023	36%	27%	20%	49%	34%

McCaffrey	7	8	All Students
2022	49%	54%	51%
2023	50%	54%	52%

Mathematics

Greer	3	4	5	6	All Students
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2023	52%	42%	26%	36%	40%

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2023	54%	48%	57%	38%	49%

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2022	45%	41%	40%	44%	42%
2023	73%	34%	24%	39%	42%

Valley Oaks	3	4	5	6	All Students
2022	32%	18%	16%	36%	25%
2023	37%	20%	9%	38%	26%

McCaffrey	7	8	All Students
2022	31%	33%	32%
2023	33%	33%	33%



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The District has received \$10,783,546 in State funds for Modernization. This has enabled the District to expand its bond program from \$19.7 M to \$30.5 M, an increase of over 30%.

4. School Calendars

School Administration

Back-to-School Events

August 8 – McCaffrey Jump Start

August 9 – McCaffrey Jump Start

August 15 – Lake Canyon Back to School Meet and Greet 4:00 pm

August 15 – McCaffrey Night at The Dog House 6:30-8:00 p.m.

August 21 – Marengo Ranch Back to School Night 5:30-7:00 pm

August 22 – River Oaks Back to School Night 5:30-7:00 pm

August 22 – Valley Oaks Back to School Night 5:30-7:00 pm

August 23 – Fairsite Back to School Night 5:30-7:00 pm

August 24 – McCaffrey Back to School Night 6:00-7:30 pm

August 28 – Greer Back to School Night 5:30-7:00 pm

August 30 – Lake Canyon Back to School Night 1:30 and 5:30 pm sessions

**GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2023-24 45 Day Budget Revision**

GENERAL FUND REVENUE:

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
LCFF Revenue	-
Federal Revenue	-
State Revenue	-
Local Revenues	-
Transfers from Other Funds	-
TOTAL INCREASE(DECREASE) IN REVENUE	-

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Certificated Salary	365,219
Classified Salary	124,548
Employee Benefits	215,380
Books & supplies	-
Services, Other Expense	-
Capital Outlay	-
Other Outgo	-
Interfund Transfers	-
TOTAL INCREASE(DECREASE) IN EXPENDITURES	705,147
Reserve	(1,674,688)
TOTAL INCREASE(DECREASE) IN RESERVE	(1,674,688)

Certificated Increases:

Additional TK, Kinder and 2nd Art teacher positions, and the hiring of teachers above average salary used in Adopted Budget

Classified Increases:

Addition of an LVN, BFLA IA and SPED IA's

Components of Decrease in Reserves

Reduction in 22-23 restricted revenue for:

Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant (AMISDBG)	(108,422)
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Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant (LRDBG)	(861,119)
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Additional expenditures above	(705,147)
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Total	(1,674,688)
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GJUESD - Multi Year Financial Analysis 2023-24 45 Day Revision		Object Codes	45 Day Revision 2022-23	45 Day Revision 2023-24	Projected 2024-25	Projected 2025-26
A. REVENUES						
LCFF Sources	8010-8099		38,136,091	39,735,226	39,895,917	40,401,748
Federal Revenues	8100-8299		6,816,895	3,048,206	1,969,854	1,969,854
Other State Revenues	8300-8599		13,163,285	7,319,551	7,319,551	7,319,551
Other Local Revenues	8600-8799		2,994,961	2,372,259	2,089,343	2,089,343
Total Revenues			61,111,232	52,475,242	51,274,665	51,780,496
B. EXPENDITURES						
Certificated Salaries	1000-1999		22,422,528	21,722,173	22,060,614	21,850,651
Classified Salaries	2000-2999		9,832,655	10,060,370	10,117,932	10,082,258
Employee Benefits	3000-3999		12,887,025	12,924,057	13,088,478	12,954,955
Books and Supplies	4000-4999		3,164,129	2,510,824	4,209,157	2,275,232
Services	5000-5999		5,346,872	4,301,649	4,267,775	4,267,775
Capital Outlay	6000-6999		2,941,014	1,990,189	751,066	620,189
Other Outgo	7100-7200/7438-7439		65,369	65,369	65,369	65,369
Direct/Indirect Costs	7310-7350		(67,270)	(86,990)	(86,990)	(86,990)
Total Expenses			56,592,322	53,487,641	54,473,401	52,029,439
Difference (Revenues-Expenses)			4,518,910	(1,012,399)	(3,198,736)	(248,943)
Other Financing Sources/Uses						
Transfers In	8919		20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Other Sources	8979		5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Transfers Out	7616		0	0	0	0
Contributions	8980		0	0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses			25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Net Increase(Decrease) in Fund Balance			4,543,910	(987,399)	(3,173,736)	(223,943)
Beginning Fund Balance	9791		13,744,898.77	18,288,808.77	17,301,409.77	14,127,673.77
Audit & Other Adjustments	9793/9795		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance			18,288,808.77	17,301,409.77	14,127,673.77	13,903,730.77
Components of Ending Fund Balance						
Non-Spendable:						
Revolving Fund	9711		20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Prepaid	9330/9713		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Restricted:						
Restricted - Other	9740		8,228,383.77	7,182,396.77	4,632,635.77	4,931,405.77
Committed:						
Textbook Adoptions	9760		1,900,000.00	2,100,000.00	1,950,000.00	1,950,000.00
Technology Upgrades/Replacements	9760		500,000.00	920,000.00	600,000.00	500,000.00
Facilities	9760		2,000,000.00	1,750,000.00	1,500,000.00	1,320,000.00
Assigned:						
Reserve for Lottery	Resource 1100/9780		521,898.27	504,232.27	486,566.27	468,900.27
Unassigned/Unappropriated:						
3% Economic Uncertainties	9789		1,697,769.66	1,604,629.23	1,634,202.03	1,560,883.17
Reserve for Board Approval (Remaining Reserve)	9780		3,420,757.07	3,220,151.50	3,304,269.70	3,152,541.56
Total Ending Balance			18,288,808.77	17,301,409.77	14,127,673.77	13,903,730.77
			0	0	0	0
Restricted			14.54%	13.43%	8.50%	9.48%
Unrestricted - Committed			7.77%	8.92%	7.43%	7.25%
Unrestricted - Assigned			0.96%	0.98%	0.93%	0.94%
Unrestricted - Unassigned			9.04%	9.02%	9.07%	9.06%
Combined Assigned and Unassigned (Reserve Capped at 10% per EC 42127.01)			10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%
Unrestricted - Total			17.78%	18.92%	17.43%	17.24%

Quarterly District Report: *Williams* Uniform Complaint Process (UCP)

Properly submitting this form to SCOE serves as your district's *Williams* UCP Quarterly Complaint Report per *Education Code* § 35186(d). All fields are required.

SUBMITTER INFORMATION

Name

Person submitting form

Job Title

Phone Number

Include area code

E-mail Address

DISTRICT INFORMATION

School District

Year Covered by This Report

Quarter Covered by This Report

COMPLAINTS

Sufficiency of Textbooks

Total Number of Textbook Complaints Enter 0 if none.	
Number of Textbook Complaints <u>Resolved</u> Enter 0 if none.	
Number of Textbook Complaints <u>Unresolved</u> Enter 0 if none.	

Emergency School Facilities Issues

Total Number of Emergency Facilities Complaints Enter 0 if none.	
Number of Emergency Facilities Complaints <u>Resolved</u> Enter 0 if none.	
Number of Emergency Facilities Complaints <u>Unresolved</u> Enter 0 if none.	

Vacancy or Misassignment of Teachers

Total Number of Vacancy/Misassignment Complaints Enter 0 if none.	
Number of Vacancy/Misassignment Complaints <u>Resolved</u> Enter 0 if none.	
Number of Vacancy/Misassignment Complaints <u>Unresolved</u> Enter 0 if none.	

RESOLUTION OF COMPLAINTS

Briefly summarize the nature of complaints and how they were resolved.

Enter "N/A" if no complaints were received. If you need more space, enter "sent by e-mail" and send your summary to Shannon Hansen with your report.

REPORT INCLUDES ALL COMPLAINTS FOR THIS QUARTER

The number of UCP complaints (textbooks, facilities, and teachers categories) filed for the quarter being reported *MUST* be entered in this report. Please check the box below confirming this:

Includes All UCP Complaints

All UCP complaints for the indicated quarter are being reported—from my district office and all school sites in my district.

By submitting this form, you certify that the information is complete and accurate, and that you have verified the accuracy of the report information by contacting each school in your district. The report includes *ALL* UCP complaints in the above categories received at school sites in the district, plus the district office.

RETURN INSTRUCTIONS

After completing the form in its entirety, save the file and e-mail it to Erika Franzon at the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE): efranzon@scoe.net.



GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
State School Facility Program Update – July 26, 2023

Overview

The statewide general obligation bonds authorized under Proposition 51 have been exhausted. All New Construction applications received by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) after September 12, 2018, and all Modernization applications received after February 28, 2019, are subject to certain regulations and processing procedures.

Under these procedures, applications continue to be accepted by the OPSC and undergo an “intake review” to verify that all required documents have been submitted. Application packages that include all required documentation are placed on the list called ‘**Acknowledged Applications Received Past Existing Authority**’ and presented to the State Allocation Board (SAB) for acknowledgement but are not formally processed nor approved. The OPSC will not process applications until there are funds available for the Program.

The State School Facilities Program does not have a consistent funding source. Historically, it has been Statewide General Obligation Bonds and now the Program has received State General Funds through the Budget process. The 2022/23 State Budget allocated the remaining Proposition 51 bonds funds to be sold, approximately \$1.4 billion to support school construction projects. The Budget also allocated approximately \$1.3 billion one-time General Funds. With these funds, applications are being processed and funded.

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

Five (5) applications have been filed under the State School Facility Program. The District has received apportionments for four (4) projects totaling \$10,783,546. One (1) application is on the “SAB Acknowledged List”. Summarized below is the status of the applications.

SCHOOL NAME	PROGRAM	DATE APPLICATION FILED WITH THE OPSC	DATE APPLICATION APPROVED BY SAB	STATE SHARE
SAB Apportionment				
Marengo Ranch Elementary School	Facility Hardship	9/30/2019	10/28/2020	\$2,103,477
Valley Oaks Elementary School	Modernization	11/13/2018	10/26/2022	\$3,975,579
River Oaks Elementary School	Modernization	1/15/2019	10/26/2022	\$1,757,064
Vernon E. Greer Elementary School	Modernization	7/22/2019	5/31/2023	\$2,947,426
Sub-Total				\$10,783,546
SAB Acknowledged List				
River Oaks Elementary School (2022)	Modernization	5/26/2022		\$1,503,956
Sub-Total				\$1,503,956
TOTAL				\$12,287,502

AUGUST

2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 TEACHERS START	15 STAFF MEETING	16 ORIENTA- TION	17 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!	18	19
20	21	22	23 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT @ 5:30	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**FAIRSITE
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GALT 95632
745-2506**



**LAURA MARQUEZ
PRINCIPAL**

2023

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 FIRE DRILL	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL- LABOR DAY	5	6 STAFF MEETING	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 PD FOR TK TEACHERS GEFA	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 PICNIC ON THE GREEN	30

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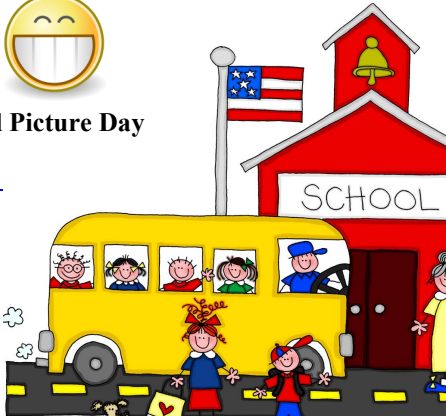
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PRINCIPAL

Lake Canyon Board Calendar

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				New Teacher Workdays		
13	14 All Staff Meeting 10:30 Multi	15 Back to School Meet & Greet 4:00-5:00	16 GJUESD Board Meeting 7:00 PM	17 1st Day of School 	18	19
	Teacher Workdays					
20	21	22	23	24 All School Assembly w/Kevin Bracy 1:45	25  Fall Picture Day	26
27	28 Staff Meeting 2:45 BFLC	29 House Committee 2:40 Conference Rm	30 Back to School Night Grades 1-6 1:30 Classroom Session I 5:00 Admin Session in Multi 5:30 Classroom Session II	31		

Lake Canyon Board Calendar September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 	2
3	4 <i>Happy Labor Day!!</i>  NO SCHOOL	5	6	7 House Meeting 1:55 PM	8	9
10	11 Academic Conferences K/1st	12	13	14 SSC Membership Elections	15	16
17	18 Staff Meeting 2:45 BFLC	19	20 Muffins in the Morning Silent Art Auction Leadership Committee 2:40 GJUESD Board Meeting 7:00 PM	21 House Meeting 1:55 PM	22	23
MAP Testing Grades 1 - 6						
24	25	26 House Committee 2:40 Conference Rm	27 MTSS	28 Academic Conferences 2nd/3rd	29	30
MAP Testing Grades 1 - 6						



August 2023

Board Calendar– What’s happening this month at Marengo Ranch?

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
		1	1	3	4	5	
6	7				11	12	
13	14 Teachers are back! MRE staff lunch 12-2	15 Yard Meeting	16 Kinder Meet the Teacher 2-3pm Board Meeting	17 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	18 Welcome Back Assembly Grades 4-6	19	
20	21 BTSN Welcome Back Assembly Grades 1-3	22 Staff learning event	23 Safety Patrol meeting COLLEGE DAY	24 GEFA KONA ICE	25 EMERGENCY DRILL Morning Sing KINDER 1PM DISMISSAL	26	
27	28	29 Leadership Meeting @2:50	30	31 MTSS PTKC Meeting at 3pm			
						COLLEGE DAY	

Important Reminders

Welcome back Monarchs!

08/17
First Day of School

08/21
Back to School Night
5:30-5:55 Principal Welcome Message (cafeteria)
6:00-6:30 Session 1 All Grades
6:30-7:00 Session 2 All Grades

08/25
Morning Sing
No Awards given

Soccer Shots every Thursday 4:30-6:30



September 2023

Board Calendar- What's happening this month at Marengo Ranch?

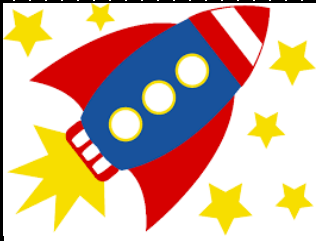
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 SBAC AWARDS @ 8AM	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	5	6 Admin Meeting 10-2 COLLEGE DAY	7	8 KINDER 1PM DISMISSAL	9
10	11	12 Negotiations	13 COLLEGE DAY	14 Emergency Drill PTKC meeting @3	15	16
17	18 Academic Conf MAP window opens SDC meeting	19 Lock Down drill Staff Learning event	20 Admin walk throughs Board Meeting	21 GEFA Kona Ice after school	22 KINDER 1PM DISMISSAL	23
24	25 RSP meeting	26 Leadership Meeting @2:50 Yard Meeting 8am	27 Eureka Math lab COLLEGE DAY	28 ELAC Meeting @1:30	29 Morning Sing 8:05-9:15	30

Important Reminders

**09/04
No School**

**09/06
Fall Picture Day**

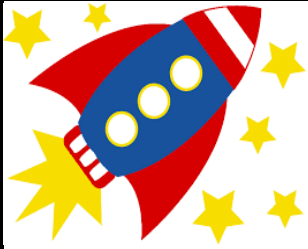
**Soccer Shots every
Thursday 4:30-6:30**



River Oaks Elementary

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 1st Grade Meet the Teacher Day	16 <i>Kinder Kinder Meet the Teacher Day 3:30</i> <i>Board Meeting 7:00</i>	17 First Day of School GEFA/CSEA	18 <i>4th-6th Behavior Assembly</i>	19
20	21	22 Back to School Night 5:30 Principal's Message 6:00-6:30 classes 6:30-7:00 classes (1st-6th)	23	24	25 Friday Sing 8:15 Rocket Day!	26
27	28	29 PTA Meeting	30	31 <i>KONA ICE</i>		
Coins for Classrooms						



River Oaks Elementary September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <i>No School</i>	5	6	7 <i>Picture Day</i>	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Color Run	16
17	18	19	20 <i>Board Meeting 7:00</i>	21 GEFA/CSEA	22	23
24	25	26 <i>PTA Meeting 5:30</i>	27	28 KONA ICE	29 <i>Friday Sing</i>	30



Valley Oaks Elementary School

August 2023

David Nelson

Principal

Leah Wheeler

Assistant Principal



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
			New Teacher Work Days	
14	15	16	17	18
All Teachers (In Service Days)			 Cafeteria Training K-3	Welcome Back Assemblies BTSN for Kinder @6:00pm
		Board of Education Mtg. @ 7:00pm		
21	22	23	24	25
	IAs First Day BTSN @ 5:30 for 1st-6th			Kinder Dismissed @ 1:00pm
28	29	30	31	



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1
4  No School	5 Picture Day	6	7 PTO Mtg. @ 2:45pm	8 Kinder Dismissed @1:00pm
11 SSC Mtg. @ 2:45	12	13	14 KONA Ice @ 2:30pm	15 K/1st Academic Conferences
18 Staff Mtg. @2:45pm	19 2nd/3rd Academic Conferences	20 Board of Education Mtg. @ 7:00pm	21	22 Kinder Dismissed @1:00pm
25	26 50% 1st Tri. AR Deadline	27	28	29 Friday Sing @8:15am

McCaffery M. S. August

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Jump Start 8:30am – 12:00pm	9 Jump Start 8:30am – 12:00pm	10	11	12
13	14 All District Meeting 8am – 9:30am	15 In-service 8:30am-10:30am PE Clothes Purchases 1pm-3pm Night at The Dog House 6:30pm-8pm	16 In-service 8:30am-10:30am PE Clothes Purchases 1pm-3pm	17 First Day of School	18	19
20	21	22	23 Cal Waster Assembly for 8 th grade during homeroom	24 Back to School 6pm-8pm 6:30pm visit classrooms	25	26
27	28	29	30 Cal Waster Assembly for 7 th grade during homeroom	31 Staff Meeting		

McCaffery M.S. September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	ELPAC Initial Testing Window				1	2
3 ELPAC Initial Testing Window	4 Labor Day	5	6	7 Picture Day Kona Ice on Campus	8	9
10 ELPAC Initial Testing Window	11	12 Fentanyl Presentation 6pm	13	14	15	16
17	18 Fall Map Testing Window Opens	19	20 Board Meeting Environmental Club to CRP	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Board Meeting Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: August 16, 2023	Agenda Item: 232.401 Board Consideration of Approval of Consent Calendar
Presenter: Lois Yount	Action Item: XX Information Item:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of the Agenda b. Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ June 20, 2023 Special Board Meeting ▪ June 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting c. Payment of Warrants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vendor Warrants: 24428709-24428769; 24427909-24427926; 24427394-24427420; 23426952-23426987; 23423170-23423263; 23424609-23424661; 23425602-23425642; 24431193-24431212 ▪ Payroll Warrants: 6/16/23; 6/30/23; 7/10/23; 7/31/23; 8/10/23 d. Personnel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resignations/Retirements ▪ Leave of Absence Requests ▪ New Hires/Reclassifications e. Out-of-State Conference Attendance: Edupoint Synergy Connect 2023 Conference, November 2-3, 2023, Orlando Florida, for Gina Fuentes, Teacher on Special Assignment and Kristine Baptista, Information Systems Technician f. Contractor Bid for Base Foundation for Three Portable Classrooms at Lake Canyon Elementary School g. Consulting Services Agreement with AR Leadership Partners, LLC h. Master Contracts for Nonpublic Schools and Agencies <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ATX Learning 2. CCHAT 3. Easter Seals 4. Lodi Children’s Therapy 5. Point Quest Depot Park 6. The Stepping Stones Group 	

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education Minutes

**Special Board Meeting
June 20, 2023**

**Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Office
1018 C Street, Suite 210, Galt, CA 95632**

**Zoom Webinar ID:
823 0773 6268**

Board Member

Wesley Cagle
Traci Skinner
Casey Raboy- absent
Annette Kunze
Katherine Harper

Administrators

Lois Yount
Nicole Lorenz
Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano
Donna Mayo-Whitlock

A. 6:00 p.m. – Open Session Location: Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Conference Room

B. Call Meeting to Order and Flag Salute

C. Lois Yount, Superintendent, shared the **Board Meeting Protocol**.

D. Routine Matters/New Business

212.459 Public Hearing and Board Review of GJUESD 2023-24 Local Control
Accountability Plan (LCAP)

**PUBLIC
HEARING
LCAP**

There were no public comments.

Lois Yount reported the LCAP has been posted on the District website for feedback from parents and the community. It was also sent by electronic communication to parents for feedback and shared through the District's monthly newsletters. Trustee Katherine Harper also invited feedback from the community by posting it in the Galt Herald.

Ms. Yount reported the District received feedback from the District Advisory Committee (DAC), District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC), and the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for special education, staff and parents. LCAP feedback was received from ten educational partners. Ms. Yount shared the survey questions and feedback.

Ms. Yount reviewed the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Budget Overview for parents. She said it is meant to give parents an overview of projected revenue by fund resources.

Ms. Yount stated that the LCAP goals remain the same and that a Mission and Vision Statement is added. She proceeded to describe the District demographics included in the LCAP.

Claudia Del Toro-Anguinao, Curriculum Director, reflected on the District's assessments. She emphasized that it is critical that children read by the end of third grade and referenced the District Reading Assessment (DRA) results given in the winter. Second to third grade increased by 22%, exceeding the 10% growth target.

Donna Mayo-Whitlock, Educational Services Directed reflected on other successes. The 2023 CalSCHLS surveys reflect progress on school climate, safety, motivation, and well-being.

Ms. Mayo-Whitlock stated that a minor change was made to LCAP Goal 2. The words "safe and supportive environments" was added.

She proceeded to reflect on identified need. She indicated two student groups have been identified by the state for Differentiated Assistance: Homeless Youth and Students with Disabilities. The District will focus on strategies to improve academics for homeless youth and students with disabilities. She added that the District does not have any unhoused students.

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Curriculum Director, stated that all current 3rd-grade Professional Learning Communities, from all schools, met or exceeded the DRA growth target indicates a solid path toward having 80% of all third-grade students reading at grade level in the coming years. For students that are not progressing, there will be a Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) coach at each site next year to provide additional services.

Lois Yount said the District will continue to engage parents and staff to provide meaningful input and invite middle school students to the advisory committees.

Ms. Yount reviewed the LCAP Goal key actions and Ms. Mayo-Whitlock reviewed the increased or improved services for Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income students.

212.460 Public Hearing and Board Review of GJUESD 2023-24 Adopted Budget

**PUBLIC
HEARING
Budget**

There were no public comments.

Nicole Lorenz, Chief Business Official, provided a detailed budget overview. She indicated the budget reflects projections based on the May Revise. Carryover from the fiscal year 2022-23 and the adoption of the State budget may change the projections. Substantial changes could require budget revisions brought to the Board for approval in August or September.

E. Public Comments for topics not on the agenda
There were no public comments.

F. Pending Agenda Items

G. Adjournment 7:20 p.m.

Casey Raboy, Clerk

Date

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Board of Education Minutes

**Regular Board Meeting
June 21, 2023**

**Galt City Hall Chamber
380 Civic Drive, Galt, CA 95632**

**Zoom Webinar ID:
818 5996 6100**

Board Member

Wesley Cagle
Traci Skinner
Casey Raboy – absent
Annette Kunze
Katherine Harper

Lois Yount
Nicole Lorenz
Donna Mayo-Whitlock
Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano

Administrators

Jennifer Porter
Tina Homdus
David Nelson
Carlos Castillo
Judith Hayes
Kuljeet Nijjar
Stephanie Simonich

- A. 6:00 p.m. – Closed Session Location:** Galt City Hall Conference Room
Present for the closed session: Wesley Cagle, Traci Skinner, Annette Kunze, Katherine Harper, Lois Yount, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Donna Mayo-Whitlock, Nicole Lorenz
- B. Announce items to be discussed in Closed Session, Adjourn to Closed Session**
1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, Government Code §54957.6
Agency Negotiator: Lois Yount, Nicole Lorenz, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Donna Mayo-Whitlock
 - Employee Agency: (GEFA) Galt Elementary Faculty Association
 - Employee Agency: (CSEA) California School Employee Association
 - Non-Represented Employees
- C. Adjourn Closed Session, Call Meeting to Order, Flag Salute, Announce Action Taken in Closed Session**
- D.** Lois Yount, Superintendent, shared the **Board Meeting Protocol**.
- E. Recognition**
1. Donna Mayo-Whitlock, Educational Services Director

Lois Yount recognized Donna Mayo-Whitlock for her 31 years of service in the District as a teacher, bilingual resource teacher, principal, coordinator and director of educational services. Ms. Mayo-Whitlock was instrumental in developing and supporting the Fairsite preschool and school readiness center and she has greatly supported our English learner families. Ms. Mayo-Whitlock supported multiple grants over the years to support Fairsite and make it what it is now. She was instrumental in starting the dual language immersion program. She is extremely

dedicated and compassionate about her work in the District and community. Ms. Yount said she has really enjoyed working with Donna in different capacities over the years and will definitely miss her and everything she has done for students, families and staff.

Karen Schauer, Ed.D., retired superintendent, addressed the Board. Ms. Schauer said Donna Mayo-Whitlock's progression of leadership over 31 years has been phenomenal. She described Ms. Whitlock as a thoughtful leader with a powerful balance of head, heart and hand (reference to character education curriculum). Ms. Schauer highlighted a few things in each of the head, heart, hand areas.

Ms. Mayo-Whitlock's "head" is so strategic. For example, when Dr. Schauer served as superintendent and considered initiatives, she would talk to Ms. Mayo-Whitlock about strategy. She has developed many programs from scratch and taken them to new levels. Whether it was the exemplary pre-Kindergarten program strategy, family literacy efforts, Extended Learning Opportunities Program or ASES. Her strategic mind has made a difference for youth.

Ms. Mayo-Whitlock's "heart" is both that of a lion and a horse. The lion because serving at the district level can be very difficult. Its the director of educational services that addresses hard student matters. Ms. Mayo-Whitlock used her heart to make hard decisions that took courage. The heart of a horse because horses have huge hearts and she feels Ms. Mayo-Whitlock has the biggest heart she has ever seen in over 40 years in education. She described a horse as having tremendous try also and Ms. Mayo-Whitlock as having amazing try. She never gives up.

Ms. Mayo-Whitlock' 's "hands" have been a part of or initiated the District's participation in millions of dollars worth of grants. An example is the McClatchy partnership. She makes things work from idea to strategy to compassion.

Ms. Schauer thanked the Board for the opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate Donna Mayo-Whitlock on her retirement.

Donna Mayo-Whitlock thanked Dr. Schauer for her mentorship and friendship over the last 31 years. She recognized Judy Bullard, former Curriculum Director, Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Curriculum Director, Lois Yount and the principals. She is looking forward to giving back to the community and working with Karen Schauer toward a therapeutic riding program in the future.

F. Public Comments for topics not on the agenda
There were no public comments.

G. Reports

LCAP GOAL 1

Engaging learners in PreK-8 through a focus on equity, access, and academic rigor with inclusive practices in various learning environments.

1. Spring District Assessment Data

- District Reading Assessment (DRA)
- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Curriculum Director, reported. She emphasized the importance of teaching students to read by third grade. The District Reading Assessments (DRA) are foundational skills reading tests that include phonological awareness, reading fluency and reading accuracy.

The District has a goal to increase the number of students meeting all DRAs by 10% each year until the District reaches 80%.

Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano shared data representing the percentage of K-3 students who met all the end-of-the-year benchmarks and the importance of looking at growth. She indicated the following:

	Spring '22	Spring '23	Target Met
District	54%	66%	Yes
Marengo Ranch	62%	69%	No
River Oaks	56%	61%	No
Valley Oaks	59%	74%	Yes
Lake Canyon	50%	65%	Yes
Greer	48%	65%	Yes

Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano also shared data representing cohorts. She emphasized second-grade last year and third grade this year. She said this cohort information is critical in deciding what we do next. What worked? What didn't? She indicated principals are looking at this data in multiple ways to better individualize learning supports for their students.

Cohorts	Spring '22	Spring '23	Target Met
Kinder	61%	73%	N/A
First	53%	63%	Yes
Second	53%	62%	No
Third	58%	70%	Yes

Ms. Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano reported on Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) End of the Year Results, June 2023. She indicated that the data reflects the percentage of first and second-grade students who reached the 60th target percentile in reading and math. Students who reach the target percentile have a greater probability of meeting or exceeding expected performance levels on both local and state assessments.

	Spring '22 Math	Spring '23 Math	Target Met	Spring '22 Reading	Spring '23 Reading	Target Met
District	41%	47%	Yes	34%	43%	Yes
Marengo Ranch	35%	64%	Yes	40%	50%	Yes
River Oaks	47%	35%	No	57%	51%	No
Valley Oaks	31%	37%	Yes	29%	27%	No
Lake Canyon	46%	48%	No	37%	41%	No
Greer	37%	53%	Yes	43%	47%	No

Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano stated it is important to look at growth because we want the entire system to move forward.

Annette Kunze, Board Member, asked if that included looking at individual students that meet standards.

Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano answered yes. The District looks at individual students, grade levels, the expertise of the teacher, and what kind of professional development was provided. The numbers just give you a glimpse of how it looks in this format. The District looks at what worked and what can be replicated. It's also important that we don't continue to do something that didn't give us the results that we were expecting. In general, it appears that children that are not growing are not coming to school. It is important to focus on chronic absenteeism at this time.

Ms. Del Toro-Anguiano said staff and administrators are doing a great job.

Lois Yount said that administrators, social workers and a couple of teachers from each school site are attending a chronic absenteeism summit through the San Joaquin County Office of Education.

2. CA School Dashboard Local Performance Indicators 2022-23

Claudia Del Toro-Anguiano, Curriculum Director, reported that the state and local indicators provide the public with information about how the District and schools are meeting the needs of all students based on a concise set of measures.

The performance standards require the District to 1) annually measure its progress in meeting the requirements of the specific Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) priority 2) report the results as part of a non-consent item at a regularly scheduled public meeting of the local governing Board in conjunction with the adoption of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) 3) report results to the public utilizing the State Board of Education (SBE)- adopted self-reflection tools for each local indicator.

The metrics used to identify progress are based on data from the previous school year.

Below are the overall performance levels for each local indicator:

Priority 1: Appropriately Assigned Teachers, Access to Curriculum-Aligned Instructional Materials, and Safe, Clean and Functional School Facilities - Ranking: MET

Priority 2: Implementation of State Academic Standards - Ranking: MET

Priority 3: Parent and Family Engagement - Ranking: MET

Priority 6: School Climate - Ranking: MET

Priority 7: Access to a Broad Course of Study - Ranking MET

3. 2022-23 Fairsite State Preschool Program Self-Evaluation

Kuljeet Nijjar, Fairsite Elementary and School Readiness Center Principal reported the annual self-evaluation review is comprehensive. It covers how families are selected to participate in the preschool program, determining the need for a full-day program, assessing the correct fees and compliance due process procedures, and how we track attendance and report it to the California Department of Education (CDE), also what class ratios look like and what professional development is offered to teachers.

Ms. Nijjar highlighted a few areas. She said at the beginning of the school year she meets with staff to review components and the assessment tools that will be utilized as a part of the review process. In collaboration with one of the grantees, James B. McClatchy Foundation, and parent input, a mission statement was created to guide their work. Fairsite's focus is around developing the whole child. She said that in addition to academics, they continue to develop language skills, social skills, emotional skills and physical motor skills so that any child moving on to kindergarten can be successful.

Ms. Nijjar stated that funding sources are multiple and varied at fairsite. They include the California State Preschool Program, Migrant Education, James B. McClatchy Foundation, Raising

Quality Together, Supplemental/Concentration and Title 1. The biggest contributor is the California State Preschool Program.

Ms. Nijjar shared pictures of staff and current number of students and teachers.

Ms. Nijjar said as they look to see what the yearly goals are and they go through the cycle of continuous improvement. The assessment tools used are more developmental in nature. They include 1) Desired Results for Developmental Profile, 2) Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scales, 3) Preschool Parent Survey and 4) Trimester Benchmark Assessments. These assessments are administered once in the fall, within 60 days of the beginning of the school year, and then again in the spring to document growth.

Ms. Nijjar shared celebrations and focus areas. Some focus areas include more communication methods to parents to ensure they are receiving information. She also said learning activities is a focus area. Such as how staff encourage or develop language, or vocabulary, or expand or extend upon what students are learning.

Ms. Nijjar said Fairsite is very fortunate to be partnered with the Fresno County Office of Education, with a Math Grant. Some teachers are participating in professional development to learn math strategies to use in the classroom.

4. Summer Services

- Summer School & Extended Year
- Galt Expanded Learning (GEL) Program [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program]
- Food & Nutrition

Donna Mayo-Whitlock acknowledged the leadership team for summer school and extended year. She said Leah Wheeler is the summer school coordinator and Gina Fuentes is the extended school year coordinator. They are working together between River Oaks, Greer and McCaffrey Middle School and they are doing a tremendous job. She added that Lori Jones, Expanded Learning Coordinator, oversees the expanded learning program at all seven schools, and all summer staff members are doing a great job! Over 586 students are participating in summer programs.

Ms. Mayo-Whitlock indicated Summer School is for students needing more academic support and the Galt Expanded Learning (GEL) program is for enrichment. The GEL program's focus may include future academic support depending on funding sources.

Nicole Lorenz, Chief Business Official, reported that Nick Svoboda, Food Services Supervisor, coordinated the summer feeding program. The feeding program is advertised through flyer distribution, district newsletter and the district website. The program serves breakfast, lunch and supper for every student in the GEL program at every site. She acknowledged staff for volunteering to work in the summer and the importance of having support staff to run successful programs.

LCAP GOAL 2

Promoting PreK-8 whole learner development through social and emotional learning opportunities in a variety of environments

1. Robert L. McCaffrey Middle School Shade Structure

Lois Yount shared photos of the shade structure at McCaffrey Middle School. It is 105 feet long, with three sets of aluminum bleachers on the south side of the track area. Multiple PE classes can use the area at one time. It was approximately \$200,000 to complete the project. The funding source used was ESSER funds, approved by the Board.

OTHER REPORTS

1. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference (AEC) 2023

Lois Yount reported CSBA would host their annual education conference from November 30 – December 2, 2023, in San Francisco, CA. She indicated that all trustees, along with Ms. Yount and Ms. Kauai Bock, plan to attend. The District will also reserve one or two spots for cabinet members that may attend.

2. Review of April 19, 2023, Overview of Funding School Facilities Report from Government Financial Services, Joint Powers Authority

Lois Yount reviewed the report on the school district's bond measures and how a school district may raise additional funds for facilities. She highlighted the following items:

The District's current debt summary:

- Measure W: full authorization of \$9.24 million of bonds was issued, with \$2.04 million remaining to be paid over three years.
- Measure K: full authorization of \$19.7 million of bonds was issued, with \$18.4 million remaining to be paid over 23 years.

Outstanding Bonds Below the District Capacity:

- The District currently has \$27 million of remaining bonding capacity that will increase with growth in assessed value and repayment of existing bonds.

Ms. Yount said the overview is being provided to trustees for consideration at this time due to the limited timeline to get a Measure on the November 2, 2024, general election ballot.

Ms. Yount provided an overview of bond measure options. She indicated GO bonds require 55% voter approval and a survey of the community is recommended to gauge the communities interest in supporting a bond measure.

Ms. Yount requested direction from the Board. She recommends the District update the facility master plan regardless if the District moves forward with a GO bond measure. The last time the facility master plan was completed was in 2015. At that time, it was determined that the District had \$150 million dollars of needs. The District received \$20 million for Measure K and approximately \$10 million in state funds since then. Ms. Yount said a lot of facility work has been done since the passage of Measure K.

Ms. Yount said a survey of the community would be the next step if the Board would like to move forward with consultants to create the survey. A survey of our community would cost the District approximately \$30 to \$40 thousand. She added that the District has done a very good job paying off debt at great interest rates for the community.

Annette Kunze asked if the cost of the survey is typical? Ms. Yount answered yes. A consulting firm creates the survey, gathers feedback and consults with the Board. She indicated it is detailed process. The rate depends upon the community's size and the District enrollment.

The Board directed the superintendent to pursue general bond obligation survey cost quotes for funding District facilities and update the facility master plan.

H. Routine Matters/New Business

212.461 Lois Yount shared the Donations. She also recognized Gail Bruce's retirement and Nicole Lorenz's resignation.

Annette Kunze made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Katherine Harper. The motion was carried by a vote of 4 ayes.

- a. Approval of the Agenda
- b. Minutes
 - May 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- c. Payment of Warrants
 - Vendor Warrants: 23415807-23415856; 23417243-23417322; 23418635-23418728; 23419934-23420017; 23421682-23421743
 - Payroll Warrants: 5/31/23, 6/9/23
- d. Personnel

**Consent
Calendar**

Resignations/Retirees			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Babers, Larina	Instructional Assistant	6/2/23	Valley Oaks
Braga, Andreia	Psychologist	6/1/23	River Oaks
Bruce, Gail (Retirement)	Teacher	6/30/2023	District Office
Gonzales-Reed, Linda	Teacher	6/1/23	Valley Oaks
Jauregui, Alondra	Instructional Assistant, Bilingual	6/1/23	Fairsite
Lorenz, Nicole	Chief Business Officer	7/14/23	District Office
Torres, Xavier	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	6/1/23	Valley Oaks

Leave of Absence Requests			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Site

Alcala, Monica	Teacher	8/14/23	Fairsite Preschool
Orines, Magalhy	Expanded Learning Site Coordinator	6/13/23	River Oaks
Reames, Debbie	Instructional Assistant	5/15/23	Fairsite Preschool

New Hires/Reclassifications/Status Changes		
Name	Position	Site
Abarca, Abigail	Special Education Teacher - Temporary	River Oaks
Alegria, Janette	Classified Substitute	N/A
Anderson, Melanie	Teacher	Vernon E. Greer
Baumgartner, Anna	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	River Oaks
Beckett, Bill (Status Change)	Environmental & Outdoor Education Coordinator	District Office
Biser, Lori	School Counselor	McCaffrey Middle
Butler, Krista	Special Education Teacher	Vernon E. Greer
Butler, Elizabeth (Liz)	Special Education Teacher	Valley Oaks
Brown, LaSonja	Special Education Teacher - Temporary	Vernon E. Greer
Cannon, Jodie	Teacher	McCaffrey Middle School
Cardoza, Fatima-Itzel	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	Valley Oaks
Cobb, Ashley	Teacher	Vernon E. Greer
Colomer, Carina	School Counselor	McCaffrey Middle
Gregg, Michael	Teacher	McCaffrey Middle
Gutierrez, Maria	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	Vernon E. Greer
Harcourt, Kevin (Status Change)	Skilled Maintenance Technician	Maintenance and Operations
Jennings, Donald	Classified Substitute	N/A
Luhdorff, Marcae (Status Change)	Food & Nutrition Lead	River Oaks
Martin, Alejandro	Certificated Substitute	N/A
Mendez, Jacquelin	Teacher	Valley Oaks
Myers, David (Status Change)	Warehouse Worker/Delivery Driver	District Office
Needham, Lisa	Special Education Teacher	Fairsite Preschool
Osorio, Andrea	Teacher	Marengo Ranch
Perez, Richard	Classified Substitute	N/A
Pino, Lisa	School Counselor	Vernon E. Greer
Reyes, Melissa	Special Education Teacher	Vernon E. Greer
Solomon, Benjamin	Teacher - Temporary	Valley Oaks
Thompson, Sarah (Status Change)	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	Vernon E. Greer
Tsuda, Lelsie	Teacher - Temporary	River Oaks
Utile, Jessica	Teacher - Temporary	Lake Canyon
Zamora, Mayra	Preschool Teacher	Fairsite Preschool

- e. Donations
- f. Parker & Covert LLP Legal Services Agreement, Fiscal Year 2023-2024
- g. Disposal of GJUESD Class 3 Records

212.462 Consent Calendar (Continued) – Items Removed for Later Consideration
There were no items removed **CC
Items
Removed**

212.463 Board Consideration of Approval of GJUESD 2023-24 Local Control
Accountability Plan (LCAP) **LCAP**

Lois Yount reported a public hearing for the LCAP and Budget was held on June 20, 2023. The LCAP was posted on the District website for feedback from parents and the community. It was also sent by electronic communication to parents for feedback and shared through the District's monthly newsletters. Trustee Katherine Harper also invited feedback from the community by posting it in the Galt Herald.

Ms. Yount reported the District received feedback from the District Advisory Committee (DAC), District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC), and the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for special education, staff and parents. LCAP feedback was received from 10 educational partners. Ms. Yount shared the survey questions and feedback.

Traci Skinner made a motion to approve the GJUESD 2023-24 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), seconded by Wesley Cagle. The motion was carried by a vote of 4 ayes.

212.464 Board Consideration of Approval of GJUESD 2023-24 Budget **Budget**

Annette Kunze thanked Nicole Lorenz for thoroughly explaining the budget at the June 20, 2023 public hearing.

Katherine Harper made a motion to approve the GJUESD 2023-24 Budget, seconded by Traci Skinner. The motion was carried by a vote of 4 ayes.

212.465 Annette Kunze made a motion to approve Resolution No. 14, Resolution of The Governing Board to Commit Fund Balance for 2023-24, seconded by Katherine Harper. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion. **Res 14
Commit
Fund Bal**

212.466 Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Education Protection Act Use of Funds, seconded by Annette Kunze. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion. **Ed
Protection
Act**

212.467 Traci Skinner made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Expulsion Panel, seconded by Katherine Harper. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion. **Expulsion
Panel**

212.468 Katherine Harper made a motion to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for 2023-24, seconded by Traci Skinner. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion. **Dec of Need**

212.469 Board Consideration of Approval of 2023-24 Single Plan for Student Achievement for: **Single Plans**

1. Fairsite Elementary
2. Lake Canyon Elementary
3. Marengo Ranch Elementary
4. River Oaks Elementary
5. Valley Oaks Elementary
6. Vernon E. Greer Elementary
7. Robert L. McCaffrey Middle

Donna Mayo-Whitlock reported the single plans for student achievement reflect the site-based implementation of the LCAP. She indicated the plans would be updated with school budgets in the fall.

School principals provided highlights of their plans.

Kuljeet Nijjar, Fairsite Elementary, highlighted parent surveys. She indicated parent feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Tina Homdus, River Oaks Elementary, highlighted an increase in parent engagement using the ParentVUE system to stay informed and connected.

Stephanie Simonich, Greer Elementary, highlighted the hard work of staff towards the social-emotional learning of students and work with Cal Hope to support student engagement.

Jennifer Porter, Marengo Ranch Elementary, highlighted their improved absenteeism rate due to incentives for each trimester and the number of intermediate students that were recognized at the honor roll assemblies for the third trimester increased and many fourth and fifth graders earned perfect attendance.

Carlos Castillo, McCaffrey Middle, highlighted an increase in MAP math scores. He recognized the math teachers and the goals that were set by the District. He indicated that no cost incentives were put in place to emphasize the importance of testing as many students did not realize the critical role testing has in their math placement for high school.

Mr. Castillo also highlighted poor absenteeism rates and how McCaffrey plans to address it by allocating funding to hire someone to identify and support students early who are falling behind.

David Nelson, Valley Oaks Elementary, highlighted a theme from his SPSA. He described what it takes for an English learner to become reclassified. At Valley Oaks, reclassified English learners are the highest-scoring student group out of all the student groups. Mr. Nelson indicated a correlation between being reclassified and performance. He said Valley Oaks will focus on reading and writing to continue to increase the number of English learners becoming reclassified.

Judi Hayes, Lake Canyon Elementary School, highlighted Lake Canyon's hard work as a team of educators and staff to personalize the learning of each and every student through creating a climate and culture that is rich with opportunities to be successful and to learn and grow in alignment with the LCAP goals. She highlighted increases in student and parent survey results related to student academic motivation, school connectedness and students feeling safe at school.

Annette Kunze said her observations after visiting school sites are the caring tradition and self-responsibility not only for academics but also behaviors that are all over the schools. She added that making connections with students early and communicating the importance of attending school seems like a wonderful opportunity to reinforce good habits.

Annette Kunze made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Single Plan for Student Achievement, seconded by Traci Skinner. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion.

1. Fairsite Elementary
2. Lake Canyon Elementary
3. Marengo Ranch Elementary
4. River Oaks Elementary
5. Valley Oaks Elementary
6. Vernon E. Greer Elementary
7. Robert L. McCaffrey Middle

212.470 Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve Public Notice from Galt Joint Union Elementary School District (GJUESD) to California School Employees Association (CSEA) [Public Notice / "Sunshine"], seconded by Katherine Harper. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion.

**GJUESD
Sunshine
to CSEA**

- Article IX: Leaves - The District proposes to clarify language.
- Article XIII: Lay-Off and Re-Employment - The District proposes to update the language.
- Article XIX: Fringe Benefits - Annually open for negotiations.
- Article XX - Wages - Annually open for negotiations.

212.471 Traci Skinner made a motion to approve a Memorandum Of Understanding Between the California School Employees Association and its Galt Chapter #362 (CSEA) and the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Regarding Contract Language Changes to the Following Articles, seconded by Annette Kunze. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion.

CSEA MOU

- Article VIII Employee Performance Evaluations

- Article X Transfers
- Article XV Transportation
- Article XXI Duration
- Article XXIV Food and Nutrition Service Absence and Vacancy Procedures
- Article XXVI Shoe Reimbursement

212.472 Annette Kunze made a motion to approve Resolution 13, Resolution of the Governing Board Authorizing Absences for Participation in Religious Exercises or Instruction, seconded by Katherine Harper. A vote of four ayes carried the motion.

**Res 13
Religious
Exemption**

212.473 Wesley Cagle made a motion to approve the following Board Policies, Administrative Regulations, and Bylaws, seconded by Traci Skinner. A vote of 4 ayes carried the motion.

**Board
Policies**

Superintendent

1. BP/AR 0420.4 Charter School Authorization
2. BP/AR 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action
3. BB 9270 Conflict of Interest
4. BB 9320 Meetings and Notices

Educational Services

5. BP/AR 4030 Nondiscrimination in Employment
6. BP/AR 5113 - Absences and Excuses
7. AR 5131.41 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint
8. BP/AR 5144 – Discipline
9. BP/AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
10. AR 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities)
11. BP/AR 6173 - Education for Homeless Children
12. BP/AR 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth
13. BP 6177 - Summer Learning Programs

I. Public Comments for topics not on the agenda
There were no public comments.

J. Pending Agenda Items
1. General obligation bond survey costs and facility master plan.

K. Adjournment 8:55 p.m.

Casey Raboy, Clerk

Date



CONSENT CALENDAR

Human Resources

Recommend approval of the following:

Resignations/Retirees			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Arredondo, Rosa	Food & Nutrition Assistant 1	6/1/23	Vernon E. Greer
Duenas, Gabriela	Bilingual Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	6/26/23	Lake Canyon
Milligan, Emily	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	7/26/23	Lake Canyon
Norris, Yvette	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	8/1/23	Marengo Ranch
Porras, Diana	Expanded Learning Instructional Assistant	7/25/23	Valley Oaks
Sandoval, Maria	Bilingual Community Outreach Assistant	8/2/23	Fairsite Preschool
Tackett, Andrea	Expanded Learning Site Coordinator	8/4/23	Lake Canyon
Walker, Katherine	Expanded Learning Instructional Assistant	8/9/23	Vernon E. Greer

Leave of Absence Requests			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Site
Coupe, Amber	Teacher	8/21/23	Vernon E. Greer
Curiel, Guadalupe	Bilingual Instructional Assistant	8/22/23	River Oaks
Gomez, Mercedes	Bilingual Instructional Assistant	8/16/23	Fairsite Preschool

New Hires/Reclassifications/Status Changes		
Name	Position	Site
Anaya, Corina (Status Change)	Bilingual Community Outreach Asst - Special Programs	Fairsite Preschool
Arce, Clarita	Food & Nutrition Assistant 1	Lake Canyon
Chikwendu, Rose	School Nurse	District Office
Escalante, Josefina	Bilingual Office Assistant	River Oaks
Garibay, Alejandra	Chief Business Official	District Office
Gutierrez, Sarai	Instructional Assistant, Special Education	Fairsite
Henriquez, Rebecca	Bilingual Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	Lake Canyon
Hill, Jessica	Music Teacher	Vernon E. Greer
Howard, Jolene	Food & Nutrition Assistant 2	Marengo Ranch
Keoveunxay, Lavonne	Licensed Vocational Nurse	District Office
Lopez De Vera, Fabiola (Status Change)	Bilingual Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	River Oaks
Mendoza, Francisco	Groundskeeper	Maintenance
Mock, Sofia	Yard Supervisor	River Oaks
Ocampo, Daneille (Status Change)	Bilingual Instructional Assistant	Valley Oaks
Oliveira, Bailey	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	River Oaks
Ordaz, Lilianna (Status Change)	Expanded Learning Site Coordinator	Lake Canyon
Pelayo Robles, Gabriela	Instructional Assistant , Special Education	McCaffrey Middle

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Ramirez Gomez, Ma Guadalupe	Custodian	Lake Canyon
Reyes, Eddie	Teacher	Valley Oaks
Ruiz, Vanessa	Instructional Assistant, Expanded Learning	Valley Oaks
Scherrer, Tianna (Status Change)	Instructional Assistant	Marengo Ranch
Siewert, Lacy	Teacher	Vernon E. Greer
Vang, Jessica	Psychologist	River Oaks
Whitford, Jordan	Special Education Teacher	Marengo Ranch



CONSENT CALENDAR

Out-of-State Conference Attendance

e. Edupoint: Synergy Connect 2023 Conference

Edupoint is hosting a Users conference for new and veteran Synergy users with opportunities to discover the latest Synergy product features, get in-depth information on Synergy modules, receive one-on-one instruction from Edupoint subject matter experts and network with Synergy users from other districts. Attendees at every level of experience will have access to 100+ breakout sessions on the various features of Synergy.

Attendees: Gina Fuentes, Teacher On Special Assignment and Kristine Baptista, Information Systems Technician

Conference Dates: November 2-3, 2023

Location: Orlando, Florida

Approximate Cost: \$ 7,780 (includes airfare, hotel, registration)

Funding Source: General Fund/ESSER



CONFERENCE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Optional Pre-Conference Boot Camp Sessions

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Boot Camp Check In and Continental Breakfast
8:00 am - 11:30 am	AM Boot Camp Sessions
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Boot Camp Lunch
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm	PM Boot Camp Sessions
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Attendee Registration Open

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

General Conference, Day 1

7:30 am - 9:00 am	Conference Registration and Breakfast
8:00 am - 8:45 am	CONNECT Hub
9:15 am - 11:30 am	Opening General Session
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	CONNECT Hub
1:00 pm - 2:10 pm	Breakout Session #1
2:20 pm - 3:30 pm	Breakout Session #2
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Refreshment Break
4:00 pm - 5:10 pm	Breakout Session #3
5:15 pm - 7:00 pm	Networking Reception with <i>LIVE Music!</i>

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

General Conference, Day 2

7:30 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 am - 3:20 pm	CONNECT Hub
9:00 am - 10:10 am	Breakout Session #4
10:20 am - 11:30 am	Breakout Session #5
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:10 pm	Breakout Session #6
2:20 pm - 3:30 pm	Breakout Session #7
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Closing General Session

BREAKOUT SESSION SCHEDULE

DAY 1 | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

	SIS BEGINNER LEVEL	SIS ELECTIVE FUNCTIONALITY	SIS ELECTIVE FUNCTIONALITY 2	SIS SCHEDULING OVERVIEW	SIS OLR FUNCTIONALITY	SIS MASTERY LEVEL	IA 1
SESSION 1	Hands On: Tips and Tricks for Navigation (Revamped)	Parent Submitted Attendance (New)	Emergency Response System with KioskVUE (New) (BYOD)	New Year Rollover	New Features in OLR, Lottery, and Waitlist (New)	Query Master: ST Query & SQL (New)	Assessment for Teachers - Using Overlay, Quizzes, and more (New)
SESSION 2	Getting Started in Synergy SIS: Basic tasks for the everyday user	Discipline Incident and Teacher Referrals	Getting the Most Out of Attendance Reports	Getting the Most Out of Scheduling Reports (New)	Introduction to Lottery and Waitlist (New)	Hands-On: UD Reports: SIREN Essentials (New)	TeacherVUE/ Grade Book - New Things You Want To Turn On (New)
SESSION 3	Maintaining Student Grades and Course History - Non Grade Book	Specialty Security Features	Attendance Letter V2	Course Request Entry and Analysis	Introduction to Athletics (New)	Report Master: SIREN, SQL, C#, and Imagination (Revamped)	Instructional Applications Opening Session - Deep Dive Into New Features and Roadmap

	IA 2	LMS (IA)	MTSS (IA)	STATE REPORTING	SPECIAL EDUCATION	IT	ELECTIVE 1
SESSION 1	Analytics: Exploring Powerful Real-World Dashboards Used by District Leaders	Introduction to Synergy LMS - Learning Management System (New)	Introduction to Synergy MTSS	OR State Reporting	Mobilizing SE (New)	Synergy Database Schema	Who Knew Synergy Did That?
SESSION 2	Intro to Synergy Assessment	Using Clever and Third Party Classroom Tool Provisioning - Including Customer Perspectives (New)	Social-Emotional Behavior and Threat Assessment (New)	VA State Reporting	UD Docs: The Basics (Revamped)	Cloud Migration Strategies for Hosting Synergy (New)	
SESSION 3	Google Classroom, Google Provisioning, and Integration of Google for Education	Synergy Grade Book - LMS Features for Teachers and Students	Activity Tracking, Request for Support, and Screener (New)	CA State Reporting	Intro to SE Query (Revamped)	Security Tips, Tricks & Techniques	

BREAKOUT SESSION SCHEDULE

DAY 2 | FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

	SIS BEGINNER LEVEL	SIS ELECTIVE FUNCTIONALITY	SIS ELECTIVE FUNCTIONALITY 2	SIS SCHEDULING OVERVIEW	SIS OLR FUNCTIONALITY	SIS MASTERY LEVEL	IA 1
SESSION 4	Schedule Maintenance and Walk-In Scheduling for Secondary schools	Advanced GPA Definition (New)	Customer Perspective: KioskVUE Daily Use (New)	Mass Scheduling and MSB Functionality (Revamped)	Hands-On: Visual Mail Merge for OLR (New)	Report Master: UD Report Interfaces (New)	Hands-On: Advanced Analytics - Exploring Building Analytics and Dashboards
SESSION 5	Elementary Scheduling Options	Discipline Incident Options with MTSS (New)	Building Blocks of Bell Schedules (New)	ScheduleBoard (Revamped)	Hands-On: OLR Conditions	User Defined Data Master	Customer Perspective: Analytics
SESSION 6	Enrollment: A Walkthrough with Common Troubleshooting Steps (New)	Career Plans & Academic Pathways (New)	Customer Perspective: Driving Public Engagement with ParentVUE (New)	New Features in NYR	Who Knew OLR Could Do That?! (New)	Customer Perspective: Rules Setup (New)	New District Grade Book
SESSION 7	Health Overview: Best Practices on Maintaining Student Health Records	Test History: Test Definition, Test Import and Student Test	KioskVUE, Hall Pass, and Self-Reported Attendance (New)	Overview of Scheduling Preparation and Processes in Synergy - From NYR to Update Schedule Process (Revamped)	Client Perspective: OLR Year 2 and Beyond!!! (New)	Mail Merge Mysteries Unlocked	Exploring New Parent/Teacher Conference in Synergy

	IA 2	LMS (IA)	MTSS (IA)	STATE REPORTING	SPECIAL EDUCATION	IT	ELECTIVE 1
SESSION 4	Determining Proficiency: Implementing Standards Based Grading in Synergy Gradebook	Synergy Teaching & Learning - a Tour of the Features and Advantages of Synergy Classroom Solutions (New)	Setup, Administration and Security in the MTSS Module (New)	AZ State Reporting	I'm Just a Query: How a Query Becomes a Report (New)	Infrastructure and How It All Works	Who Knew Synergy Did That?
SESSION 5	GradeBook - Configurable Options and Setup Considerations (New)	Using Curriculum Teams for Planning/Pacing for District Staff and Teachers (New)	Customer Perspective: MTSS	TN State Reporting	How Are We Progressing? (New)	SSO, MFA & User Provisioning via LDAP	
SESSION 6	TeacherVUE Overview	What's New In Synergy LMS? (New)	Early Warning and Notifications (New)	CRDC	Accommodating You: Health Plans and 504 (New)	Database Size Management	Upcoming Features in Synergy SIS
SESSION 7	Hands-On: Synergy Assessment	OneRoster 1.2 and LMS Integration (New)	Creating and Managing the MTSS Intervention Library (New)		Tips and Tricks and What's New in SE (Revamped)		



CONSENT CALENDAR

Lake Canyon Elementary Base Foundation for Portables

- f. Contractor Bid for Base Foundation for Three Portable Classrooms at Lake Canyon Elementary School**



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS ~ INFORMAL BID

Notice is hereby given by Galt Joint Union Elementary School District ("District") that it will receive up to, but no later than the Due Date and Time stated below, sealed Bids for the **Lake Canyon – Base Foundation for Three Portable Classrooms**.

DISTRICT has elected to become subject to the alternative bidding procedures set forth in the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act ("CUPCCAA"), Public Contract Code section 22000 et seq., with respect to public projects, as specified in Public Contract Code sections 22002(c)-(d) and 22003. This Project is subject to CUPCCAA's informal bidding procedures per Public Contract Code section 22032(b). Accordingly, notice is being given in accordance with the provisions of Public Contract Code section 22037. Further, the contract will be awarded and/or the bids rejected in accordance with CUPCCAA.

Project Description

THE WORK INCLUDES THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF EXISTING TURF AND A TREE IN THE AREAS OF THE THREE NEW PORTABLE CLASSROOMS. THE AREA BELOW EACH PORTABLE CLASSROOM AND RAMPS SHALL BE EXCAVATE DOWN TO ROUGH SUBGRADE ELEVATION, SCARIFIED, AND COMPACTED. PLACE A HEADER BOARD, GEOGRID, AND 12" OF COMPACTED AGGREGATE BASE FOR PORTABLE INSTALLATION.

CUT AND CAP ANY MAINLINES NEAR WHERE THEY ENTER THE BOUNDARY OF THE PROJECT. MARK ALL CAPPED LINES WITH AN IRRIGATION VALVE BOX. ALL EXISTING IRRIGATION AREAS OUTSIDE THE PROJECT WORK AREA SHALL BE PRESERVED AND OPERATIONAL. INTEGRITY SHALL BE MAINTAINED WITH PROPER SPRINKLER COVERAGE TO TURF AREAS TO REMAIN.

Bid Due Date and Time

4:00 pm on Friday, July 28, 2023 at Galt Joint Union Elementary School District, 1018 C Street Suite 210, Galt, CA 95632

Bid Documents and Drawings Available

On the District's website, Facilities and Planning page:

<https://www.galt.k12.ca.us/Our-District/Facilities-and-Planning/Informal-Bids/index.html>

For Construction Documents Contact

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Business Department

1018 C St., Suite 210, Galt, CA 95632

Contact: Alicia Valdovinos, email (avaldovinos@galt.k12.ca.us) or (209) 744-4545 ext. 345

Submittal of Bid

All Bids shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bids must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid requirements, which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only Bids submitted to the District prior to the date and time set forth above shall be considered.

Qualification of Contractors

In order to submit a Bid, contractors must possess a current and active **C-12, A or B** license and be CUPCCAA registered with the District by **July 20, 2023**.

Rejection of Bids

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding.

DVBE Participation Goal

The District has established a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Participation Goal of 3%. All contractors will be required to submit DVBE Worksheets that confirm outreach efforts to meet this goal.

Bid Advertisement Dates

CUPCCAA Qualified Contractor List for Category of Work Notification: **Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

Trade Journal Notification: Construction Bidboard (Ebidboard), Dodge Data & Analytics, Sacramento Regional Builders' Exchange, Builders' Exchange of San Joaquin

Notification date: **Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

Mandatory Pre-Bid Walk

Friday, July 21 2023 at 8:00 am, 800 Lake Canyon Avenue, Galt, CA 95632

END OF NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

**Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
Base Foundations for 3 Portables – Lake Canyon**

BID RESULTS

BID OPENING – Friday, July 28, 2023 at 4:05 P.M.

VENDOR	BID PACKAGE RECEIVED	PRESENT AT PRE-BID JOB WALK	AMOUNT OF BID(S)	Required Documentation:				
				BID FORM	BID BOND	DESIGNATION OF SUBCONTRACTORS	NON-COLLUSION DECLARATION	SIGNED DOCUMENT RE: WORKERS COMPENSATION
101 Builders, Inc.	X	X	\$93,101.00	X	X	X	X	X
Frontline General Engineering Construction, Inx.	X	X	Missed deadline in RFP to become CUPCCAA registered. Bid packet not considered.					
Blevins Construction	X	X	\$79,000.00	X	X	X	X	X

Present at Bid Opening:
Lois Yount, Superintendent
Alicia Valdovinos, Administrative Assistant/CBO & HR

BID FORM

TO: GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT, acting by and through its Governing Board, herein called the "DISTRICT":

1. Pursuant to your Notice to Contractors Calling for Bids and the other documents relating thereto, the undersigned bidder, having become familiarized with the terms of the complete contract, as defined in the Agreement, the local conditions affecting the performance of the contract and the cost of the work at the place where the work is to be done, hereby proposes and agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions of the complete contract and agrees to perform, within the time stipulated, the contract, including all of its component parts, and everything required to be performed, and to provide and furnish any and all of the labor, materials, tools, expendable equipment, and all applicable taxes, utility and transportation services necessary to perform the contract and complete in a good workmanlike manner all of the work required, including sheeting, shoring and bracing, or equivalent method for protection of life and limb in trenches and open excavation in conformance with applicable safety orders, in connection with the following:

Project: **Base Foundation for Three Portable Classrooms**

Located at: **800 Lake Canyon Ave, Galt 95632**

all in strict conformity with the complete contract as defined in the Agreement, prepared therefore and now on file at the office of: Galt Joint Union Elementary School District, 1018 C Street, Ste 210 Galt, CA. 95632 for the sum of:

Total Bid before Allowances:	\$ <u>79,000.00</u>
Allowance:	\$ _____
Total Base Bid (including Allowance(s)):	\$ <u>79,000.00</u>

Total:

Seventy-nine thousand

DOLLARS



CONSENT CALENDAR

Consulting Services Agreement with AR Leadership Partners, LLC

g. 2023-24 Consulting Services Agreement with AR Leadership Partners, LLC

GJUESD will proceed with Option 1

ARLP's Executive Leadership Performance Coaching with Dr. Alan Rogers for four GJUESD School Site Principals from August, 2023 - May, 2024

- ✓ 10 In-Person; One to One Performance Coaching Sessions
- ✓ 10 One to One remote Performance Coaching Sessions
- ✓ 5 In-Person Leadership Team Performance Institute/Coaching Sessions
- ✓ 5 In-Person Participating Principal Community of Practice Sessions
- ✓ Access to customized digital resources from ARLP
- ✓ As-needed strategic advisory and targeted technical assistance

ARLP's Executive Leadership Performance Coaching with Dr. Alan Rogers for two GJUESD School Site Assistant Principals from August, 2023 - May, 2024

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- ✓ 5 In-Person Leadership Team Performance Institute/Coaching Sessions
- ✓ Access to customized digital resources from ARLP
- ✓ As-needed strategic advisory and targeted technical assistance

Fiscal Impact: \$24,375

Funding Source: Educator Effectiveness Funds and ESSER III



CONSENT CALENDAR

Non Public Schools/Agencies Contracts

h. Master Contracts for Non Public Schools and Agencies providing services to students whose needs cannot be met in the district's programs.

1. ATX Learning
2. CCHAT
3. Easter Seals
4. Lodi Children's Therapy
5. Point Quest Depot Park
6. The Stepping Stones Group



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Nonpublic, Non-Sectarian School/Agency Services

MASTER CONTRACT

#1

ATX Learning

SACRAMENTO COUNTY SELPA

*NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN
SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES*

MASTER CONTRACT

2023–2024

MASTER CONTRACT

GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR NONSECTARIAN,
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES

LEA GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Contract Year 2023-2024

Nonpublic School ("NPS")

Nonpublic Agency ("NPA")

Type of Contract:

Master Contract for fiscal year with Individual Service Agreements (ISA) to be approved throughout the term of this Contract.

Type text here

Individual Master Contract for a specific student incorporating the Individual Service Agreement (ISA) into the terms of this Individual Master Contract specific to a single student.

Interim Extension of the Master Contract: an extension of the previous fiscal years approved contracts and rates. The sole purpose of this Interim Contract is to provide for ongoing funding at the prior year's rates for 90 days at the sole discretion of the LEA in accordance with Section 4 of this Master Contract.

Expiration Date: _____

When this section is included as part of any Master Contract, the changes specified above shall amend Section 4 – Term of Master Contract

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2023-2024

CONTRACT NUMBER: 1

LEA: GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL/AGANCY/RELATED SERVICES PROVIDER: ATX Learning

NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES MASTER CONTRACT

AUTHORIZATION FOR MASTER CONTRACT AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. MASTER CONTRACT

This Master Contract (or "Contract") is entered into on July 1, 2023, between GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT hereinafter referred to as the local educational agency ("LEA") or "District" and ATX Learning (nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency), hereinafter referred to as "NPS/A" or "CONTRACTOR," for the purpose of providing special education and/or related services to LEA students with exceptional needs under the authorization of California Education Code sections 56157, 56361 and 56365 et seq. and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 et seq., AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003) and AB1858 (Chapter 914, Statutes of 2004). It is understood that this Contract does not commit LEA to pay for special education and/or related services provided to any LEA student, or CONTRACTOR to provide such special education and/or related services, unless and until an authorized LEA representative approves the provision of special education and/or related services by CONTRACTOR.

Upon acceptance of a LEA student, LEA shall submit to CONTRACTOR an Individual Services Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "ISA"), and a Nonpublic Services Student Enrollment form. CONTRACTOR shall work with LEA to complete and return these forms to LEA prior to initiating any services for any student, unless otherwise agreed by LEA and CONTRACTOR. These forms shall acknowledge CONTRACTOR's obligation to provide all services specified in the LEA student's Individualized Education Program (hereinafter referred to as "IEP"). LEA and CONTRACTOR shall enter into an ISA for each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. As available and appropriate, the LEA shall make available access to any electronic IEP system and/or electronic database for ISA developing including invoicing.

Unless placement and/or services is ordered pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings (hereinafter referred to as "OAH") order, a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and parent, or authorized by LEA for a transfer LEA student pursuant to California Education Code section 56325, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with NPS placement or NPS/A services until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a NPS placement and/or NPS/A services is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by the Parent. 2.

2. CERTIFICATION AND LICENSES CONTRACTOR shall be certified by the California Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as "CDE") as a NPS/A. All NPS/A placements and services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification and licensure specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code, section 56366 et seq and within the professional scope of practice of each provider's license, certification and/or credential. A current copy of CONTRACTOR's NPS/A certification or a waiver of such certification issued by the CDE pursuant to Education Code section 56366.2 must be provided to LEA on or before the date this Contract is executed by CONTRACTOR. This Contract shall be null and void if such certification

or waiver is expired, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Contract. Total student enrollment shall be limited to capacity as stated on CDE certification and in Section 24 of the Contract.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of the State of California shall be certified and all staff persons providing services to pupils shall be certified and/or licensed by that state to provide, respectively, special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.*).

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution (hereinafter referred to as "LCI"), CONTRACTOR shall be licensed by the State of California, or other public agency having delegated authority by contract with the State of California to license, to provide nonmedical care room and board to children, including, but not limited to, individuals with exceptional needs. The LCI must also comply with all licensing requirements relevant to the protection of the child, and have a special permit, if necessary, to meet the needs of each child so placed. If the CONTRACTOR operates a program outside of the State of California, CONTRACTOR must obtain all required licenses from the appropriate licensing agency in both California and in the state where the LCI is located.

With respect to CONTRACTOR's certification, failure to notify LEA and CDE in writing of any changes in: (1) credentialed/licensed staff; (2) ownership; (3) management and/or control of the agency; (4) major modification or relocation of facilities; or (5) significant modification of the program may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Contract by the LEA. Any suspension or revocation of CONTRACTOR's CDE certification shall also be good cause for the immediate suspension or termination of this Contract by LEA, at LEA's discretion.

3. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, STATUTES, REGULATIONS

During the term of this Contract, unless otherwise agreed, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, State of California, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, policies and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall also comply with all applicable LEA and SELPA policies, regulations, and procedures (collectively referred to as "LEA Procedures") unless, taking into consideration all of the surrounding facts and circumstances, a policy or policies or a portion of a policy does not reasonably apply to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR hereby acknowledges and agrees that it accepts all risks and responsibilities for its failure to comply with LEA Procedures and shall indemnify LEA under the provisions of Section 16 of this Contract for all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of CONTRACTOR's failure to comply with applicable LEA Procedures (e.g., those policies relating to; the provision of special education and/or related services, facilities for individuals with exceptional needs, student enrollment and transfer, student inactive status, corporal punishment, student discipline, and positive behavior interventions).

CONTRACTOR acknowledges and understands that LEA may report to CDE any violations of the provisions of this Contract; and that this may result in the suspension and/or revocation of CDE NPA/S certification pursuant to California Education Code section 56366.4(a).

4. TERM OF MASTER CONTRACT

The term of this Contract shall be from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 3062(a)) unless otherwise stated. Neither the CONTRACTOR nor the LEA is required to renew this Contract in subsequent contract years. The parties acknowledge that any subsequent Master Contract is to be re-negotiated prior to June 30, 2024. In the event the contract negotiations are not agreed to by June 30th, the most recently executed Master Contract will remain in effect for 90 days. (Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 3062(d)) No Master Contract will be offered unless and until all of the contracting requirements have been satisfied. The offer of a Master Contract to a CONTRACTOR is at the sole discretion of the LEA.

The provisions of this Contract apply to CONTRACTOR and any of its employees or independent contractors. Notice of any change in CONTRACTOR's ownership or authorized representative shall be provided in writing to LEA within thirty (30) calendar days of change of ownership or change of authorized representative.

5. INTEGRATION/CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACT FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION

This Contract incorporates LEA Procedures herein by this reference. Each ISA is also incorporated herein by this reference. This Contract supersedes any prior or contemporaneous written or oral understanding or agreement. This Contract may be amended only by written amendment executed by both parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, LEA may modify LEA Procedures from time to time without the consent of CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA with information as requested in writing to secure a Contract or a renewal.

At a minimum, such information shall include copies of current teacher credentials and clearance, insurance documentation, and CDE certification. LEA may require additional information as applicable. If the application packet is not completed and returned to LEA, no Contract will be issued. If CONTRACTOR does not return the Contract to LEA duly signed by an authorized representative within ninety (90) calendar days of issuance by LEA, the new contract rates will not take effect until the newly executed Contract is received by LEA and will not be retroactive to the first day of the new Contract's effective date. If CONTRACTOR fails to execute the new Contract within such ninety-day period, all payments shall cease until such time as the new Contract for the current school year is signed and returned to LEA by CONTRACTOR. (California Education Code §56366(c)(1) and (2)). In the event that this Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed Contract between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized LEA students at the discretion of LEA.

6. INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT ("ISA")

This Contract shall include an ISA developed for each LEA student to whom CONTRACTOR is to provide special education and/or related services. An ISA shall only be issued for LEA students enrolled with the approval of LEA pursuant to Education Code section 56366(a)(2)(A). An ISA may be effective for more than one contract year provided that there is a concurrent Contract in effect. In the event that this Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed ISAs between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized students.

Any and all changes to a student's educational placement/program/services provided under this Contract and/or an ISA shall be made solely on the basis of a revision to the student's IEP or by written agreement between the Parent and LEA. At any time during the term of this Contract, a Parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of a student's IEP subject to all procedural safeguards required by law.

Unless otherwise provided in this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall provide all services specified in the IEP unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in the ISA. (California Education Code §56366(a)(5) and California Code of Regulations, tit. 5, § 3062(e).) In the event CONTRACTOR is unable to provide a specific service at any time during the term of the ISA, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing within five (5) business days of the last date a service was provided. CONTRACTOR shall provide any and all subsequent compensatory service hours awarded to an LEA student as a result of lack of provision of services while the student was served by CONTRACTOR.

If a Parent or LEA contests the termination of an ISA by initiating a due process proceeding with the OAH, CONTRACTOR shall abide by the "stay-put" requirement of the State of California and federal law unless the Parent and LEA voluntarily agree otherwise, or an Interim Alternative Educational Setting ("IAES") is

deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH consistent with Title 20 of the United States Codes Sections 1415(k)(1)(G), 1415(k)(2), and 1415(k)(3)(B)(ii)(II). CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning changes in placement.

Disagreements between LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the formulation of an ISA or the Contract may be appealed to the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools or the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code section 56366(c)(2).

Exhibit B includes the ISA form.

7. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this contract:

- a. The term "CONTRACTOR" means a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency ("NPS/A") certified by the California Department of Education ("CDE"), and its officers, agents and employees.
- b. The term "authorized LEA representative" means a LEA administrator designated to be responsible for NPS/A. It is understood, a representative of the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) of which LEA is a member is an authorized LEA representative in collaboration with LEA. LEA maintains sole responsibility for this Contract, unless otherwise specified in this Contract.
- c. The term "credential" means a valid credential, life diploma, permit, or document in special education or pupil personnel services issued by, or under the jurisdiction of, the California State Board of Education if issued prior to 1970 or the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, which entitles the holder thereof to perform services for which certification qualifications are required as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(g).
- d. The term "qualified" means that a person holds a certificate, permit or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold to provide special education and related services and has met federal and state certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements which apply to the area in which the individual is providing special education or related services, including those requirements set forth in Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58, and those requirements set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 3064 and 3065, and adheres to the standards of professional practice established in federal and state law or regulation, including the standards contained in the California Business and Professions Code.

Nothing in this definition shall be construed as restricting the activities in services of a graduate needing direct hours leading to licensure, or of a student teacher or intern leading to a graduate degree at an accredited or approved college or university, as authorized by State laws or regulations. (California Code of Regulations, tit. 5, § 3001(r).)

- e. The term "license" means a valid non-expired document issued by a licensing agency within the California Department of Consumer Affairs or other State of California licensing office authorized to grant licenses and authorizing the bearer of the document to provide certain professional services or refer to themselves using a specified professional title. This includes, but is not limited to, mental health and board and care services at a residential placement. If a license is not available through an appropriate State of California licensing agency, a certificate of registration with the appropriate professional organization at the national or State of California level which has standards established for the certificate that are equivalent to a license shall be deemed to be a license as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(l).

- f. "Parent" means:
 - i. a biological or adoptive parent; unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child,
 - ii. a foster parent if the authority of the biological or adoptive parents to make educational decisions on the child's behalf has been specifically limited by court order in accordance with Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 300.30(b)(1) or (b)(2),
 - iii. a guardian generally authorized to act as the child's parent or authorized to make educational decisions for the child,
 - iv. an individual acting in the place of a biological or adoptive parent, including a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative with whom the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child's welfare,
 - v. a surrogate parent.

Parent does not include the state or any political subdivision of government or a NPS/A under contract with the LEA for the provision of special education or designated instruction and services for a child. (California Education Code §56028.)

- g. The term "days" means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- h. The phrase "billable day" means a school day in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs.
- i. The phrase "billable day of attendance" means a school day as defined in California Education Code Section 46307, in which an LEA student is in attendance and in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs unless otherwise stipulated in an IEP or ISA.
- j. It is understood that the term "Master Contract" also means "Contract" and is referred to as such in this document.

ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT

8. NOTICES

All notices provided for by this Contract shall be in writing. Notices shall be mailed or delivered by hand and shall be effective as of the date of receipt by addressee.

All notices mailed to LEA shall be addressed to the person and address as indicated on the signature page of this Contract. Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed as indicated on the signature page of this Contract.

9. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

All records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR as required by State and federal laws and regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, CONTRACTOR shall maintain all records for at least five (5) years after the termination of this Contract. For purposes of this Contract, "records" shall include, but not be limited to pupil records as defined by California Education Code section 49061(b) including electronically stored information; cost data records as set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3061; registers and roll books of teachers and/or daily service providers; chart notes, Medi-Cal logs, daily service logs and notes and other documents used to record the provision of related services including supervision; daily service logs and notes used to record the provision of services provided through additional instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides, and bus aides; behavior emergency reports (BER); incident reports; notification of injuries; absence verification records (Parent/doctor notes, telephone logs, and related documents) if CONTRACTOR is funded for excused absences, however, such records are not required if positive attendance is required; transcripts; grade and progress reports; behavioral data; IEP/IFSPs; assessment reports; bus rosters; staff lists specifying credentials held and documents evidencing other staff qualifications, social security numbers, dates of hire, and dates of termination;

records of employee training and certification, staff time sheets; non-paid staff and volunteer sign-in sheets; transportation and other related services subcontracts; school calendars; bell/class schedules when applicable; liability and worker's compensation insurance policies; state NPS/A certifications; business licenses held; by-laws; lists of current board of directors/trustees, if incorporated; all budgetary information, including operating budgets; statements of income and expenses; general journals; cash receipts and disbursement books; general ledgers and supporting documents; documents evidencing financial expenditures; federal/State payroll quarterly reports (Form 941/DE3DP); and bank statements and canceled checks or facsimile thereof.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain LEA student records in a secure location to ensure confidentiality and prevent unauthorized access. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a current list of the names and positions of CONTRACTOR's employees who have access to confidential records. CONTRACTOR shall maintain an access log for each LEA student's record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record. Such log shall be maintained as required by California Education Code section 49064 and include the name, title, agency/organization affiliation, date/time of access for each individual requesting or receiving information from the student's record, and a description of the record(s) provided. Such log needs to record access to the LEA student's records by: (a) the LEA student's Parent; (b) an individual to whom written consent has been executed by the LEA student's Parent; or (c) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record. CONTRACTOR/LEA shall maintain copies of any written parental concerns granting access to LEA student records. For purposes of this Section, "employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR" do not include subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall grant the following access to student records, (a) the LEA student's Parent; (b) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record, and comply with Parent requests for copies of LEA student records, as required by State of California and federal laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR agrees, in the event of NPS/A closure, to forward all LEA student records held by CONTRACTOR within ten (10) business days to LEA. LEA and/or SELPA shall have access to and receive copies of any and all records upon request within five (5) business days.

10. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Contract is held, in whole or in part, to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of that provision and of the entire Contract shall be severable and remain in effect.

11. SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST

This Contract binds CONTRACTOR's successors and assignees. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of any change of ownership or corporate control within ten (10) business days of such change.

12. VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW

The laws of the State of California shall govern the terms and conditions of this contract with venue in the County where LEA is located.

13. MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS REQUIRED TO CONFORM TO LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

This Contract may be modified or amended by LEA to conform to administrative and statutory guidelines issued by any state, federal or local governmental agency. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR thirty (30) days' notice of any such changes or modifications made to conform to administrative or statutory guidelines and a copy of the statute, guideline, or regulation upon which the modifications or changes are based.

14. TERMINATION

This Contract or ISA may be terminated for cause. Cause shall include but not be limited to non-maintenance of current NPS/A certification, failure of either LEA or CONTRACTOR to maintain the

standards required under the Contract and/or ISA, or other material breach of this Contract by CONTRACTOR or LEA. For purposes of NPS placement, the cause shall not be the availability of a public class initiated during the period of the Contract unless the Parent agrees to the transfer of the LEA student to the public school program at an IEP team meeting. To terminate the Contract or ISA, either party shall give no less than twenty (20) days prior written notice to the other party. (California Education Code §56366(a)(4).) If this Contract is terminated with twenty (20) days' notice, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Contract on the date of termination.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Contract or ISA may be terminated immediately, without twenty (20) days prior notice and at LEA's discretion, if LEA determines that there are significant health or safety concerns or there has been a suspension or revocation of CONTRACTOR's NPS/A certification. If this Contract is terminated immediately, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Contract within five (5) business days of termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing regarding termination of an ISA, CONTRACTOR is bound by the "stay put" provisions described in Section 6 of this Contract.

15. INSURANCE

CONTRACTOR shall, at CONTRACTOR's sole cost and expense, maintain in full force and effect, during the term of this Contract, the following insurance coverage from a California licensed and/or admitted insurer with an A minus (A-), VII, or better rating from A.M. Best, sufficient to cover any claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including counsel fees) arising out of or in connection with CONTRACTOR's fulfillment of any of its obligations under this Contract or either party's use of the work or any component or part thereof:

PART I - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AND AGENCIES

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance**, including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits as follows:

- \$2,000,000 per occurrence
- \$ 500,000 fire damage
- \$ 5,000 medical expenses
- \$1,000,000 personal & adv. Injury
- \$4,000,000 general aggregate
- \$2,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate

CONTRACTOR's general liability policy shall be primary and shall not seek contribution from LEA's coverage, and be endorsed using Insurance Services Office form CG 20 10 or CG 20 26 (or equivalent) to provide that LEA and its officers, officials, employees, and agents shall be additional insureds under such policies.

- B. **Commercial Auto Liability Insurance** for all owned, non-owned or hired automobiles with a limit of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per accident.

If no owned automobiles, then only hired and non-owned is required. If CONTRACTOR uses a vehicle to travel to/from school sites, between schools and/or to/from students' homes or other locations as approved service locations by the LEA, CONTRACTOR must comply with State of California auto insurance requirements.

- C. **Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance** in accordance with provisions of California Labor Code sections 3200 et seq., adequate to protect CONTRACTOR from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the California Workers' Compensation Insurance and Safety Act and in accordance with applicable State and federal laws.

Part A – Statutory Limits

Part B – \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000 Employers Liability

D. Sexual Abuse and Molestation Insurance

CONTRACTOR shall provide Sexual Abuse and Molestation coverage in the minimum amount of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per occurrence.

E. Errors & Omissions (E & O)/Malpractice (Professional Liability) Insurance

CONTRACTOR shall maintain professional liability insurance that insures against professional errors and omissions that may be made in performing the Services to be rendered in connection with this Contract, in the minimum amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per claim and in the aggregate. Any policy inception date, continuity date, or retroactive date must be before the effective date of this Contract, and CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain continuous coverage through a period no less than three years after completion of the services required by this Contract.

F. For all Insurance Coverage in Part I:

- 1) Each insurance policy required by the Contract shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled, or reduced in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to LEA, except that ten (10) days' prior written notice shall apply in the event of cancellation for nonpayment of premium.
- 2) All self-insured retentions over \$100,000 must be declared and approved by LEA.
- 3) Evidence of Insurance – Prior to commencement of serving LEA students pursuant to this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall furnish LEA with certificates, additional insured endorsements, and waivers of subrogation evidencing compliance with the insurance requirements above. CONTRACTOR must agree to provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies if requested by LEA.
- 4) Acceptability of Insurers – Insurance shall be placed with insurers admitted in the State of California and with an AM Best rating of A-, VII, or higher.

G. All Certificates of Insurance must reference the contract number, name of the school or agency submitting the certificate, and the location of the school or agency submitting the certificate on the certificate.

PART II - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFILIATED WITH A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY (“RTC”)

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS affiliated with a residential treatment center (“NPS/RTC”), the following insurance policies are required:

A. Commercial General Liability including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits of at least:

\$3,000,000 per Occurrence

\$6,000,000 in General Aggregate.

The policy shall be endorsed to name LEA and LEA's Board of Education as named additional insureds and shall provide specifically that any insurance carried by LEA which may be applicable to any claims or loss shall be deemed excess and NPS/RTC's insurance primary

despite any conflicting provisions in the NPS/RTC's policy. Coverage shall be maintained with no Self-Insured Retention above \$100,000 without the prior written approval of LEA.

- B. **Workers' Compensation Insurance** in accordance with provisions of the California Labor Code adequate to protect the NPS/RTC from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act (Statutory Coverage). The Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage must also include Employers Liability coverage with limits of \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000.
- C. **Commercial Auto Liability Coverage** with limits of \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence if the NPS/RTC does not operate a student bus service. If the NPS/RTC provides student bus services, the required coverage limit is \$5,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence.
- D. **Fidelity Bond or Crime Coverage** shall be maintained by the NPS/RTC to cover all employees who process or otherwise have responsibility for NPS/RTC funds, supplies, equipment or other assets. Minimum amount of coverage shall be \$250,000 per occurrence, with no self-insured retention.
- E. **Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions/Malpractice Coverage** with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.
- F. **Sexual Molestation and Abuse Coverage**, unless that coverage is afforded elsewhere in the Commercial General Liability or Professional liability policy by endorsement, with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.

If LEA or CONTRACTOR determines that a change in insurance coverage obligations under this section is necessary, either party may reopen negotiations to modify the insurance obligations.

16. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

To the fullest extent allowed by law, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold LEA and its Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, volunteers, and subcontractors ("LEA Indemnities") harmless against all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of this Contract or its performance, to the extent that such loss, expense, damage or liability was proximately caused by negligence, intentional act, or willful act or omission of CONTRACTOR, including, without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontractors or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it (excluding LEA and LEA Indemnities). The duty and obligation to defend shall arise immediately upon tender of a claim or lawsuit to CONTRACTOR. LEA shall have the right in its sole discretion to select counsel of its choice to provide the defense at the sole cost of CONTRACTOR or the applicable insurance carrier.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, LEA shall indemnify and hold CONTRACTOR and its Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, and subcontractors ("CONTRACTOR Indemnities") harmless against all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of this Contract or its performance thereof, to the extent that such loss, expense, damage or liability was proximately caused by the negligent or willful act or omission of LEA, including, without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontractors or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it (excluding CONTRACTOR and/or any CONTRACTOR Indemnities).

LEA represents that it is self-insured in compliance with the laws of the State of California, that the self-insurance covers LEA employees acting within the course and scope of their respective duties and that its self-insurance covers the LEA's indemnification obligations under this Contract.

17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Nothing herein contained will be construed to imply a joint venture, partnership or principal-agent relationship between LEA and CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide all services under this Contract as an independent contractor, and neither party shall have the authority to bind or make any commitment on behalf of the other. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed to create any association, partnership, joint venture or relationship of principal and agent, master and servant, or employer and employee between the Parties or any affiliates of the Parties, or between LEA and any individual assigned by CONTRACTOR to perform any services for LEA.

If LEA is determined to be a partner, joint venture, co-principal, employer or co-employer of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless LEA from and against any and all claims for loss, liability, or damages arising from that determination, as well as any expenses, costs, taxes, penalties and interest charges incurred by LEA as a result of that determination.

18. SUBCONTRACTING

CONTRACTOR shall not enter into any subcontracting relationship without first obtaining final written approval of LEA. Should CONTRACTOR wish to subcontract for special education and/or related services pursuant to this Contract, it must provide written notification to LEA before any subcontracting arrangement is made. In the event LEA determines that it can provide the subcontracted service(s) at a lower rate, LEA may elect to provide such service(s). If LEA elects to provide such service(s), LEA shall provide written notification to CONTRACTOR within five (5) days of receipt of CONTRACTOR's original notice and CONTRACTOR shall not subcontract for said service(s).

Should LEA approve in concept of CONTRACTOR subcontracting for services, CONTRACTOR shall submit the proposed subcontract to LEA for approval. CONTRACTOR shall incorporate all of the provisions of this Contract in all subcontracts, to the fullest extent possible. Furthermore, when CONTRACTOR is developing subcontracts for the provision of special education and/or related services (including, but not limited to, transportation) for any LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall cause each subcontractor to procure and maintain indemnification and insurance requirements which comply with the provisions of Sections 15 and 16 of this Contract during the term of each subcontract. If a proposed subcontract is approved by LEA, each subcontractor shall furnish LEA with original endorsements and certificates of insurance effecting coverage required by Section 15 of this Contract. The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. Unless otherwise agreed to by LEA, the endorsements are to be on forms provided by LEA. All endorsements are to be received and approved by LEA before the subcontractor's work commences. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies shall name the LEA/SELPA and the LEA Board of Education as additional insureds.

As an alternative to LEA's forms, a subcontractor's insurer may provide, with prior LEA approval, complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by this Contract. All Certificates of Insurance must reference the LEA contract number, name of the NPS/A submitting the certificate, designation of NPS or NPA, and the location of the NPS/A submitting the certificate. In addition, all subcontractors must meet the requirements as contained in Section 45 (Clearance Requirements) and Section 46 (Staff Qualifications) of this Contract. No subcontract shall be considered final without LEA approval.

19. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA upon request a copy of its current bylaws and a current list of its Board of Directors (or Trustees), if it is incorporated. CONTRACTOR and any member of its Board of Directors (or Trustees) shall disclose any relationship with LEA that constitutes or may constitute a conflict of interest pursuant to California Education Code section 56042 and Government Code Section 1090 including, but not limited to, employment with LEA, provision of private party assessments and/or reports,

and attendance at IEP team meetings acting as a student's advocate. Pursuant to California Education Code section 56042, an attorney or advocate for a Parent of an individual with exceptional needs shall not recommend placement at CONTRACTOR's facility if the attorney or advocate is employed or contracted by the CONTRACTOR, or will receive a benefit from the CONTRACTOR, or otherwise has a conflict of interest.

LEA shall neither execute an ISA with CONTRACTOR nor amend an existing ISA for an LEA student when a recommendation for special education and/or related services is based in whole or in part on assessment(s) or reports provided by CONTRACTOR to the LEA student without prior written authorization by LEA. This section shall apply to CONTRACTOR regardless of when an assessment is performed or a report is prepared (i.e., before or after the LEA student is enrolled in CONTRACTOR's NPS/A) or whether an assessment of the LEA student is performed or a report is prepared in the normal course of the services provided to the LEA student by CONTRACTOR. To avoid conflict of interest, and in order to ensure the appropriateness of an Independent Educational Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as "IEE") and its recommendations, LEA may not fund an IEE by an evaluator who provides ongoing service(s) or is sought to provide service(s) to the LEA student for whom the IEE is requested. Likewise, LEA may not fund services through the evaluator whose IEE LEA agrees to fund. When no other appropriate assessor is available, LEA may request and if CONTRACTOR agrees, CONTRACTOR may provide an IEE.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that its authorized representative has read and understands California Education Code section 56366.3 which provides, in relevant part, that no special education and/or related services provided by CONTRACTOR shall be paid for by LEA if provided by an individual who is or was an employee of LEA within the three hundred sixty-five (365) days prior to executing this Contract. This provision does not apply to any person who is able to provide designated instruction and services during the extended school year because he or she is otherwise employed for up to ten months of the school year by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall not admit a student living within the jurisdictional boundaries of the LEA on a private pay or tuition free "scholarship" basis and concurrently or subsequently advise/request Parent(s) to pursue funding for the admitted school year from LEA through due process proceedings. Such action shall constitute good cause for termination of this Contract by LEA.

20. NON-DISCRIMINATION

CONTRACTOR shall not, in employment or operation of its programs, unlawfully discriminate on the basis of gender, nationality, national origin, ancestry, race, color, ethnicity, ethnic group affiliation, religion, age, marital status, pregnancy or parental status, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disability, genetic information, medical condition, military or veteran status, or any other classification protected by federal or State law or the perception of one or more of such characteristics or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

21. FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION (FAPE)

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with a copy of the IEP including the Individualized Transition Plan (hereinafter referred to as "ITP") of each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services (including transition services) to each LEA student within the NPS/A consistent with the student's IEP and as specified in the ISA. If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall not accept an LEA student if it cannot provide or ensure the provision of the services outlined in the student's IEP. If an LEA student's services are provided by a third party (i.e. Related Services Provider), CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, if provision of services cease.

Unless otherwise agreed to between CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the provision of all appropriate supplies, equipment, and/or facilities, as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall make no charge of any kind to parents for special education and/or related services as specified in the student's IEP and ISA (including, but not limited to, screenings, assessments, or interviews that occur prior to or as a condition of an LEA student's enrollment under the terms of this Contract). LEA shall provide low incidence equipment for eligible students with low incidence disabilities when specified in an LEA student's IEP and ISA. Such equipment remains the property of the LEA and shall be returned to the LEA when the IEP team determines the equipment is no longer needed or when the student is no longer enrolled in the NPS. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that facilities are adequate to provide LEA students with an environment which meets all pertinent health and safety regulations.

CONTRACTOR may charge an LEA student's Parent(s) for services and/or activities not necessary for the student to receive a FAPE after: (a) written notification to the LEA student's Parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities; and (b) receipt by LEA of the written notification and a written acknowledgment signed by the LEA student's Parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning Parent acknowledgment of financial responsibility.

Voluntary services and/or activities not necessary for the student to receive a FAPE shall not interfere with the LEA student's receipt of special education and/or related services as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA unless the LEA, CONTRACTOR, and Parent agree otherwise in writing.

22. GENERAL PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION

All NPS/A services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code section 56366 *et seq.*

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction shall: (a) utilize evidence-based practices and be consistent with LEA's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (b) include curriculum that addresses mathematics, literacy and the use of educational, assistive technology and transition services; (c) be consistent with CDE's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (d) provide the services as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. LEA students shall have access to: (a) State Board of Education (SBE) - adopted Common Core State Standards ("CCSS") for curriculum and the same instructional materials for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive; and provide standards – aligned core curriculum and instructional materials for grades 9 to 12, inclusive, used by LEA; (b) college preparation courses; (c) extracurricular activities, such as art, sports, music and academic clubs; (d) career preparation and vocational training, consistent with transition plans pursuant to State and federal law and; (e) supplemental assistance, including individual academic tutoring, psychological counseling, and career and college counseling. When appropriate, CONTRACTOR shall utilize the designated curriculum guidelines for students with moderate to severe disabilities who participate in the State's alternative assessment. These students shall have access to the core content, activities, and instructional materials delineated within these curriculum guidelines. CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction shall be described in writing and a copy provided to LEA prior to the effective date of this Contract.

When CONTRACTOR serves students in grades 9 through 12 inclusive, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR a specific list of the course requirements to be satisfied by CONTRACTOR leading toward graduation or completion of LEA's diploma requirements. CONTRACTOR shall not award a high school diploma to students who have not successfully completed all of LEA's graduation requirements.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction and/or services shall utilize evidence-based practices and be consistent with LEA and CDE guidelines and certifications, and shall be provided as specified in the student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a written description of the services and location provided prior to the effective date of this Contract. School-based services may not be unilaterally converted by CONTRACTOR to a substitute program or provided at a location not specifically authorized by the IEP

team. Except for services provided by a CONTRACTOR that is a Licensed Children's Institution (LCI), all services not provided in the school setting require the presence of a Parent or adult caregiver during the delivery of services, provided such guardian or caregiver have a signed authorization by the Parent to authorize emergency services as requested. LCI CONTRACTORS shall ensure that appropriate and qualified residential or clinical staff is present during the provision of services under this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA in writing if no Parent, guardian or adult caregiver is present.

CONTRACTORS providing Behavior Intervention Services shall develop a written plan that specifies the nature of their NPA service for each student within thirty (30) days of enrollment and shall be provided in writing to the LEA. CONTRACTORS providing Behavior Intervention Services must have a trained behaviorist or trained equivalent on staff who is qualified and responsible for the design, planning, and implementation of behavioral interventions as the law requires. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3051.23; Ed. Code § 56366.10(e).) It is understood that Behavior Intervention Services are limited per CDE Certification and do not constitute an instructional program.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA, CONTRACTOR shall not provide transportation nor subcontract for transportation services for students unless LEA and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing.

23. INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, the total number of instructional minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be at least equivalent to the number of instructional minutes per school day provided to LEA students at like grade level attending LEA schools and shall be specified in the student's ISA developed in accordance with the student's IEP.

For students in grades kindergarten through 12 inclusive, unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP and ISA, the number of instructional minutes, excluding breakfast, recess, lunch and passing time shall be at the same level that California Education Code prescribes for LEA.

The total number of annual instructional minutes shall be at least equivalent to the total number of annual instructional minutes provided to LEA students attending LEA schools in like grade level unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, the total number of minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be specified in the LEA student's ISA developed in accordance with the student's IEP.

24. CLASS SIZE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that class size shall not exceed a ratio of one teacher per twelve (12) students, unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in writing. Upon prior written approval by an authorized LEA representative, class size may be temporarily increased by a ratio of 1 teacher to fourteen (14) students when necessary during the regular or extended school year to provide services to students with disabilities.

In the event a NPS CONTRACTOR is unable to fill a vacant teaching position responsible for direct instruction to LEA students, and the vacancy has a direct impact on the CDE Certification of that school, CONTRACTOR shall develop a plan to ensure appropriate coverage of students by first utilizing existing certificated staff. CONTRACTOR and LEA may agree to one 30 school day period per contract year where class size may be increased to ensure coverage by an appropriately credentialed teacher. Such an agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties. This provision does not apply to a NPA CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR providing special education instruction for individuals with exceptional needs between the ages of three and five years, inclusive, shall also comply with the appropriate instructional adult to child ratios pursuant to California Education Code sections 56440 *et seq.*

25. CALENDARS

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS:

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a school calendar with the total number of billable days not to exceed 180 days, plus extended school year billable days equivalent to the number of days determined by LEA's extended school year calendar. Billable days shall include only those days that are included on the submitted and approved school calendar, and/or required by the IEP (developed by LEA) for each LEA student. CONTRACTOR shall not be allowed to change its school calendar and/or amend the number of billable days without the prior written approval of LEA. Nothing in this Contract shall be interpreted to require LEA to accept any requests for calendar changes. In the event LEA adjusts the number of school days for its regular school year and/or extended school year, the approved number of days shall become the total billable days for CONTRACTOR. In such a case, an amended calendar shall be provided by CONTRACTOR for LEA approval.

Unless otherwise specified by the LEA student's IEP, educational services shall occur at the school site. A student shall only be eligible for extended school year services as determined by the student's IEP team and the provision of such is specifically included in the ISA. Extended school year shall consist of twenty (20) instructional days, unless otherwise agreed upon by the student's IEP team convened by the LEA. Any days of extended school year in excess of twenty (20) billable days must be mutually agreed to by LEA and CONTRACTOR, in writing, prior to the start of the extended school year.

Student must have actually been in attendance during the regular school year and/or during extended school year and received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any NPS service. Any instructional days provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall observe the same legal holidays as LEA. As of the execution of this Contract, those holidays are: Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth and Independence Day. With the prior written approval of LEA, CONTRACTOR may revise the date upon which CONTRACTOR closes in observance of any of the holidays observed by LEA.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA:

CONTRACTOR shall be provided with a LEA-developed/approved calendar prior to the initiation of services. CONTRACTOR herein agrees to observe holidays as specified in LEA-developed/approved calendar. CONTRACTOR shall provide services pursuant to LEA-developed/approved calendar; or as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. Unless otherwise specified in the LEA student's ISA, CONTRACTOR shall provide related services to LEA students on only those days that the LEA student's school of attendance is in session and the LEA student attends school. CONTRACTOR shall bill only for services provided on billable days of attendance as indicated on LEA calendar unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in writing before delivery of any NPA services. Student must have actually been in attendance and/or received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any NPA service provided by CONTRACTOR. Any services provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of the CONTRACTOR. In the event of school closures due to emergency, payment will follow the procedures in accordance with Section 62 of this Contract.

26. DATA REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall agree to provide to LEA all data related to LEA student information and billing information. CONTRACTOR shall provide data related to all sections of this Contract, including student discipline as noted below, when requested by LEA and in the format required by LEA. It is understood that CONTRACTOR shall utilize LEA-approved electronic IEP system for all IEP development, service tracking documentation, and progress reporting, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by LEA. Additional progress reporting may be required by the LEA. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with appropriate software, user training and proper internet permissions to allow adequate access so that this information may be compiled.

Using forms developed by the CDE or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA, on a monthly basis, a written report of all incidents in which a statutory offense is committed by any LEA student, regardless if it results in a disciplinary action of suspension or expulsion. This includes all statutory offenses as described in Education Codes sections 48900 and 48915. CONTRACTOR shall also include incidents resulting in the use of a behavioral restraint and/or seclusion even if they were not a result of a violation of Education Code sections 48900 and 48915. (Ed. Code § 49006.)

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with approved forms and/or format for such data including, but not limited to, invoicing, attendance reports and progress reports. LEA may approve use of CONTRACTOR-provided forms at its discretion.

27. LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall follow all LEA Procedures that support Least Restrictive Environment (“LRE”) options and/or dual enrollment options if available and appropriate, for students to have access to the general curriculum and to be educated with their nondisabled peers to the maximum extent appropriate.

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall ensure that LRE placement options are addressed at all IEP team meetings regarding students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. This shall include IEP team consideration of supplementary aids and services, goals and objectives necessary for placement in the LRE and necessary to enable students to transition to less restrictive settings.

When an IEP team has determined that a student should be transitioned into the public school setting, CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA in implementing the IEP team’s recommended activities to support the transition.

28. STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, per implementation of Senate Bill 484, CONTRACTOR shall administer all statewide assessments within the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (“CAASPP”), Desired Results Developmental Profile (“DRDP”), California Alternative Assessment (“CAA”), achievement and abilities tests (using LEA-authorized assessment instruments), the Fitness Gram, the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (“ELPAC”), and Alternative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (“Alternative ELPAC”), and as appropriate to the LEA student, and mandated by LEA pursuant to LEA, State of California, and federal guidelines.

CONTRACTOR is subject to the alternative accountability system developed pursuant to Education Code section 52052, in the same manner as public schools. Each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR by the LEA shall be tested by qualified staff of CONTRACTOR in accordance with that accountability program. LEA shall provide test administration training to CONTRACTOR’S qualified staff.

CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA test training and comply with completion of all coding requirements as required by LEA.

29. MANDATED ATTENDANCE AT LEA MEETINGS

CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA-mandated meetings when legal mandates and/or LEA Procedures are reviewed, including but not limited to the areas of: curriculum, high school graduation, standards-based instruction, behavior intervention, cultural and linguistic needs of students with disabilities, dual enrollment responsibilities, LRE responsibilities, transition services, data collection, standardized testing, and IEPs. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with reasonable notice of mandated meetings. Attendance at such meetings does not constitute a billable service hour(s).

30. POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Education Code section 49005, *et seq.*, 56521.1 and 56521.2. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that CONTRACTOR utilizes a multi-tier system of support (“MTSS”) to address student needs. CONTRACTOR shall also ensure that all staff are trained on the use of positive behavior interventions and supports consistent with this Contract.

LEA students who exhibit behaviors that interfere with their learning or the learning of others must receive timely and appropriate assessments and positive supports and interventions in accordance with the federal law and its implementing regulations. If the IEP team determines that a student’s behavior impedes his or her learning or the learning of others, the IEP team is required to consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. This could mean that instead of developing a Behavior Intervention Plan (“BIP”), the IEP team may conclude it is sufficient to address the student’s behavioral problems through the development of behavioral goals and behavioral interventions to support those goals.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written policy pursuant to California Education Code section 56521.1 regarding emergency interventions and behavioral emergency reports (“BERs”). CONTRACTOR shall inform each of its employees about the policy, provide each employee a copy thereof, and provide training to all employees regarding the policy. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all of its staff members are trained in crisis intervention, emergency procedures, and evidenced-based practices and interventions specific to the unique behavioral needs of the CONTRACTOR’s pupil population. Training shall include certification by an approved LEA crisis intervention program. The training shall be provided within 30 days of employment to new staff who have any contact or interaction with pupils during the school day, and annually to all staff who have any contact or interaction with pupils during the school day. (Ed. Code 56366.10(f).) The CONTRACTOR shall select and conduct the training in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1. CONTRACTOR shall maintain accurate written records documenting all training completed by all of CONTRACTOR’s employees. Evidence of all trainings shall be submitted to LEA at least annually at the beginning of the school year, and within five (5) business days of completion of training or any new hire upon LEA request.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.1, emergency interventions shall not be used as a substitute for a BIP and shall not be employed longer than necessary to contain the behavior. Emergency interventions may only be used to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to a LEA student or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior. If a situation requires prolonged use of emergency intervention, staff must seek assistance from the school site administrator or a law enforcement agency. Consistent with Section 44 of this Contract, LEA may observe and/or audit CONTRACTOR’s implementation of BIPs, staff use of behavior interventions, including emergency interventions, at any time, and without prior notice.

CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER when an emergency occurs that is defined as a serious, dangerous behavior that staff has determined to present a clear and present danger to others. It requires a non-violent physical intervention to protect the safety of student, self, or others and a physical intervention has been used; or a physical intervention has not been used, but an injury or serious property damage has occurred. The use of Personal Safety Techniques (which may or may not have been used) does not determine whether a BER is required. Emergencies *require* a BER form be completed and submitted to the LEA within twenty-four (24) hours for administrative action. CONTRACTOR shall notify Parent within twenty-four (24) hours via telephone. If the student's IEP does not contain a BIP, an IEP team shall schedule a meeting to review the BER, determine if there is a necessity for a functional behavioral assessment ("FBA"), and to determine an interim plan, or both. If the student already has a BIP, the IEP team shall review and modify the BIP if a new serious behavior has been exhibited or existing behavioral interventions have proven to be ineffective. CONTRACTOR shall schedule with LEA an IEP meeting within two (2) days.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.2, CONTRACTOR shall not authorize, order, consent to, or pay for the following interventions, or any other interventions similar to or like the following:

1. any intervention that is designed to, or likely to, cause physical pain, including, but not limited to, electric-shock;
2. an intervention that involves the release of noxious, toxic, or otherwise unpleasant sprays, mists, or substances in proximity to the face of the individual;
3. an intervention that denies adequate sleep, food, water, shelter, bedding, physical comfort, or access to bathroom facilities;
4. an intervention that is designed to subject, used to subject, or likely to subject, the individual to verbal abuse, ridicule, or humiliation, or that can be expected to cause excessive emotional trauma;
5. restrictive interventions that employ a device, material, or objects that simultaneously immobilize all four extremities, including the procedure known as prone containment, except that prone containment or similar techniques may be used by trained personnel as a limited emergency intervention;
6. locked seclusion, unless it is in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use a locked room;
7. an intervention that precludes adequate supervision of the individual;
8. an intervention that deprives the individual of one or more of his or her senses.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with Education Code section 49005.8. Specifically, Contractor shall not do any of the following:

1. Use seclusion or a behavioral restraint for the purpose of coercion, discipline, convenience, or retaliation.
2. Use locked seclusion, unless it is in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use a locked room.
3. Use a physical restraint technique that obstructs a pupil's respiratory airway or impairs the pupil's breathing or respiratory capacity, including techniques in which a staff member places pressure on a pupil's back or places his or her body weight against the pupil's torso or back.
4. Use a behavioral restraint technique that restricts breathing, including, but not limited to, using a pillow, blanket, carpet, mat, or other item to cover a pupil's face.
5. Place a pupil in a facedown position with the pupil's hands held or restrained behind the pupil's back.
6. Use a behavioral restraint for longer than is necessary to contain the behavior that poses a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the pupil or others.

CONTRACTOR shall keep constant, direct observation of a pupil who is in seclusion, which may be through observation of the pupil through a window, or another barrier, through which the educational provider is able to make direct eye contact with the pupil. This observation shall not be through indirect means, including through a security camera or a closed-circuit television.

CONTRACTOR shall afford pupils who are restrained the least restrictive alternative and the maximum freedom of movement, and shall use the least number of restraint points, while ensuring the physical safety of the pupil and others.

If prone restraint techniques are used by CONTRACTOR, a staff member shall observe the pupil for any signs of physical distress throughout the use of prone restraint. Whenever possible, the staff member monitoring the pupil shall not be involved in restraining the pupil.

In the case of a child whose behavior impedes the child's learning or that of others, the IEP team shall consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA via telephone of any severe or increasingly frequent behavior problem, any emergency intervention in response to a previously unseen serious behavior problem, or where a previously designed behavior intervention is ineffective, that may require an IEP team meeting.

All restraint practices must be reviewed and revised when they have an adverse effect on a student and are used repeatedly for an individual child, either on multiple occasions within the same classroom or multiple uses by the same individual. CONTRACTOR shall notify the Parent when any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusion has been used. Upon the use of any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusions of an LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER per the reporting and notification requirements listed above.

BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION REPORTING: Twice annually, CONTRACTOR shall certify to LEA that (a) CONTRACTOR has reviewed the BERs for each LEA student in conjunction with that student's IEP and BIP; (b) Staff are trained to implement each LEA student's BIP, including approved or prohibited restraint techniques for each student; (c) emergency interventions have only been used to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to LEA students or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior; and (d) BERs have been properly completed and timely forwarded to LEA as required by this Contract.

CONTRACTOR's failure to comply with any of the requirements of Section 30: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports shall constitute sufficient good cause for immediate termination of this Contract by LEA.

31. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and abide by a written policy for student discipline that is consistent with State of California and federal law and regulations. Using forms developed by the California Department of Education or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA, on a monthly basis, a written report of all incidents in which a statutory offense is committed by any LEA student, regardless if it results in a disciplinary action of suspension or expulsion. This includes all statutory offenses as described in Education Codes 48900 and 48915. CONTRACTOR shall also include incidents resulting in the use of a behavioral restraint and/or seclusion even if they were not a result of a violation of Education Code Sections 48900 and 48915. (Ed. Code § 49006.)

When CONTRACTOR seeks to remove a LEA student from the student's current educational placement for disciplinary reasons, CONTRACTOR shall immediately (within 24 hours) submit a written discipline report to LEA. Written discipline reports shall include, but not be limited to: the student's name, grade, race, ethnicity, and gender; the time, date, and description of the misconduct; the disciplinary action taken by CONTRACTOR; and the rationale for such disciplinary action. A copy of the LEA student's behavior plan, if any, shall be submitted with the written discipline report. CONTRACTOR and LEA agree to participate in a manifestation determination at an IEP meeting no later than the tenth (10th) day after the decision is made to suspend the student for more than ten (10) school days or recommend expulsion of the

student. LEA shall notify and invite CONTRACTOR representatives to the IEP team meeting where the manifestation determination will be made.

32. IEP TEAM MEETINGS

An IEP team meeting shall be convened at least annually to evaluate: (1) the educational progress of each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR, including all state assessment results pursuant to the requirements of Education Code section 52052; (2) whether or not the needs of the LEA student continue to be best met at the NPS; and (3) whether changes to the student's IEP are necessary, including whether the LEA student may be transitioned to a public school setting. (California Education Code sections 56366(a)(2)(B)(i) and (ii) and California Education Code section 56345(b)(4).)

If an LEA student is to be transferred from a NPS setting into a regular class setting in a public school for any part of the school day, the IEP team shall document, a description of activities provided to integrate the student into the regular education program, including the nature of each activity as well as the time spent on the activity each day or week and a description of the activities provided to support the transition of the student from the special education program into the regular education program. Each LEA student shall be allowed to provide confidential input to any representative of the student's IEP team. Except as otherwise provided in the Contract, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall participate in all IEP team meetings regarding LEA students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. At any time during the term of this Contract, the Parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of the LEA student's IEP, subject to all procedural safeguards required by law, including reasonable notice given to, and participation of, CONTRACTOR, LEA, and Parent in the meeting. Every effort shall be made to schedule IEP team meetings at a time and place that is mutually convenient to CONTRACTOR, LEA, and Parent. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, at no cost and prior to an annual or triennial IEP team meeting, documentation regarding the student's progress on goals and any and all assessments and written assessment reports (including testing protocols) created by CONTRACTOR and any of its agents or subcontractors, upon request and/or pursuant to LEA Procedures. It is understood that attendance at an IEP meeting is part of CONTRACTOR'S professional responsibility and is not a billable service under this Contract.

It is understood that CONTRACTOR shall utilize the LEA approved electronic IEP system for all IEP planning and progress reporting at LEA's discretion. LEA may provide training for any CONTRACTOR to ensure access to the approved system. CONTRACTOR shall maintain confidentiality of all IEP data on the approved system and shall protect the password requirements of the system. When a LEA student disenrolls from the NPS/A, the CONTRACTOR shall discontinue use of the approved system for that student.

Changes in any LEA student's educational program, including instruction, services, or instructional setting provided under this Contract, may only be made on the basis of revisions to the student's IEP. In the event that CONTRACTOR believes a LEA student requires a change of placement, CONTRACTOR may request a review of the student's IEP for the purposes of consideration of a change in the student's placement. A LEA student is entitled to remain in the last agreed upon and implemented placement unless Parent agrees otherwise or an Interim Alternative Educational Setting is deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH consistent with Section 1415(k)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code.

33. SURROGATE PARENTS AND FOSTER YOUTH

CONTRACTOR shall comply with LEA surrogate parent assignments. Surrogate parents shall serve as the child's Parent and have all the rights relative to the student's education that a parent has under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act pursuant to 20 U.S.C. sections 1414-1482 and 34 C.F.R. sections 300.1-300.756. A pupil in foster care shall be defined pursuant to California Education Code section 42238.01(b). LEA shall annually notify CONTRACTOR who LEA has designated as the educational liaison for foster children. When a pupil in foster care is enrolled in a NPS by LEA any time after the completion of the student's second year of high school, CONTRACTOR shall schedule the pupil in courses leading towards graduation based on the diploma requirements of LEA unless provided notice otherwise in writing pursuant to Section 51225.1.

34. DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in special education due process proceedings including mediations and hearings, as requested by LEA. Participation includes CONTRACTOR's staff being made available for witness preparation and testimony as is necessary to facilitate a due process hearing. CONTRACTOR shall also fully participate in the investigation and provision of documentation related to any complaint filed with the State of California, the Office of Civil Rights, or any other State and/or federal governmental body or agency. Full participation shall include, but in no way be limited to, cooperating with LEA representatives to provide complete answers raised by any investigator and/or the immediate provision of any and all documentation that pertains to the operation of CONTRACTOR's program and/or the implementation of a particular student's IEP/ISA.

35. COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and adhere to its own written procedures for responding to Parent complaints. These procedures shall include annually notifying and providing Parents of LEA students with appropriate information (including complaint forms) for the following: (1) Uniform Complaint Procedures pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4600 *et seq.*; (2) Nondiscrimination policy pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4960 (a); (3) Sexual Harassment Policy, California Education Code 231.5 (a) (b) (c); (4) Title IX Student Grievance Procedure, Title IX 106.8(a), (d) and 106.9(a); and (5) Notice of Privacy Practices in compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA"). CONTRACTOR shall include verification of these procedures to the LEA. CONTRACTOR shall immediately (within 24 hours) notify LEA of any complaints filed against it related to LEA students and provide LEA with all documentation related to the complaints and/or its investigation of complaints, including any and all reports generated as a result of an investigation.

36. LEA STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS AND ASSESSMENTS

Unless LEA requests in writing that progress reports be provided on a monthly basis, CONTRACTOR shall provide to Parents, with a concurrent copy sent to LEA, at least four (4) written progress reports/report cards. At a minimum, progress reports shall include progress over time towards IEP goals and objectives. A copy of the progress reports/report cards shall be maintained at CONTRACTOR's place of business and shall be submitted to the LEA and LEA student's Parent quarterly.

CONTRACTOR shall also provide LEA representatives access to supporting documentation used to determine progress on any goal or objective, transition plans, and behavior intervention plans, including but not limited to log sheets, chart notes, observation notes, data sheets, pre-/post-tests, rubrics and other similar data collection used to determine progress or lack of progress on approved goals, objectives, transition plans or behavior intervention plans. LEA may request such data at any time within five (5) years of the date of service. CONTRACTOR shall maintain such information for at least five (5) years and shall provide this data supporting progress to LEA within five (5) business days of request. Additional time may be granted as needed by the LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall complete academic or other evaluations of the LEA student at least ten (10) days prior to the student's IEP team meeting for the purpose of reporting the LEA student's present levels of performance at the IEP team meeting as required by State and federal laws and regulations and pursuant to LEA Procedures, and/or LEA practices. CONTRACTOR shall provide sufficient copies of its reports, documents, and projected goals to share with members of the IEP team at least five (5) business days prior to the IEP meeting. CONTRACTOR shall maintain supporting documentation, such as test protocols and data collection, which shall be made available to LEA within five (5) business days of request.

CONTRACTOR is responsible for all evaluation costs regarding the updating of goals and objectives, progress reporting, and development of present levels of performance. All assessments resulting from an assessment plan shall be provided by LEA unless LEA specifies in writing a request that CONTRACTOR perform such assessment. Any assessment and/or evaluation costs may be added to the ISA and/or approved separately by LEA at LEA's sole discretion.

It is understood that all billable hours must be in direct services to LEA students as specified in the ISA. For NPA services, supervision provided by a qualified individual as specified in Title 5 Regulation, subsection 3065, shall be determined as appropriate and included in the ISA. Supervision means the direct observation of services, data review, case conferencing and program design consistent with professional standards for each professional's license, certification, or credential.

CONTRACTOR shall not charge a LEA student's Parent(s) or LEA for the provision of progress reports, report cards, and/or any evaluations conducted in order to obtain present levels of performance, interviews, and/or attendance at any meetings. It is understood that all billable hours are limited to those specified on the ISA consistent with the IEP. It is understood that copies of data collection notes, forms, charts and other such data are part of the student's record and shall be made available to LEA upon written request.

37. TRANSCRIPTS

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall prepare transcripts at the close of each semester, or upon LEA student transfer, for LEA students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) inclusive, and submit such transcripts on LEA-approved forms to the LEA student's school of residence for evaluation of progress toward completion of diploma requirements as specified in LEA Procedures. CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA, the names of LEA students and their schools of residence for whom transcripts have been submitted as specified by LEA. All transcripts shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR and furnished to LEA upon request, consistent with the parameters of Sections 9 and 26 of this Contract.

38. LEA STUDENT CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

Upon enrollment, CONTRACTOR shall notify Parents in writing of their obligation to notify CONTRACTOR of an LEA student's change of residence. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide upon request by LEA, documentation of such notice to Parents. Within five (5) school days from the date CONTRACTOR becomes aware of a LEA student's change of residence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing of the LEA student's change of residence as specified in LEA Procedures.

If CONTRACTOR had knowledge or should reasonably have had knowledge of an LEA student's change of residence and CONTRACTOR fails to follow the procedures specified in this section, LEA shall not be responsible for the costs of services delivered following the LEA student's change of residence.

39. WITHDRAWAL OF LEA STUDENT FROM NPS/A

CONTRACTOR shall immediately report to LEA via telephone and electronically (within 24 hours) and in writing to LEA within five (5) business days when a LEA student is withdrawn from school and/or services without prior notice. This includes but is not limited to a LEA student's change of residence to a residence outside of LEA boundaries, and LEA student's discharge against professional advice from a NPS and/or residential treatment center ("RTC"). CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA to verify potential dropouts three (3) times per year.

40. PARENT ACCESS

CONTRACTOR shall provide for reasonable parental access to LEA students and all facilities including, but not limited to, the instructional setting, recreational activity areas, meeting rooms and student living quarters when applicable. CONTRACTOR shall comply with any known court orders regarding parental visits and access to LEA students.

CONTRACTOR operating programs associated with a NPS/RTC shall cooperate with a Parent's reasonable request for LEA student therapeutic visits in their home or at the NPS/RTC. CONTRACTOR shall require that Parents obtain prior written authorization for therapeutic visits from CONTRACTOR and LEA at least thirty (30) days in advance. When requested, CONTRACTOR shall facilitate all Parent travel and

accommodations and for providing travel information to the parent as appropriate. Payment by LEA for approved travel-related expenses shall be made directly through LEA consistent with LEA Procedures.

CONTRACTOR providing services in a LEA student's home as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one Parent of the child, or an adult caregiver with the Parent's written and signed authorization to make decisions in an emergency, is present. The names of any adult caregiver other than the Parent shall be provided to the LEA prior to the start of any home based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the Parent informs the LEA of any changes of caregivers and provide written authorization for emergencies. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing immediately (within 24 hours) of all problems and/or concerns reported to Parents, both verbal and written.

41. LICENSED CHILDREN'S INSTITUTION ("LCI") CONTRACTORS AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER ("RTC") CONTRACTORS

If CONTRACTOR is a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements regarding educational placements for LCI students as stated in Education Code 56366 (a) (2) (C), 56366.9 (c) (1), Health and Safety Code section 1501.1 and any other applicable laws and/or regulations, including LEA guidelines and LEA Procedures. An LCI shall not require that a pupil be placed in its NPS as a condition of being placed in its residential facility.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS/RTC, CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. section 1400 et seq. including the federal regulations 34 C.F.R section 300 et seq. and Education Code section 56000 et seq. including Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 et seq.. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all monitoring requirements set forth in Section 43 below.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS that is owned, operated by, or associated with a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, on a quarterly basis, a list of all LEA students, including those identified as eligible for special education. For those identified as special education students, the list shall include: 1) special education eligibility at the time of enrollment and; 2) the educational placement and services specified in each student's IEP at the time of enrollment. A copy of the current IEP shall be provided to the LEA.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings order or a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and Parent, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with NPS placement until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a NPS placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by the LEA student's Parent or another adult with educational decision-making rights.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide, respectively, special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.).

42. STATE MEAL MANDATE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall satisfy the State Meal Mandate under California Education Code sections 49005 et seq.; 49501.5, the universal meal mandate enacted by AB 130 (2021-2022); 49530 et seq; and 49550 et seq.

43. MONITORING

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, LEA (or SELPA) shall conduct at least one onsite monitoring visit during each school year to the NPS at which LEA has a student attending and with which it maintains a master

contract. The monitoring visit shall include, but is not limited to, a review of services provided to the student through the ISA between LEA and the NPS, a review of progress the student is making toward the goals set forth in the student's IEP, a review of progress the student is making toward the goals set forth in the student's BIP, if applicable, an observation of the pupil during instruction, and a walkthrough of the facility. LEA (or SELPA) shall report the findings resulting from the monitoring visit to the California Department of Education within 60 calendar days of the onsite visit.

LEA (or SELPA) shall conduct an onsite visit to the NPS before placement of a student if LEA does not have any students enrolled at the NPS at the time of placement. (Ed. Code § 56366.1.)

CONTRACTOR shall allow LEA representatives access to its facilities for additional periodic monitoring of each LEA student's instructional program. LEA shall have access to observe each LEA student at work, observe the instructional setting, interview CONTRACTOR, and review each LEA student's records and progress held by CONTRACTOR. LEA's access shall include unannounced monitoring visits. When making site visits, LEA shall initially report to CONTRACTOR's site administrative office. CONTRACTOR and LEA shall be invited to participate in the review of each LEA student's progress.

If CONTRACTOR is also an LCI and/or NPS/RTC, the CDE shall annually evaluate whether CONTRACTOR is in compliance with Education Code section 56366.9 and Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b). LEA may also conduct its own onsite review of a NPS using LEA's Quality On-Site NPS Review Rubric.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction ("Superintendent") shall monitor CONTRACTOR'S facilities, the educational environment, and the quality of the educational program, including the teaching staff, the credentials authorizing service, the standards-based core curriculum being employed, and the standard focused instructional materials used on a three-year cycle, as follows: (1) CONTRACTOR shall complete a self-review in year one; (2) Superintendent shall conduct an onsite review in year two; and (3) Superintendent shall conduct a follow-up visit in year three.

CONTRACTOR shall participate in any LEA or CDE compliance review, if applicable, to be conducted as aligned with the CDE Onsite Review and monitoring cycle in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(j). This review will address programmatic aspects of the NPS, compliance with relevant State and federal regulations, and Contract compliance. If requested by LEA, CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit a Nonpublic School/Agency Self-Review Assessment to LEA and CDE. CONTRACTOR shall conduct any follow-up or corrective action procedures related to review findings.

CONTRACTOR understands that LEA reserves the right to institute a program audit with or without cause. The program audit may include, but is not limited to, a review of core compliance areas of health and safety; curriculum/instruction; related services; and contractual, legal, and procedural compliance.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall collect all applicable data and prepare the applicable portion of a School Accountability Report Card as appropriate in accordance with California Education Code Section 33126.

PERSONNEL

44. CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

If CONTRACTOR is a NPA:

When CONTRACTOR is an NPA, all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors of CONTRACTOR who will or are likely to interact with LEA students shall obtain clearance from both the California Department of Justice (hereinafter referred to as "CDOJ") and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI"). Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information and notwithstanding the express provisions of California Education Code sections 44237, 45125.1, and 56366.1, CONTRACTOR shall require all employees, volunteers, and

subcontractors to submit fingerprints through LEA's Live Scan system, regardless of whether CONTRACTOR requires its employees and volunteers to submit fingerprints for background checks in accordance with its own procedures. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall require all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors who will interact with LEA students outside the immediate supervision and control of the student's Parent or an LEA employee to enroll in LEA's subsequent arrest notification service as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2.

No employees, volunteers, or subcontractors of CONTRACTOR who have been convicted of a violent or serious felony, as those terms are defined in California Education Code Section 44237 subdivision (h) shall interact with LEA students outside the immediate supervision and control of the student's Parent or an LEA employee, unless despite the employee's, volunteer's, or subcontractor's conviction of a violent or serious felony, they have met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237 subdivisions (i) or (j). CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers shall not interact with LEA students unless and until CDOJ and DBI clearances are ascertained through LEA's Live Scan system.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS or RTC:

When CONTRACTOR is an NPS or RTC, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 44237, 35021.1, 35021.2, and 56366.1 including, but not limited to: obtaining clearance from both the California Department of Justice (hereinafter referred to as "CDOJ") and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI") for CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers who will have or likely may have any direct contact with LEA students. In addition, if CONTRACTOR is located outside of California, then the CONTRACTOR shall also obtain clearance from its state's department of justice. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers shall not come in contact with LEA students until CDOJ, its state's DOJ, and FBI clearance are ascertained. CONTRACTOR shall certify in writing to LEA that none of its employees, and volunteers, unless CONTRACTOR determines that the volunteers will have no direct contact with students, or subcontractors who may come into contact with LEA students have been convicted of a violent or serious felony as those terms are defined in California Education Code section 44237(h), unless despite the employee's conviction of a violent or serious felony, he or she has met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237(i) or (j). Upon request, clearance certification shall be submitted to the LEA. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall make a request for subsequent arrest service from CDOJ as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2. CONTRACTOR shall certify to LEA that CONTRACTOR'S employees, volunteers, and subcontractors have successful background checks and CONTRACTOR enrolled in subsequent arrest notification service for all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors who may come into contact with LEA students.

Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information, CONTRACTOR, upon demand, shall make available to LEA evidence of a successful criminal background check clearance and enrollment in subsequent arrest notification service, as provided, for each owner, operator, employee, volunteer, and subcontractor of the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR is required to retain the evidence on-site, as specified, for all staff, including those licensed or credentialed by another state agency. Background clearances and proof of subsequent arrest notification service, as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2, for all staff shall be provided to the LEA upon request.

45. STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services hold a license, certificate, permit, or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold in the service rendered consistent with Education Code section 56366.1(n)(1) and are qualified pursuant to Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58, and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations sections 3001(r), 3064 and 3065. Such qualified staff may only provide related services within the scope of their professional license, certification or credential and ethical standards set by each

profession, and not assume responsibility or authority for another related services provider or special education teacher's scope of practice.

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all staff are appropriately credentialed to provide instruction and services to students with the disabling conditions placed in their program/school through documentation provided to the CDE. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3064(a).)

In accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(a)(5), when CONTRACTOR is a NPS, an appropriately qualified person shall serve as curricular and instructional leader, and be able to provide leadership, oversight and professional development. The administrator of the NPS holds or is in the process of obtaining one of the following: (A) An administrative credential granted by an accredited postsecondary educational institution and two years of experience with pupils with disabilities. (B) A pupil personnel services credential that authorizes school counseling or psychology. (C) A license as a clinical social worker issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (D) A license in psychology regulated by the Board of Psychology. (E) A master's degree issued by an accredited postsecondary institution in education, special education, psychology, counseling, behavioral analysis, social work, behavioral science, or rehabilitation. (F) A credential authorizing special education instruction and at least two years of experience teaching in special education before becoming an administrator. (G) A license as a marriage and family therapist certified by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (H) A license as an educational psychologist issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (I) A license as a professional clinical counselor issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (California Education Code §56366.1(a)(5)) CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to the LEA upon request, documentation of its administrator's qualifications in accordance with the above.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with personnel standards and qualifications regarding instructional aides and teacher assistants respectively pursuant to federal requirements and California Education Code sections 45340 *et seq.* and 45350 *et seq.* Specifically, all paraprofessionals, including but not limited to, instructional aides and teacher assistants, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or subcontracted by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services, shall possess a high school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and at least one of the following qualifications: (a) completed at least two (2) years of study at an institution of higher education; or (b) obtained an associate's (or higher) degree; or (c) met a rigorous standard of quality and can demonstrate, through a formal state or local assessment (i) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing, and mathematics; or (ii) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness, as appropriate. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the licensed professions, including but not limited to, the provisions with respect to supervision.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State and serving a LEA student shall be certified or licensed by that state where it is located to provide special education and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.*).

46. VERIFICATION OF LICENSES, CREDENTIALS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a staff list, and copies of all current licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents which entitle the holder to provide special education and/or related services by individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or sub-contracted by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all licenses, credentials, permits or other documents are on file at the office of the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Section 44 (Clearance Requirements) and provide LEA with verified dates of Tuberculosis Test clearance for all employees, approved subcontractors and/or volunteers prior to such individuals starting to work with any LEA student.

CONTRACTOR shall monitor the status of licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents for all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA and CDE in writing within thirty (30) days when personnel changes

occur which may affect the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA within thirty (30) days if any such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, challenged pursuant to an administrative or legal complaint or lawsuit, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Contract. LEA shall not be obligated to pay for any services provided by a person whose such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the period which such person is providing services under this Contract.

CONTRACTOR'S failure to notify LEA and CDE of any changes in credentialing/licensed staff may result in suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or and shall be good cause for termination of this Contract by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall identify to LEA any employee (or CONTRACTOR, if CONTRACTOR is an individual) expected to perform services under this Agreement who is then-receiving California State Teachers' Retirement System ("CalSTRS") benefits, and who may perform creditable service for the LEA as defined in Education Code 22119.5. Identification to LEA shall include the individual's full legal name and STRS and social security identification numbers. Before any services by the individual are provided, the CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a signed written confirmation from the individual that he/she is aware of the separation-from-service requirement and earnings limitations imposed by Education Code sections 22714, 24114, 24116, 24214, 24214.5, and 24215. CONTRACTOR shall thereafter provide on a monthly basis to the employee and LEA the actual amounts paid to the individual for services rendered under this Contract, with LEA responsible for reporting the individual's earnings to CalSTRS as required by law or regulation, including but not limited to Education Code section 22461.

47. STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS and CONTRACTOR's classroom teacher is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to the LEA documentation of substitute coverage. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time.

The LEA shall not be responsible for any payment for instruction and/or services when an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher is not provided in accordance with California Education Code section 56061.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, and CONTRACTOR's service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this agreement and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR's service providers. It is understood that the parent of a LEA student shall not be deemed to be a qualified substitute for their student. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and authorized LEA representative.

48. STAFF PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR WHEN PROVIDING SERVICES AT SCHOOL OR SCHOOL RELATED EVENTS OR AT SCHOOL FACILITY AND/OR IN THE HOME

It is understood that all employees, subcontractors, and volunteers of any certified NPS/A shall adhere to the customary professional and ethical standards when providing services. All practices shall only be within the scope of professional responsibility as defined in the professional code of conduct for each profession as well as any LEA professional standards as specified in Board policies and/or regulations when made available to the CONTRACTOR.

For services provided on a public school campus, CONTRACTOR shall comply with California Penal Code section 627.1 *et seq.*, as well as all other LEA Procedures and school campus-specific policies and procedures regarding visitors to/on school campuses. Such LEA Procedures shall be made available to the CONTRACTOR upon request. It is understood that the LEA public school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the instructional program, and all NPA service providers shall work collaboratively with the classroom teacher, who shall remain in charge of the instructional program. Failure to comply with this and all LEA requirements in this regard shall be sufficient cause for LEA to terminate this Contract.

CONTRACTOR providing services outside of the student's school as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one Parent of the child or an adult caregiver with written and signed authority to make decisions in an emergency is present during provision of services. The names of any adult caregiver other than the Parent shall be provided to LEA prior to the start of any home-based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with the NPS/NPA service provider. All problems and/or concerns reported by CONTRACTOR to Parents, in either verbal or written form, shall also be immediately (within 24 hours) reported to the LEA.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MANDATES

49. HEALTH AND SAFETY

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, State, and local, and laws, regulations, ordinances, policies, and procedures, and LEA Procedures regarding student and employee health and safety. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 35021 *et. seq.*, 49406, and Health and Safety Code section 121545(a) regarding the examination of CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers for tuberculosis. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation for each individual volunteering, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR of such compliance before an individual comes in contact with a LEA student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with OSHA Blood-Borne Pathogens Standards, 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 1910.1030 *et seq.* and Cal/OSHA's Blood-Borne Pathogens Standards, Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations section 5193, when providing medical treatment or assistance to a student. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training regarding universal health care precautions and to post required notices in areas designated in the California Health and Safety Code.

See also the Health and Safety Addendum to Master Contract 2023-2024 in Exhibit C.

50. FACILITIES AND FACILITIES MODIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services to students in facilities that comply with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances related, but not limited to: disability access; fire, health, sanitation, and building standards and safety; fire warning systems; zoning permits; and occupancy capacity. When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall conduct fire drills as required by Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 550. During the duration of this Contract, if CONTRACTOR is subject to fines, penalties and findings of non-compliance, CONTRACTOR shall assume any and all responsibilities for payment of such financial obligations. CONTRACTOR shall also be responsible for any structural changes and/or modifications to CONTRACTOR's facilities as required complying with applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances. Failure to notify the LEA and CDE of any changes in, major modification or relocation of facilities may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Contract by LEA.

In signing this Contract, CONTRACTOR certifies that its facilities either comply with federal and State of California and local laws regarding disability access, or possesses and has available upon demand, a self-evaluation and/or transition plan in accordance with said laws.

51. ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code section 49422 et seq. when CONTRACTOR serves a LEA student who is required to take prescription and/or over-the-counter medication during the school day. CONTRACTOR may designate personnel to assist the student with the administration of such medication after the student's Parent(s) provides to CONTRACTOR: (a) a written statement from a physician detailing the type, administration method, amount, and time schedules by which such medication shall be taken; and (b) a written statement from the student's Parent(s) granting CONTRACTOR permission to administer medication(s) as specified in the physician's statement. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to LEA upon request, copies of such written statements. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written log for each student to whom medication is administered. Such written log shall specify the student's name; the type of medication; the date, time, and amount of each administration; and the name of CONTRACTOR's employee who administered the medication. CONTRACTOR maintains full responsibility for storing medications in a secure location and ensuring appropriate staff training in the administration of such medication consistent with physician's written orders. Any change in medication type, administration method, amount or schedule must be authorized by both a licensed physician and Parent.

52. INCIDENT/ACCIDENT REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall submit within 24 hours, electronically, any accident or incident report to LEA. CONTRACTOR shall properly submit required accident or incident reports pursuant to and as specified in LEA Procedures.

53. CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to annually train all staff members, including volunteers, so that they are familiar with and agree to adhere to its own child and dependent adult abuse reporting obligations and procedures as specified in California Penal Code section 11164 *et seq.* and Education Code 44691. In addition, CONTRACTOR is to read and become familiar with the LEA's Mandated Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policies (BP 5141.4 and AR 5141.4.). To protect the privacy rights of all parties involved (i.e., reporter, child and alleged abuser), reports will remain confidential as required by law and professional ethical mandates. A written statement from CONTRACTOR acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be submitted to the LEA before execution of this Contract and upon subsequent request from LEA.

In the event there is a suspicion of abuse conducted by anyone (students, staff, contractor or others) on or off campus, CONTRACTOR is to file the appropriate report to the Sacramento County Sheriff. CONTRACTOR is also to confidentially notify LEA's Legal Compliance Department ("Legal Compliance") of the report. CONTRACTOR is to cooperate with any investigation conducted by LEA in connection with such report.

54. SEXUAL HARASSMENT

CONTRACTOR shall have a Sexual and Gender Identity Harassment Policy that clearly describes the kinds of conduct that constitutes sexual harassment and that is prohibited by the CONTRACTOR's policy, as well as federal and State law. The policy should include procedures to make complaints without fear of retaliation, and for prompt and objective investigations of all sexual harassment complaints. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training to all employees regarding the laws concerning sexual harassment and related procedures pursuant to Government Code 12950.1.

55. REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN

CONTRACTOR assures LEA that all of its staff members, including volunteers, independent contractors and subcontractors, are familiar with and agree to adhere to requirements for reporting missing children as specified in California Education Code section 49370 *et seq.* A written statement acknowledging the legal

requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be properly submitted to the LEA by CONTRACTOR before execution of this Contract and in response to subsequent requests by LEA. The written statement shall be submitted as specified by LEA.

FINANCIAL

56. ENROLLMENT, CONTRACTING, SERVICE TRACKING, ATTENDANCE REPORTING, AND BILLING PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall assure that the NPS/A has the necessary financial resources to provide an appropriate education for the students enrolled and will distribute those resources in such a manner to implement the IEP and ISA for each and every student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all LEA Procedures concerning enrollment, contracting, attendance reporting, service tracking and billing including requirements of electronic billing as specified by LEA Procedures, as well as provide all such records requested by LEA concerning the same. CONTRACTOR shall be paid for the provision of special education and/or related services specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA which are provided on billable days of attendance. All payments to CONTRACTOR by LEA shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract and in compliance with LEA Procedures, and governed by all applicable federal and State of California laws.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the NPS's enrollment procedures include verification of required immunizations (including but not limited to the adolescent pertussis booster vaccination (Tdap) for all students entering the seventh grade).

CONTRACTOR shall maintain separate registers for the basic education program, each related service, and services provided by instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides and bus aides. Original attendance forms (i.e., roll books for the basic education program, service tracking documents and notes for instructional assistants, behavioral intervention aides, bus aides, and each related service) shall be completed by the actual service provider whose signature shall appear on such forms and shall be available for review, inspection, or audit by LEA during the effective period of this Contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter. CONTRACTOR shall verify the accuracy of minutes of reported attendance that is the basis of services being billed for payment.

CONTRACTOR shall submit invoices and related documents to LEA for payment, for each calendar month when education or related services were provided. Invoices and related documents shall be properly submitted electronically and in addition, on a LEA form with signatures in the manner prescribed by LEA. At a minimum, each invoice must contain the following information: type of service provided; month of service; specific days and times of services coordinated by the LEA approved calendar unless otherwise specified in the IEP or agreed to by the LEA; name of staff who provided the service and the individual's licensing and credentials; approved cost of each invoice; total for each service and total for the monthly invoice; date invoice was mailed; signature of NPS/A administrator authorizing that the information is accurate and consistent with the ISA, CDE certificates and staff notification; verification that attendance report is attached as appropriate; indication of any made-up sessions consistent with this Contract; verification that progress reports have been provided consistent with the ISA (monthly or quarterly unless specified otherwise on the ISA); and name of each LEA student for whom the service was provided.

In the event services were not provided, each invoice shall include the rationale for why the services were not provided.

Such an invoice is subject to all conditions of this Contract. At the discretion of LEA, an electronic invoice may be required provided such notice has been made in writing and training provided to CONTRACTOR at no additional charge for such training.

Invoices shall be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the attendance accounting period in which the services were rendered. LEA shall make payment to CONTRACTOR based on the number of billable days of attendance and hours of service at rates specified in this contract within forty-five (45) days of LEA's receipt of properly submitted hard copy of invoices prepared and submitted as specified in California Education Code Section 56366.5. CONTRACTOR shall correct deficiencies and submit rebilling invoices no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the invoice is returned by LEA. LEA shall pay properly submitted re-billing invoices no later than forty-five (45) days after the date a completely corrected re-billing invoice is received by LEA.

In no case shall initial payment claim submission for any Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond December 31st after the close of the fiscal year. In no case shall any rebilling for the Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond six (6) months after the close of the fiscal year unless approved by LEA to resolve billing issues including re-billing issues directly related to a delay in obtaining information from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing regarding teacher qualification, but no later than twelve (12) months from the close of the fiscal year. If the billing or re-billing error is the responsibility of LEA, then no limit is set provided that LEA and CONTRACTOR have communicated such concerns in writing during the 12-month period following the close of the fiscal year. LEA will not pay mileage for NPA employee.

57. RIGHT TO WITHHOLD PAYMENT

LEA may withhold payment to CONTRACTOR when: (a) CONTRACTOR has failed to perform, in whole or in part, under the terms of this Contract; (b) CONTRACTOR has billed for services rendered on days other than billable days of attendance or for days when student was not in attendance and/or did not receive services; (c) CONTRACTOR was overpaid by LEA as determined by inspection, review, and/or audit of its program, work, and/or records; (d) CONTRACTOR has failed to provide supporting documentation with an invoice, as required by EC 56366.5(a); (e) education and/or related services are provided to students by personnel who are not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (f) LEA has not received prior to school closure or contract termination, all documents concerning one or more LEA students enrolled in CONTRACTOR's educational program; (g) CONTRACTOR fails to confirm a student's change of residence to another district or confirms the change of residence to another district, but fails to notify LEA within five (5) days of such confirmation; (h) CONTRACTOR receives payment from Medi-Cal or from any other agency or funding source for a service provided to a LEA student; or (i) CONTRACTOR fails to provide the required liability/insurance documentation as outlined in Section 15 of this Contract. It is understood that no payments shall be made for any invoices that are not received by six (6) months following the close of the prior fiscal year, for services provided in that year.

Final payment to CONTRACTOR in connection with the cessation of operations and/or termination of a Contract will be subject to the same documentation standards described for all payment claims for regular ongoing operations. In addition, final payment may be withheld by LEA until completion of a review or audit, if deemed necessary by LEA. Such review or audit will be completed within ninety (90) days. The final payment may be adjusted to offset any previous payments to CONTRACTOR determined to have been paid in error or in anticipation of correction of documentation deficiencies by the CONTRACTOR that remain uncorrected.

The amount which may be withheld by LEA with respect to each of the subparagraphs of the preceding paragraph are as follows: (a) the value of the service CONTRACTOR failed to perform; (b) the amount of overpayment; (c) the entire amount of the invoice for which satisfactory documentation has not been provided by CONTRACTOR; (d) the amount invoiced for services provided by the individual not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (e) the proportionate amount of the invoice related to the applicable LEA student for the time period from the date the violation occurred and until the violation is cured; or (f) the amount paid to CONTRACTOR by Medi-Cal or another agency or funding source for the service provided to the LEA student.

If LEA determines that cause exists to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR, LEA shall, within ten (10) business days of this determination, provide to CONTRACTOR written notice that LEA is withholding

payment. Such notice shall specify the basis or bases for LEA's withholding payment and the amount to be withheld. Within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such notice, CONTRACTOR shall take all necessary and appropriate action to correct the deficiencies that form the basis for LEA's withholding payment or submit a written request for extension of time to correct the deficiencies or submit to LEA written documentation demonstrating that the basis or bases cited by LEA for withholding payment is unfounded. Upon receipt of CONTRACTOR's written request showing good cause, LEA shall extend CONTRACTOR's time to correct deficiencies (usually an additional thirty (30) days), otherwise payment will be denied.

If after subsequent request for payment has been denied and CONTRACTOR believes that payment should not be withheld, CONTRACTOR shall send written notice to LEA specifying the reason it believes payment should not be withheld. LEA shall respond to CONTRACTOR's notice within thirty (30) business days by indicating that a warrant for the amount of payment will be made or stating the reason LEA believes payment should not be made. If LEA fails to respond within thirty (30) business days or a dispute regarding the withholding of payment continues after the LEA's response to CONTRACTOR's notice, CONTRACTOR may invoke the following escalation policy.

After forty-five (45) business days: The CONTRACTOR may notify the LEA's Authorized Representative of the dispute in writing. The LEA Authorized Representative shall respond to the CONTRACTOR in writing within fifteen (15) business days.

After sixty (60) business days: Pursuant to the provisions of Education Code section 56366(c)(2), the LEA or CONTRACTOR may appeal to the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools so long as the County Superintendent of Schools is not participating in the Local Plan involved in the NPS/A contract to negotiate the contract. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this appeal, the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools or a designee, shall mediate the formulation of a contract, which shall be binding on both parties. Alternatively, the parties may agree to retain the services of a mutually agreed upon mediator to negotiate the contract. Both parties agree to pay for their own costs and expenses arising out of any such mediation. Each party agrees to act in good faith in participating in any mediation process agreed to by the parties.

58. PAYMENT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA when Medi-Cal or any other agency is billed for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. Upon request, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documentation regarding reports, billing, and/or payment by Medi-Cal or any other agency for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall provide prior written notice of the rights and protections required by Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations section 300.154(d) whenever it seeks to use the LEA students' public benefits to pay for special education and related services. Such notice shall be provided before seeking payment from Medi-Cal for the first time and annually.

59. PAYMENT FOR ABSENCES

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL (NPS) STAFF ABSENCE

Whenever a classroom teacher employed by CONTRACTOR is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage pursuant to the LEA Procedures. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA will not pay for instruction and/or services unless said instruction or service is provided by an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher.

Whenever a related service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision

of “make-up” services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided unless otherwise agreed in a LEA student’s IEP.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL (NPS) STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, no later than the tenth (10th) cumulative day of a LEA student’s unexcused absence, CONTRACTOR shall notify the LEA of such absence.

Criteria for a billable day for payment purposes is one (1) day of attendance as defined in California Education Code, sections 46010, 46010.3 and 46307. LEA shall not pay for services provided on days that a student’s attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance (ADA) reimbursement under state law. *Per Diem* rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted on a pro rata basis in accordance with the actual proportion of the school day the student was served. LEA shall not be responsible for payment of related services for days on which a student’s attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance (“ADA”) reimbursement under state law, nor shall student be eligible for make-up services.

NONPUBLIC AGENCY (NPA) STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and CONTRACTOR’s service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR’s service providers. LEA shall not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of “make-up” services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not “bank” or “carry over” make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and LEA. In the event services were not provided, reasons for why the services were not provided shall be included.

NONPUBLIC AGENCY (NPA) STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a NPA, it shall notify LEA of the absence of a LEA student no later than the fifth (5th) consecutive service day of the student’s absence. LEA shall not be responsible for the payment of services when a student is absent.

60. LEA and/or NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO EMERGENCY

The following shall apply in the event of a LEA or NPS school closure due to an emergency in accordance with Education Code sections 41422 and 46392:

- a. If CONTRACTOR remains open, if allowed, during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422 and serves LEA students appropriately as delineated in the ISA, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment, regardless of whether LEA is open or closed.
- b. If CONTRACTOR is closed during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, if LEA is able to obtain alternative placement for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall not receive payment for days the student is not in attendance due to CONTRACTOR's NPS closure. If LEA is unable to obtain an alternative placement for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment consistent with the signed ISA, as though the student were continuing in regular attendance, until an alternative placement can be found, so long as CONTRACTOR complies with Section 60(d), below.
- c. If both LEA and CONTRACTOR are closed during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, on days LEA is funded, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment consistent with the LEA student's ISA, until an alternative placement for the LEA student can be found so long as CONTRACTOR complies with Section 60(d), below. If LEA is able to obtain an alternative placement

for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall not receive payment for days the student is not in attendance due to CONTRACTOR'S NPS closure.

- d. CONTRACTOR shall, in the case of school closures during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, implement the LEA student's IEP in accordance with Education Code 56345(a)(9) pertaining to emergency conditions and continue implementing ISAs for enrolled students. CONTRACTOR shall ensure its students have reliable internet accessibility as well as the physical technology (i.e. Chromebooks, i-Pad, hot-spots etc.) as required to access and participate.
- e. In the event of CONTRACTOR'S closure during an emergency, LEA reserves the right to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR for instruction and services not rendered pursuant to an LEA student's ISA, consistent with Section 59.

When the emergency school closure is lifted, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of any lost instructional minutes for any LEA student. CONTRACTOR and LEAs shall work collaboratively to determine the need for make-up days or service changes, and shall work together to amend IEP and ISA paperwork as appropriate.

61. INSPECTION AND AUDIT

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain and LEA shall have the right to examine and audit all of the books, records, documents, accounting procedures and practices and other evidence that reflect all costs claimed to have been incurred or fees claimed to have been earned under this Contract.

CONTRACTOR shall provide access to LEA to all records including, but not limited to those documents identified in Section 9 of this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall also make available to LEA all budgetary information including operating budgets submitted by CONTRACTOR to LEA for the relevant contract period being audited.

CONTRACTOR shall make all records available at the office of LEA or CONTRACTOR (to be specified by LEA) at all reasonable times and without charge. CONTRACTOR shall provide all records to LEA within five (5) working days of a written request. CONTRACTOR shall, at no cost to LEA, provide assistance for such examination or audit. LEA's rights under this section shall also include access to CONTRACTOR's offices for purposes of interviewing CONTRACTOR's employees. If any document or evidence is stored in an electronic form, a hard copy shall be made available to LEA, unless LEA agrees to the use of the electronic format. Such access shall also include unannounced inspections by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain from its subcontractors and suppliers written agreements to the requirements of this section and shall provide a copy of such agreements to LEA upon request by LEA.

If an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm determines that CONTRACTOR owes LEA monies as a result of CONTRACTOR's over billing or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Contract, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR written notice demanding payment from CONTRACTOR and specifying the basis or bases for such demand. Unless CONTRACTOR and LEA otherwise agree in writing, CONTRACTOR shall pay to LEA the full amount owed as a result of CONTRACTOR's over billing and/or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Contract, as determined by an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm. CONTRACTOR shall make such payment to LEA within thirty (30) days of receipt of LEA's written notice demanding payment.

62. RATE SCHEDULE

The attached Rate Schedule (Exhibit A) limits the number of LEA students that may be enrolled and maximum dollar amount of the Contract. It may also limit the maximum number of LEA students that can be provided specific services. Per Diem rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full

instructional day may be adjusted proportionally. In such cases only, the adjustments in basic education rate shall be based on the required minimum number of minutes per grade level as set forth in paragraph 23, above, and noted in California Education Code Section 46200-46208.

Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR shall be provided by qualified personnel as per State and federal law, and the codes and charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this Contract, shall be as stated in Exhibit A.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS associated with a RTC (“NPS/RTC”), Educationally Related Mental Health Services (“ERMHS”) are provided in an integrated, intensive, educationally related therapeutic residential setting which includes social emotional/behavior support through individual counseling, group counseling, family consultation and support, as appropriate. It is a collaborative model which includes educational professionals and related service providers, where all supports and services are integrated in the NPS/RTC program. Costs for ERMHS are all inclusive and combined with the daily rate as ERMHS+RB (“ERMHS + Room and Board”). ERMHS plus Room and Board payments are based on positive attendance (payable for up to a maximum of 365 days) only, with up to a maximum of 10 days payment per LEA student, per contract year, when a bed is unoccupied, for home visits of a therapeutic nature. Any NPS or RTC requesting a change in rate for any services provided during a subsequent contract year must make a request in writing to the Sacramento County SELPA Directors, with a copy sent to LEA Director or designee, by January 15th of each calendar year. Increases will only be considered for approval for entities that have received a positive review on the LEA's Quality On-Site NPS Review Rubric.

63. DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

By signing this Contract, CONTRACTOR certifies that:

- (a) CONTRACTOR and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any federal agency, and
- (b) CONTRACTOR and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers have not, within a three-year period preceding this Contract, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, any state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of federal or any state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

The Parties hereto have executed this Contract by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives. This Contract is effective on the 1st day of July, 2023 and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2024, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

CONTRACTOR

ATX Learning

Nonpublic School/Agency

By: Syed Khalil 06/14/2023
Signature Date

Syed Khalil - President
Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed to:

Fred Miller - Vice President
Name and Title

ATX Learning

Nonpublic School/Agency/Related Service Provider

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Owing Mills, MD 21117

City State Zip

(512) 593-5222, (512) 212-1338

Phone Fax

fred.miller@atxlearning.com

Email>(*Required)

LEA

GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY

By: _____
Signature Date

By: _____
Kuljeet Nijjar, Director of Educational Services

Notices to LEA shall be addressed to:

Kuljeet Nijjar, Director of Educational Services
Name and Title

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LEA

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Additional LEA Notification

(Required if Completed)

Stephanie Gutierrez, Program Specialists

Name and Title

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EXHIBIT A: 2023-2024 RATES

4.1 RATE SCHEDULE FOR CONTRACT YEAR

The CONTRACTOR: ATX Learning
 The CONTRACTOR CDS NUMBER: _____

PER ED CODE 56366 – TEACHER-TO-PUPIL RATIO: _____

Maximum Contract Amount:

Education service(s) offered by the CONTRACTOR and the charges for such service(s) during the term of this contract shall be as follows:

- 1) Daily Basic Education Rate:

- 2) Inclusive Education Program
 (Includes Educational Counseling (not ed related mental health) services, Speech & Language services, Behavior Intervention Planning, and Occupational Therapy as specified on the student's IEP.) DAILY RATE:

- 3) Related Services

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
<u>Intensive Individual Services (340)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Language and Speech (415)</u>	<u>\$95-\$120/Hr</u>	_____
<u>Adapted Physical Education (425)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Health and Nursing: Specialized Physical Health Care (435)</u>	<u>\$85-\$95/Hr</u>	_____
<u>Health and Nursing: Other Services (436)</u>	<u>\$80-\$95/Hr</u>	_____
<u>Assistive Technology Services (445)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Occupational Therapy (450)</u>	<u>\$95-\$115/Hr</u>	_____
<u>Physical Therapy (460)</u>	<u>\$85-\$95/Hr</u>	_____
<u>Individual Counseling (510)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Counseling and Guidance (515)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Parent Counseling (520)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Social Work Services (525)</u>	<u>\$85-\$100/Hr</u>	_____
<u>Psychological Services (530)</u>	<u>\$100-\$130/hr</u>	_____
<u>Behavior Intervention Services (535)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Specialized Services for Low Incidence Disabilities (610)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Specialized Deaf and Hard of Hearing (710)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Interpreter Services (715)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Audiological Services (720)</u>	_____	_____

Specialized Vision Services (725)		
Orientation and Mobility (730)		
Specialized Orthopedic Services (740)		
Reader Services (745)		
Transcription Services (755)		
Recreation Services, Including Therapeutic (760)		
College Awareness (820)		
Work Experience Education (850)		
Job Coaching (855)		
Mentoring (860)		
Travel Training (870)		
Other Transition Services (890)		
Transportation		
Other (900) Special Education Teacher	\$80-\$95/Hr	

EXHIBIT B: 2023-2024 ISA

INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (ISA) FOR NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL SERVICES
(Education Code Sections 56365 et seq.)

This agreement is effective on July 1, 2023 or the date student begins attending a nonpublic school or receiving services from a nonpublic agency, if after the date identified, and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2024, unless sooner terminated as provided in the Master Contract and by applicable law.

Local Education Agency _____ Nonpublic School _____

LEA Case Manager: Name _____ Phone Number _____

Pupil Name _____ Sex: M F Grade: _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

DOB _____ Residential Setting: Home Foster LCI # _____ OTHER _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone () _____ () _____
(Residence) (Business)

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____
(If different from student)

AGREEMENT TERMS:

1. *Nonpublic School:* The average number of minutes in the instructional day will be: _____ during the regular school year
_____ during the extended school year
2. *Nonpublic School:* The number of school days in the calendar of the school year are: _____ during the regular school year
_____ during the extended school year

3. *Educational services as specified in the IEP shall be provided by the CONTRACTOR and paid at the rates specified below.*

A. **INCLUSIVE AND/OR BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM RATE:** (Applies to nonpublic schools only): Daily Rate: _____

Estimated Number of Days _____ **x Daily Rate** _____ = **PROJECTED BASIC EDUCATION COSTS** _____

B. RELATED SERVICES:

SERVICE	Provider			# of Times per wk/mo/yr., Duration; or per IEP; or as needed	Cost per session	Maximum Number of Sessions	Estimated Maximum Total Cost for Contracted Period
	LEA	NPS	OTHER Specify				
Intensive Individual Services (340)							
Language/Speech Therapy (415) a. Individual b. Group							
Adapted Physical Ed. (425)							
Health and Nursing: Specialized Physical Health Care (435)							
Health and Nursing Services: Other (436)							
Assistive Technology Services (445)							
Occupational Therapy (450)							
Physical Therapy (460)							
Individual Counseling (510)							
Counseling and guidance (515).							
Parent Counseling (520)							

SERVICE	Provider			# of Times per wk/mo/yr., Duration; or per IEP; or as needed	Cost per session	Maximum Number of Sessions	Estimated Maximum Total Cost for Contracted Period
	LEA	NPS	OTHER Specify				
Social Work Services (525)							
Psychological Services (530)							
Behavior Intervention Services (535)							
Specialized Services for Low Incidence Disabilities (610)							
Specialized Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (710)							
Interpreter Services (715)							
Audiological Services (720)							
Specialized Vision Services (725)							
Orientation and Mobility (730)							
Braille Transcription (735)							
Specialized Orthopedic Service (740)							
Reader Services (745)							
Note Taking Services (750)							
Transcription Services (755)							
Recreation Services (760)							
College Awareness Preparation (820)							
Vocational Assessment, Counseling, Guidance and Career Assessment (830)							
Career Awareness (840)							
Work Experience Education (850)							
Mentoring (860)							
Agency Linkages (865)							
Travel Training (870)							
Other Transition Services (890)							
Other (900)J							
Other (900)							
Transportation-Emergency b. Transportation-Parent							
Bus Passes							
Other							

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM RELATED SERVICES COST\$ _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED MAXIMUM BASIC EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES COSTS\$ _____

4. Other Provisions/Attachments:

5. MASTER CONTRACT APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD ON _____

6. Progress Reporting Quarterly Monthly Other
Requirements: _____ _____ _____ (Specify) _____

The parties hereto have executed this Individual Services Agreement by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives as set forth below.

-CONTRACTOR-

-LEA/SELPA-

(Name of Nonpublic School/Agency)

(Name of LEA/SELPA)

(Signature)

(Date)

(Signature)

(Date)

(Name and Title)

(Name of Superintendent or Authorized Designee)



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Nonpublic, Non-Sectarian School/Agency Services

MASTER CONTRACT

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY SELPA

*NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN
SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES*

MASTER CONTRACT

2023–2024

MASTER CONTRACT

GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR NONSECTARIAN,
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES

LEA GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Contract Year 2023-2024

Nonpublic School ("NPS")
 Nonpublic Agency ("NPA")

Type of Contract:

Master Contract for fiscal year with Individual Service Agreements (ISA) to be approved throughout the term of this Contract.

Individual Master Contract for a specific student incorporating the Individual Service Agreement (ISA) into the terms of this Individual Master Contract specific to a single student.

Interim Extension of the Master Contract: an extension of the previous fiscal years approved contracts and rates. The sole purpose of this Interim Contract is to provide for ongoing funding at the prior year's rates for 90 days at the sole discretion of the LEA in accordance with Section 4 of this Master Contract.
Expiration Date: _____

When this section is included as part of any Master Contract, the changes specified above shall amend Section 4 – Term of Master Contract

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2023-2024

CONTRACT NUMBER: 2

LEA: GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL/AGANCY/RELATED SERVICES PROVIDER: CCHAT Center

NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES MASTER CONTRACT

AUTHORIZATION FOR MASTER CONTRACT AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. MASTER CONTRACT

This Master Contract (or "Contract") is entered into on July 1, 2023, between GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT hereinafter referred to as the local educational agency ("LEA") or "District" and CCHAT Center (nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency), hereinafter referred to as "NPS/A" or "CONTRACTOR," for the purpose of providing special education and/or related services to LEA students with exceptional needs under the authorization of California Education Code sections 56157, 56361 and 56365 et seq. and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 et seq., AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003) and AB1858 (Chapter 914, Statutes of 2004). It is understood that this Contract does not commit LEA to pay for special education and/or related services provided to any LEA student, or CONTRACTOR to provide such special education and/or related services, unless and until an authorized LEA representative approves the provision of special education and/or related services by CONTRACTOR.

Upon acceptance of a LEA student, LEA shall submit to CONTRACTOR an Individual Services Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "ISA"), and a Nonpublic Services Student Enrollment form. CONTRACTOR shall work with LEA to complete and return these forms to LEA prior to initiating any services for any student, unless otherwise agreed by LEA and CONTRACTOR. These forms shall acknowledge CONTRACTOR's obligation to provide all services specified in the LEA student's Individualized Education Program (hereinafter referred to as "IEP"). LEA and CONTRACTOR shall enter into an ISA for each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. As available and appropriate, the LEA shall make available access to any electronic IEP system and/or electronic database for ISA developing including invoicing.

Unless placement and/or services is ordered pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings (hereinafter referred to as "OAH") order, a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and parent, or authorized by LEA for a transfer LEA student pursuant to California Education Code section 56325, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with NPS placement or NPS/A services until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a NPS placement and/or NPS/A services is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by the Parent. 2.

2. CERTIFICATION AND LICENSES CONTRACTOR shall be certified by the California Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as "CDE") as a NPS/A. All NPS/A placements and services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification and licensure specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code, section 56366 et seq and within the professional scope of practice of each provider's license, certification and/or credential. A current copy of CONTRACTOR's NPS/A certification or a waiver of such certification issued by the CDE pursuant to Education Code section 56366.2 must be provided to LEA on or before the date this Contract is executed by CONTRACTOR. This Contract shall be null and void if such certification

or waiver is expired, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Contract. Total student enrollment shall be limited to capacity as stated on CDE certification and in Section 24 of the Contract.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of the State of California shall be certified and all staff persons providing services to pupils shall be certified and/or licensed by that state to provide, respectively, special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.*).

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution (hereinafter referred to as "LCI"), CONTRACTOR shall be licensed by the State of California, or other public agency having delegated authority by contract with the State of California to license, to provide nonmedical care room and board to children, including, but not limited to, individuals with exceptional needs. The LCI must also comply with all licensing requirements relevant to the protection of the child, and have a special permit, if necessary, to meet the needs of each child so placed. If the CONTRACTOR operates a program outside of the State of California, CONTRACTOR must obtain all required licenses from the appropriate licensing agency in both California and in the state where the LCI is located.

With respect to CONTRACTOR's certification, failure to notify LEA and CDE in writing of any changes in: (1) credentialed/licensed staff; (2) ownership; (3) management and/or control of the agency; (4) major modification or relocation of facilities; or (5) significant modification of the program may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Contract by the LEA. Any suspension or revocation of CONTRACTOR's CDE certification shall also be good cause for the immediate suspension or termination of this Contract by LEA, at LEA's discretion.

3. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, STATUTES, REGULATIONS

During the term of this Contract, unless otherwise agreed, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, State of California, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, policies and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall also comply with all applicable LEA and SELPA policies, regulations, and procedures (collectively referred to as "LEA Procedures") unless, taking into consideration all of the surrounding facts and circumstances, a policy or policies or a portion of a policy does not reasonably apply to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR hereby acknowledges and agrees that it accepts all risks and responsibilities for its failure to comply with LEA Procedures and shall indemnify LEA under the provisions of Section 16 of this Contract for all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of CONTRACTOR's failure to comply with applicable LEA Procedures (e.g., those policies relating to; the provision of special education and/or related services, facilities for individuals with exceptional needs, student enrollment and transfer, student inactive status, corporal punishment, student discipline, and positive behavior interventions).

CONTRACTOR acknowledges and understands that LEA may report to CDE any violations of the provisions of this Contract; and that this may result in the suspension and/or revocation of CDE NPA/S certification pursuant to California Education Code section 56366.4(a).

4. TERM OF MASTER CONTRACT

The term of this Contract shall be from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 3062(a)) unless otherwise stated. Neither the CONTRACTOR nor the LEA is required to renew this Contract in subsequent contract years. The parties acknowledge that any subsequent Master Contract is to be re-negotiated prior to June 30, 2024. In the event the contract negotiations are not agreed to by June 30th, the most recently executed Master Contract will remain in effect for 90 days. (Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 3062(d)) No Master Contract will be offered unless and until all of the contracting requirements have been satisfied. The offer of a Master Contract to a CONTRACTOR is at the sole discretion of the LEA.

The provisions of this Contract apply to CONTRACTOR and any of its employees or independent contractors. Notice of any change in CONTRACTOR's ownership or authorized representative shall be provided in writing to LEA within thirty (30) calendar days of change of ownership or change of authorized representative.

5. INTEGRATION/CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACT FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION

This Contract incorporates LEA Procedures herein by this reference. Each ISA is also incorporated herein by this reference. This Contract supersedes any prior or contemporaneous written or oral understanding or agreement. This Contract may be amended only by written amendment executed by both parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, LEA may modify LEA Procedures from time to time without the consent of CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA with information as requested in writing to secure a Contract or a renewal.

At a minimum, such information shall include copies of current teacher credentials and clearance, insurance documentation, and CDE certification. LEA may require additional information as applicable. If the application packet is not completed and returned to LEA, no Contract will be issued. If CONTRACTOR does not return the Contract to LEA duly signed by an authorized representative within ninety (90) calendar days of issuance by LEA, the new contract rates will not take effect until the newly executed Contract is received by LEA and will not be retroactive to the first day of the new Contract's effective date. If CONTRACTOR fails to execute the new Contract within such ninety-day period, all payments shall cease until such time as the new Contract for the current school year is signed and returned to LEA by CONTRACTOR. (California Education Code §56366(c)(1) and (2)). In the event that this Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed Contract between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized LEA students at the discretion of LEA.

6. INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT ("ISA")

This Contract shall include an ISA developed for each LEA student to whom CONTRACTOR is to provide special education and/or related services. An ISA shall only be issued for LEA students enrolled with the approval of LEA pursuant to Education Code section 56366(a)(2)(A). An ISA may be effective for more than one contract year provided that there is a concurrent Contract in effect. In the event that this Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed ISAs between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized students.

Any and all changes to a student's educational placement/program/services provided under this Contract and/or an ISA shall be made solely on the basis of a revision to the student's IEP or by written agreement between the Parent and LEA. At any time during the term of this Contract, a Parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of a student's IEP subject to all procedural safeguards required by law.

Unless otherwise provided in this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall provide all services specified in the IEP unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in the ISA. (California Education Code §56366(a)(5) and California Code of Regulations, tit. 5, § 3062(e).) In the event CONTRACTOR is unable to provide a specific service at any time during the term of the ISA, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing within five (5) business days of the last date a service was provided. CONTRACTOR shall provide any and all subsequent compensatory service hours awarded to an LEA student as a result of lack of provision of services while the student was served by CONTRACTOR.

If a Parent or LEA contests the termination of an ISA by initiating a due process proceeding with the OAH, CONTRACTOR shall abide by the "stay-put" requirement of the State of California and federal law unless the Parent and LEA voluntarily agree otherwise, or an Interim Alternative Educational Setting ("IAES") is

deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH consistent with Title 20 of the United States Codes Sections 1415(k)(1)(G), 1415(k)(2), and 1415(k)(3)(B)(ii)(II). CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning changes in placement.

Disagreements between LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the formulation of an ISA or the Contract may be appealed to the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools or the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code section 56366(c)(2).

Exhibit B includes the ISA form.

7. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this contract:

- a. The term "CONTRACTOR" means a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency ("NPS/A") certified by the California Department of Education ("CDE"), and its officers, agents and employees.
- b. The term "authorized LEA representative" means a LEA administrator designated to be responsible for NPS/A. It is understood, a representative of the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) of which LEA is a member is an authorized LEA representative in collaboration with LEA. LEA maintains sole responsibility for this Contract, unless otherwise specified in this Contract.
- c. The term "credential" means a valid credential, life diploma, permit, or document in special education or pupil personnel services issued by, or under the jurisdiction of, the California State Board of Education if issued prior to 1970 or the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, which entitles the holder thereof to perform services for which certification qualifications are required as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(g).
- d. The term "qualified" means that a person holds a certificate, permit or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold to provide special education and related services and has met federal and state certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements which apply to the area in which the individual is providing special education or related services, including those requirements set forth in Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58, and those requirements set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 3064 and 3065, and adheres to the standards of professional practice established in federal and state law or regulation, including the standards contained in the California Business and Professions Code.

Nothing in this definition shall be construed as restricting the activities in services of a graduate needing direct hours leading to licensure, or of a student teacher or intern leading to a graduate degree at an accredited or approved college or university, as authorized by State laws or regulations. (California Code of Regulations, tit. 5, § 3001(r).)

- e. The term "license" means a valid non-expired document issued by a licensing agency within the California Department of Consumer Affairs or other State of California licensing office authorized to grant licenses and authorizing the bearer of the document to provide certain professional services or refer to themselves using a specified professional title. This includes, but is not limited to, mental health and board and care services at a residential placement. If a license is not available through an appropriate State of California licensing agency, a certificate of registration with the appropriate professional organization at the national or State of California level which has standards established for the certificate that are equivalent to a license shall be deemed to be a license as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(l).

- f. "Parent" means:
- i. a biological or adoptive parent; unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child,
 - ii. a foster parent if the authority of the biological or adoptive parents to make educational decisions on the child's behalf has been specifically limited by court order in accordance with Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 300.30(b)(1) or (b)(2),
 - iii. a guardian generally authorized to act as the child's parent or authorized to make educational decisions for the child,
 - iv. an individual acting in the place of a biological or adoptive parent, including a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative with whom the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child's welfare,
 - v. a surrogate parent.

Parent does not include the state or any political subdivision of government or a NPS/A under contract with the LEA for the provision of special education or designated instruction and services for a child. (California Education Code §56028.)

- g. The term "days" means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- h. The phrase "billable day" means a school day in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs.
- i. The phrase "billable day of attendance" means a school day as defined in California Education Code Section 46307, in which an LEA student is in attendance and in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs unless otherwise stipulated in an IEP or ISA.
- j. It is understood that the term "Master Contract" also means "Contract" and is referred to as such in this document.

ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT

8. NOTICES

All notices provided for by this Contract shall be in writing. Notices shall be mailed or delivered by hand and shall be effective as of the date of receipt by addressee.

All notices mailed to LEA shall be addressed to the person and address as indicated on the signature page of this Contract. Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed as indicated on the signature page of this Contract.

9. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

All records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR as required by State and federal laws and regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, CONTRACTOR shall maintain all records for at least five (5) years after the termination of this Contract. For purposes of this Contract, "records" shall include, but not be limited to pupil records as defined by California Education Code section 49061(b) including electronically stored information; cost data records as set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3061; registers and roll books of teachers and/or daily service providers; chart notes, Medi-Cal logs, daily service logs and notes and other documents used to record the provision of related services including supervision; daily service logs and notes used to record the provision of services provided through additional instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides, and bus aides; behavior emergency reports (BER); incident reports; notification of injuries; absence verification records (Parent/doctor notes, telephone logs, and related documents) if CONTRACTOR is funded for excused absences, however, such records are not required if positive attendance is required; transcripts; grade and progress reports; behavioral data; IEP/IFSPs; assessment reports; bus rosters; staff lists specifying credentials held and documents evidencing other staff qualifications, social security numbers, dates of hire, and dates of termination;

records of employee training and certification, staff time sheets; non-paid staff and volunteer sign-in sheets; transportation and other related services subcontracts; school calendars; bell/class schedules when applicable; liability and worker's compensation insurance policies; state NPS/A certifications; business licenses held; by-laws; lists of current board of directors/trustees, if incorporated; all budgetary information, including operating budgets; statements of income and expenses; general journals; cash receipts and disbursement books; general ledgers and supporting documents; documents evidencing financial expenditures; federal/State payroll quarterly reports (Form 941/DE3DP); and bank statements and canceled checks or facsimile thereof.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain LEA student records in a secure location to ensure confidentiality and prevent unauthorized access. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a current list of the names and positions of CONTRACTOR's employees who have access to confidential records. CONTRACTOR shall maintain an access log for each LEA student's record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record. Such log shall be maintained as required by California Education Code section 49064 and include the name, title, agency/organization affiliation, date/time of access for each individual requesting or receiving information from the student's record, and a description of the record(s) provided. Such log needs to record access to the LEA student's records by: (a) the LEA student's Parent; (b) an individual to whom written consent has been executed by the LEA student's Parent; or (c) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record. CONTRACTOR/LEA shall maintain copies of any written parental concerns granting access to LEA student records. For purposes of this Section, "employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR" do not include subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall grant the following access to student records, (a) the LEA student's Parent; (b) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record, and comply with Parent requests for copies of LEA student records, as required by State of California and federal laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR agrees, in the event of NPS/A closure, to forward all LEA student records held by CONTRACTOR within ten (10) business days to LEA. LEA and/or SELPA shall have access to and receive copies of any and all records upon request within five (5) business days.

10. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Contract is held, in whole or in part, to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of that provision and of the entire Contract shall be severable and remain in effect.

11. SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST

This Contract binds CONTRACTOR's successors and assignees. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of any change of ownership or corporate control within ten (10) business days of such change.

12. VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW

The laws of the State of California shall govern the terms and conditions of this contract with venue in the County where LEA is located.

13. MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS REQUIRED TO CONFORM TO LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

This Contract may be modified or amended by LEA to conform to administrative and statutory guidelines issued by any state, federal or local governmental agency. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR thirty (30) days' notice of any such changes or modifications made to conform to administrative or statutory guidelines and a copy of the statute, guideline, or regulation upon which the modifications or changes are based.

14. TERMINATION

This Contract or ISA may be terminated for cause. Cause shall include but not be limited to non-maintenance of current NPS/A certification, failure of either LEA or CONTRACTOR to maintain the

standards required under the Contract and/or ISA, or other material breach of this Contract by CONTRACTOR or LEA. For purposes of NPS placement, the cause shall not be the availability of a public class initiated during the period of the Contract unless the Parent agrees to the transfer of the LEA student to the public school program at an IEP team meeting. To terminate the Contract or ISA, either party shall give no less than twenty (20) days prior written notice to the other party. (California Education Code §56366(a)(4).) If this Contract is terminated with twenty (20) days' notice, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Contract on the date of termination.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Contract or ISA may be terminated immediately, without twenty (20) days prior notice and at LEA's discretion, if LEA determines that there are significant health or safety concerns or there has been a suspension or revocation of CONTRACTOR's NPS/A certification. If this Contract is terminated immediately, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Contract within five (5) business days of termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing regarding termination of an ISA, CONTRACTOR is bound by the "stay put" provisions described in Section 6 of this Contract.

15. **INSURANCE**

CONTRACTOR shall, at CONTRACTOR's sole cost and expense, maintain in full force and effect, during the term of this Contract, the following insurance coverage from a California licensed and/or admitted insurer with an A minus (A-), VII, or better rating from A.M. Best, sufficient to cover any claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including counsel fees) arising out of or in connection with CONTRACTOR's fulfillment of any of its obligations under this Contract or either party's use of the work or any component or part thereof:

PART I - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AND AGENCIES

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance**, including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits as follows:

- \$2,000,000 per occurrence
- \$ 500,000 fire damage
- \$ 5,000 medical expenses
- \$1,000,000 personal & adv. Injury
- \$4,000,000 general aggregate
- \$2,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate

CONTRACTOR's general liability policy shall be primary and shall not seek contribution from LEA's coverage, and be endorsed using Insurance Services Office form CG 20 10 or CG 20 26 (or equivalent) to provide that LEA and its officers, officials, employees, and agents shall be additional insureds under such policies.

- B. **Commercial Auto Liability Insurance** for all owned, non-owned or hired automobiles with a limit of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per accident.

If no owned automobiles, then only hired and non-owned is required. If CONTRACTOR uses a vehicle to travel to/from school sites, between schools and/or to/from students' homes or other locations as approved service locations by the LEA, CONTRACTOR must comply with State of California auto insurance requirements.

- C. **Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance** in accordance with provisions of California Labor Code sections 3200 et seq., adequate to protect CONTRACTOR from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the California Workers' Compensation Insurance and Safety Act and in accordance with applicable State and federal laws.

Part A – Statutory Limits

Part B – \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000 Employers Liability

D. Sexual Abuse and Molestation Insurance

CONTRACTOR shall provide Sexual Abuse and Molestation coverage in the minimum amount of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per occurrence.

E. Errors & Omissions (E & O)/Malpractice (Professional Liability) Insurance

CONTRACTOR shall maintain professional liability insurance that insures against professional errors and omissions that may be made in performing the Services to be rendered in connection with this Contract, in the minimum amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per claim and in the aggregate. Any policy inception date, continuity date, or retroactive date must be before the effective date of this Contract, and CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain continuous coverage through a period no less than three years after completion of the services required by this Contract.

F. For all Insurance Coverage in Part I:

- 1) Each insurance policy required by the Contract shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled, or reduced in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to LEA, except that ten (10) days' prior written notice shall apply in the event of cancellation for nonpayment of premium.
- 2) All self-insured retentions over \$100,000 must be declared and approved by LEA.
- 3) Evidence of Insurance – Prior to commencement of serving LEA students pursuant to this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall furnish LEA with certificates, additional insured endorsements, and waivers of subrogation evidencing compliance with the insurance requirements above. CONTRACTOR must agree to provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies if requested by LEA.
- 4) Acceptability of Insurers – Insurance shall be placed with insurers admitted in the State of California and with an AM Best rating of A-, VII, or higher.

G. All Certificates of Insurance must reference the contract number, name of the school or agency submitting the certificate, and the location of the school or agency submitting the certificate on the certificate.

PART II - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFILIATED WITH A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY (“RTC”)

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS affiliated with a residential treatment center ("NPS/RTC"), the following insurance policies are required:

A. Commercial General Liability including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits of at least:

\$3,000,000 per Occurrence

\$6,000,000 in General Aggregate.

The policy shall be endorsed to name LEA and LEA's Board of Education as named additional insureds and shall provide specifically that any insurance carried by LEA which may be applicable to any claims or loss shall be deemed excess and NPS/RTC's insurance primary

despite any conflicting provisions in the NPS/RTC's policy. Coverage shall be maintained with no Self-Insured Retention above \$100,000 without the prior written approval of LEA.

- B. **Workers' Compensation Insurance** in accordance with provisions of the California Labor Code adequate to protect the NPS/RTC from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act (Statutory Coverage). The Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage must also include Employers Liability coverage with limits of \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000.
- C. **Commercial Auto Liability Coverage** with limits of \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence if the NPS/RTC does not operate a student bus service. If the NPS/RTC provides student bus services, the required coverage limit is \$5,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence.
- D. **Fidelity Bond or Crime Coverage** shall be maintained by the NPS/RTC to cover all employees who process or otherwise have responsibility for NPS/RTC funds, supplies, equipment or other assets. Minimum amount of coverage shall be \$250,000 per occurrence, with no self-insured retention.
- E. **Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions/Malpractice Coverage** with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.
- F. **Sexual Molestation and Abuse Coverage**, unless that coverage is afforded elsewhere in the Commercial General Liability or Professional liability policy by endorsement, with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.

If LEA or CONTRACTOR determines that a change in insurance coverage obligations under this section is necessary, either party may reopen negotiations to modify the insurance obligations.

16. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

To the fullest extent allowed by law, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold LEA and its Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, volunteers, and subcontractors ("LEA Indemnities") harmless against all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of this Contract or its performance, to the extent that such loss, expense, damage or liability was proximately caused by negligence, intentional act, or willful act or omission of CONTRACTOR, including, without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontractors or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it (excluding LEA and LEA Indemnities). The duty and obligation to defend shall arise immediately upon tender of a claim or lawsuit to CONTRACTOR. LEA shall have the right in its sole discretion to select counsel of its choice to provide the defense at the sole cost of CONTRACTOR or the applicable insurance carrier.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, LEA shall indemnify and hold CONTRACTOR and its Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, and subcontractors ("CONTRACTOR Indemnities") harmless against all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of this Contract or its performance thereof, to the extent that such loss, expense, damage or liability was proximately caused by the negligent or willful act or omission of LEA, including, without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontractors or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it (excluding CONTRACTOR and/or any CONTRACTOR Indemnities).

LEA represents that it is self-insured in compliance with the laws of the State of California, that the self-insurance covers LEA employees acting within the course and scope of their respective duties and that its self-insurance covers the LEA's indemnification obligations under this Contract.

17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Nothing herein contained will be construed to imply a joint venture, partnership or principal-agent relationship between LEA and CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide all services under this Contract as an independent contractor, and neither party shall have the authority to bind or make any commitment on behalf of the other. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed to create any association, partnership, joint venture or relationship of principal and agent, master and servant, or employer and employee between the Parties or any affiliates of the Parties, or between LEA and any individual assigned by CONTRACTOR to perform any services for LEA.

If LEA is determined to be a partner, joint venture, co-principal, employer or co-employer of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless LEA from and against any and all claims for loss, liability, or damages arising from that determination, as well as any expenses, costs, taxes, penalties and interest charges incurred by LEA as a result of that determination.

18. SUBCONTRACTING

CONTRACTOR shall not enter into any subcontracting relationship without first obtaining final written approval of LEA. Should CONTRACTOR wish to subcontract for special education and/or related services pursuant to this Contract, it must provide written notification to LEA before any subcontracting arrangement is made. In the event LEA determines that it can provide the subcontracted service(s) at a lower rate, LEA may elect to provide such service(s). If LEA elects to provide such service(s), LEA shall provide written notification to CONTRACTOR within five (5) days of receipt of CONTRACTOR's original notice and CONTRACTOR shall not subcontract for said service(s).

Should LEA approve in concept of CONTRACTOR subcontracting for services, CONTRACTOR shall submit the proposed subcontract to LEA for approval. CONTRACTOR shall incorporate all of the provisions of this Contract in all subcontracts, to the fullest extent possible. Furthermore, when CONTRACTOR is developing subcontracts for the provision of special education and/or related services (including, but not limited to, transportation) for any LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall cause each subcontractor to procure and maintain indemnification and insurance requirements which comply with the provisions of Sections 15 and 16 of this Contract during the term of each subcontract. If a proposed subcontract is approved by LEA, each subcontractor shall furnish LEA with original endorsements and certificates of insurance effecting coverage required by Section 15 of this Contract. The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. Unless otherwise agreed to by LEA, the endorsements are to be on forms provided by LEA. All endorsements are to be received and approved by LEA before the subcontractor's work commences. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies shall name the LEA/SELPA and the LEA Board of Education as additional insureds.

As an alternative to LEA's forms, a subcontractor's insurer may provide, with prior LEA approval, complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by this Contract. All Certificates of Insurance must reference the LEA contract number, name of the NPS/A submitting the certificate, designation of NPS or NPA, and the location of the NPS/A submitting the certificate. In addition, all subcontractors must meet the requirements as contained in Section 45 (Clearance Requirements) and Section 46 (Staff Qualifications) of this Contract. No subcontract shall be considered final without LEA approval.

19. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA upon request a copy of its current bylaws and a current list of its Board of Directors (or Trustees), if it is incorporated. CONTRACTOR and any member of its Board of Directors (or Trustees) shall disclose any relationship with LEA that constitutes or may constitute a conflict of interest pursuant to California Education Code section 56042 and Government Code Section 1090 including, but not limited to, employment with LEA, provision of private party assessments and/or reports,

and attendance at IEP team meetings acting as a student's advocate. Pursuant to California Education Code section 56042, an attorney or advocate for a Parent of an individual with exceptional needs shall not recommend placement at CONTRACTOR's facility if the attorney or advocate is employed or contracted by the CONTRACTOR, or will receive a benefit from the CONTRACTOR, or otherwise has a conflict of interest.

LEA shall neither execute an ISA with CONTRACTOR nor amend an existing ISA for an LEA student when a recommendation for special education and/or related services is based in whole or in part on assessment(s) or reports provided by CONTRACTOR to the LEA student without prior written authorization by LEA. This section shall apply to CONTRACTOR regardless of when an assessment is performed or a report is prepared (i.e., before or after the LEA student is enrolled in CONTRACTOR's NPS/A) or whether an assessment of the LEA student is performed or a report is prepared in the normal course of the services provided to the LEA student by CONTRACTOR. To avoid conflict of interest, and in order to ensure the appropriateness of an Independent Educational Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as "IEE") and its recommendations, LEA may not fund an IEE by an evaluator who provides ongoing service(s) or is sought to provide service(s) to the LEA student for whom the IEE is requested. Likewise, LEA may not fund services through the evaluator whose IEE LEA agrees to fund. When no other appropriate assessor is available, LEA may request and if CONTRACTOR agrees, CONTRACTOR may provide an IEE.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that its authorized representative has read and understands California Education Code section 56366.3 which provides, in relevant part, that no special education and/or related services provided by CONTRACTOR shall be paid for by LEA if provided by an individual who is or was an employee of LEA within the three hundred sixty-five (365) days prior to executing this Contract. This provision does not apply to any person who is able to provide designated instruction and services during the extended school year because he or she is otherwise employed for up to ten months of the school year by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall not admit a student living within the jurisdictional boundaries of the LEA on a private pay or tuition free "scholarship" basis and concurrently or subsequently advise/request Parent(s) to pursue funding for the admitted school year from LEA through due process proceedings. Such action shall constitute good cause for termination of this Contract by LEA.

20. NON-DISCRIMINATION

CONTRACTOR shall not, in employment or operation of its programs, unlawfully discriminate on the basis of gender, nationality, national origin, ancestry, race, color, ethnicity, ethnic group affiliation, religion, age, marital status, pregnancy or parental status, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disability, genetic information, medical condition, military or veteran status, or any other classification protected by federal or State law or the perception of one or more of such characteristics or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

21. FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION (FAPE)

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with a copy of the IEP including the Individualized Transition Plan (hereinafter referred to as "ITP") of each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services (including transition services) to each LEA student within the NPS/A consistent with the student's IEP and as specified in the ISA. If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall not accept an LEA student if it cannot provide or ensure the provision of the services outlined in the student's IEP. If an LEA student's services are provided by a third party (i.e. Related Services Provider), CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, if provision of services cease.

Unless otherwise agreed to between CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the provision of all appropriate supplies, equipment, and/or facilities, as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall make no charge of any kind to parents for special education and/or related services as specified in the student's IEP and ISA (including, but not limited to, screenings, assessments, or interviews that occur prior to or as a condition of an LEA student's enrollment under the terms of this Contract). LEA shall provide low incidence equipment for eligible students with low incidence disabilities when specified in an LEA student's IEP and ISA. Such equipment remains the property of the LEA and shall be returned to the LEA when the IEP team determines the equipment is no longer needed or when the student is no longer enrolled in the NPS. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that facilities are adequate to provide LEA students with an environment which meets all pertinent health and safety regulations.

CONTRACTOR may charge an LEA student's Parent(s) for services and/or activities not necessary for the student to receive a FAPE after: (a) written notification to the LEA student's Parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities; and (b) receipt by LEA of the written notification and a written acknowledgment signed by the LEA student's Parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning Parent acknowledgment of financial responsibility.

Voluntary services and/or activities not necessary for the student to receive a FAPE shall not interfere with the LEA student's receipt of special education and/or related services as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA unless the LEA, CONTRACTOR, and Parent agree otherwise in writing.

22. GENERAL PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION

All NPS/A services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code section 56366 *et seq.*

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction shall: (a) utilize evidence-based practices and be consistent with LEA's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (b) include curriculum that addresses mathematics, literacy and the use of educational, assistive technology and transition services; (c) be consistent with CDE's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (d) provide the services as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. LEA students shall have access to: (a) State Board of Education (SBE) - adopted Common Core State Standards ("CCSS") for curriculum and the same instructional materials for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive; and provide standards – aligned core curriculum and instructional materials for grades 9 to 12, inclusive, used by LEA; (b) college preparation courses; (c) extracurricular activities, such as art, sports, music and academic clubs; (d) career preparation and vocational training, consistent with transition plans pursuant to State and federal law and; (e) supplemental assistance, including individual academic tutoring, psychological counseling, and career and college counseling. When appropriate, CONTRACTOR shall utilize the designated curriculum guidelines for students with moderate to severe disabilities who participate in the State's alternative assessment. These students shall have access to the core content, activities, and instructional materials delineated within these curriculum guidelines. CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction shall be described in writing and a copy provided to LEA prior to the effective date of this Contract.

When CONTRACTOR serves students in grades 9 through 12 inclusive, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR a specific list of the course requirements to be satisfied by CONTRACTOR leading toward graduation or completion of LEA's diploma requirements. CONTRACTOR shall not award a high school diploma to students who have not successfully completed all of LEA's graduation requirements.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction and/or services shall utilize evidence-based practices and be consistent with LEA and CDE guidelines and certifications, and shall be provided as specified in the student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a written description of the services and location provided prior to the effective date of this Contract. School-based services may not be unilaterally converted by CONTRACTOR to a substitute program or provided at a location not specifically authorized by the IEP

team. Except for services provided by a CONTRACTOR that is a Licensed Children's Institution (LCI), all services not provided in the school setting require the presence of a Parent or adult caregiver during the delivery of services, provided such guardian or caregiver have a signed authorization by the Parent to authorize emergency services as requested. LCI CONTRACTORS shall ensure that appropriate and qualified residential or clinical staff is present during the provision of services under this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA in writing if no Parent, guardian or adult caregiver is present.

CONTRACTORS providing Behavior Intervention Services shall develop a written plan that specifies the nature of their NPA service for each student within thirty (30) days of enrollment and shall be provided in writing to the LEA. CONTRACTORS providing Behavior Intervention Services must have a trained behaviorist or trained equivalent on staff who is qualified and responsible for the design, planning, and implementation of behavioral interventions as the law requires. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3051.23; Ed. Code § 56366.10(e).) It is understood that Behavior Intervention Services are limited per CDE Certification and do not constitute an instructional program.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA, CONTRACTOR shall not provide transportation nor subcontract for transportation services for students unless LEA and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing.

23. INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, the total number of instructional minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be at least equivalent to the number of instructional minutes per school day provided to LEA students at like grade level attending LEA schools and shall be specified in the student's ISA developed in accordance with the student's IEP.

For students in grades kindergarten through 12 inclusive, unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP and ISA, the number of instructional minutes, excluding breakfast, recess, lunch and passing time shall be at the same level that California Education Code prescribes for LEA.

The total number of annual instructional minutes shall be at least equivalent to the total number of annual instructional minutes provided to LEA students attending LEA schools in like grade level unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, the total number of minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be specified in the LEA student's ISA developed in accordance with the student's IEP.

24. CLASS SIZE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that class size shall not exceed a ratio of one teacher per twelve (12) students, unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in writing. Upon prior written approval by an authorized LEA representative, class size may be temporarily increased by a ratio of 1 teacher to fourteen (14) students when necessary during the regular or extended school year to provide services to students with disabilities.

In the event a NPS CONTRACTOR is unable to fill a vacant teaching position responsible for direct instruction to LEA students, and the vacancy has a direct impact on the CDE Certification of that school, CONTRACTOR shall develop a plan to ensure appropriate coverage of students by first utilizing existing certificated staff. CONTRACTOR and LEA may agree to one 30 school day period per contract year where class size may be increased to ensure coverage by an appropriately credentialed teacher. Such an agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties. This provision does not apply to a NPA CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR providing special education instruction for individuals with exceptional needs between the ages of three and five years, inclusive, shall also comply with the appropriate instructional adult to child ratios pursuant to California Education Code sections 56440 *et seq.*

25. CALENDARS

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS:

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a school calendar with the total number of billable days not to exceed 180 days, plus extended school year billable days equivalent to the number of days determined by LEA's extended school year calendar. Billable days shall include only those days that are included on the submitted and approved school calendar, and/or required by the IEP (developed by LEA) for each LEA student. CONTRACTOR shall not be allowed to change its school calendar and/or amend the number of billable days without the prior written approval of LEA. Nothing in this Contract shall be interpreted to require LEA to accept any requests for calendar changes. In the event LEA adjusts the number of school days for its regular school year and/or extended school year, the approved number of days shall become the total billable days for CONTRACTOR. In such a case, an amended calendar shall be provided by CONTRACTOR for LEA approval.

Unless otherwise specified by the LEA student's IEP, educational services shall occur at the school site. A student shall only be eligible for extended school year services as determined by the student's IEP team and the provision of such is specifically included in the ISA. Extended school year shall consist of twenty (20) instructional days, unless otherwise agreed upon by the student's IEP team convened by the LEA. Any days of extended school year in excess of twenty (20) billable days must be mutually agreed to by LEA and CONTRACTOR, in writing, prior to the start of the extended school year.

Student must have actually been in attendance during the regular school year and/or during extended school year and received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any NPS service. Any instructional days provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall observe the same legal holidays as LEA. As of the execution of this Contract, those holidays are: Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth and Independence Day. With the prior written approval of LEA, CONTRACTOR may revise the date upon which CONTRACTOR closes in observance of any of the holidays observed by LEA.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA:

CONTRACTOR shall be provided with a LEA-developed/approved calendar prior to the initiation of services. CONTRACTOR herein agrees to observe holidays as specified in LEA-developed/approved calendar. CONTRACTOR shall provide services pursuant to LEA-developed/approved calendar; or as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. Unless otherwise specified in the LEA student's ISA, CONTRACTOR shall provide related services to LEA students on only those days that the LEA student's school of attendance is in session and the LEA student attends school. CONTRACTOR shall bill only for services provided on billable days of attendance as indicated on LEA calendar unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in writing before delivery of any NPA services. Student must have actually been in attendance and/or received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any NPA service provided by CONTRACTOR. Any services provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of the CONTRACTOR. In the event of school closures due to emergency, payment will follow the procedures in accordance with Section 62 of this Contract.

26. DATA REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall agree to provide to LEA all data related to LEA student information and billing information. CONTRACTOR shall provide data related to all sections of this Contract, including student discipline as noted below, when requested by LEA and in the format required by LEA. It is understood that CONTRACTOR shall utilize LEA-approved electronic IEP system for all IEP development, service tracking documentation, and progress reporting, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by LEA. Additional progress reporting may be required by the LEA. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with appropriate software, user training and proper internet permissions to allow adequate access so that this information may be compiled.

Using forms developed by the CDE or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA, on a monthly basis, a written report of all incidents in which a statutory offense is committed by any LEA student, regardless if it results in a disciplinary action of suspension or expulsion. This includes all statutory offenses as described in Education Codes sections 48900 and 48915. CONTRACTOR shall also include incidents resulting in the use of a behavioral restraint and/or seclusion even if they were not a result of a violation of Education Code sections 48900 and 48915. (Ed. Code § 49006.)

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with approved forms and/or format for such data including, but not limited to, invoicing, attendance reports and progress reports. LEA may approve use of CONTRACTOR-provided forms at its discretion.

27. LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall follow all LEA Procedures that support Least Restrictive Environment (“LRE”) options and/or dual enrollment options if available and appropriate, for students to have access to the general curriculum and to be educated with their nondisabled peers to the maximum extent appropriate.

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall ensure that LRE placement options are addressed at all IEP team meetings regarding students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. This shall include IEP team consideration of supplementary aids and services, goals and objectives necessary for placement in the LRE and necessary to enable students to transition to less restrictive settings.

When an IEP team has determined that a student should be transitioned into the public school setting, CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA in implementing the IEP team’s recommended activities to support the transition.

28. STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, per implementation of Senate Bill 484, CONTRACTOR shall administer all statewide assessments within the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (“CAASPP”), Desired Results Developmental Profile (“DRDP”), California Alternative Assessment (“CAA”), achievement and abilities tests (using LEA-authorized assessment instruments), the Fitness Gram, the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (“ELPAC”), and Alternative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (“Alternative ELPAC”), and as appropriate to the LEA student, and mandated by LEA pursuant to LEA, State of California, and federal guidelines.

CONTRACTOR is subject to the alternative accountability system developed pursuant to Education Code section 52052, in the same manner as public schools. Each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR by the LEA shall be tested by qualified staff of CONTRACTOR in accordance with that accountability program. LEA shall provide test administration training to CONTRACTOR’S qualified staff.

CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA test training and comply with completion of all coding requirements as required by LEA.

29. MANDATED ATTENDANCE AT LEA MEETINGS

CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA-mandated meetings when legal mandates and/or LEA Procedures are reviewed, including but not limited to the areas of: curriculum, high school graduation, standards-based instruction, behavior intervention, cultural and linguistic needs of students with disabilities, dual enrollment responsibilities, LRE responsibilities, transition services, data collection, standardized testing, and IEPs. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with reasonable notice of mandated meetings. Attendance at such meetings does not constitute a billable service hour(s).

30. POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Education Code section 49005, *et seq.*, 56521.1 and 56521.2. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that CONTRACTOR utilizes a multi-tier system of support ("MTSS") to address student needs. CONTRACTOR shall also ensure that all staff are trained on the use of positive behavior interventions and supports consistent with this Contract.

LEA students who exhibit behaviors that interfere with their learning or the learning of others must receive timely and appropriate assessments and positive supports and interventions in accordance with the federal law and its implementing regulations. If the IEP team determines that a student's behavior impedes his or her learning or the learning of others, the IEP team is required to consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. This could mean that instead of developing a Behavior Intervention Plan ("BIP"), the IEP team may conclude it is sufficient to address the student's behavioral problems through the development of behavioral goals and behavioral interventions to support those goals.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written policy pursuant to California Education Code section 56521.1 regarding emergency interventions and behavioral emergency reports ("BERs"). CONTRACTOR shall inform each of its employees about the policy, provide each employee a copy thereof, and provide training to all employees regarding the policy. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all of its staff members are trained in crisis intervention, emergency procedures, and evidenced-based practices and interventions specific to the unique behavioral needs of the CONTRACTOR's pupil population. Training shall include certification by an approved LEA crisis intervention program. The training shall be provided within 30 days of employment to new staff who have any contact or interaction with pupils during the school day, and annually to all staff who have any contact or interaction with pupils during the school day. (Ed. Code 56366.10(f).) The CONTRACTOR shall select and conduct the training in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1. CONTRACTOR shall maintain accurate written records documenting all training completed by all of CONTRACTOR's employees. Evidence of all trainings shall be submitted to LEA at least annually at the beginning of the school year, and within five (5) business days of completion of training or any new hire upon LEA request.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.1, emergency interventions shall not be used as a substitute for a BIP and shall not be employed longer than necessary to contain the behavior. Emergency interventions may only be used to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to a LEA student or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior. If a situation requires prolonged use of emergency intervention, staff must seek assistance from the school site administrator or a law enforcement agency. Consistent with Section 44 of this Contract, LEA may observe and/or audit CONTRACTOR's implementation of BIPs, staff use of behavior interventions, including emergency interventions, at any time, and without prior notice.

CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER when an emergency occurs that is defined as a serious, dangerous behavior that staff has determined to present a clear and present danger to others. It requires a non-violent physical intervention to protect the safety of student, self, or others and a physical intervention has been used; or a physical intervention has not been used, but an injury or serious property damage has occurred. The use of Personal Safety Techniques (which may or may not have been used) does not determine whether a BER is required. Emergencies *require* a BER form be completed and submitted to the LEA within twenty-four (24) hours for administrative action. CONTRACTOR shall notify Parent within twenty-four (24) hours via telephone. If the student's IEP does not contain a BIP, an IEP team shall schedule a meeting to review the BER, determine if there is a necessity for a functional behavioral assessment ("FBA"), and to determine an interim plan, or both. If the student already has a BIP, the IEP team shall review and modify the BIP if a new serious behavior has been exhibited or existing behavioral interventions have proven to be ineffective. CONTRACTOR shall schedule with LEA an IEP meeting within two (2) days.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.2, CONTRACTOR shall not authorize, order, consent to, or pay for the following interventions, or any other interventions similar to or like the following:

1. any intervention that is designed to, or likely to, cause physical pain, including, but not limited to, electric-shock;
2. an intervention that involves the release of noxious, toxic, or otherwise unpleasant sprays, mists, or substances in proximity to the face of the individual;
3. an intervention that denies adequate sleep, food, water, shelter, bedding, physical comfort, or access to bathroom facilities;
4. an intervention that is designed to subject, used to subject, or likely to subject, the individual to verbal abuse, ridicule, or humiliation, or that can be expected to cause excessive emotional trauma;
5. restrictive interventions that employ a device, material, or objects that simultaneously immobilize all four extremities, including the procedure known as prone containment, except that prone containment or similar techniques may be used by trained personnel as a limited emergency intervention;
6. locked seclusion, unless it is in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use a locked room;
7. an intervention that precludes adequate supervision of the individual;
8. an intervention that deprives the individual of one or more of his or her senses.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with Education Code section 49005.8. Specifically, Contractor shall not do any of the following:

1. Use seclusion or a behavioral restraint for the purpose of coercion, discipline, convenience, or retaliation.
2. Use locked seclusion, unless it is in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use a locked room.
3. Use a physical restraint technique that obstructs a pupil's respiratory airway or impairs the pupil's breathing or respiratory capacity, including techniques in which a staff member places pressure on a pupil's back or places his or her body weight against the pupil's torso or back.
4. Use a behavioral restraint technique that restricts breathing, including, but not limited to, using a pillow, blanket, carpet, mat, or other item to cover a pupil's face.
5. Place a pupil in a facedown position with the pupil's hands held or restrained behind the pupil's back.
6. Use a behavioral restraint for longer than is necessary to contain the behavior that poses a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the pupil or others.

CONTRACTOR shall keep constant, direct observation of a pupil who is in seclusion, which may be through observation of the pupil through a window, or another barrier, through which the educational provider is able to make direct eye contact with the pupil. This observation shall not be through indirect means, including through a security camera or a closed-circuit television.

CONTRACTOR shall afford pupils who are restrained the least restrictive alternative and the maximum freedom of movement, and shall use the least number of restraint points, while ensuring the physical safety of the pupil and others.

If prone restraint techniques are used by CONTRACTOR, a staff member shall observe the pupil for any signs of physical distress throughout the use of prone restraint. Whenever possible, the staff member monitoring the pupil shall not be involved in restraining the pupil.

In the case of a child whose behavior impedes the child's learning or that of others, the IEP team shall consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA via telephone of any severe or increasingly frequent behavior problem, any emergency intervention in response to a previously unseen serious behavior problem, or where a previously designed behavior intervention is ineffective, that may require an IEP team meeting.

All restraint practices must be reviewed and revised when they have an adverse effect on a student and are used repeatedly for an individual child, either on multiple occasions within the same classroom or multiple uses by the same individual. CONTRACTOR shall notify the Parent when any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusion has been used. Upon the use of any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusions of an LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER per the reporting and notification requirements listed above.

BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION REPORTING: Twice annually, CONTRACTOR shall certify to LEA that (a) CONTRACTOR has reviewed the BERs for each LEA student in conjunction with that student's IEP and BIP; (b) Staff are trained to implement each LEA student's BIP, including approved or prohibited restraint techniques for each student; (c) emergency interventions have only been used to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to LEA students or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior; and (d) BERs have been properly completed and timely forwarded to LEA as required by this Contract.

CONTRACTOR's failure to comply with any of the requirements of Section 30: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports shall constitute sufficient good cause for immediate termination of this Contract by LEA.

31. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and abide by a written policy for student discipline that is consistent with State of California and federal law and regulations. Using forms developed by the California Department of Education or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA, on a monthly basis, a written report of all incidents in which a statutory offense is committed by any LEA student, regardless if it results in a disciplinary action of suspension or expulsion. This includes all statutory offenses as described in Education Codes 48900 and 48915. CONTRACTOR shall also include incidents resulting in the use of a behavioral restraint and/or seclusion even if they were not a result of a violation of Education Code Sections 48900 and 48915. (Ed. Code § 49006.)

When CONTRACTOR seeks to remove a LEA student from the student's current educational placement for disciplinary reasons, CONTRACTOR shall immediately (within 24 hours) submit a written discipline report to LEA. Written discipline reports shall include, but not be limited to: the student's name, grade, race, ethnicity, and gender; the time, date, and description of the misconduct; the disciplinary action taken by CONTRACTOR; and the rationale for such disciplinary action. A copy of the LEA student's behavior plan, if any, shall be submitted with the written discipline report. CONTRACTOR and LEA agree to participate in a manifestation determination at an IEP meeting no later than the tenth (10th) day after the decision is made to suspend the student for more than ten (10) school days or recommend expulsion of the

student. LEA shall notify and invite CONTRACTOR representatives to the IEP team meeting where the manifestation determination will be made.

32. IEP TEAM MEETINGS

An IEP team meeting shall be convened at least annually to evaluate: (1) the educational progress of each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR, including all state assessment results pursuant to the requirements of Education Code section 52052; (2) whether or not the needs of the LEA student continue to be best met at the NPS; and (3) whether changes to the student's IEP are necessary, including whether the LEA student may be transitioned to a public school setting. (California Education Code sections 56366(a)(2)(B)(i) and (ii) and California Education Code section 56345(b)(4).)

If an LEA student is to be transferred from a NPS setting into a regular class setting in a public school for any part of the school day, the IEP team shall document, a description of activities provided to integrate the student into the regular education program, including the nature of each activity as well as the time spent on the activity each day or week and a description of the activities provided to support the transition of the student from the special education program into the regular education program. Each LEA student shall be allowed to provide confidential input to any representative of the student's IEP team. Except as otherwise provided in the Contract, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall participate in all IEP team meetings regarding LEA students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. At any time during the term of this Contract, the Parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of the LEA student's IEP, subject to all procedural safeguards required by law, including reasonable notice given to, and participation of, CONTRACTOR, LEA, and Parent in the meeting. Every effort shall be made to schedule IEP team meetings at a time and place that is mutually convenient to CONTRACTOR, LEA, and Parent. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, at no cost and prior to an annual or triennial IEP team meeting, documentation regarding the student's progress on goals and any and all assessments and written assessment reports (including testing protocols) created by CONTRACTOR and any of its agents or subcontractors, upon request and/or pursuant to LEA Procedures. It is understood that attendance at an IEP meeting is part of CONTRACTOR'S professional responsibility and is not a billable service under this Contract.

It is understood that CONTRACTOR shall utilize the LEA approved electronic IEP system for all IEP planning and progress reporting at LEA's discretion. LEA may provide training for any CONTRACTOR to ensure access to the approved system. CONTRACTOR shall maintain confidentiality of all IEP data on the approved system and shall protect the password requirements of the system. When a LEA student dis-enrolls from the NPS/A, the CONTRACTOR shall discontinue use of the approved system for that student.

Changes in any LEA student's educational program, including instruction, services, or instructional setting provided under this Contract, may only be made on the basis of revisions to the student's IEP. In the event that CONTRACTOR believes a LEA student requires a change of placement, CONTRACTOR may request a review of the student's IEP for the purposes of consideration of a change in the student's placement. A LEA student is entitled to remain in the last agreed upon and implemented placement unless Parent agrees otherwise or an Interim Alternative Educational Setting is deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH consistent with Section 1415(k)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code.

33. SURROGATE PARENTS AND FOSTER YOUTH

CONTRACTOR shall comply with LEA surrogate parent assignments. Surrogate parents shall serve as the child's Parent and have all the rights relative to the student's education that a parent has under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act pursuant to 20 U.S.C. sections 1414-1482 and 34 C.F.R. sections 300.1-300.756. A pupil in foster care shall be defined pursuant to California Education Code section 42238.01(b). LEA shall annually notify CONTRACTOR who LEA has designated as the educational liaison for foster children. When a pupil in foster care is enrolled in a NPS by LEA any time after the completion of the student's second year of high school, CONTRACTOR shall schedule the pupil in courses leading towards graduation based on the diploma requirements of LEA unless provided notice otherwise in writing pursuant to Section 51225.1.

34. DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in special education due process proceedings including mediations and hearings, as requested by LEA. Participation includes CONTRACTOR's staff being made available for witness preparation and testimony as is necessary to facilitate a due process hearing. CONTRACTOR shall also fully participate in the investigation and provision of documentation related to any complaint filed with the State of California, the Office of Civil Rights, or any other State and/or federal governmental body or agency. Full participation shall include, but in no way be limited to, cooperating with LEA representatives to provide complete answers raised by any investigator and/or the immediate provision of any and all documentation that pertains to the operation of CONTRACTOR's program and/or the implementation of a particular student's IEP/ISA.

35. COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and adhere to its own written procedures for responding to Parent complaints. These procedures shall include annually notifying and providing Parents of LEA students with appropriate information (including complaint forms) for the following: (1) Uniform Complaint Procedures pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4600 *et seq.*; (2) Nondiscrimination policy pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4960 (a); (3) Sexual Harassment Policy, California Education Code 231.5 (a) (b) (c); (4) Title IX Student Grievance Procedure, Title IX 106.8(a), (d) and 106.9(a); and (5) Notice of Privacy Practices in compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA"). CONTRACTOR shall include verification of these procedures to the LEA. CONTRACTOR shall immediately (within 24 hours) notify LEA of any complaints filed against it related to LEA students and provide LEA with all documentation related to the complaints and/or its investigation of complaints, including any and all reports generated as a result of an investigation.

36. LEA STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS AND ASSESSMENTS

Unless LEA requests in writing that progress reports be provided on a monthly basis, CONTRACTOR shall provide to Parents, with a concurrent copy sent to LEA, at least four (4) written progress reports/report cards. At a minimum, progress reports shall include progress over time towards IEP goals and objectives. A copy of the progress reports/report cards shall be maintained at CONTRACTOR's place of business and shall be submitted to the LEA and LEA student's Parent quarterly.

CONTRACTOR shall also provide LEA representatives access to supporting documentation used to determine progress on any goal or objective, transition plans, and behavior intervention plans, including but not limited to log sheets, chart notes, observation notes, data sheets, pre-/post-tests, rubrics and other similar data collection used to determine progress or lack of progress on approved goals, objectives, transition plans or behavior intervention plans. LEA may request such data at any time within five (5) years of the date of service. CONTRACTOR shall maintain such information for at least five (5) years and shall provide this data supporting progress to LEA within five (5) business days of request. Additional time may be granted as needed by the LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall complete academic or other evaluations of the LEA student at least ten (10) days prior to the student's IEP team meeting for the purpose of reporting the LEA student's present levels of performance at the IEP team meeting as required by State and federal laws and regulations and pursuant to LEA Procedures, and/or LEA practices. CONTRACTOR shall provide sufficient copies of its reports, documents, and projected goals to share with members of the IEP team at least five (5) business days prior to the IEP meeting. CONTRACTOR shall maintain supporting documentation, such as test protocols and data collection, which shall be made available to LEA within five (5) business days of request.

CONTRACTOR is responsible for all evaluation costs regarding the updating of goals and objectives, progress reporting, and development of present levels of performance. All assessments resulting from an assessment plan shall be provided by LEA unless LEA specifies in writing a request that CONTRACTOR perform such assessment. Any assessment and/or evaluation costs may be added to the ISA and/or approved separately by LEA at LEA's sole discretion.

It is understood that all billable hours must be in direct services to LEA students as specified in the ISA. For NPA services, supervision provided by a qualified individual as specified in Title 5 Regulation, subsection 3065, shall be determined as appropriate and included in the ISA. Supervision means the direct observation of services, data review, case conferencing and program design consistent with professional standards for each professional's license, certification, or credential.

CONTRACTOR shall not charge a LEA student's Parent(s) or LEA for the provision of progress reports, report cards, and/or any evaluations conducted in order to obtain present levels of performance, interviews, and/or attendance at any meetings. It is understood that all billable hours are limited to those specified on the ISA consistent with the IEP. It is understood that copies of data collection notes, forms, charts and other such data are part of the student's record and shall be made available to LEA upon written request.

37. TRANSCRIPTS

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall prepare transcripts at the close of each semester, or upon LEA student transfer, for LEA students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) inclusive, and submit such transcripts on LEA-approved forms to the LEA student's school of residence for evaluation of progress toward completion of diploma requirements as specified in LEA Procedures. CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA, the names of LEA students and their schools of residence for whom transcripts have been submitted as specified by LEA. All transcripts shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR and furnished to LEA upon request, consistent with the parameters of Sections 9 and 26 of this Contract.

38. LEA STUDENT CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

Upon enrollment, CONTRACTOR shall notify Parents in writing of their obligation to notify CONTRACTOR of an LEA student's change of residence. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide upon request by LEA, documentation of such notice to Parents. Within five (5) school days from the date CONTRACTOR becomes aware of a LEA student's change of residence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing of the LEA student's change of residence as specified in LEA Procedures.

If CONTRACTOR had knowledge or should reasonably have had knowledge of an LEA student's change of residence and CONTRACTOR fails to follow the procedures specified in this section, LEA shall not be responsible for the costs of services delivered following the LEA student's change of residence.

39. WITHDRAWAL OF LEA STUDENT FROM NPS/A

CONTRACTOR shall immediately report to LEA via telephone and electronically (within 24 hours) and in writing to LEA within five (5) business days when a LEA student is withdrawn from school and/or services without prior notice. This includes but is not limited to a LEA student's change of residence to a residence outside of LEA boundaries, and LEA student's discharge against professional advice from a NPS and/or residential treatment center ("RTC"). CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA to verify potential dropouts three (3) times per year.

40. PARENT ACCESS

CONTRACTOR shall provide for reasonable parental access to LEA students and all facilities including, but not limited to, the instructional setting, recreational activity areas, meeting rooms and student living quarters when applicable. CONTRACTOR shall comply with any known court orders regarding parental visits and access to LEA students.

CONTRACTOR operating programs associated with a NPS/RTC shall cooperate with a Parent's reasonable request for LEA student therapeutic visits in their home or at the NPS/RTC. CONTRACTOR shall require that Parents obtain prior written authorization for therapeutic visits from CONTRACTOR and LEA at least thirty (30) days in advance. When requested, CONTRACTOR shall facilitate all Parent travel and

accommodations and for providing travel information to the parent as appropriate. Payment by LEA for approved travel-related expenses shall be made directly through LEA consistent with LEA Procedures.

CONTRACTOR providing services in a LEA student's home as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one Parent of the child, or an adult caregiver with the Parent's written and signed authorization to make decisions in an emergency, is present. The names of any adult caregiver other than the Parent shall be provided to the LEA prior to the start of any home based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the Parent informs the LEA of any changes of caregivers and provide written authorization for emergencies. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing immediately (within 24 hours) of all problems and/or concerns reported to Parents, both verbal and written.

41. LICENSED CHILDREN'S INSTITUTION ("LCI") CONTRACTORS AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER ("RTC") CONTRACTORS

If CONTRACTOR is a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements regarding educational placements for LCI students as stated in Education Code 56366 (a) (2) (C), 56366.9 (c) (1), Health and Safety Code section 1501.1 and any other applicable laws and/or regulations, including LEA guidelines and LEA Procedures. An LCI shall not require that a pupil be placed in its NPS as a condition of being placed in its residential facility.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS/RTC, CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. section 1400 et seq. including the federal regulations 34 C.F.R section 300 et seq. and Education Code section 56000 et seq. including Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 et seq.. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all monitoring requirements set forth in Section 43 below.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS that is owned, operated by, or associated with a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, on a quarterly basis, a list of all LEA students, including those identified as eligible for special education. For those identified as special education students, the list shall include: 1) special education eligibility at the time of enrollment and; 2) the educational placement and services specified in each student's IEP at the time of enrollment. A copy of the current IEP shall be provided to the LEA.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings order or a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and Parent, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with NPS placement until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a NPS placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by the LEA student's Parent or another adult with educational decision-making rights.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide, respectively, special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.).

42. STATE MEAL MANDATE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall satisfy the State Meal Mandate under California Education Code sections 49005 et seq.; 49501.5, the universal meal mandate enacted by AB 130 (2021-2022); 49530 et seq; and 49550 et seq.

43. MONITORING

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, LEA (or SELPA) shall conduct at least one onsite monitoring visit during each school year to the NPS at which LEA has a student attending and with which it maintains a master

contract. The monitoring visit shall include, but is not limited to, a review of services provided to the student through the ISA between LEA and the NPS, a review of progress the student is making toward the goals set forth in the student's IEP, a review of progress the student is making toward the goals set forth in the student's BIP, if applicable, an observation of the pupil during instruction, and a walkthrough of the facility. LEA (or SELPA) shall report the findings resulting from the monitoring visit to the California Department of Education within 60 calendar days of the onsite visit.

LEA (or SELPA) shall conduct an onsite visit to the NPS before placement of a student if LEA does not have any students enrolled at the NPS at the time of placement. (Ed. Code § 56366.1.)

CONTRACTOR shall allow LEA representatives access to its facilities for additional periodic monitoring of each LEA student's instructional program. LEA shall have access to observe each LEA student at work, observe the instructional setting, interview CONTRACTOR, and review each LEA student's records and progress held by CONTRACTOR. LEA's access shall include unannounced monitoring visits. When making site visits, LEA shall initially report to CONTRACTOR's site administrative office. CONTRACTOR and LEA shall be invited to participate in the review of each LEA student's progress.

If CONTRACTOR is also an LCI and/or NPS/RTC, the CDE shall annually evaluate whether CONTRACTOR is in compliance with Education Code section 56366.9 and Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b). LEA may also conduct its own onsite review of a NPS using LEA's Quality On-Site NPS Review Rubric.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction ("Superintendent") shall monitor CONTRACTOR'S facilities, the educational environment, and the quality of the educational program, including the teaching staff, the credentials authorizing service, the standards-based core curriculum being employed, and the standard focused instructional materials used on a three-year cycle, as follows: (1) CONTRACTOR shall complete a self-review in year one; (2) Superintendent shall conduct an onsite review in year two; and (3) Superintendent shall conduct a follow-up visit in year three.

CONTRACTOR shall participate in any LEA or CDE compliance review, if applicable, to be conducted as aligned with the CDE Onsite Review and monitoring cycle in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(j). This review will address programmatic aspects of the NPS, compliance with relevant State and federal regulations, and Contract compliance. If requested by LEA, CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit a Nonpublic School/Agency Self-Review Assessment to LEA and CDE. CONTRACTOR shall conduct any follow-up or corrective action procedures related to review findings.

CONTRACTOR understands that LEA reserves the right to institute a program audit with or without cause. The program audit may include, but is not limited to, a review of core compliance areas of health and safety; curriculum/instruction; related services; and contractual, legal, and procedural compliance.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall collect all applicable data and prepare the applicable portion of a School Accountability Report Card as appropriate in accordance with California Education Code Section 33126.

PERSONNEL

44. CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

If CONTRACTOR is a NPA:

When CONTRACTOR is an NPA, all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors of CONTRACTOR who will or are likely to interact with LEA students shall obtain clearance from both the California Department of Justice (hereinafter referred to as "CDOJ") and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI"). Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information and notwithstanding the express provisions of California Education Code sections 44237, 45125.1, and 56366.1, CONTRACTOR shall require all employees, volunteers, and

subcontractors to submit fingerprints through LEA's Live Scan system, regardless of whether CONTRACTOR requires its employees and volunteers to submit fingerprints for background checks in accordance with its own procedures. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall require all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors who will interact with LEA students outside the immediate supervision and control of the student's Parent or an LEA employee to enroll in LEA's subsequent arrest notification service as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2.

No employees, volunteers, or subcontractors of CONTRACTOR who have been convicted of a violent or serious felony, as those terms are defined in California Education Code Section 44237 subdivision (h) shall interact with LEA students outside the immediate supervision and control of the student's Parent or an LEA employee, unless despite the employee's, volunteer's, or subcontractor's conviction of a violent or serious felony, they have met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237 subdivisions (i) or (j). CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers shall not interact with LEA students unless and until CDOJ and DBI clearances are ascertained through LEA's Live Scan system.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS or RTC:

When CONTRACTOR is an NPS or RTC, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 44237, 35021.1, 35021.2, and 56366.1 including, but not limited to: obtaining clearance from both the California Department of Justice (hereinafter referred to as "CDOJ") and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI") for CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers who will have or likely may have any direct contact with LEA students. In addition, if CONTRACTOR is located outside of California, then the CONTRACTOR shall also obtain clearance from its state's department of justice. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers shall not come in contact with LEA students until CDOJ, its state's DOJ, and FBI clearance are ascertained. CONTRACTOR shall certify in writing to LEA that none of its employees, and volunteers, unless CONTRACTOR determines that the volunteers will have no direct contact with students, or subcontractors who may come into contact with LEA students have been convicted of a violent or serious felony as those terms are defined in California Education Code section 44237(h), unless despite the employee's conviction of a violent or serious felony, he or she has met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237(i) or (j). Upon request, clearance certification shall be submitted to the LEA. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall make a request for subsequent arrest service from CDOJ as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2. CONTRACTOR shall certify to LEA that CONTRACTOR'S employees, volunteers, and subcontractors have successful background checks and CONTRACTOR enrolled in subsequent arrest notification service for all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors who may come into contact with LEA students.

Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information, CONTRACTOR, upon demand, shall make available to LEA evidence of a successful criminal background check clearance and enrollment in subsequent arrest notification service, as provided, for each owner, operator, employee, volunteer, and subcontractor of the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR is required to retain the evidence on-site, as specified, for all staff, including those licensed or credentialed by another state agency. Background clearances and proof of subsequent arrest notification service, as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2, for all staff shall be provided to the LEA upon request.

45. STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services hold a license, certificate, permit, or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold in the service rendered consistent with Education Code section 56366.1(n)(1) and are qualified pursuant to Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58, and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations sections 3001(r), 3064 and 3065. Such qualified staff may only provide related services within the scope of their professional license, certification or credential and ethical standards set by each

profession, and not assume responsibility or authority for another related services provider or special education teacher's scope of practice.

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all staff are appropriately credentialed to provide instruction and services to students with the disabling conditions placed in their program/school through documentation provided to the CDE. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3064(a).)

In accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(a)(5), when CONTRACTOR is a NPS, an appropriately qualified person shall serve as curricular and instructional leader, and be able to provide leadership, oversight and professional development. The administrator of the NPS holds or is in the process of obtaining one of the following: (A) An administrative credential granted by an accredited postsecondary educational institution and two years of experience with pupils with disabilities. (B) A pupil personnel services credential that authorizes school counseling or psychology. (C) A license as a clinical social worker issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (D) A license in psychology regulated by the Board of Psychology. (E) A master's degree issued by an accredited postsecondary institution in education, special education, psychology, counseling, behavioral analysis, social work, behavioral science, or rehabilitation. (F) A credential authorizing special education instruction and at least two years of experience teaching in special education before becoming an administrator. (G) A license as a marriage and family therapist certified by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (H) A license as an educational psychologist issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (I) A license as a professional clinical counselor issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (California Education Code §56366.1(a)(5)) CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to the LEA upon request, documentation of its administrator's qualifications in accordance with the above.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with personnel standards and qualifications regarding instructional aides and teacher assistants respectively pursuant to federal requirements and California Education Code sections 45340 *et seq.* and 45350 *et seq.* Specifically, all paraprofessionals, including but not limited to, instructional aides and teacher assistants, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or subcontracted by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services, shall possess a high school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and at least one of the following qualifications: (a) completed at least two (2) years of study at an institution of higher education; or (b) obtained an associate's (or higher) degree; or (c) met a rigorous standard of quality and can demonstrate, through a formal state or local assessment (i) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing, and mathematics; or (ii) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness, as appropriate. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the licensed professions, including but not limited to, the provisions with respect to supervision.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State and serving a LEA student shall be certified or licensed by that state where it is located to provide special education and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.*).

46. VERIFICATION OF LICENSES, CREDENTIALS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a staff list, and copies of all current licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents which entitle the holder to provide special education and/or related services by individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or sub-contracted by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all licenses, credentials, permits or other documents are on file at the office of the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Section 44 (Clearance Requirements) and provide LEA with verified dates of Tuberculosis Test clearance for all employees, approved subcontractors and/or volunteers prior to such individuals starting to work with any LEA student.

CONTRACTOR shall monitor the status of licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents for all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA and CDE in writing within thirty (30) days when personnel changes

occur which may affect the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA within thirty (30) days if any such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, challenged pursuant to an administrative or legal complaint or lawsuit, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Contract. LEA shall not be obligated to pay for any services provided by a person whose such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the period which such person is providing services under this Contract.

CONTRACTOR'S failure to notify LEA and CDE of any changes in credentialing/licensed staff may result in suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or and shall be good cause for termination of this Contract by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall identify to LEA any employee (or CONTRACTOR, if CONTRACTOR is an individual) expected to perform services under this Agreement who is then-receiving California State Teachers' Retirement System ("CalSTRS") benefits, and who may perform creditable service for the LEA as defined in Education Code 22119.5. Identification to LEA shall include the individual's full legal name and STRS and social security identification numbers. Before any services by the individual are provided, the CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a signed written confirmation from the individual that he/she is aware of the separation-from-service requirement and earnings limitations imposed by Education Code sections 22714, 24114, 24116, 24214, 24214.5, and 24215. CONTRACTOR shall thereafter provide on a monthly basis to the employee and LEA the actual amounts paid to the individual for services rendered under this Contract, with LEA responsible for reporting the individual's earnings to CalSTRS as required by law or regulation, including but not limited to Education Code section 22461.

47. STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS and CONTRACTOR's classroom teacher is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to the LEA documentation of substitute coverage. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time.

The LEA shall not be responsible for any payment for instruction and/or services when an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher is not provided in accordance with California Education Code section 56061.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, and CONTRACTOR's service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this agreement and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR's service providers. It is understood that the parent of a LEA student shall not be deemed to be a qualified substitute for their student. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and authorized LEA representative.

48. STAFF PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR WHEN PROVIDING SERVICES AT SCHOOL OR SCHOOL RELATED EVENTS OR AT SCHOOL FACILITY AND/OR IN THE HOME

It is understood that all employees, subcontractors, and volunteers of any certified NPS/A shall adhere to the customary professional and ethical standards when providing services. All practices shall only be within the scope of professional responsibility as defined in the professional code of conduct for each profession as well as any LEA professional standards as specified in Board policies and/or regulations when made available to the CONTRACTOR.

For services provided on a public school campus, CONTRACTOR shall comply with California Penal Code section 627.1 *et seq.*, as well as all other LEA Procedures and school campus-specific policies and procedures regarding visitors to/on school campuses. Such LEA Procedures shall be made available to the CONTRACTOR upon request. It is understood that the LEA public school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the instructional program, and all NPA service providers shall work collaboratively with the classroom teacher, who shall remain in charge of the instructional program. Failure to comply with this and all LEA requirements in this regard shall be sufficient cause for LEA to terminate this Contract.

CONTRACTOR providing services outside of the student's school as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one Parent of the child or an adult caregiver with written and signed authority to make decisions in an emergency is present during provision of services. The names of any adult caregiver other than the Parent shall be provided to LEA prior to the start of any home-based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with the NPS/NPA service provider. All problems and/or concerns reported by CONTRACTOR to Parents, in either verbal or written form, shall also be immediately (within 24 hours) reported to the LEA.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MANDATES

49. HEALTH AND SAFETY

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, State, and local, and laws, regulations, ordinances, policies, and procedures, and LEA Procedures regarding student and employee health and safety. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 35021 *et seq.*, 49406, and Health and Safety Code section 121545(a) regarding the examination of CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers for tuberculosis. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation for each individual volunteering, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR of such compliance before an individual comes in contact with a LEA student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with OSHA Blood-Borne Pathogens Standards, 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 1910.1030 *et seq.* and Cal/OSHA's Blood-Borne Pathogens Standards, Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations section 5193, when providing medical treatment or assistance to a student. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training regarding universal health care precautions and to post required notices in areas designated in the California Health and Safety Code.

See also the Health and Safety Addendum to Master Contract 2023-2024 in Exhibit C.

50. FACILITIES AND FACILITIES MODIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services to students in facilities that comply with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances related, but not limited to: disability access; fire, health, sanitation, and building standards and safety; fire warning systems; zoning permits; and occupancy capacity. When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall conduct fire drills as required by Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 550. During the duration of this Contract, if CONTRACTOR is subject to fines, penalties and findings of non-compliance, CONTRACTOR shall assume any and all responsibilities for payment of such financial obligations. CONTRACTOR shall also be responsible for any structural changes and/or modifications to CONTRACTOR's facilities as required complying with applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances. Failure to notify the LEA and CDE of any changes in, major modification or relocation of facilities may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Contract by LEA.

In signing this Contract, CONTRACTOR certifies that its facilities either comply with federal and State of California and local laws regarding disability access, or possesses and has available upon demand, a self-evaluation and/or transition plan in accordance with said laws.

51. ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code section 49422 et seq. when CONTRACTOR serves a LEA student who is required to take prescription and/or over-the-counter medication during the school day. CONTRACTOR may designate personnel to assist the student with the administration of such medication after the student's Parent(s) provides to CONTRACTOR: (a) a written statement from a physician detailing the type, administration method, amount, and time schedules by which such medication shall be taken; and (b) a written statement from the student's Parent(s) granting CONTRACTOR permission to administer medication(s) as specified in the physician's statement. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to LEA upon request, copies of such written statements. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written log for each student to whom medication is administered. Such written log shall specify the student's name; the type of medication; the date, time, and amount of each administration; and the name of CONTRACTOR's employee who administered the medication. CONTRACTOR maintains full responsibility for storing medications in a secure location and ensuring appropriate staff training in the administration of such medication consistent with physician's written orders. Any change in medication type, administration method, amount or schedule must be authorized by both a licensed physician and Parent.

52. INCIDENT/ACCIDENT REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall submit within 24 hours, electronically, any accident or incident report to LEA. CONTRACTOR shall properly submit required accident or incident reports pursuant to and as specified in LEA Procedures.

53. CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to annually train all staff members, including volunteers, so that they are familiar with and agree to adhere to its own child and dependent adult abuse reporting obligations and procedures as specified in California Penal Code section 11164 *et seq.* and Education Code 44691. In addition, CONTRACTOR is to read and become familiar with the LEA's Mandated Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policies (BP 5141.4 and AR 5141.4.). To protect the privacy rights of all parties involved (i.e., reporter, child and alleged abuser), reports will remain confidential as required by law and professional ethical mandates. A written statement from CONTRACTOR acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be submitted to the LEA before execution of this Contract and upon subsequent request from LEA.

In the event there is a suspicion of abuse conducted by anyone (students, staff, contractor or others) on or off campus, CONTRACTOR is to file the appropriate report to the Sacramento County Sheriff. CONTRACTOR is also to confidentially notify LEA's Legal Compliance Department ("Legal Compliance") of the report. CONTRACTOR is to cooperate with any investigation conducted by LEA in connection with such report.

54. SEXUAL HARASSMENT

CONTRACTOR shall have a Sexual and Gender Identity Harassment Policy that clearly describes the kinds of conduct that constitutes sexual harassment and that is prohibited by the CONTRACTOR's policy, as well as federal and State law. The policy should include procedures to make complaints without fear of retaliation, and for prompt and objective investigations of all sexual harassment complaints. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training to all employees regarding the laws concerning sexual harassment and related procedures pursuant to Government Code 12950.1.

55. REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN

CONTRACTOR assures LEA that all of its staff members, including volunteers, independent contractors and subcontractors, are familiar with and agree to adhere to requirements for reporting missing children as specified in California Education Code section 49370 *et seq.* A written statement acknowledging the legal

requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be properly submitted to the LEA by CONTRACTOR before execution of this Contract and in response to subsequent requests by LEA. The written statement shall be submitted as specified by LEA.

FINANCIAL

56. ENROLLMENT, CONTRACTING, SERVICE TRACKING, ATTENDANCE REPORTING, AND BILLING PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall assure that the NPS/A has the necessary financial resources to provide an appropriate education for the students enrolled and will distribute those resources in such a manner to implement the IEP and ISA for each and every student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all LEA Procedures concerning enrollment, contracting, attendance reporting, service tracking and billing including requirements of electronic billing as specified by LEA Procedures, as well as provide all such records requested by LEA concerning the same. CONTRACTOR shall be paid for the provision of special education and/or related services specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA which are provided on billable days of attendance. All payments to CONTRACTOR by LEA shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract and in compliance with LEA Procedures, and governed by all applicable federal and State of California laws.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the NPS's enrollment procedures include verification of required immunizations (including but not limited to the adolescent pertussis booster vaccination (Tdap) for all students entering the seventh grade).

CONTRACTOR shall maintain separate registers for the basic education program, each related service, and services provided by instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides and bus aides. Original attendance forms (i.e., roll books for the basic education program, service tracking documents and notes for instructional assistants, behavioral intervention aides, bus aides, and each related service) shall be completed by the actual service provider whose signature shall appear on such forms and shall be available for review, inspection, or audit by LEA during the effective period of this Contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter. CONTRACTOR shall verify the accuracy of minutes of reported attendance that is the basis of services being billed for payment.

CONTRACTOR shall submit invoices and related documents to LEA for payment, for each calendar month when education or related services were provided. Invoices and related documents shall be properly submitted electronically and in addition, on a LEA form with signatures in the manner prescribed by LEA. At a minimum, each invoice must contain the following information: type of service provided; month of service; specific days and times of services coordinated by the LEA approved calendar unless otherwise specified in the IEP or agreed to by the LEA; name of staff who provided the service and the individual's licensing and credentials; approved cost of each invoice; total for each service and total for the monthly invoice; date invoice was mailed; signature of NPS/A administrator authorizing that the information is accurate and consistent with the ISA, CDE certificates and staff notification; verification that attendance report is attached as appropriate; indication of any made-up sessions consistent with this Contract; verification that progress reports have been provided consistent with the ISA (monthly or quarterly unless specified otherwise on the ISA); and name of each LEA student for whom the service was provided.

In the event services were not provided, each invoice shall include the rationale for why the services were not provided.

Such an invoice is subject to all conditions of this Contract. At the discretion of LEA, an electronic invoice may be required provided such notice has been made in writing and training provided to CONTRACTOR at no additional charge for such training.

Invoices shall be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the attendance accounting period in which the services were rendered. LEA shall make payment to CONTRACTOR based on the number of billable days of attendance and hours of service at rates specified in this contract within forty-five (45) days of LEA's receipt of properly submitted hard copy of invoices prepared and submitted as specified in California Education Code Section 56366.5. CONTRACTOR shall correct deficiencies and submit rebilling invoices no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the invoice is returned by LEA. LEA shall pay properly submitted re-billing invoices no later than forty-five (45) days after the date a completely corrected re-billing invoice is received by LEA.

In no case shall initial payment claim submission for any Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond December 31st after the close of the fiscal year. In no case shall any rebilling for the Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond six (6) months after the close of the fiscal year unless approved by LEA to resolve billing issues including re-billing issues directly related to a delay in obtaining information from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing regarding teacher qualification, but no later than twelve (12) months from the close of the fiscal year. If the billing or re-billing error is the responsibility of LEA, then no limit is set provided that LEA and CONTRACTOR have communicated such concerns in writing during the 12-month period following the close of the fiscal year. LEA will not pay mileage for NPA employee.

57. RIGHT TO WITHHOLD PAYMENT

LEA may withhold payment to CONTRACTOR when: (a) CONTRACTOR has failed to perform, in whole or in part, under the terms of this Contract; (b) CONTRACTOR has billed for services rendered on days other than billable days of attendance or for days when student was not in attendance and/or did not receive services; (c) CONTRACTOR was overpaid by LEA as determined by inspection, review, and/or audit of its program, work, and/or records; (d) CONTRACTOR has failed to provide supporting documentation with an invoice, as required by EC 56366.5(a); (e) education and/or related services are provided to students by personnel who are not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (f) LEA has not received prior to school closure or contract termination, all documents concerning one or more LEA students enrolled in CONTRACTOR's educational program; (g) CONTRACTOR fails to confirm a student's change of residence to another district or confirms the change of residence to another district, but fails to notify LEA within five (5) days of such confirmation; (h) CONTRACTOR receives payment from Medi-Cal or from any other agency or funding source for a service provided to a LEA student; or (i) CONTRACTOR fails to provide the required liability/insurance documentation as outlined in Section 15 of this Contract. It is understood that no payments shall be made for any invoices that are not received by six (6) months following the close of the prior fiscal year, for services provided in that year.

Final payment to CONTRACTOR in connection with the cessation of operations and/or termination of a Contract will be subject to the same documentation standards described for all payment claims for regular ongoing operations. In addition, final payment may be withheld by LEA until completion of a review or audit, if deemed necessary by LEA. Such review or audit will be completed within ninety (90) days. The final payment may be adjusted to offset any previous payments to CONTRACTOR determined to have been paid in error or in anticipation of correction of documentation deficiencies by the CONTRACTOR that remain uncorrected.

The amount which may be withheld by LEA with respect to each of the subparagraphs of the preceding paragraph are as follows: (a) the value of the service CONTRACTOR failed to perform; (b) the amount of overpayment; (c) the entire amount of the invoice for which satisfactory documentation has not been provided by CONTRACTOR; (d) the amount invoiced for services provided by the individual not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (e) the proportionate amount of the invoice related to the applicable LEA student for the time period from the date the violation occurred and until the violation is cured; or (f) the amount paid to CONTRACTOR by Medi-Cal or another agency or funding source for the service provided to the LEA student.

If LEA determines that cause exists to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR, LEA shall, within ten (10) business days of this determination, provide to CONTRACTOR written notice that LEA is withholding

payment. Such notice shall specify the basis or bases for LEA's withholding payment and the amount to be withheld. Within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such notice, CONTRACTOR shall take all necessary and appropriate action to correct the deficiencies that form the basis for LEA's withholding payment or submit a written request for extension of time to correct the deficiencies or submit to LEA written documentation demonstrating that the basis or bases cited by LEA for withholding payment is unfounded. Upon receipt of CONTRACTOR's written request showing good cause, LEA shall extend CONTRACTOR's time to correct deficiencies (usually an additional thirty (30) days), otherwise payment will be denied.

If after subsequent request for payment has been denied and CONTRACTOR believes that payment should not be withheld, CONTRACTOR shall send written notice to LEA specifying the reason it believes payment should not be withheld. LEA shall respond to CONTRACTOR's notice within thirty (30) business days by indicating that a warrant for the amount of payment will be made or stating the reason LEA believes payment should not be made. If LEA fails to respond within thirty (30) business days or a dispute regarding the withholding of payment continues after the LEA's response to CONTRACTOR's notice, CONTRACTOR may invoke the following escalation policy.

After forty-five (45) business days: The CONTRACTOR may notify the LEA's Authorized Representative of the dispute in writing. The LEA Authorized Representative shall respond to the CONTRACTOR in writing within fifteen (15) business days.

After sixty (60) business days: Pursuant to the provisions of Education Code section 56366(c)(2), the LEA or CONTRACTOR may appeal to the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools so long as the County Superintendent of Schools is not participating in the Local Plan involved in the NPS/A contract to negotiate the contract. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this appeal, the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools or a designee, shall mediate the formulation of a contract, which shall be binding on both parties. Alternatively, the parties may agree to retain the services of a mutually agreed upon mediator to negotiate the contract. Both parties agree to pay for their own costs and expenses arising out of any such mediation. Each party agrees to act in good faith in participating in any mediation process agreed to by the parties.

58. PAYMENT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA when Medi-Cal or any other agency is billed for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. Upon request, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documentation regarding reports, billing, and/or payment by Medi-Cal or any other agency for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall provide prior written notice of the rights and protections required by Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations section 300.154(d) whenever it seeks to use the LEA students' public benefits to pay for special education and related services. Such notice shall be provided before seeking payment from Medi-Cal for the first time and annually.

59. PAYMENT FOR ABSENCES

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL (NPS) STAFF ABSENCE

Whenever a classroom teacher employed by CONTRACTOR is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage pursuant to the LEA Procedures. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA will not pay for instruction and/or services unless said instruction or service is provided by an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher.

Whenever a related service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision

of “make-up” services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided unless otherwise agreed in a LEA student’s IEP.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL (NPS) STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, no later than the tenth (10th) cumulative day of a LEA student’s unexcused absence, CONTRACTOR shall notify the LEA of such absence.

Criteria for a billable day for payment purposes is one (1) day of attendance as defined in California Education Code, sections 46010, 46010.3 and 46307. LEA shall not pay for services provided on days that a student’s attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance (ADA) reimbursement under state law. *Per Diem* rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted on a pro rata basis in accordance with the actual proportion of the school day the student was served. LEA shall not be responsible for payment of related services for days on which a student’s attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance (“ADA”) reimbursement under state law, nor shall student be eligible for make-up services.

NONPUBLIC AGENCY (NPA) STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and CONTRACTOR’s service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR’s service providers. LEA shall not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of “make-up” services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not “bank” or “carry over” make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and LEA. In the event services were not provided, reasons for why the services were not provided shall be included.

NONPUBLIC AGENCY (NPA) STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a NPA, it shall notify LEA of the absence of a LEA student no later than the fifth (5th) consecutive service day of the student’s absence. LEA shall not be responsible for the payment of services when a student is absent.

60. LEA and/or NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO EMERGENCY

The following shall apply in the event of a LEA or NPS school closure due to an emergency in accordance with Education Code sections 41422 and 46392:

- a. If CONTRACTOR remains open, if allowed, during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422 and serves LEA students appropriately as delineated in the ISA, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment, regardless of whether LEA is open or closed.
- b. If CONTRACTOR is closed during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, if LEA is able to obtain alternative placement for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall not receive payment for days the student is not in attendance due to CONTRACTOR's NPS closure. If LEA is unable to obtain an alternative placement for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment consistent with the signed ISA, as though the student were continuing in regular attendance, until an alternative placement can be found, so long as CONTRACTOR complies with Section 60(d), below.
- c. If both LEA and CONTRACTOR are closed during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, on days LEA is funded, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment consistent with the LEA student's ISA, until an alternative placement for the LEA student can be found so long as CONTRACTOR complies with Section 60(d), below. If LEA is able to obtain an alternative placement

for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall not receive payment for days the student is not in attendance due to CONTRACTOR'S NPS closure.

- d. CONTRACTOR shall, in the case of school closures during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, implement the LEA student's IEP in accordance with Education Code 56345(a)(9) pertaining to emergency conditions and continue implementing ISAs for enrolled students. CONTRACTOR shall ensure its students have reliable internet accessibility as well as the physical technology (i.e. Chromebooks, i-Pad, hot-spots etc.) as required to access and participate.
- e. In the event of CONTRACTOR'S closure during an emergency, LEA reserves the right to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR for instruction and services not rendered pursuant to an LEA student's ISA, consistent with Section 59.

When the emergency school closure is lifted, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of any lost instructional minutes for any LEA student. CONTRACTOR and LEAs shall work collaboratively to determine the need for make-up days or service changes, and shall work together to amend IEP and ISA paperwork as appropriate.

61. INSPECTION AND AUDIT

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain and LEA shall have the right to examine and audit all of the books, records, documents, accounting procedures and practices and other evidence that reflect all costs claimed to have been incurred or fees claimed to have been earned under this Contract.

CONTRACTOR shall provide access to LEA to all records including, but not limited to those documents identified in Section 9 of this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall also make available to LEA all budgetary information including operating budgets submitted by CONTRACTOR to LEA for the relevant contract period being audited.

CONTRACTOR shall make all records available at the office of LEA or CONTRACTOR (to be specified by LEA) at all reasonable times and without charge. CONTRACTOR shall provide all records to LEA within five (5) working days of a written request. CONTRACTOR shall, at no cost to LEA, provide assistance for such examination or audit. LEA's rights under this section shall also include access to CONTRACTOR's offices for purposes of interviewing CONTRACTOR's employees. If any document or evidence is stored in an electronic form, a hard copy shall be made available to LEA, unless LEA agrees to the use of the electronic format. Such access shall also include unannounced inspections by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain from its subcontractors and suppliers written agreements to the requirements of this section and shall provide a copy of such agreements to LEA upon request by LEA.

If an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm determines that CONTRACTOR owes LEA monies as a result of CONTRACTOR's over billing or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Contract, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR written notice demanding payment from CONTRACTOR and specifying the basis or bases for such demand. Unless CONTRACTOR and LEA otherwise agree in writing, CONTRACTOR shall pay to LEA the full amount owed as a result of CONTRACTOR's over billing and/or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Contract, as determined by an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm. CONTRACTOR shall make such payment to LEA within thirty (30) days of receipt of LEA's written notice demanding payment.

62. RATE SCHEDULE

The attached Rate Schedule (Exhibit A) limits the number of LEA students that may be enrolled and maximum dollar amount of the Contract. It may also limit the maximum number of LEA students that can be provided specific services. Per Diem rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full

instructional day may be adjusted proportionally. In such cases only, the adjustments in basic education rate shall be based on the required minimum number of minutes per grade level as set forth in paragraph 23, above, and noted in California Education Code Section 46200-46208.

Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR shall be provided by qualified personnel as per State and federal law, and the codes and charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this Contract, shall be as stated in Exhibit A.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS associated with a RTC (“NPS/RTC”), Educationally Related Mental Health Services (“ERMHS”) are provided in an integrated, intensive, educationally related therapeutic residential setting which includes social emotional/behavior support through individual counseling, group counseling, family consultation and support, as appropriate. It is a collaborative model which includes educational professionals and related service providers, where all supports and services are integrated in the NPS/RTC program. Costs for ERMHS are all inclusive and combined with the daily rate as ERMHS+RB (“ERMHS + Room and Board”). ERMHS plus Room and Board payments are based on positive attendance (payable for up to a maximum of 365 days) only, with up to a maximum of 10 days payment per LEA student, per contract year, when a bed is unoccupied, for home visits of a therapeutic nature. Any NPS or RTC requesting a change in rate for any services provided during a subsequent contract year must make a request in writing to the Sacramento County SELPA Directors, with a copy sent to LEA Director or designee, by January 15th of each calendar year. Increases will only be considered for approval for entities that have received a positive review on the LEA's Quality On-Site NPS Review Rubric.

63. DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

By signing this Contract, CONTRACTOR certifies that:

- (a) CONTRACTOR and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any federal agency, and
- (b) CONTRACTOR and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers have not, within a three-year period preceding this Contract, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, any state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of federal or any state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

The Parties hereto have executed this Contract by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives. This Contract is effective on the 1st day of July, 2023 and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2024, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

CONTRACTOR

LEA

CCHAT Center
Nonpublic School/Agency

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

By: Laura Covello 6/12/2023
Signature Date
Laura Covello, Executive Director
Name and Title of Authorized Representative

By: _____
Signature Date
By: Kuljeet Nijjar, Director of Educational Services
Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed to:

Notices to LEA shall be addressed to:

Laura Covello
Name and Title

Kuljeet Nijjar, Director of Educational Services
Name and Title

CCHAT Center
Nonpublic School/Agency/Related Service Provider

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LEA

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Additional LEA Notification

(Required if Completed)

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EXHIBIT A: 2023-2024 RATES

4.1 **RATE SCHEDULE FOR CONTRACT YEAR**

The CONTRACTOR: CCHAT Center NPA

The CONTRACTOR CDS NUMBER: 9900062

PER ED CODE 56366 – TEACHER-TO-PUPIL RATIO: _____

Maximum Contract Amount:

Education service(s) offered by the CONTRACTOR and the charges for such service(s) during the term of this contract shall be as follows:

- 1) **Daily Basic Education Rate:**

- 2) **Inclusive Education Program**
 (Includes Educational Counseling (not ed related mental health) services, Speech & Language services, Behavior Intervention Planning, and Occupational Therapy as specified on the student's IEP.) DAILY RATE:

- 3) **Related Services**

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
<u>Intensive Individual Services (340)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Language and Speech (415)</u>	<u>\$180</u>	<u>Session</u>
<u>Adapted Physical Education (425)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Health and Nursing: Specialized Physical Health Care (435)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Health and Nursing: Other Services (436)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Assistive Technology Services (445)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Occupational Therapy (450)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Physical Therapy (460)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Individual Counseling (510)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Counseling and Guidance (515)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Parent Counseling (520)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Social Work Services (525)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Psychological Services (530)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Behavior Intervention Services (535)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Specialized Services for Low Incidence Disabilities (610)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Specialized Deaf and Hard of Hearing (710)</u>	<u>\$680</u>	<u>Day</u>
<u>Interpreter Services (715)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Audiological Services (720)</u>	<u>\$180</u>	<u>Hour</u>

Specialized Vision Services (725)		
Orientation and Mobility (730)		
Specialized Orthopedic Services (740)		
Reader Services (745)		
Transcription Services (755)		
Recreation Services, Including Therapeutic (760)		
College Awareness (820)		
Work Experience Education (850)		
Job Coaching (855)		
Mentoring (860)		
Travel Training (870)		
Other Transition Services (890)		
Transportation		
Other (900) Deaf Mentor	\$45.00	Session

EXHIBIT B: 2023-2024 ISA

INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (ISA) FOR NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL SERVICES
(Education Code Sections 56365 et seq.)

This agreement is effective on July 1, 2023 or the date student begins attending a nonpublic school or receiving services from a nonpublic agency, if after the date identified, and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2024, unless sooner terminated as provided in the Master Contract and by applicable law.

Local Education Agency _____ Nonpublic School _____

LEA Case Manager: Name _____ Phone Number _____

Pupil Name _____ Sex: M F Grade: _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

DOB _____ Residential Setting: Home Foster LCI # _____ OTHER _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone () _____ () _____
(Residence) (Business)

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____
(If different from student)

AGREEMENT TERMS:

1. *Nonpublic School:* The average number of minutes in the instructional day will be: _____ during the regular school year
_____ during the extended school year
2. *Nonpublic School:* The number of school days in the calendar of the school year are: _____ during the regular school year
_____ during the extended school year

3. *Educational services as specified in the IEP shall be provided by the CONTRACTOR and paid at the rates specified below.*

A. **INCLUSIVE AND/OR BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM RATE:** (Applies to nonpublic schools only): Daily Rate: _____

Estimated Number of Days _____ **x Daily Rate** _____ = **PROJECTED BASIC EDUCATION COSTS** _____

B. RELATED SERVICES:

SERVICE	Provider			# of Times per wk/mo/yr., Duration; or per IEP; or as needed	Cost per session	Maximum Number of Sessions	Estimated Maximum Total Cost for Contracted Period
	LEA	NPS	OTHER Specify				
Intensive Individual Services (340)							
Language/Speech Therapy (415) a. Individual b. Group							
Adapted Physical Ed. (425)							
Health and Nursing: Specialized Physical Health Care (435)							
Health and Nursing Services: Other (436)							
Assistive Technology Services (445)							
Occupational Therapy (450)							
Physical Therapy (460)							
Individual Counseling (510)							
Counseling and guidance (515)							
Parent Counseling (520)							

SERVICE	Provider			# of Times per wk/mo/yr., Duration; or per IEP; or as needed	Cost per session	Maximum Number of Sessions	Estimated Maximum Total Cost for Contracted Period
	LEA	NPS	OTHER Specify				
Social Work Services (525)							
Psychological Services (530)							
Behavior Intervention Services (535)							
Specialized Services for Low Incidence Disabilities (610)							
Specialized Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (710)							
Interpreter Services (715)							
Audiological Services (720)							
Specialized Vision Services (725)							
Orientation and Mobility (730)							
Braille Transcription (735)							
Specialized Orthopedic Service (740)							
Reader Services (745)							
Note Taking Services (750)							
Transcription Services (755)							
Recreation Services (760)							
College Awareness Preparation (820)							
Vocational Assessment, Counseling, Guidance and Career Assessment (830)							
Career Awareness (840)							
Work Experience Education (850)							
Mentoring (860)							
Agency Linkages (865)							
Travel Training (870)							
Other Transition Services (890)							
Other (900)J							
Other (900)							
Transportation-Emergency b. Transportation-Parent							
Bus Passes							
Other							

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM RELATED SERVICES COST\$ _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED MAXIMUM BASIC EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES COSTS\$ _____

4. Other Provisions/Attachments: _____

5. MASTER CONTRACT APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD ON _____

6. Progress Reporting Requirements: _____ Quarterly _____ Monthly _____ Other (Specify) _____

The parties hereto have executed this Individual Services Agreement by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives as set forth below.

-CONTRACTOR-

-LEA/SELPA-

(Name of Nonpublic School/Agency)

(Name of LEA/SELPA)

(Signature)

(Date)

(Signature)

(Date)

(Name and Title)

(Name of Superintendent or Authorized Designee)



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Nonpublic, Non-Sectarian School/Agency Services

MASTER CONTRACT

#3

Easter Seals

SACRAMENTO COUNTY SELPA

*NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN
SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES*

MASTER CONTRACT

2023–2024

MASTER CONTRACT

GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR NONSECTARIAN,
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES

LEA GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Contract Year 2023-2024

<input type="checkbox"/>	Nonpublic School ("NPS")
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nonpublic Agency ("NPA")

Type of Contract:

Master Contract for fiscal year with Individual Service Agreements (ISA) to be approved throughout the term of this Contract.

Individual Master Contract for a specific student incorporating the Individual Service Agreement (ISA) into the terms of this Individual Master Contract specific to a single student.

Interim Extension of the Master Contract: an extension of the previous fiscal years approved contracts and rates. The sole purpose of this Interim Contract is to provide for ongoing funding at the prior year's rates for 90 days at the sole discretion of the LEA in accordance with Section 4 of this Master Contract.
Expiration Date: _____

When this section is included as part of any Master Contract, the changes specified above shall amend Section 4 – Term of Master Contract

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2023-2024

CONTRACT NUMBER: 3

LEA: GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL/AGANCY/RELATED SERVICES PROVIDER: Easter Seals Superior California

NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES MASTER CONTRACT

AUTHORIZATION FOR MASTER CONTRACT AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. MASTER CONTRACT

This Master Contract (or "Contract") is entered into on July 1, 2023, between GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT hereinafter referred to as the local educational agency ("LEA") or "District" and Easter Seals Superior California (nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency), hereinafter referred to as "NPS/A" or "CONTRACTOR," for the purpose of providing special education and/or related services to LEA students with exceptional needs under the authorization of California Education Code sections 56157, 56361 and 56365 et seq. and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 et seq., AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003) and AB1858 (Chapter 914, Statutes of 2004). It is understood that this Contract does not commit LEA to pay for special education and/or related services provided to any LEA student, or CONTRACTOR to provide such special education and/or related services, unless and until an authorized LEA representative approves the provision of special education and/or related services by CONTRACTOR.

Upon acceptance of a LEA student, LEA shall submit to CONTRACTOR an Individual Services Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "ISA"), and a Nonpublic Services Student Enrollment form. CONTRACTOR shall work with LEA to complete and return these forms to LEA prior to initiating any services for any student, unless otherwise agreed by LEA and CONTRACTOR. These forms shall acknowledge CONTRACTOR's obligation to provide all services specified in the LEA student's Individualized Education Program (hereinafter referred to as "IEP"). LEA and CONTRACTOR shall enter into an ISA for each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. As available and appropriate, the LEA shall make available access to any electronic IEP system and/or electronic database for ISA developing including invoicing.

Unless placement and/or services is ordered pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings (hereinafter referred to as "OAH") order, a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and parent, or authorized by LEA for a transfer LEA student pursuant to California Education Code section 56325, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with NPS placement or NPS/A services until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a NPS placement and/or NPS/A services is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by the Parent. 2.

2. CERTIFICATION AND LICENSES CONTRACTOR shall be certified by the California Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as "CDE") as a NPS/A. All NPS/A placements and services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification and licensure specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code, section 56366 et seq and within the professional scope of practice of each provider's license, certification and/or credential. A current copy of CONTRACTOR's NPS/A certification or a waiver of such certification issued by the CDE pursuant to Education Code section 56366.2 must be provided to LEA on or before the date this Contract is executed by CONTRACTOR. This Contract shall be null and void if such certification

or waiver is expired, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Contract. Total student enrollment shall be limited to capacity as stated on CDE certification and in Section 24 of the Contract.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of the State of California shall be certified and all staff persons providing services to pupils shall be certified and/or licensed by that state to provide, respectively, special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.*).

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution (hereinafter referred to as "LCI"), CONTRACTOR shall be licensed by the State of California, or other public agency having delegated authority by contract with the State of California to license, to provide nonmedical care room and board to children, including, but not limited to, individuals with exceptional needs. The LCI must also comply with all licensing requirements relevant to the protection of the child, and have a special permit, if necessary, to meet the needs of each child so placed. If the CONTRACTOR operates a program outside of the State of California, CONTRACTOR must obtain all required licenses from the appropriate licensing agency in both California and in the state where the LCI is located.

With respect to CONTRACTOR's certification, failure to notify LEA and CDE in writing of any changes in: (1) credentialed/licensed staff; (2) ownership; (3) management and/or control of the agency; (4) major modification or relocation of facilities; or (5) significant modification of the program may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Contract by the LEA. Any suspension or revocation of CONTRACTOR's CDE certification shall also be good cause for the immediate suspension or termination of this Contract by LEA, at LEA's discretion.

3. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, STATUTES, REGULATIONS

During the term of this Contract, unless otherwise agreed, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, State of California, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, policies and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall also comply with all applicable LEA and SELPA policies, regulations, and procedures (collectively referred to as "LEA Procedures") unless, taking into consideration all of the surrounding facts and circumstances, a policy or policies or a portion of a policy does not reasonably apply to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR hereby acknowledges and agrees that it accepts all risks and responsibilities for its failure to comply with LEA Procedures and shall indemnify LEA under the provisions of Section 16 of this Contract for all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of CONTRACTOR's failure to comply with applicable LEA Procedures (e.g., those policies relating to; the provision of special education and/or related services, facilities for individuals with exceptional needs, student enrollment and transfer, student inactive status, corporal punishment, student discipline, and positive behavior interventions).

CONTRACTOR acknowledges and understands that LEA may report to CDE any violations of the provisions of this Contract; and that this may result in the suspension and/or revocation of CDE NPA/S certification pursuant to California Education Code section 56366.4(a).

4. TERM OF MASTER CONTRACT

The term of this Contract shall be from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 3062(a)) unless otherwise stated. Neither the CONTRACTOR nor the LEA is required to renew this Contract in subsequent contract years. The parties acknowledge that any subsequent Master Contract is to be re-negotiated prior to June 30, 2024. In the event the contract negotiations are not agreed to by June 30th, the most recently executed Master Contract will remain in effect for 90 days. (Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 3062(d)) No Master Contract will be offered unless and until all of the contracting requirements have been satisfied. The offer of a Master Contract to a CONTRACTOR is at the sole discretion of the LEA.

The provisions of this Contract apply to CONTRACTOR and any of its employees or independent contractors. Notice of any change in CONTRACTOR's ownership or authorized representative shall be provided in writing to LEA within thirty (30) calendar days of change of ownership or change of authorized representative.

5. INTEGRATION/CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACT FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION

This Contract incorporates LEA Procedures herein by this reference. Each ISA is also incorporated herein by this reference. This Contract supersedes any prior or contemporaneous written or oral understanding or agreement. This Contract may be amended only by written amendment executed by both parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, LEA may modify LEA Procedures from time to time without the consent of CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA with information as requested in writing to secure a Contract or a renewal.

At a minimum, such information shall include copies of current teacher credentials and clearance, insurance documentation, and CDE certification. LEA may require additional information as applicable. If the application packet is not completed and returned to LEA, no Contract will be issued. If CONTRACTOR does not return the Contract to LEA duly signed by an authorized representative within ninety (90) calendar days of issuance by LEA, the new contract rates will not take effect until the newly executed Contract is received by LEA and will not be retroactive to the first day of the new Contract's effective date. If CONTRACTOR fails to execute the new Contract within such ninety-day period, all payments shall cease until such time as the new Contract for the current school year is signed and returned to LEA by CONTRACTOR. (California Education Code §56366(c)(1) and (2)). In the event that this Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed Contract between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized LEA students at the discretion of LEA.

6. INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT ("ISA")

This Contract shall include an ISA developed for each LEA student to whom CONTRACTOR is to provide special education and/or related services. An ISA shall only be issued for LEA students enrolled with the approval of LEA pursuant to Education Code section 56366(a)(2)(A). An ISA may be effective for more than one contract year provided that there is a concurrent Contract in effect. In the event that this Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed ISAs between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized students.

Any and all changes to a student's educational placement/program/services provided under this Contract and/or an ISA shall be made solely on the basis of a revision to the student's IEP or by written agreement between the Parent and LEA. At any time during the term of this Contract, a Parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of a student's IEP subject to all procedural safeguards required by law.

Unless otherwise provided in this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall provide all services specified in the IEP unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in the ISA. (California Education Code §56366(a)(5) and California Code of Regulations, tit. 5, § 3062(e).) In the event CONTRACTOR is unable to provide a specific service at any time during the term of the ISA, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing within five (5) business days of the last date a service was provided. CONTRACTOR shall provide any and all subsequent compensatory service hours awarded to an LEA student as a result of lack of provision of services while the student was served by CONTRACTOR.

If a Parent or LEA contests the termination of an ISA by initiating a due process proceeding with the OAH, CONTRACTOR shall abide by the "stay-put" requirement of the State of California and federal law unless the Parent and LEA voluntarily agree otherwise, or an Interim Alternative Educational Setting ("IAES") is

deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH consistent with Title 20 of the United States Codes Sections 1415(k)(1)(G), 1415(k)(2), and 1415(k)(3)(B)(ii)(II). CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning changes in placement.

Disagreements between LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the formulation of an ISA or the Contract may be appealed to the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools or the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code section 56366(c)(2).

Exhibit B includes the ISA form.

7. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this contract:

- a. The term "CONTRACTOR" means a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency ("NPS/A") certified by the California Department of Education ("CDE"), and its officers, agents and employees.
- b. The term "authorized LEA representative" means a LEA administrator designated to be responsible for NPS/A. It is understood, a representative of the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) of which LEA is a member is an authorized LEA representative in collaboration with LEA. LEA maintains sole responsibility for this Contract, unless otherwise specified in this Contract.
- c. The term "credential" means a valid credential, life diploma, permit, or document in special education or pupil personnel services issued by, or under the jurisdiction of, the California State Board of Education if issued prior to 1970 or the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, which entitles the holder thereof to perform services for which certification qualifications are required as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(g).
- d. The term "qualified" means that a person holds a certificate, permit or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold to provide special education and related services and has met federal and state certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements which apply to the area in which the individual is providing special education or related services, including those requirements set forth in Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58, and those requirements set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 3064 and 3065, and adheres to the standards of professional practice established in federal and state law or regulation, including the standards contained in the California Business and Professions Code.

Nothing in this definition shall be construed as restricting the activities in services of a graduate needing direct hours leading to licensure, or of a student teacher or intern leading to a graduate degree at an accredited or approved college or university, as authorized by State laws or regulations. (California Code of Regulations, tit. 5, § 3001(r).)

- e. The term "license" means a valid non-expired document issued by a licensing agency within the California Department of Consumer Affairs or other State of California licensing office authorized to grant licenses and authorizing the bearer of the document to provide certain professional services or refer to themselves using a specified professional title. This includes, but is not limited to, mental health and board and care services at a residential placement. If a license is not available through an appropriate State of California licensing agency, a certificate of registration with the appropriate professional organization at the national or State of California level which has standards established for the certificate that are equivalent to a license shall be deemed to be a license as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(l).

- f. “Parent” means:
 - i. a biological or adoptive parent; unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child,
 - ii. a foster parent if the authority of the biological or adoptive parents to make educational decisions on the child’s behalf has been specifically limited by court order in accordance with Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 300.30(b)(1) or (b)(2),
 - iii. a guardian generally authorized to act as the child’s parent or authorized to make educational decisions for the child,
 - iv. an individual acting in the place of a biological or adoptive parent, including a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative with whom the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child’s welfare,
 - v. a surrogate parent.

Parent does not include the state or any political subdivision of government or a NPS/A under contract with the LEA for the provision of special education or designated instruction and services for a child. (California Education Code §56028.)

- g. The term “days” means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- h. The phrase “billable day” means a school day in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs.
- i. The phrase “billable day of attendance” means a school day as defined in California Education Code Section 46307, in which an LEA student is in attendance and in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs unless otherwise stipulated in an IEP or ISA.
- j. It is understood that the term “Master Contract” also means “Contract” and is referred to as such in this document.

ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT

8. NOTICES

All notices provided for by this Contract shall be in writing. Notices shall be mailed or delivered by hand and shall be effective as of the date of receipt by addressee.

All notices mailed to LEA shall be addressed to the person and address as indicated on the signature page of this Contract. Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed as indicated on the signature page of this Contract.

9. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

All records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR as required by State and federal laws and regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, CONTRACTOR shall maintain all records for at least five (5) years after the termination of this Contract. For purposes of this Contract, “records” shall include, but not be limited to pupil records as defined by California Education Code section 49061(b) including electronically stored information; cost data records as set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3061; registers and roll books of teachers and/or daily service providers; chart notes, Medi-Cal logs, daily service logs and notes and other documents used to record the provision of related services including supervision; daily service logs and notes used to record the provision of services provided through additional instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides, and bus aides; behavior emergency reports (BER); incident reports; notification of injuries; absence verification records (Parent/doctor notes, telephone logs, and related documents) if CONTRACTOR is funded for excused absences, however, such records are not required if positive attendance is required; transcripts; grade and progress reports; behavioral data; IEP/IFSPs; assessment reports; bus rosters; staff lists specifying credentials held and documents evidencing other staff qualifications, social security numbers, dates of hire, and dates of termination;

records of employee training and certification, staff time sheets; non-paid staff and volunteer sign-in sheets; transportation and other related services subcontracts; school calendars; bell/class schedules when applicable; liability and worker's compensation insurance policies; state NPS/A certifications; business licenses held; by-laws; lists of current board of directors/trustees, if incorporated; all budgetary information, including operating budgets; statements of income and expenses; general journals; cash receipts and disbursement books; general ledgers and supporting documents; documents evidencing financial expenditures; federal/State payroll quarterly reports (Form 941/DE3DP); and bank statements and canceled checks or facsimile thereof.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain LEA student records in a secure location to ensure confidentiality and prevent unauthorized access. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a current list of the names and positions of CONTRACTOR's employees who have access to confidential records. CONTRACTOR shall maintain an access log for each LEA student's record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record. Such log shall be maintained as required by California Education Code section 49064 and include the name, title, agency/organization affiliation, date/time of access for each individual requesting or receiving information from the student's record, and a description of the record(s) provided. Such log needs to record access to the LEA student's records by: (a) the LEA student's Parent; (b) an individual to whom written consent has been executed by the LEA student's Parent; or (c) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record. CONTRACTOR/LEA shall maintain copies of any written parental concerns granting access to LEA student records. For purposes of this Section, "employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR" do not include subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall grant the following access to student records, (a) the LEA student's Parent; (b) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record, and comply with Parent requests for copies of LEA student records, as required by State of California and federal laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR agrees, in the event of NPS/A closure, to forward all LEA student records held by CONTRACTOR within ten (10) business days to LEA. LEA and/or SELPA shall have access to and receive copies of any and all records upon request within five (5) business days.

10. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Contract is held, in whole or in part, to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of that provision and of the entire Contract shall be severable and remain in effect.

11. SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST

This Contract binds CONTRACTOR's successors and assignees. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of any change of ownership or corporate control within ten (10) business days of such change.

12. VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW

The laws of the State of California shall govern the terms and conditions of this contract with venue in the County where LEA is located.

13. MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS REQUIRED TO CONFORM TO LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

This Contract may be modified or amended by LEA to conform to administrative and statutory guidelines issued by any state, federal or local governmental agency. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR thirty (30) days' notice of any such changes or modifications made to conform to administrative or statutory guidelines and a copy of the statute, guideline, or regulation upon which the modifications or changes are based.

14. TERMINATION

This Contract or ISA may be terminated for cause. Cause shall include but not be limited to non-maintenance of current NPS/A certification, failure of either LEA or CONTRACTOR to maintain the

standards required under the Contract and/or ISA, or other material breach of this Contract by CONTRACTOR or LEA. For purposes of NPS placement, the cause shall not be the availability of a public class initiated during the period of the Contract unless the Parent agrees to the transfer of the LEA student to the public school program at an IEP team meeting. To terminate the Contract or ISA, either party shall give no less than twenty (20) days prior written notice to the other party. (California Education Code §56366(a)(4).) If this Contract is terminated with twenty (20) days' notice, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Contract on the date of termination.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Contract or ISA may be terminated immediately, without twenty (20) days prior notice and at LEA's discretion, if LEA determines that there are significant health or safety concerns or there has been a suspension or revocation of CONTRACTOR's NPS/A certification. If this Contract is terminated immediately, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Contract within five (5) business days of termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing regarding termination of an ISA, CONTRACTOR is bound by the "stay put" provisions described in Section 6 of this Contract.

15. INSURANCE

CONTRACTOR shall, at CONTRACTOR's sole cost and expense, maintain in full force and effect, during the term of this Contract, the following insurance coverage from a California licensed and/or admitted insurer with an A minus (A-), VII, or better rating from A.M. Best, sufficient to cover any claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including counsel fees) arising out of or in connection with CONTRACTOR's fulfillment of any of its obligations under this Contract or either party's use of the work or any component or part thereof:

PART I - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AND AGENCIES

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance**, including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits as follows:

- \$2,000,000 per occurrence
- \$ 500,000 fire damage
- \$ 5,000 medical expenses
- \$1,000,000 personal & adv. Injury
- \$4,000,000 general aggregate
- \$2,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate

CONTRACTOR's general liability policy shall be primary and shall not seek contribution from LEA's coverage, and be endorsed using Insurance Services Office form CG 20 10 or CG 20 26 (or equivalent) to provide that LEA and its officers, officials, employees, and agents shall be additional insureds under such policies.

- B. **Commercial Auto Liability Insurance** for all owned, non-owned or hired automobiles with a limit of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per accident.

If no owned automobiles, then only hired and non-owned is required. If CONTRACTOR uses a vehicle to travel to/from school sites, between schools and/or to/from students' homes or other locations as approved service locations by the LEA, CONTRACTOR must comply with State of California auto insurance requirements.

- C. **Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance** in accordance with provisions of California Labor Code sections 3200 et seq., adequate to protect CONTRACTOR from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the California Workers' Compensation Insurance and Safety Act and in accordance with applicable State and federal laws.

Part A – Statutory Limits

Part B – \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000 Employers Liability

D. Sexual Abuse and Molestation Insurance

CONTRACTOR shall provide Sexual Abuse and Molestation coverage in the minimum amount of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per occurrence.

E. Errors & Omissions (E & O)/Malpractice (Professional Liability) Insurance

CONTRACTOR shall maintain professional liability insurance that insures against professional errors and omissions that may be made in performing the Services to be rendered in connection with this Contract, in the minimum amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per claim and in the aggregate. Any policy inception date, continuity date, or retroactive date must be before the effective date of this Contract, and CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain continuous coverage through a period no less than three years after completion of the services required by this Contract.

F. For all Insurance Coverage in Part I:

- 1) Each insurance policy required by the Contract shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled, or reduced in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to LEA, except that ten (10) days' prior written notice shall apply in the event of cancellation for nonpayment of premium.
- 2) All self-insured retentions over \$100,000 must be declared and approved by LEA.
- 3) Evidence of Insurance – Prior to commencement of serving LEA students pursuant to this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall furnish LEA with certificates, additional insured endorsements, and waivers of subrogation evidencing compliance with the insurance requirements above. CONTRACTOR must agree to provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies if requested by LEA.
- 4) Acceptability of Insurers – Insurance shall be placed with insurers admitted in the State of California and with an AM Best rating of A-, VII, or higher.

G. All Certificates of Insurance must reference the contract number, name of the school or agency submitting the certificate, and the location of the school or agency submitting the certificate on the certificate.

PART II - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFILIATED WITH A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY (“RTC”)

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS affiliated with a residential treatment center (“NPS/RTC”), the following insurance policies are required:

A. Commercial General Liability including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits of at least:

\$3,000,000 per Occurrence

\$6,000,000 in General Aggregate.

The policy shall be endorsed to name LEA and LEA's Board of Education as named additional insureds and shall provide specifically that any insurance carried by LEA which may be applicable to any claims or loss shall be deemed excess and NPS/RTC's insurance primary

despite any conflicting provisions in the NPS/RTC's policy. Coverage shall be maintained with no Self-Insured Retention above \$100,000 without the prior written approval of LEA.

- B. **Workers' Compensation Insurance** in accordance with provisions of the California Labor Code adequate to protect the NPS/RTC from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act (Statutory Coverage). The Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage must also include Employers Liability coverage with limits of \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000.
- C. **Commercial Auto Liability Coverage** with limits of \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence if the NPS/RTC does not operate a student bus service. If the NPS/RTC provides student bus services, the required coverage limit is \$5,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence.
- D. **Fidelity Bond or Crime Coverage** shall be maintained by the NPS/RTC to cover all employees who process or otherwise have responsibility for NPS/RTC funds, supplies, equipment or other assets. Minimum amount of coverage shall be \$250,000 per occurrence, with no self-insured retention.
- E. **Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions/Malpractice Coverage** with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.
- F. **Sexual Molestation and Abuse Coverage**, unless that coverage is afforded elsewhere in the Commercial General Liability or Professional liability policy by endorsement, with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.

If LEA or CONTRACTOR determines that a change in insurance coverage obligations under this section is necessary, either party may reopen negotiations to modify the insurance obligations.

16. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

To the fullest extent allowed by law, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold LEA and its Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, volunteers, and subcontractors ("LEA Indemnities") harmless against all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of this Contract or its performance, to the extent that such loss, expense, damage or liability was proximately caused by negligence, intentional act, or willful act or omission of CONTRACTOR, including, without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontractors or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it (excluding LEA and LEA Indemnities). The duty and obligation to defend shall arise immediately upon tender of a claim or lawsuit to CONTRACTOR. LEA shall have the right in its sole discretion to select counsel of its choice to provide the defense at the sole cost of CONTRACTOR or the applicable insurance carrier.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, LEA shall indemnify and hold CONTRACTOR and its Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, and subcontractors ("CONTRACTOR Indemnities") harmless against all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of this Contract or its performance thereof, to the extent that such loss, expense, damage or liability was proximately caused by the negligent or willful act or omission of LEA, including, without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontractors or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it (excluding CONTRACTOR and/or any CONTRACTOR Indemnities).

LEA represents that it is self-insured in compliance with the laws of the State of California, that the self-insurance covers LEA employees acting within the course and scope of their respective duties and that its self-insurance covers the LEA's indemnification obligations under this Contract.

17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Nothing herein contained will be construed to imply a joint venture, partnership or principal-agent relationship between LEA and CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide all services under this Contract as an independent contractor, and neither party shall have the authority to bind or make any commitment on behalf of the other. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed to create any association, partnership, joint venture or relationship of principal and agent, master and servant, or employer and employee between the Parties or any affiliates of the Parties, or between LEA and any individual assigned by CONTRACTOR to perform any services for LEA.

If LEA is determined to be a partner, joint venture, co-principal, employer or co-employer of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless LEA from and against any and all claims for loss, liability, or damages arising from that determination, as well as any expenses, costs, taxes, penalties and interest charges incurred by LEA as a result of that determination.

18. SUBCONTRACTING

CONTRACTOR shall not enter into any subcontracting relationship without first obtaining final written approval of LEA. Should CONTRACTOR wish to subcontract for special education and/or related services pursuant to this Contract, it must provide written notification to LEA before any subcontracting arrangement is made. In the event LEA determines that it can provide the subcontracted service(s) at a lower rate, LEA may elect to provide such service(s). If LEA elects to provide such service(s), LEA shall provide written notification to CONTRACTOR within five (5) days of receipt of CONTRACTOR's original notice and CONTRACTOR shall not subcontract for said service(s).

Should LEA approve in concept of CONTRACTOR subcontracting for services, CONTRACTOR shall submit the proposed subcontract to LEA for approval. CONTRACTOR shall incorporate all of the provisions of this Contract in all subcontracts, to the fullest extent possible. Furthermore, when CONTRACTOR is developing subcontracts for the provision of special education and/or related services (including, but not limited to, transportation) for any LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall cause each subcontractor to procure and maintain indemnification and insurance requirements which comply with the provisions of Sections 15 and 16 of this Contract during the term of each subcontract. If a proposed subcontract is approved by LEA, each subcontractor shall furnish LEA with original endorsements and certificates of insurance effecting coverage required by Section 15 of this Contract. The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. Unless otherwise agreed to by LEA, the endorsements are to be on forms provided by LEA. All endorsements are to be received and approved by LEA before the subcontractor's work commences. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies shall name the LEA/SELPA and the LEA Board of Education as additional insureds.

As an alternative to LEA's forms, a subcontractor's insurer may provide, with prior LEA approval, complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by this Contract. All Certificates of Insurance must reference the LEA contract number, name of the NPS/A submitting the certificate, designation of NPS or NPA, and the location of the NPS/A submitting the certificate. In addition, all subcontractors must meet the requirements as contained in Section 45 (Clearance Requirements) and Section 46 (Staff Qualifications) of this Contract. No subcontract shall be considered final without LEA approval.

19. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA upon request a copy of its current bylaws and a current list of its Board of Directors (or Trustees), if it is incorporated. CONTRACTOR and any member of its Board of Directors (or Trustees) shall disclose any relationship with LEA that constitutes or may constitute a conflict of interest pursuant to California Education Code section 56042 and Government Code Section 1090 including, but not limited to, employment with LEA, provision of private party assessments and/or reports,

and attendance at IEP team meetings acting as a student's advocate. Pursuant to California Education Code section 56042, an attorney or advocate for a Parent of an individual with exceptional needs shall not recommend placement at CONTRACTOR's facility if the attorney or advocate is employed or contracted by the CONTRACTOR, or will receive a benefit from the CONTRACTOR, or otherwise has a conflict of interest.

LEA shall neither execute an ISA with CONTRACTOR nor amend an existing ISA for an LEA student when a recommendation for special education and/or related services is based in whole or in part on assessment(s) or reports provided by CONTRACTOR to the LEA student without prior written authorization by LEA. This section shall apply to CONTRACTOR regardless of when an assessment is performed or a report is prepared (i.e., before or after the LEA student is enrolled in CONTRACTOR's NPS/A) or whether an assessment of the LEA student is performed or a report is prepared in the normal course of the services provided to the LEA student by CONTRACTOR. To avoid conflict of interest, and in order to ensure the appropriateness of an Independent Educational Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as "IEE") and its recommendations, LEA may not fund an IEE by an evaluator who provides ongoing service(s) or is sought to provide service(s) to the LEA student for whom the IEE is requested. Likewise, LEA may not fund services through the evaluator whose IEE LEA agrees to fund. When no other appropriate assessor is available, LEA may request and if CONTRACTOR agrees, CONTRACTOR may provide an IEE.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that its authorized representative has read and understands California Education Code section 56366.3 which provides, in relevant part, that no special education and/or related services provided by CONTRACTOR shall be paid for by LEA if provided by an individual who is or was an employee of LEA within the three hundred sixty-five (365) days prior to executing this Contract. This provision does not apply to any person who is able to provide designated instruction and services during the extended school year because he or she is otherwise employed for up to ten months of the school year by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall not admit a student living within the jurisdictional boundaries of the LEA on a private pay or tuition free "scholarship" basis and concurrently or subsequently advise/request Parent(s) to pursue funding for the admitted school year from LEA through due process proceedings. Such action shall constitute good cause for termination of this Contract by LEA.

20. NON-DISCRIMINATION

CONTRACTOR shall not, in employment or operation of its programs, unlawfully discriminate on the basis of gender, nationality, national origin, ancestry, race, color, ethnicity, ethnic group affiliation, religion, age, marital status, pregnancy or parental status, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disability, genetic information, medical condition, military or veteran status, or any other classification protected by federal or State law or the perception of one or more of such characteristics or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

21. FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION (FAPE)

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with a copy of the IEP including the Individualized Transition Plan (hereinafter referred to as "ITP") of each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services (including transition services) to each LEA student within the NPS/A consistent with the student's IEP and as specified in the ISA. If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall not accept an LEA student if it cannot provide or ensure the provision of the services outlined in the student's IEP. If an LEA student's services are provided by a third party (i.e. Related Services Provider), CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, if provision of services cease.

Unless otherwise agreed to between CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the provision of all appropriate supplies, equipment, and/or facilities, as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall make no charge of any kind to parents for special education and/or related services as specified in the student's IEP and ISA (including, but not limited to, screenings, assessments, or interviews that occur prior to or as a condition of an LEA student's enrollment under the terms of this Contract). LEA shall provide low incidence equipment for eligible students with low incidence disabilities when specified in an LEA student's IEP and ISA. Such equipment remains the property of the LEA and shall be returned to the LEA when the IEP team determines the equipment is no longer needed or when the student is no longer enrolled in the NPS. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that facilities are adequate to provide LEA students with an environment which meets all pertinent health and safety regulations.

CONTRACTOR may charge an LEA student's Parent(s) for services and/or activities not necessary for the student to receive a FAPE after: (a) written notification to the LEA student's Parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities; and (b) receipt by LEA of the written notification and a written acknowledgment signed by the LEA student's Parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning Parent acknowledgment of financial responsibility.

Voluntary services and/or activities not necessary for the student to receive a FAPE shall not interfere with the LEA student's receipt of special education and/or related services as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA unless the LEA, CONTRACTOR, and Parent agree otherwise in writing.

22. GENERAL PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION

All NPS/A services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code section 56366 *et seq.*

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction shall: (a) utilize evidence-based practices and be consistent with LEA's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (b) include curriculum that addresses mathematics, literacy and the use of educational, assistive technology and transition services; (c) be consistent with CDE's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (d) provide the services as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. LEA students shall have access to: (a) State Board of Education (SBE) - adopted Common Core State Standards ("CCSS") for curriculum and the same instructional materials for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive; and provide standards – aligned core curriculum and instructional materials for grades 9 to 12, inclusive, used by LEA; (b) college preparation courses; (c) extracurricular activities, such as art, sports, music and academic clubs; (d) career preparation and vocational training, consistent with transition plans pursuant to State and federal law and; (e) supplemental assistance, including individual academic tutoring, psychological counseling, and career and college counseling. When appropriate, CONTRACTOR shall utilize the designated curriculum guidelines for students with moderate to severe disabilities who participate in the State's alternative assessment. These students shall have access to the core content, activities, and instructional materials delineated within these curriculum guidelines. CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction shall be described in writing and a copy provided to LEA prior to the effective date of this Contract.

When CONTRACTOR serves students in grades 9 through 12 inclusive, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR a specific list of the course requirements to be satisfied by CONTRACTOR leading toward graduation or completion of LEA's diploma requirements. CONTRACTOR shall not award a high school diploma to students who have not successfully completed all of LEA's graduation requirements.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction and/or services shall utilize evidence-based practices and be consistent with LEA and CDE guidelines and certifications, and shall be provided as specified in the student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a written description of the services and location provided prior to the effective date of this Contract. School-based services may not be unilaterally converted by CONTRACTOR to a substitute program or provided at a location not specifically authorized by the IEP

team. Except for services provided by a CONTRACTOR that is a Licensed Children's Institution (LCI), all services not provided in the school setting require the presence of a Parent or adult caregiver during the delivery of services, provided such guardian or caregiver have a signed authorization by the Parent to authorize emergency services as requested. LCI CONTRACTORS shall ensure that appropriate and qualified residential or clinical staff is present during the provision of services under this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA in writing if no Parent, guardian or adult caregiver is present.

CONTRACTORS providing Behavior Intervention Services shall develop a written plan that specifies the nature of their NPA service for each student within thirty (30) days of enrollment and shall be provided in writing to the LEA. CONTRACTORS providing Behavior Intervention Services must have a trained behaviorist or trained equivalent on staff who is qualified and responsible for the design, planning, and implementation of behavioral interventions as the law requires. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3051.23; Ed. Code § 56366.10(e).) It is understood that Behavior Intervention Services are limited per CDE Certification and do not constitute an instructional program.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA, CONTRACTOR shall not provide transportation nor subcontract for transportation services for students unless LEA and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing.

23. INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, the total number of instructional minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be at least equivalent to the number of instructional minutes per school day provided to LEA students at like grade level attending LEA schools and shall be specified in the student's ISA developed in accordance with the student's IEP.

For students in grades kindergarten through 12 inclusive, unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP and ISA, the number of instructional minutes, excluding breakfast, recess, lunch and passing time shall be at the same level that California Education Code prescribes for LEA.

The total number of annual instructional minutes shall be at least equivalent to the total number of annual instructional minutes provided to LEA students attending LEA schools in like grade level unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, the total number of minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be specified in the LEA student's ISA developed in accordance with the student's IEP.

24. CLASS SIZE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that class size shall not exceed a ratio of one teacher per twelve (12) students, unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in writing. Upon prior written approval by an authorized LEA representative, class size may be temporarily increased by a ratio of 1 teacher to fourteen (14) students when necessary during the regular or extended school year to provide services to students with disabilities.

In the event a NPS CONTRACTOR is unable to fill a vacant teaching position responsible for direct instruction to LEA students, and the vacancy has a direct impact on the CDE Certification of that school, CONTRACTOR shall develop a plan to ensure appropriate coverage of students by first utilizing existing certificated staff. CONTRACTOR and LEA may agree to one 30 school day period per contract year where class size may be increased to ensure coverage by an appropriately credentialed teacher. Such an agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties. This provision does not apply to a NPA CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR providing special education instruction for individuals with exceptional needs between the ages of three and five years, inclusive, shall also comply with the appropriate instructional adult to child ratios pursuant to California Education Code sections 56440 *et seq.*

25. CALENDARS

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS:

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a school calendar with the total number of billable days not to exceed 180 days, plus extended school year billable days equivalent to the number of days determined by LEA's extended school year calendar. Billable days shall include only those days that are included on the submitted and approved school calendar, and/or required by the IEP (developed by LEA) for each LEA student. CONTRACTOR shall not be allowed to change its school calendar and/or amend the number of billable days without the prior written approval of LEA. Nothing in this Contract shall be interpreted to require LEA to accept any requests for calendar changes. In the event LEA adjusts the number of school days for its regular school year and/or extended school year, the approved number of days shall become the total billable days for CONTRACTOR. In such a case, an amended calendar shall be provided by CONTRACTOR for LEA approval.

Unless otherwise specified by the LEA student's IEP, educational services shall occur at the school site. A student shall only be eligible for extended school year services as determined by the student's IEP team and the provision of such is specifically included in the ISA. Extended school year shall consist of twenty (20) instructional days, unless otherwise agreed upon by the student's IEP team convened by the LEA. Any days of extended school year in excess of twenty (20) billable days must be mutually agreed to by LEA and CONTRACTOR, in writing, prior to the start of the extended school year.

Student must have actually been in attendance during the regular school year and/or during extended school year and received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any NPS service. Any instructional days provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall observe the same legal holidays as LEA. As of the execution of this Contract, those holidays are: Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth and Independence Day. With the prior written approval of LEA, CONTRACTOR may revise the date upon which CONTRACTOR closes in observance of any of the holidays observed by LEA.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA:

CONTRACTOR shall be provided with a LEA-developed/approved calendar prior to the initiation of services. CONTRACTOR herein agrees to observe holidays as specified in LEA-developed/approved calendar. CONTRACTOR shall provide services pursuant to LEA-developed/approved calendar; or as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. Unless otherwise specified in the LEA student's ISA, CONTRACTOR shall provide related services to LEA students on only those days that the LEA student's school of attendance is in session and the LEA student attends school. CONTRACTOR shall bill only for services provided on billable days of attendance as indicated on LEA calendar unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in writing before delivery of any NPA services. Student must have actually been in attendance and/or received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any NPA service provided by CONTRACTOR. Any services provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of the CONTRACTOR. In the event of school closures due to emergency, payment will follow the procedures in accordance with Section 62 of this Contract.

26. DATA REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall agree to provide to LEA all data related to LEA student information and billing information. CONTRACTOR shall provide data related to all sections of this Contract, including student discipline as noted below, when requested by LEA and in the format required by LEA. It is understood that CONTRACTOR shall utilize LEA-approved electronic IEP system for all IEP development, service tracking documentation, and progress reporting, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by LEA. Additional progress reporting may be required by the LEA. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with appropriate software, user training and proper internet permissions to allow adequate access so that this information may be compiled.

Using forms developed by the CDE or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA, on a monthly basis, a written report of all incidents in which a statutory offense is committed by any LEA student, regardless if it results in a disciplinary action of suspension or expulsion. This includes all statutory offenses as described in Education Codes sections 48900 and 48915. CONTRACTOR shall also include incidents resulting in the use of a behavioral restraint and/or seclusion even if they were not a result of a violation of Education Code sections 48900 and 48915. (Ed. Code § 49006.)

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with approved forms and/or format for such data including, but not limited to, invoicing, attendance reports and progress reports. LEA may approve use of CONTRACTOR-provided forms at its discretion.

27. LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall follow all LEA Procedures that support Least Restrictive Environment (“LRE”) options and/or dual enrollment options if available and appropriate, for students to have access to the general curriculum and to be educated with their nondisabled peers to the maximum extent appropriate.

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall ensure that LRE placement options are addressed at all IEP team meetings regarding students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. This shall include IEP team consideration of supplementary aids and services, goals and objectives necessary for placement in the LRE and necessary to enable students to transition to less restrictive settings.

When an IEP team has determined that a student should be transitioned into the public school setting, CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA in implementing the IEP team’s recommended activities to support the transition.

28. STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, per implementation of Senate Bill 484, CONTRACTOR shall administer all statewide assessments within the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (“CAASPP”), Desired Results Developmental Profile (“DRDP”), California Alternative Assessment (“CAA”), achievement and abilities tests (using LEA-authorized assessment instruments), the Fitness Gram, the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (“ELPAC”), and Alternative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (“Alternative ELPAC”), and as appropriate to the LEA student, and mandated by LEA pursuant to LEA, State of California, and federal guidelines.

CONTRACTOR is subject to the alternative accountability system developed pursuant to Education Code section 52052, in the same manner as public schools. Each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR by the LEA shall be tested by qualified staff of CONTRACTOR in accordance with that accountability program. LEA shall provide test administration training to CONTRACTOR’S qualified staff.

CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA test training and comply with completion of all coding requirements as required by LEA.

29. MANDATED ATTENDANCE AT LEA MEETINGS

CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA-mandated meetings when legal mandates and/or LEA Procedures are reviewed, including but not limited to the areas of: curriculum, high school graduation, standards-based instruction, behavior intervention, cultural and linguistic needs of students with disabilities, dual enrollment responsibilities, LRE responsibilities, transition services, data collection, standardized testing, and IEPs. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with reasonable notice of mandated meetings. Attendance at such meetings does not constitute a billable service hour(s).

30. POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Education Code section 49005, *et seq.*, 56521.1 and 56521.2. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that CONTRACTOR utilizes a multi-tier system of support (“MTSS”) to address student needs. CONTRACTOR shall also ensure that all staff are trained on the use of positive behavior interventions and supports consistent with this Contract.

LEA students who exhibit behaviors that interfere with their learning or the learning of others must receive timely and appropriate assessments and positive supports and interventions in accordance with the federal law and its implementing regulations. If the IEP team determines that a student’s behavior impedes his or her learning or the learning of others, the IEP team is required to consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. This could mean that instead of developing a Behavior Intervention Plan (“BIP”), the IEP team may conclude it is sufficient to address the student’s behavioral problems through the development of behavioral goals and behavioral interventions to support those goals.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written policy pursuant to California Education Code section 56521.1 regarding emergency interventions and behavioral emergency reports (“BERs”). CONTRACTOR shall inform each of its employees about the policy, provide each employee a copy thereof, and provide training to all employees regarding the policy. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all of its staff members are trained in crisis intervention, emergency procedures, and evidenced-based practices and interventions specific to the unique behavioral needs of the CONTRACTOR’s pupil population. Training shall include certification by an approved LEA crisis intervention program. The training shall be provided within 30 days of employment to new staff who have any contact or interaction with pupils during the school day, and annually to all staff who have any contact or interaction with pupils during the school day. (Ed. Code 56366.10(f).) The CONTRACTOR shall select and conduct the training in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1. CONTRACTOR shall maintain accurate written records documenting all training completed by all of CONTRACTOR’s employees. Evidence of all trainings shall be submitted to LEA at least annually at the beginning of the school year, and within five (5) business days of completion of training or any new hire upon LEA request.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.1, emergency interventions shall not be used as a substitute for a BIP and shall not be employed longer than necessary to contain the behavior. Emergency interventions may only be used to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to a LEA student or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior. If a situation requires prolonged use of emergency intervention, staff must seek assistance from the school site administrator or a law enforcement agency. Consistent with Section 44 of this Contract, LEA may observe and/or audit CONTRACTOR’s implementation of BIPs, staff use of behavior interventions, including emergency interventions, at any time, and without prior notice.

CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER when an emergency occurs that is defined as a serious, dangerous behavior that staff has determined to present a clear and present danger to others. It requires a non-violent physical intervention to protect the safety of student, self, or others and a physical intervention has been used; or a physical intervention has not been used, but an injury or serious property damage has occurred. The use of Personal Safety Techniques (which may or may not have been used) does not determine whether a BER is required. Emergencies *require* a BER form be completed and submitted to the LEA within twenty-four (24) hours for administrative action. CONTRACTOR shall notify Parent within twenty-four (24) hours via telephone. If the student's IEP does not contain a BIP, an IEP team shall schedule a meeting to review the BER, determine if there is a necessity for a functional behavioral assessment ("FBA"), and to determine an interim plan, or both. If the student already has a BIP, the IEP team shall review and modify the BIP if a new serious behavior has been exhibited or existing behavioral interventions have proven to be ineffective. CONTRACTOR shall schedule with LEA an IEP meeting within two (2) days.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.2, CONTRACTOR shall not authorize, order, consent to, or pay for the following interventions, or any other interventions similar to or like the following:

1. any intervention that is designed to, or likely to, cause physical pain, including, but not limited to, electric-shock;
2. an intervention that involves the release of noxious, toxic, or otherwise unpleasant sprays, mists, or substances in proximity to the face of the individual;
3. an intervention that denies adequate sleep, food, water, shelter, bedding, physical comfort, or access to bathroom facilities;
4. an intervention that is designed to subject, used to subject, or likely to subject, the individual to verbal abuse, ridicule, or humiliation, or that can be expected to cause excessive emotional trauma;
5. restrictive interventions that employ a device, material, or objects that simultaneously immobilize all four extremities, including the procedure known as prone containment, except that prone containment or similar techniques may be used by trained personnel as a limited emergency intervention;
6. locked seclusion, unless it is in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use a locked room;
7. an intervention that precludes adequate supervision of the individual;
8. an intervention that deprives the individual of one or more of his or her senses.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with Education Code section 49005.8. Specifically, Contractor shall not do any of the following:

1. Use seclusion or a behavioral restraint for the purpose of coercion, discipline, convenience, or retaliation.
2. Use locked seclusion, unless it is in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use a locked room.
3. Use a physical restraint technique that obstructs a pupil's respiratory airway or impairs the pupil's breathing or respiratory capacity, including techniques in which a staff member places pressure on a pupil's back or places his or her body weight against the pupil's torso or back.
4. Use a behavioral restraint technique that restricts breathing, including, but not limited to, using a pillow, blanket, carpet, mat, or other item to cover a pupil's face.
5. Place a pupil in a facedown position with the pupil's hands held or restrained behind the pupil's back.
6. Use a behavioral restraint for longer than is necessary to contain the behavior that poses a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the pupil or others.

CONTRACTOR shall keep constant, direct observation of a pupil who is in seclusion, which may be through observation of the pupil through a window, or another barrier, through which the educational provider is able to make direct eye contact with the pupil. This observation shall not be through indirect means, including through a security camera or a closed-circuit television.

CONTRACTOR shall afford pupils who are restrained the least restrictive alternative and the maximum freedom of movement, and shall use the least number of restraint points, while ensuring the physical safety of the pupil and others.

If prone restraint techniques are used by CONTRACTOR, a staff member shall observe the pupil for any signs of physical distress throughout the use of prone restraint. Whenever possible, the staff member monitoring the pupil shall not be involved in restraining the pupil.

In the case of a child whose behavior impedes the child's learning or that of others, the IEP team shall consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA via telephone of any severe or increasingly frequent behavior problem, any emergency intervention in response to a previously unseen serious behavior problem, or where a previously designed behavior intervention is ineffective, that may require an IEP team meeting.

All restraint practices must be reviewed and revised when they have an adverse effect on a student and are used repeatedly for an individual child, either on multiple occasions within the same classroom or multiple uses by the same individual. CONTRACTOR shall notify the Parent when any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusion has been used. Upon the use of any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusions of an LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER per the reporting and notification requirements listed above.

BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION REPORTING: Twice annually, CONTRACTOR shall certify to LEA that (a) CONTRACTOR has reviewed the BERs for each LEA student in conjunction with that student's IEP and BIP; (b) Staff are trained to implement each LEA student's BIP, including approved or prohibited restraint techniques for each student; (c) emergency interventions have only been used to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to LEA students or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior; and (d) BERs have been properly completed and timely forwarded to LEA as required by this Contract.

CONTRACTOR's failure to comply with any of the requirements of Section 30: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports shall constitute sufficient good cause for immediate termination of this Contract by LEA.

31. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and abide by a written policy for student discipline that is consistent with State of California and federal law and regulations. Using forms developed by the California Department of Education or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA, on a monthly basis, a written report of all incidents in which a statutory offense is committed by any LEA student, regardless if it results in a disciplinary action of suspension or expulsion. This includes all statutory offenses as described in Education Codes 48900 and 48915. CONTRACTOR shall also include incidents resulting in the use of a behavioral restraint and/or seclusion even if they were not a result of a violation of Education Code Sections 48900 and 48915. (Ed. Code § 49006.)

When CONTRACTOR seeks to remove a LEA student from the student's current educational placement for disciplinary reasons, CONTRACTOR shall immediately (within 24 hours) submit a written discipline report to LEA. Written discipline reports shall include, but not be limited to: the student's name, grade, race, ethnicity, and gender; the time, date, and description of the misconduct; the disciplinary action taken by CONTRACTOR; and the rationale for such disciplinary action. A copy of the LEA student's behavior plan, if any, shall be submitted with the written discipline report. CONTRACTOR and LEA agree to participate in a manifestation determination at an IEP meeting no later than the tenth (10th) day after the decision is made to suspend the student for more than ten (10) school days or recommend expulsion of the

student. LEA shall notify and invite CONTRACTOR representatives to the IEP team meeting where the manifestation determination will be made.

32. IEP TEAM MEETINGS

An IEP team meeting shall be convened at least annually to evaluate: (1) the educational progress of each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR, including all state assessment results pursuant to the requirements of Education Code section 52052; (2) whether or not the needs of the LEA student continue to be best met at the NPS; and (3) whether changes to the student's IEP are necessary, including whether the LEA student may be transitioned to a public school setting. (California Education Code sections 56366(a)(2)(B)(i) and (ii) and California Education Code section 56345(b)(4).)

If an LEA student is to be transferred from a NPS setting into a regular class setting in a public school for any part of the school day, the IEP team shall document, a description of activities provided to integrate the student into the regular education program, including the nature of each activity as well as the time spent on the activity each day or week and a description of the activities provided to support the transition of the student from the special education program into the regular education program. Each LEA student shall be allowed to provide confidential input to any representative of the student's IEP team. Except as otherwise provided in the Contract, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall participate in all IEP team meetings regarding LEA students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. At any time during the term of this Contract, the Parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of the LEA student's IEP, subject to all procedural safeguards required by law, including reasonable notice given to, and participation of, CONTRACTOR, LEA, and Parent in the meeting. Every effort shall be made to schedule IEP team meetings at a time and place that is mutually convenient to CONTRACTOR, LEA, and Parent. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, at no cost and prior to an annual or triennial IEP team meeting, documentation regarding the student's progress on goals and any and all assessments and written assessment reports (including testing protocols) created by CONTRACTOR and any of its agents or subcontractors, upon request and/or pursuant to LEA Procedures. It is understood that attendance at an IEP meeting is part of CONTRACTOR'S professional responsibility and is not a billable service under this Contract.

It is understood that CONTRACTOR shall utilize the LEA approved electronic IEP system for all IEP planning and progress reporting at LEA's discretion. LEA may provide training for any CONTRACTOR to ensure access to the approved system. CONTRACTOR shall maintain confidentiality of all IEP data on the approved system and shall protect the password requirements of the system. When a LEA student disenrolls from the NPS/A, the CONTRACTOR shall discontinue use of the approved system for that student.

Changes in any LEA student's educational program, including instruction, services, or instructional setting provided under this Contract, may only be made on the basis of revisions to the student's IEP. In the event that CONTRACTOR believes a LEA student requires a change of placement, CONTRACTOR may request a review of the student's IEP for the purposes of consideration of a change in the student's placement. A LEA student is entitled to remain in the last agreed upon and implemented placement unless Parent agrees otherwise or an Interim Alternative Educational Setting is deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH consistent with Section 1415(k)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code.

33. SURROGATE PARENTS AND FOSTER YOUTH

CONTRACTOR shall comply with LEA surrogate parent assignments. Surrogate parents shall serve as the child's Parent and have all the rights relative to the student's education that a parent has under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act pursuant to 20 U.S.C. sections 1414-1482 and 34 C.F.R. sections 300.1-300.756. A pupil in foster care shall be defined pursuant to California Education Code section 42238.01(b). LEA shall annually notify CONTRACTOR who LEA has designated as the educational liaison for foster children. When a pupil in foster care is enrolled in a NPS by LEA any time after the completion of the student's second year of high school, CONTRACTOR shall schedule the pupil in courses leading towards graduation based on the diploma requirements of LEA unless provided notice otherwise in writing pursuant to Section 51225.1.

34. DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in special education due process proceedings including mediations and hearings, as requested by LEA. Participation includes CONTRACTOR's staff being made available for witness preparation and testimony as is necessary to facilitate a due process hearing. CONTRACTOR shall also fully participate in the investigation and provision of documentation related to any complaint filed with the State of California, the Office of Civil Rights, or any other State and/or federal governmental body or agency. Full participation shall include, but in no way be limited to, cooperating with LEA representatives to provide complete answers raised by any investigator and/or the immediate provision of any and all documentation that pertains to the operation of CONTRACTOR's program and/or the implementation of a particular student's IEP/ISA.

35. COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and adhere to its own written procedures for responding to Parent complaints. These procedures shall include annually notifying and providing Parents of LEA students with appropriate information (including complaint forms) for the following: (1) Uniform Complaint Procedures pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4600 *et seq.*; (2) Nondiscrimination policy pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4960 (a); (3) Sexual Harassment Policy, California Education Code 231.5 (a) (b) (c); (4) Title IX Student Grievance Procedure, Title IX 106.8(a), (d) and 106.9(a); and (5) Notice of Privacy Practices in compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA"). CONTRACTOR shall include verification of these procedures to the LEA. CONTRACTOR shall immediately (within 24 hours) notify LEA of any complaints filed against it related to LEA students and provide LEA with all documentation related to the complaints and/or its investigation of complaints, including any and all reports generated as a result of an investigation.

36. LEA STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS AND ASSESSMENTS

Unless LEA requests in writing that progress reports be provided on a monthly basis, CONTRACTOR shall provide to Parents, with a concurrent copy sent to LEA, at least four (4) written progress reports/report cards. At a minimum, progress reports shall include progress over time towards IEP goals and objectives. A copy of the progress reports/report cards shall be maintained at CONTRACTOR's place of business and shall be submitted to the LEA and LEA student's Parent quarterly.

CONTRACTOR shall also provide LEA representatives access to supporting documentation used to determine progress on any goal or objective, transition plans, and behavior intervention plans, including but not limited to log sheets, chart notes, observation notes, data sheets, pre-/post-tests, rubrics and other similar data collection used to determine progress or lack of progress on approved goals, objectives, transition plans or behavior intervention plans. LEA may request such data at any time within five (5) years of the date of service. CONTRACTOR shall maintain such information for at least five (5) years and shall provide this data supporting progress to LEA within five (5) business days of request. Additional time may be granted as needed by the LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall complete academic or other evaluations of the LEA student at least ten (10) days prior to the student's IEP team meeting for the purpose of reporting the LEA student's present levels of performance at the IEP team meeting as required by State and federal laws and regulations and pursuant to LEA Procedures, and/or LEA practices. CONTRACTOR shall provide sufficient copies of its reports, documents, and projected goals to share with members of the IEP team at least five (5) business days prior to the IEP meeting. CONTRACTOR shall maintain supporting documentation, such as test protocols and data collection, which shall be made available to LEA within five (5) business days of request.

CONTRACTOR is responsible for all evaluation costs regarding the updating of goals and objectives, progress reporting, and development of present levels of performance. All assessments resulting from an assessment plan shall be provided by LEA unless LEA specifies in writing a request that CONTRACTOR perform such assessment. Any assessment and/or evaluation costs may be added to the ISA and/or approved separately by LEA at LEA's sole discretion.

It is understood that all billable hours must be in direct services to LEA students as specified in the ISA. For NPA services, supervision provided by a qualified individual as specified in Title 5 Regulation, subsection 3065, shall be determined as appropriate and included in the ISA. Supervision means the direct observation of services, data review, case conferencing and program design consistent with professional standards for each professional's license, certification, or credential.

CONTRACTOR shall not charge a LEA student's Parent(s) or LEA for the provision of progress reports, report cards, and/or any evaluations conducted in order to obtain present levels of performance, interviews, and/or attendance at any meetings. It is understood that all billable hours are limited to those specified on the ISA consistent with the IEP. It is understood that copies of data collection notes, forms, charts and other such data are part of the student's record and shall be made available to LEA upon written request.

37. TRANSCRIPTS

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall prepare transcripts at the close of each semester, or upon LEA student transfer, for LEA students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) inclusive, and submit such transcripts on LEA-approved forms to the LEA student's school of residence for evaluation of progress toward completion of diploma requirements as specified in LEA Procedures. CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA, the names of LEA students and their schools of residence for whom transcripts have been submitted as specified by LEA. All transcripts shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR and furnished to LEA upon request, consistent with the parameters of Sections 9 and 26 of this Contract.

38. LEA STUDENT CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

Upon enrollment, CONTRACTOR shall notify Parents in writing of their obligation to notify CONTRACTOR of an LEA student's change of residence. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide upon request by LEA, documentation of such notice to Parents. Within five (5) school days from the date CONTRACTOR becomes aware of a LEA student's change of residence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing of the LEA student's change of residence as specified in LEA Procedures.

If CONTRACTOR had knowledge or should reasonably have had knowledge of an LEA student's change of residence and CONTRACTOR fails to follow the procedures specified in this section, LEA shall not be responsible for the costs of services delivered following the LEA student's change of residence.

39. WITHDRAWAL OF LEA STUDENT FROM NPS/A

CONTRACTOR shall immediately report to LEA via telephone and electronically (within 24 hours) and in writing to LEA within five (5) business days when a LEA student is withdrawn from school and/or services without prior notice. This includes but is not limited to a LEA student's change of residence to a residence outside of LEA boundaries, and LEA student's discharge against professional advice from a NPS and/or residential treatment center ("RTC"). CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA to verify potential dropouts three (3) times per year.

40. PARENT ACCESS

CONTRACTOR shall provide for reasonable parental access to LEA students and all facilities including, but not limited to, the instructional setting, recreational activity areas, meeting rooms and student living quarters when applicable. CONTRACTOR shall comply with any known court orders regarding parental visits and access to LEA students.

CONTRACTOR operating programs associated with a NPS/RTC shall cooperate with a Parent's reasonable request for LEA student therapeutic visits in their home or at the NPS/RTC. CONTRACTOR shall require that Parents obtain prior written authorization for therapeutic visits from CONTRACTOR and LEA at least thirty (30) days in advance. When requested, CONTRACTOR shall facilitate all Parent travel and

accommodations and for providing travel information to the parent as appropriate. Payment by LEA for approved travel-related expenses shall be made directly through LEA consistent with LEA Procedures.

CONTRACTOR providing services in a LEA student's home as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one Parent of the child, or an adult caregiver with the Parent's written and signed authorization to make decisions in an emergency, is present. The names of any adult caregiver other than the Parent shall be provided to the LEA prior to the start of any home based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the Parent informs the LEA of any changes of caregivers and provide written authorization for emergencies. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing immediately (within 24 hours) of all problems and/or concerns reported to Parents, both verbal and written.

41. LICENSED CHILDREN'S INSTITUTION ("LCI") CONTRACTORS AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER ("RTC") CONTRACTORS

If CONTRACTOR is a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements regarding educational placements for LCI students as stated in Education Code 56366 (a) (2) (C), 56366.9 (c) (1), Health and Safety Code section 1501.1 and any other applicable laws and/or regulations, including LEA guidelines and LEA Procedures. An LCI shall not require that a pupil be placed in its NPS as a condition of being placed in its residential facility.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS/RTC, CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. section 1400 et seq. including the federal regulations 34 C.F.R section 300 et seq. and Education Code section 56000 et seq. including Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 et seq.. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all monitoring requirements set forth in Section 43 below.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS that is owned, operated by, or associated with a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, on a quarterly basis, a list of all LEA students, including those identified as eligible for special education. For those identified as special education students, the list shall include: 1) special education eligibility at the time of enrollment and; 2) the educational placement and services specified in each student's IEP at the time of enrollment. A copy of the current IEP shall be provided to the LEA.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings order or a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and Parent, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with NPS placement until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a NPS placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by the LEA student's Parent or another adult with educational decision-making rights.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide, respectively, special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.).

42. STATE MEAL MANDATE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall satisfy the State Meal Mandate under California Education Code sections 49005 et seq.; 49501.5, the universal meal mandate enacted by AB 130 (2021-2022); 49530 et seq; and 49550 et seq.

43. MONITORING

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, LEA (or SELPA) shall conduct at least one onsite monitoring visit during each school year to the NPS at which LEA has a student attending and with which it maintains a master

contract. The monitoring visit shall include, but is not limited to, a review of services provided to the student through the ISA between LEA and the NPS, a review of progress the student is making toward the goals set forth in the student's IEP, a review of progress the student is making toward the goals set forth in the student's BIP, if applicable, an observation of the pupil during instruction, and a walkthrough of the facility. LEA (or SELPA) shall report the findings resulting from the monitoring visit to the California Department of Education within 60 calendar days of the onsite visit.

LEA (or SELPA) shall conduct an onsite visit to the NPS before placement of a student if LEA does not have any students enrolled at the NPS at the time of placement. (Ed. Code § 56366.1.)

CONTRACTOR shall allow LEA representatives access to its facilities for additional periodic monitoring of each LEA student's instructional program. LEA shall have access to observe each LEA student at work, observe the instructional setting, interview CONTRACTOR, and review each LEA student's records and progress held by CONTRACTOR. LEA's access shall include unannounced monitoring visits. When making site visits, LEA shall initially report to CONTRACTOR's site administrative office. CONTRACTOR and LEA shall be invited to participate in the review of each LEA student's progress.

If CONTRACTOR is also an LCI and/or NPS/RTC, the CDE shall annually evaluate whether CONTRACTOR is in compliance with Education Code section 56366.9 and Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b). LEA may also conduct its own onsite review of a NPS using LEA's Quality On-Site NPS Review Rubric.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction ("Superintendent") shall monitor CONTRACTOR'S facilities, the educational environment, and the quality of the educational program, including the teaching staff, the credentials authorizing service, the standards-based core curriculum being employed, and the standard focused instructional materials used on a three-year cycle, as follows: (1) CONTRACTOR shall complete a self-review in year one; (2) Superintendent shall conduct an onsite review in year two; and (3) Superintendent shall conduct a follow-up visit in year three.

CONTRACTOR shall participate in any LEA or CDE compliance review, if applicable, to be conducted as aligned with the CDE Onsite Review and monitoring cycle in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(j). This review will address programmatic aspects of the NPS, compliance with relevant State and federal regulations, and Contract compliance. If requested by LEA, CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit a Nonpublic School/Agency Self-Review Assessment to LEA and CDE. CONTRACTOR shall conduct any follow-up or corrective action procedures related to review findings.

CONTRACTOR understands that LEA reserves the right to institute a program audit with or without cause. The program audit may include, but is not limited to, a review of core compliance areas of health and safety; curriculum/instruction; related services; and contractual, legal, and procedural compliance.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall collect all applicable data and prepare the applicable portion of a School Accountability Report Card as appropriate in accordance with California Education Code Section 33126.

PERSONNEL

44. CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

If CONTRACTOR is a NPA:

When CONTRACTOR is an NPA, all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors of CONTRACTOR who will or are likely to interact with LEA students shall obtain clearance from both the California Department of Justice (hereinafter referred to as "CDOJ") and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI"). Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information and notwithstanding the express provisions of California Education Code sections 44237, 45125.1, and 56366.1, CONTRACTOR shall require all employees, volunteers, and

subcontractors to submit fingerprints through LEA's Live Scan system, regardless of whether CONTRACTOR requires its employees and volunteers to submit fingerprints for background checks in accordance with its own procedures. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall require all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors who will interact with LEA students outside the immediate supervision and control of the student's Parent or an LEA employee to enroll in LEA's subsequent arrest notification service as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2.

No employees, volunteers, or subcontractors of CONTRACTOR who have been convicted of a violent or serious felony, as those terms are defined in California Education Code Section 44237 subdivision (h) shall interact with LEA students outside the immediate supervision and control of the student's Parent or an LEA employee, unless despite the employee's, volunteer's, or subcontractor's conviction of a violent or serious felony, they have met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237 subdivisions (i) or (j). CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers shall not interact with LEA students unless and until CDOJ and DBI clearances are ascertained through LEA's Live Scan system.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS or RTC:

When CONTRACTOR is an NPS or RTC, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 44237, 35021.1, 35021.2, and 56366.1 including, but not limited to: obtaining clearance from both the California Department of Justice (hereinafter referred to as "CDOJ") and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI") for CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers who will have or likely may have any direct contact with LEA students. In addition, if CONTRACTOR is located outside of California, then the CONTRACTOR shall also obtain clearance from its state's department of justice. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers shall not come in contact with LEA students until CDOJ, its state's DOJ, and FBI clearance are ascertained. CONTRACTOR shall certify in writing to LEA that none of its employees, and volunteers, unless CONTRACTOR determines that the volunteers will have no direct contact with students, or subcontractors who may come into contact with LEA students have been convicted of a violent or serious felony as those terms are defined in California Education Code section 44237(h), unless despite the employee's conviction of a violent or serious felony, he or she has met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237(i) or (j). Upon request, clearance certification shall be submitted to the LEA. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall make a request for subsequent arrest service from CDOJ as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2. CONTRACTOR shall certify to LEA that CONTRACTOR'S employees, volunteers, and subcontractors have successful background checks and CONTRACTOR enrolled in subsequent arrest notification service for all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors who may come into contact with LEA students.

Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information, CONTRACTOR, upon demand, shall make available to LEA evidence of a successful criminal background check clearance and enrollment in subsequent arrest notification service, as provided, for each owner, operator, employee, volunteer, and subcontractor of the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR is required to retain the evidence on-site, as specified, for all staff, including those licensed or credentialed by another state agency. Background clearances and proof of subsequent arrest notification service, as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2, for all staff shall be provided to the LEA upon request.

45. STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services hold a license, certificate, permit, or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold in the service rendered consistent with Education Code section 56366.1(n)(1) and are qualified pursuant to Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58, and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations sections 3001(r), 3064 and 3065. Such qualified staff may only provide related services within the scope of their professional license, certification or credential and ethical standards set by each

profession, and not assume responsibility or authority for another related services provider or special education teacher's scope of practice.

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all staff are appropriately credentialed to provide instruction and services to students with the disabling conditions placed in their program/school through documentation provided to the CDE. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3064(a).)

In accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(a)(5), when CONTRACTOR is a NPS, an appropriately qualified person shall serve as curricular and instructional leader, and be able to provide leadership, oversight and professional development. The administrator of the NPS holds or is in the process of obtaining one of the following: (A) An administrative credential granted by an accredited postsecondary educational institution and two years of experience with pupils with disabilities. (B) A pupil personnel services credential that authorizes school counseling or psychology. (C) A license as a clinical social worker issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (D) A license in psychology regulated by the Board of Psychology. (E) A master's degree issued by an accredited postsecondary institution in education, special education, psychology, counseling, behavioral analysis, social work, behavioral science, or rehabilitation. (F) A credential authorizing special education instruction and at least two years of experience teaching in special education before becoming an administrator. (G) A license as a marriage and family therapist certified by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (H) A license as an educational psychologist issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (I) A license as a professional clinical counselor issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (California Education Code §56366.1(a)(5)) CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to the LEA upon request, documentation of its administrator's qualifications in accordance with the above.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with personnel standards and qualifications regarding instructional aides and teacher assistants respectively pursuant to federal requirements and California Education Code sections 45340 *et seq.* and 45350 *et seq.* Specifically, all paraprofessionals, including but not limited to, instructional aides and teacher assistants, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or subcontracted by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services, shall possess a high school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and at least one of the following qualifications: (a) completed at least two (2) years of study at an institution of higher education; or (b) obtained an associate's (or higher) degree; or (c) met a rigorous standard of quality and can demonstrate, through a formal state or local assessment (i) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing, and mathematics; or (ii) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness, as appropriate. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the licensed professions, including but not limited to, the provisions with respect to supervision.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State and serving a LEA student shall be certified or licensed by that state where it is located to provide special education and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.*).

46. VERIFICATION OF LICENSES, CREDENTIALS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a staff list, and copies of all current licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents which entitle the holder to provide special education and/or related services by individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or sub-contracted by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all licenses, credentials, permits or other documents are on file at the office of the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Section 44 (Clearance Requirements) and provide LEA with verified dates of Tuberculosis Test clearance for all employees, approved subcontractors and/or volunteers prior to such individuals starting to work with any LEA student.

CONTRACTOR shall monitor the status of licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents for all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA and CDE in writing within thirty (30) days when personnel changes

occur which may affect the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA within thirty (30) days if any such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, challenged pursuant to an administrative or legal complaint or lawsuit, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Contract. LEA shall not be obligated to pay for any services provided by a person whose such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the period which such person is providing services under this Contract.

CONTRACTOR'S failure to notify LEA and CDE of any changes in credentialing/licensed staff may result in suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or and shall be good cause for termination of this Contract by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall identify to LEA any employee (or CONTRACTOR, if CONTRACTOR is an individual) expected to perform services under this Agreement who is then-receiving California State Teachers' Retirement System ("CalSTRS") benefits, and who may perform creditable service for the LEA as defined in Education Code 22119.5. Identification to LEA shall include the individual's full legal name and STRS and social security identification numbers. Before any services by the individual are provided, the CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a signed written confirmation from the individual that he/she is aware of the separation-from-service requirement and earnings limitations imposed by Education Code sections 22714, 24114, 24116, 24214, 24214.5, and 24215. CONTRACTOR shall thereafter provide on a monthly basis to the employee and LEA the actual amounts paid to the individual for services rendered under this Contract, with LEA responsible for reporting the individual's earnings to CalSTRS as required by law or regulation, including but not limited to Education Code section 22461.

47. STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS and CONTRACTOR's classroom teacher is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to the LEA documentation of substitute coverage. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time.

The LEA shall not be responsible for any payment for instruction and/or services when an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher is not provided in accordance with California Education Code section 56061.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, and CONTRACTOR's service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this agreement and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR's service providers. It is understood that the parent of a LEA student shall not be deemed to be a qualified substitute for their student. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and authorized LEA representative.

48. STAFF PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR WHEN PROVIDING SERVICES AT SCHOOL OR SCHOOL RELATED EVENTS OR AT SCHOOL FACILITY AND/OR IN THE HOME

It is understood that all employees, subcontractors, and volunteers of any certified NPS/A shall adhere to the customary professional and ethical standards when providing services. All practices shall only be within the scope of professional responsibility as defined in the professional code of conduct for each profession as well as any LEA professional standards as specified in Board policies and/or regulations when made available to the CONTRACTOR.

For services provided on a public school campus, CONTRACTOR shall comply with California Penal Code section 627.1 *et seq.*, as well as all other LEA Procedures and school campus-specific policies and procedures regarding visitors to/on school campuses. Such LEA Procedures shall be made available to the CONTRACTOR upon request. It is understood that the LEA public school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the instructional program, and all NPA service providers shall work collaboratively with the classroom teacher, who shall remain in charge of the instructional program. Failure to comply with this and all LEA requirements in this regard shall be sufficient cause for LEA to terminate this Contract.

CONTRACTOR providing services outside of the student's school as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one Parent of the child or an adult caregiver with written and signed authority to make decisions in an emergency is present during provision of services. The names of any adult caregiver other than the Parent shall be provided to LEA prior to the start of any home-based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with the NPS/NPA service provider. All problems and/or concerns reported by CONTRACTOR to Parents, in either verbal or written form, shall also be immediately (within 24 hours) reported to the LEA.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MANDATES

49. HEALTH AND SAFETY

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, State, and local, and laws, regulations, ordinances, policies, and procedures, and LEA Procedures regarding student and employee health and safety. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 35021 *et seq.*, 49406, and Health and Safety Code section 121545(a) regarding the examination of CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers for tuberculosis. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation for each individual volunteering, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR of such compliance before an individual comes in contact with a LEA student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with OSHA Blood-Borne Pathogens Standards, 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 1910.1030 *et seq.* and Cal/OSHA's Blood-Borne Pathogens Standards, Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations section 5193, when providing medical treatment or assistance to a student. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training regarding universal health care precautions and to post required notices in areas designated in the California Health and Safety Code.

See also the Health and Safety Addendum to Master Contract 2023-2024 in Exhibit C.

50. FACILITIES AND FACILITIES MODIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services to students in facilities that comply with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances related, but not limited to: disability access; fire, health, sanitation, and building standards and safety; fire warning systems; zoning permits; and occupancy capacity. When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall conduct fire drills as required by Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 550. During the duration of this Contract, if CONTRACTOR is subject to fines, penalties and findings of non-compliance, CONTRACTOR shall assume any and all responsibilities for payment of such financial obligations. CONTRACTOR shall also be responsible for any structural changes and/or modifications to CONTRACTOR's facilities as required complying with applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances. Failure to notify the LEA and CDE of any changes in, major modification or relocation of facilities may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Contract by LEA.

In signing this Contract, CONTRACTOR certifies that its facilities either comply with federal and State of California and local laws regarding disability access, or possesses and has available upon demand, a self-evaluation and/or transition plan in accordance with said laws.

51. ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code section 49422 et seq. when CONTRACTOR serves a LEA student who is required to take prescription and/or over-the-counter medication during the school day. CONTRACTOR may designate personnel to assist the student with the administration of such medication after the student's Parent(s) provides to CONTRACTOR: (a) a written statement from a physician detailing the type, administration method, amount, and time schedules by which such medication shall be taken; and (b) a written statement from the student's Parent(s) granting CONTRACTOR permission to administer medication(s) as specified in the physician's statement. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to LEA upon request, copies of such written statements. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written log for each student to whom medication is administered. Such written log shall specify the student's name; the type of medication; the date, time, and amount of each administration; and the name of CONTRACTOR's employee who administered the medication. CONTRACTOR maintains full responsibility for storing medications in a secure location and ensuring appropriate staff training in the administration of such medication consistent with physician's written orders. Any change in medication type, administration method, amount or schedule must be authorized by both a licensed physician and Parent.

52. INCIDENT/ACCIDENT REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall submit within 24 hours, electronically, any accident or incident report to LEA. CONTRACTOR shall properly submit required accident or incident reports pursuant to and as specified in LEA Procedures.

53. CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to annually train all staff members, including volunteers, so that they are familiar with and agree to adhere to its own child and dependent adult abuse reporting obligations and procedures as specified in California Penal Code section 11164 *et seq.* and Education Code 44691. In addition, CONTRACTOR is to read and become familiar with the LEA's Mandated Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policies (BP 5141.4 and AR 5141.4.). To protect the privacy rights of all parties involved (i.e., reporter, child and alleged abuser), reports will remain confidential as required by law and professional ethical mandates. A written statement from CONTRACTOR acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be submitted to the LEA before execution of this Contract and upon subsequent request from LEA.

In the event there is a suspicion of abuse conducted by anyone (students, staff, contractor or others) on or off campus, CONTRACTOR is to file the appropriate report to the Sacramento County Sheriff. CONTRACTOR is also to confidentially notify LEA's Legal Compliance Department ("Legal Compliance") of the report. CONTRACTOR is to cooperate with any investigation conducted by LEA in connection with such report.

54. SEXUAL HARASSMENT

CONTRACTOR shall have a Sexual and Gender Identity Harassment Policy that clearly describes the kinds of conduct that constitutes sexual harassment and that is prohibited by the CONTRACTOR's policy, as well as federal and State law. The policy should include procedures to make complaints without fear of retaliation, and for prompt and objective investigations of all sexual harassment complaints. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training to all employees regarding the laws concerning sexual harassment and related procedures pursuant to Government Code 12950.1.

55. REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN

CONTRACTOR assures LEA that all of its staff members, including volunteers, independent contractors and subcontractors, are familiar with and agree to adhere to requirements for reporting missing children as specified in California Education Code section 49370 *et seq.* A written statement acknowledging the legal

requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be properly submitted to the LEA by CONTRACTOR before execution of this Contract and in response to subsequent requests by LEA. The written statement shall be submitted as specified by LEA.

FINANCIAL

56. ENROLLMENT, CONTRACTING, SERVICE TRACKING, ATTENDANCE REPORTING, AND BILLING PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall assure that the NPS/A has the necessary financial resources to provide an appropriate education for the students enrolled and will distribute those resources in such a manner to implement the IEP and ISA for each and every student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all LEA Procedures concerning enrollment, contracting, attendance reporting, service tracking and billing including requirements of electronic billing as specified by LEA Procedures, as well as provide all such records requested by LEA concerning the same. CONTRACTOR shall be paid for the provision of special education and/or related services specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA which are provided on billable days of attendance. All payments to CONTRACTOR by LEA shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract and in compliance with LEA Procedures, and governed by all applicable federal and State of California laws.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the NPS's enrollment procedures include verification of required immunizations (including but not limited to the adolescent pertussis booster vaccination (Tdap) for all students entering the seventh grade).

CONTRACTOR shall maintain separate registers for the basic education program, each related service, and services provided by instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides and bus aides. Original attendance forms (i.e., roll books for the basic education program, service tracking documents and notes for instructional assistants, behavioral intervention aides, bus aides, and each related service) shall be completed by the actual service provider whose signature shall appear on such forms and shall be available for review, inspection, or audit by LEA during the effective period of this Contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter. CONTRACTOR shall verify the accuracy of minutes of reported attendance that is the basis of services being billed for payment.

CONTRACTOR shall submit invoices and related documents to LEA for payment, for each calendar month when education or related services were provided. Invoices and related documents shall be properly submitted electronically and in addition, on a LEA form with signatures in the manner prescribed by LEA. At a minimum, each invoice must contain the following information: type of service provided; month of service; specific days and times of services coordinated by the LEA approved calendar unless otherwise specified in the IEP or agreed to by the LEA; name of staff who provided the service and the individual's licensing and credentials; approved cost of each invoice; total for each service and total for the monthly invoice; date invoice was mailed; signature of NPS/A administrator authorizing that the information is accurate and consistent with the ISA, CDE certificates and staff notification; verification that attendance report is attached as appropriate; indication of any made-up sessions consistent with this Contract; verification that progress reports have been provided consistent with the ISA (monthly or quarterly unless specified otherwise on the ISA); and name of each LEA student for whom the service was provided.

In the event services were not provided, each invoice shall include the rationale for why the services were not provided.

Such an invoice is subject to all conditions of this Contract. At the discretion of LEA, an electronic invoice may be required provided such notice has been made in writing and training provided to CONTRACTOR at no additional charge for such training.

Invoices shall be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the attendance accounting period in which the services were rendered. LEA shall make payment to CONTRACTOR based on the number of billable days of attendance and hours of service at rates specified in this contract within forty-five (45) days of LEA's receipt of properly submitted hard copy of invoices prepared and submitted as specified in California Education Code Section 56366.5. CONTRACTOR shall correct deficiencies and submit rebilling invoices no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the invoice is returned by LEA. LEA shall pay properly submitted re-billing invoices no later than forty-five (45) days after the date a completely corrected re-billing invoice is received by LEA.

In no case shall initial payment claim submission for any Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond December 31st after the close of the fiscal year. In no case shall any rebilling for the Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond six (6) months after the close of the fiscal year unless approved by LEA to resolve billing issues including re-billing issues directly related to a delay in obtaining information from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing regarding teacher qualification, but no later than twelve (12) months from the close of the fiscal year. If the billing or re-billing error is the responsibility of LEA, then no limit is set provided that LEA and CONTRACTOR have communicated such concerns in writing during the 12-month period following the close of the fiscal year. LEA will not pay mileage for NPA employee.

57. RIGHT TO WITHHOLD PAYMENT

LEA may withhold payment to CONTRACTOR when: (a) CONTRACTOR has failed to perform, in whole or in part, under the terms of this Contract; (b) CONTRACTOR has billed for services rendered on days other than billable days of attendance or for days when student was not in attendance and/or did not receive services; (c) CONTRACTOR was overpaid by LEA as determined by inspection, review, and/or audit of its program, work, and/or records; (d) CONTRACTOR has failed to provide supporting documentation with an invoice, as required by EC 56366.5(a); (e) education and/or related services are provided to students by personnel who are not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (f) LEA has not received prior to school closure or contract termination, all documents concerning one or more LEA students enrolled in CONTRACTOR's educational program; (g) CONTRACTOR fails to confirm a student's change of residence to another district or confirms the change of residence to another district, but fails to notify LEA within five (5) days of such confirmation; (h) CONTRACTOR receives payment from Medi-Cal or from any other agency or funding source for a service provided to a LEA student; or (i) CONTRACTOR fails to provide the required liability/insurance documentation as outlined in Section 15 of this Contract. It is understood that no payments shall be made for any invoices that are not received by six (6) months following the close of the prior fiscal year, for services provided in that year.

Final payment to CONTRACTOR in connection with the cessation of operations and/or termination of a Contract will be subject to the same documentation standards described for all payment claims for regular ongoing operations. In addition, final payment may be withheld by LEA until completion of a review or audit, if deemed necessary by LEA. Such review or audit will be completed within ninety (90) days. The final payment may be adjusted to offset any previous payments to CONTRACTOR determined to have been paid in error or in anticipation of correction of documentation deficiencies by the CONTRACTOR that remain uncorrected.

The amount which may be withheld by LEA with respect to each of the subparagraphs of the preceding paragraph are as follows: (a) the value of the service CONTRACTOR failed to perform; (b) the amount of overpayment; (c) the entire amount of the invoice for which satisfactory documentation has not been provided by CONTRACTOR; (d) the amount invoiced for services provided by the individual not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (e) the proportionate amount of the invoice related to the applicable LEA student for the time period from the date the violation occurred and until the violation is cured; or (f) the amount paid to CONTRACTOR by Medi-Cal or another agency or funding source for the service provided to the LEA student.

If LEA determines that cause exists to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR, LEA shall, within ten (10) business days of this determination, provide to CONTRACTOR written notice that LEA is withholding

payment. Such notice shall specify the basis or bases for LEA's withholding payment and the amount to be withheld. Within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such notice, CONTRACTOR shall take all necessary and appropriate action to correct the deficiencies that form the basis for LEA's withholding payment or submit a written request for extension of time to correct the deficiencies or submit to LEA written documentation demonstrating that the basis or bases cited by LEA for withholding payment is unfounded. Upon receipt of CONTRACTOR's written request showing good cause, LEA shall extend CONTRACTOR's time to correct deficiencies (usually an additional thirty (30) days), otherwise payment will be denied.

If after subsequent request for payment has been denied and CONTRACTOR believes that payment should not be withheld, CONTRACTOR shall send written notice to LEA specifying the reason it believes payment should not be withheld. LEA shall respond to CONTRACTOR's notice within thirty (30) business days by indicating that a warrant for the amount of payment will be made or stating the reason LEA believes payment should not be made. If LEA fails to respond within thirty (30) business days or a dispute regarding the withholding of payment continues after the LEA's response to CONTRACTOR's notice, CONTRACTOR may invoke the following escalation policy.

After forty-five (45) business days: The CONTRACTOR may notify the LEA's Authorized Representative of the dispute in writing. The LEA Authorized Representative shall respond to the CONTRACTOR in writing within fifteen (15) business days.

After sixty (60) business days: Pursuant to the provisions of Education Code section 56366(c)(2), the LEA or CONTRACTOR may appeal to the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools so long as the County Superintendent of Schools is not participating in the Local Plan involved in the NPS/A contract to negotiate the contract. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this appeal, the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools or a designee, shall mediate the formulation of a contract, which shall be binding on both parties. Alternatively, the parties may agree to retain the services of a mutually agreed upon mediator to negotiate the contract. Both parties agree to pay for their own costs and expenses arising out of any such mediation. Each party agrees to act in good faith in participating in any mediation process agreed to by the parties.

58. PAYMENT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA when Medi-Cal or any other agency is billed for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. Upon request, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documentation regarding reports, billing, and/or payment by Medi-Cal or any other agency for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall provide prior written notice of the rights and protections required by Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations section 300.154(d) whenever it seeks to use the LEA students' public benefits to pay for special education and related services. Such notice shall be provided before seeking payment from Medi-Cal for the first time and annually.

59. PAYMENT FOR ABSENCES

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL (NPS) STAFF ABSENCE

Whenever a classroom teacher employed by CONTRACTOR is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage pursuant to the LEA Procedures. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA will not pay for instruction and/or services unless said instruction or service is provided by an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher.

Whenever a related service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision

of “make-up” services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided unless otherwise agreed in a LEA student’s IEP.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL (NPS) STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, no later than the tenth (10th) cumulative day of a LEA student’s unexcused absence, CONTRACTOR shall notify the LEA of such absence.

Criteria for a billable day for payment purposes is one (1) day of attendance as defined in California Education Code, sections 46010, 46010.3 and 46307. LEA shall not pay for services provided on days that a student’s attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance (ADA) reimbursement under state law. *Per Diem* rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted on a pro rata basis in accordance with the actual proportion of the school day the student was served. LEA shall not be responsible for payment of related services for days on which a student’s attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance (“ADA”) reimbursement under state law, nor shall student be eligible for make-up services.

NONPUBLIC AGENCY (NPA) STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and CONTRACTOR’s service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR’s service providers. LEA shall not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of “make-up” services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not “bank” or “carry over” make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and LEA. In the event services were not provided, reasons for why the services were not provided shall be included.

NONPUBLIC AGENCY (NPA) STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a NPA, it shall notify LEA of the absence of a LEA student no later than the fifth (5th) consecutive service day of the student’s absence. LEA shall not be responsible for the payment of services when a student is absent.

60. LEA and/or NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO EMERGENCY

The following shall apply in the event of a LEA or NPS school closure due to an emergency in accordance with Education Code sections 41422 and 46392:

- a. If CONTRACTOR remains open, if allowed, during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422 and serves LEA students appropriately as delineated in the ISA, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment, regardless of whether LEA is open or closed.
- b. If CONTRACTOR is closed during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, if LEA is able to obtain alternative placement for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall not receive payment for days the student is not in attendance due to CONTRACTOR's NPS closure. If LEA is unable to obtain an alternative placement for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment consistent with the signed ISA, as though the student were continuing in regular attendance, until an alternative placement can be found, so long as CONTRACTOR complies with Section 60(d), below.
- c. If both LEA and CONTRACTOR are closed during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, on days LEA is funded, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment consistent with the LEA student's ISA, until an alternative placement for the LEA student can be found so long as CONTRACTOR complies with Section 60(d), below. If LEA is able to obtain an alternative placement

for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall not receive payment for days the student is not in attendance due to CONTRACTOR'S NPS closure.

- d. CONTRACTOR shall, in the case of school closures during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, implement the LEA student's IEP in accordance with Education Code 56345(a)(9) pertaining to emergency conditions and continue implementing ISAs for enrolled students. CONTRACTOR shall ensure its students have reliable internet accessibility as well as the physical technology (i.e. Chromebooks, i-Pad, hot-spots etc.) as required to access and participate.
- e. In the event of CONTRACTOR'S closure during an emergency, LEA reserves the right to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR for instruction and services not rendered pursuant to an LEA student's ISA, consistent with Section 59.

When the emergency school closure is lifted, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of any lost instructional minutes for any LEA student. CONTRACTOR and LEAs shall work collaboratively to determine the need for make-up days or service changes, and shall work together to amend IEP and ISA paperwork as appropriate.

61. INSPECTION AND AUDIT

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain and LEA shall have the right to examine and audit all of the books, records, documents, accounting procedures and practices and other evidence that reflect all costs claimed to have been incurred or fees claimed to have been earned under this Contract.

CONTRACTOR shall provide access to LEA to all records including, but not limited to those documents identified in Section 9 of this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall also make available to LEA all budgetary information including operating budgets submitted by CONTRACTOR to LEA for the relevant contract period being audited.

CONTRACTOR shall make all records available at the office of LEA or CONTRACTOR (to be specified by LEA) at all reasonable times and without charge. CONTRACTOR shall provide all records to LEA within five (5) working days of a written request. CONTRACTOR shall, at no cost to LEA, provide assistance for such examination or audit. LEA's rights under this section shall also include access to CONTRACTOR's offices for purposes of interviewing CONTRACTOR's employees. If any document or evidence is stored in an electronic form, a hard copy shall be made available to LEA, unless LEA agrees to the use of the electronic format. Such access shall also include unannounced inspections by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain from its subcontractors and suppliers written agreements to the requirements of this section and shall provide a copy of such agreements to LEA upon request by LEA.

If an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm determines that CONTRACTOR owes LEA monies as a result of CONTRACTOR's over billing or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Contract, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR written notice demanding payment from CONTRACTOR and specifying the basis or bases for such demand. Unless CONTRACTOR and LEA otherwise agree in writing, CONTRACTOR shall pay to LEA the full amount owed as a result of CONTRACTOR's over billing and/or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Contract, as determined by an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm. CONTRACTOR shall make such payment to LEA within thirty (30) days of receipt of LEA's written notice demanding payment.

62. RATE SCHEDULE

The attached Rate Schedule (Exhibit A) limits the number of LEA students that may be enrolled and maximum dollar amount of the Contract. It may also limit the maximum number of LEA students that can be provided specific services. Per Diem rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full

instructional day may be adjusted proportionally. In such cases only, the adjustments in basic education rate shall be based on the required minimum number of minutes per grade level as set forth in paragraph 23, above, and noted in California Education Code Section 46200-46208.

Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR shall be provided by qualified personnel as per State and federal law, and the codes and charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this Contract, shall be as stated in Exhibit A.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS associated with a RTC (“NPS/RTC”), Educationally Related Mental Health Services (“ERMHS”) are provided in an integrated, intensive, educationally related therapeutic residential setting which includes social emotional/behavior support through individual counseling, group counseling, family consultation and support, as appropriate. It is a collaborative model which includes educational professionals and related service providers, where all supports and services are integrated in the NPS/RTC program. Costs for ERMHS are all inclusive and combined with the daily rate as ERMHS+RB (“ERMHS + Room and Board”). ERMHS plus Room and Board payments are based on positive attendance (payable for up to a maximum of 365 days) only, with up to a maximum of 10 days payment per LEA student, per contract year, when a bed is unoccupied, for home visits of a therapeutic nature. Any NPS or RTC requesting a change in rate for any services provided during a subsequent contract year must make a request in writing to the Sacramento County SELPA Directors, with a copy sent to LEA Director or designee, by January 15th of each calendar year. Increases will only be considered for approval for entities that have received a positive review on the LEA's Quality On-Site NPS Review Rubric.

63. DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

By signing this Contract, CONTRACTOR certifies that:

- (a) CONTRACTOR and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any federal agency, and
- (b) CONTRACTOR and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers have not, within a three-year period preceding this Contract, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, any state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of federal or any state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

The Parties hereto have executed this Contract by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives. This Contract is effective on the 1st day of July, 2023 and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2024, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

CONTRACTOR

Easter Seals Superior California
Nonpublic School/Agency

By: Elaina Blankenship June 5, 2023
Signature Date
Elaina Blankenship, Director of Physical Therapy
Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed to:

Rennie Saltzman, PT, DPT
Name and Title

Easter Seals Superior California
Nonpublic School/Agency/Related Service Provider

9812 Old Winery Place, Suite 21
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Rancho Cordova CA 95827
City State Zip
916-485-6711 916-679-3100
Phone Fax
rennies@myeasterseals.org
Email* (*Required)

LEA

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

By: _____
Signature Date
By: _____
Kuljeet Nijjar, Director of Educational Services
Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Notices to LEA shall be addressed to:

Kuljeet Nijjar, Director of Educational Services
Name and Title

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

LEA
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knijjar@galt.k12.ca.us
Email

Additional LEA Notification
(Required if Completed)

Stephanie Gutierrez, Program Specialists
Name and Title
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
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City State
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Phone Fax
sgutierrez@galt.k12.ca.us
Email

EXHIBIT A: 2023-2024 RATES

4.1 **RATE SCHEDULE FOR CONTRACT YEAR**

The CONTRACTOR: Easter Seals Superior California

The CONTRACTOR CDS NUMBER: _____

PER ED CODE 56366 – **TEACHER-TO-PUPIL RATIO:** _____

Maximum Contract Amount:

Education service(s) offered by the CONTRACTOR and the charges for such service(s) during the term of this contract shall be as follows:

- 1) **Daily Basic Education Rate:**

- 2) **Inclusive Education Program**
 (Includes Educational Counseling (not ed related mental health) services, Speech & Language services, Behavior Intervention Planning, and Occupational Therapy as specified on the student's IEP.) DAILY RATE:

- 3) **Related Services**

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
<u>Intensive Individual Services (340)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Language and Speech (415)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Adapted Physical Education (425)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Health and Nursing: Specialized Physical Health Care (435)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Health and Nursing: Other Services (436)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Assistive Technology Services (445)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Occupational Therapy (450)</u>	See attached rate sheet	_____
<u>Physical Therapy (460)</u>	See attached rate sheet	_____
<u>Individual Counseling (510)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Counseling and Guidance (515)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Parent Counseling (520)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Social Work Services (525)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Psychological Services (530)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Behavior Intervention Services (535)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Specialized Services for Low Incidence Disabilities (610)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Specialized Deaf and Hard of Hearing (710)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Interpreter Services (715)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Audiological Services (720)</u>	_____	_____

Specialized Vision Services (725)		
Orientation and Mobility (730)		
Specialized Orthopedic Services (740)		
Reader Services (745)		
Transcription Services (755)		
Recreation Services, Including Therapeutic (760)		
College Awareness (820)		
Work Experience Education (850)		
Job Coaching (855)		
Mentoring (860)		
Travel Training (870)		
Other Transition Services (890)		
Transportation		
Other (900)		

EXHIBIT B: 2023-2024 ISA

INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (ISA) FOR NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL SERVICES
(Education Code Sections 56365 et seq.)

This agreement is effective on July 1, 2023 or the date student begins attending a nonpublic school or receiving services from a nonpublic agency, if after the date identified, and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2024, unless sooner terminated as provided in the Master Contract and by applicable law.

Local Education Agency _____ Nonpublic School _____

LEA Case Manager: Name _____ Phone Number _____

Pupil Name _____ Sex: M F Grade: _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

DOB _____ Residential Setting: Home Foster LCI # _____ OTHER _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone () _____ () _____
(Residence) (Business)

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____
(If different from student)

AGREEMENT TERMS:

1. *Nonpublic School:* The average number of minutes in the instructional day will be: _____ during the regular school year
_____ during the extended school year
2. *Nonpublic School:* The number of school days in the calendar of the school year are: _____ during the regular school year
_____ during the extended school year

3. *Educational services as specified in the IEP shall be provided by the CONTRACTOR and paid at the rates specified below.*

A. **INCLUSIVE AND/OR BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM RATE:** (Applies to nonpublic schools only): Daily Rate: _____

Estimated Number of Days _____ **x Daily Rate** _____ = **PROJECTED BASIC EDUCATION COSTS** _____

B. RELATED SERVICES:

SERVICE	Provider			# of Times per wk/mo/yr., Duration; or per IEP; or as needed	Cost per session	Maximum Number of Sessions	Estimated Maximum Total Cost for Contracted Period
	LEA	NPS	OTHER Specify				
Intensive Individual Services (340)							
Language/Speech Therapy (415) a. Individual b. Group							
Adapted Physical Ed. (425)							
Health and Nursing: Specialized Physical Health Care (435)							
Health and Nursing Services: Other (436)							
Assistive Technology Services (445)							
Occupational Therapy (450)							
Physical Therapy (460)							
Individual Counseling (510)							
Counseling and guidance (515).							
Parent Counseling (520)							

SERVICE	Provider			# of Times per wk/mo/yr., Duration; or per IEP; or as needed	Cost per session	Maximum Number of Sessions	Estimated Maximum Total Cost for Contracted Period
	LEA	NPS	OTHER Specify				
Social Work Services (525)							
Psychological Services (530)							
Behavior Intervention Services (535)							
Specialized Services for Low Incidence Disabilities (610)							
Specialized Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (710)							
Interpreter Services (715)							
Audiological Services (720)							
Specialized Vision Services (725)							
Orientation and Mobility (730)							
Braille Transcription (735)							
Specialized Orthopedic Service (740)							
Reader Services (745)							
Note Taking Services (750)							
Transcription Services (755)							
Recreation Services (760)							
College Awareness Preparation (820)							
Vocational Assessment, Counseling, Guidance and Career Assessment (830)							
Career Awareness (840)							
Work Experience Education (850)							
Mentoring (860)							
Agency Linkages (865)							
Travel Training (870)							
Other Transition Services (890)							
Other (900)J							
Other (900)							
Transportation-Emergency b. Transportation-Parent							
Bus Passes							
Other							

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM RELATED SERVICES COST\$ _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED MAXIMUM BASIC EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES COSTS\$ _____

4. Other Provisions/Attachments:

5. MASTER CONTRACT APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD ON _____

6. Progress Reporting Requirements: _____ Quarterly _____ Monthly _____ Other (Specify) _____

The parties hereto have executed this Individual Services Agreement by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives as set forth below.

-CONTRACTOR-

-LEA/SELPA-

Easter Seals Superior California
(Name of Nonpublic School/Agency)

(Name of LEA/SELPA)

Elaina Blankenship June 5, 2023
(Signature) (Date)

(Signature) (Date)

Elaina Blankenship, Director of Physical Therapy
(Name and Title)

(Name of Superintendent or Authorized Designee)



Nonpublic, Non-Sectarian
School/Agency Services

MASTER CONTRACT

#4

Lodi Children's Therapy

*NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN
SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES*

MASTER CONTRACT

***GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT***

2023-2024

MASTER CONTRACT

GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR NONSECTARIAN,
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES

LEA GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Contract Year 2023-2024

Nonpublic School ("NPS")

Nonpublic Agency ("NPA")

Type of Contract:

Master Contract for fiscal year with Individual Service Agreements (ISA) to be approved throughout the term of this Contract.

Individual Master Contract for a specific student incorporating the Individual Service Agreement (ISA) into the terms of this Individual Master Contract specific to a single student.

Interim Extension of the Master Contract: an extension of the previous fiscal years approved contracts and rates. The sole purpose of this Interim Contract is to provide for ongoing funding at the prior year's rates for 90 days at the sole discretion of the LEA in accordance with Section 4 of this Master Contract.
Expiration Date: _____

When this section is included as part of any Master Contract, the changes specified above shall amend Section 4 – Term of Master Contract

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2023-2024

CONTRACT NUMBER: 4

LEA: GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL/AGANCY/RELATED SERVICES PROVIDER: Lodi Children's Therapy

NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES MASTER CONTRACT

AUTHORIZATION FOR MASTER CONTRACT AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. MASTER CONTRACT

This Master Contract (or "Contract") is entered into on July 1, 2023, between GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT hereinafter referred to as the local educational agency ("LEA") or "District" and Lodi Children's Therapy (nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency), hereinafter referred to as "NPS/A" or "CONTRACTOR," for the purpose of providing special education and/or related services to LEA students with exceptional needs under the authorization of California Education Code sections 56157, 56361 and 56365 et seq. and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 et seq., AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003) and AB1858 (Chapter 914, Statutes of 2004). It is understood that this Contract does not commit LEA to pay for special education and/or related services provided to any LEA student, or CONTRACTOR to provide such special education and/or related services, unless and until an authorized LEA representative approves the provision of special education and/or related services by CONTRACTOR.

Upon acceptance of a LEA student, LEA shall submit to CONTRACTOR an Individual Services Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "ISA"), and a Nonpublic Services Student Enrollment form. CONTRACTOR shall work with LEA to complete and return these forms to LEA prior to initiating any services for any student, unless otherwise agreed by LEA and CONTRACTOR. These forms shall acknowledge CONTRACTOR's obligation to provide all services specified in the LEA student's Individualized Education Program (hereinafter referred to as "IEP"). LEA and CONTRACTOR shall enter into an ISA for each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. As available and appropriate, the LEA shall make available access to any electronic IEP system and/or electronic database for ISA developing including invoicing.

Unless placement and/or services is ordered pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings (hereinafter referred to as "OAH") order, a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and parent, or authorized by LEA for a transfer LEA student pursuant to California Education Code section 56325, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with NPS placement or NPS/A services until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a NPS placement and/or NPS/A services is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by the Parent. 2.

2. CERTIFICATION AND LICENSES CONTRACTOR shall be certified by the California Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as "CDE") as a NPS/A. All NPS/A placements and services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification and licensure specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code, section 56366 et seq and within the professional scope of practice of each provider's license, certification and/or credential. A current copy of CONTRACTOR's NPS/A certification or a waiver of such certification issued by the CDE pursuant to Education Code section 56366.2 must be provided to LEA on or before the date this Contract is executed by CONTRACTOR. This Contract shall be null and void if such certification

or waiver is expired, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Contract. Total student enrollment shall be limited to capacity as stated on CDE certification and in Section 24 of the Contract.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of the State of California shall be certified and all staff persons providing services to pupils shall be certified and/or licensed by that state to provide, respectively, special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.*).

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution (hereinafter referred to as "LCI"), CONTRACTOR shall be licensed by the State of California, or other public agency having delegated authority by contract with the State of California to license, to provide nonmedical care room and board to children, including, but not limited to, individuals with exceptional needs. The LCI must also comply with all licensing requirements relevant to the protection of the child, and have a special permit, if necessary, to meet the needs of each child so placed. If the CONTRACTOR operates a program outside of the State of California, CONTRACTOR must obtain all required licenses from the appropriate licensing agency in both California and in the state where the LCI is located.

With respect to CONTRACTOR's certification, failure to notify LEA and CDE in writing of any changes in: (1) credentialed/licensed staff; (2) ownership; (3) management and/or control of the agency; (4) major modification or relocation of facilities; or (5) significant modification of the program may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Contract by the LEA. Any suspension or revocation of CONTRACTOR's CDE certification shall also be good cause for the immediate suspension or termination of this Contract by LEA, at LEA's discretion.

3. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, STATUTES, REGULATIONS

During the term of this Contract, unless otherwise agreed, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, State of California, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, policies and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall also comply with all applicable LEA and SELPA policies, regulations, and procedures (collectively referred to as "LEA Procedures") unless, taking into consideration all of the surrounding facts and circumstances, a policy or policies or a portion of a policy does not reasonably apply to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR hereby acknowledges and agrees that it accepts all risks and responsibilities for its failure to comply with LEA Procedures and shall indemnify LEA under the provisions of Section 16 of this Contract for all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of CONTRACTOR's failure to comply with applicable LEA Procedures (e.g., those policies relating to; the provision of special education and/or related services, facilities for individuals with exceptional needs, student enrollment and transfer, student inactive status, corporal punishment, student discipline, and positive behavior interventions).

CONTRACTOR acknowledges and understands that LEA may report to CDE any violations of the provisions of this Contract; and that this may result in the suspension and/or revocation of CDE NPA/S certification pursuant to California Education Code section 56366.4(a).

4. TERM OF MASTER CONTRACT

The term of this Contract shall be from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 3062(a)) unless otherwise stated. Neither the CONTRACTOR nor the LEA is required to renew this Contract in subsequent contract years. The parties acknowledge that any subsequent Master Contract is to be re-negotiated prior to June 30, 2024. In the event the contract negotiations are not agreed to by June 30th, the most recently executed Master Contract will remain in effect for 90 days. (Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 3062(d)) No Master Contract will be offered unless and until all of the contracting requirements have been satisfied. The offer of a Master Contract to a CONTRACTOR is at the sole discretion of the LEA.

The provisions of this Contract apply to CONTRACTOR and any of its employees or independent contractors. Notice of any change in CONTRACTOR's ownership or authorized representative shall be provided in writing to LEA within thirty (30) calendar days of change of ownership or change of authorized representative.

5. INTEGRATION/CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACT FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION

This Contract incorporates LEA Procedures herein by this reference. Each ISA is also incorporated herein by this reference. This Contract supersedes any prior or contemporaneous written or oral understanding or agreement. This Contract may be amended only by written amendment executed by both parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, LEA may modify LEA Procedures from time to time without the consent of CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA with information as requested in writing to secure a Contract or a renewal.

At a minimum, such information shall include copies of current teacher credentials and clearance, insurance documentation, and CDE certification. LEA may require additional information as applicable. If the application packet is not completed and returned to LEA, no Contract will be issued. If CONTRACTOR does not return the Contract to LEA duly signed by an authorized representative within ninety (90) calendar days of issuance by LEA, the new contract rates will not take effect until the newly executed Contract is received by LEA and will not be retroactive to the first day of the new Contract's effective date. If CONTRACTOR fails to execute the new Contract within such ninety-day period, all payments shall cease until such time as the new Contract for the current school year is signed and returned to LEA by CONTRACTOR. (California Education Code §56366(c)(1) and (2)). In the event that this Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed Contract between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized LEA students at the discretion of LEA.

6. INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT ("ISA")

This Contract shall include an ISA developed for each LEA student to whom CONTRACTOR is to provide special education and/or related services. An ISA shall only be issued for LEA students enrolled with the approval of LEA pursuant to Education Code section 56366(a)(2)(A). An ISA may be effective for more than one contract year provided that there is a concurrent Contract in effect. In the event that this Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed ISAs between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized students.

Any and all changes to a student's educational placement/program/services provided under this Contract and/or an ISA shall be made solely on the basis of a revision to the student's IEP or by written agreement between the Parent and LEA. At any time during the term of this Contract, a Parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of a student's IEP subject to all procedural safeguards required by law.

Unless otherwise provided in this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall provide all services specified in the IEP unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in the ISA. (California Education Code §56366(a)(5) and California Code of Regulations, tit. 5, § 3062(e).) In the event CONTRACTOR is unable to provide a specific service at any time during the term of the ISA, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing within five (5) business days of the last date a service was provided. CONTRACTOR shall provide any and all subsequent compensatory service hours awarded to an LEA student as a result of lack of provision of services while the student was served by CONTRACTOR.

If a Parent or LEA contests the termination of an ISA by initiating a due process proceeding with the OAH, CONTRACTOR shall abide by the "stay-put" requirement of the State of California and federal law unless the Parent and LEA voluntarily agree otherwise, or an Interim Alternative Educational Setting ("IAES") is

deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH consistent with Title 20 of the United States Codes Sections 1415(k)(1)(G), 1415(k)(2), and 1415(k)(3)(B)(ii)(II). CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning changes in placement.

Disagreements between LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the formulation of an ISA or the Contract may be appealed to the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools or the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code section 56366(c)(2).

Exhibit B includes the ISA form.

7. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this contract:

- a. The term "CONTRACTOR" means a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency ("NPS/A") certified by the California Department of Education ("CDE"), and its officers, agents and employees.
- b. The term "authorized LEA representative" means a LEA administrator designated to be responsible for NPS/A. It is understood, a representative of the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) of which LEA is a member is an authorized LEA representative in collaboration with LEA. LEA maintains sole responsibility for this Contract, unless otherwise specified in this Contract.
- c. The term "credential" means a valid credential, life diploma, permit, or document in special education or pupil personnel services issued by, or under the jurisdiction of, the California State Board of Education if issued prior to 1970 or the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, which entitles the holder thereof to perform services for which certification qualifications are required as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(g).
- d. The term "qualified" means that a person holds a certificate, permit or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold to provide special education and related services and has met federal and state certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements which apply to the area in which the individual is providing special education or related services, including those requirements set forth in Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58, and those requirements set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 3064 and 3065, and adheres to the standards of professional practice established in federal and state law or regulation, including the standards contained in the California Business and Professions Code.

Nothing in this definition shall be construed as restricting the activities in services of a graduate needing direct hours leading to licensure, or of a student teacher or intern leading to a graduate degree at an accredited or approved college or university, as authorized by State laws or regulations. (California Code of Regulations, tit. 5, § 3001(r).)

- e. The term "license" means a valid non-expired document issued by a licensing agency within the California Department of Consumer Affairs or other State of California licensing office authorized to grant licenses and authorizing the bearer of the document to provide certain professional services or refer to themselves using a specified professional title. This includes, but is not limited to, mental health and board and care services at a residential placement. If a license is not available through an appropriate State of California licensing agency, a certificate of registration with the appropriate professional organization at the national or State of California level which has standards established for the certificate that are equivalent to a license shall be deemed to be a license as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(l).

- f. "Parent" means:
- i. a biological or adoptive parent; unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child,
 - ii. a foster parent if the authority of the biological or adoptive parents to make educational decisions on the child's behalf has been specifically limited by court order in accordance with Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 300.30(b)(1) or (b)(2),
 - iii. a guardian generally authorized to act as the child's parent or authorized to make educational decisions for the child,
 - iv. an individual acting in the place of a biological or adoptive parent, including a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative with whom the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child's welfare,
 - v. a surrogate parent.

Parent does not include the state or any political subdivision of government or a NPS/A under contract with the LEA for the provision of special education or designated instruction and services for a child. (California Education Code §56028.)

- g. The term "days" means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- h. The phrase "billable day" means a school day in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs.
- i. The phrase "billable day of attendance" means a school day as defined in California Education Code Section 46307, in which an LEA student is in attendance and in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs unless otherwise stipulated in an IEP or ISA.
- j. It is understood that the term "Master Contract" also means "Contract" and is referred to as such in this document.

ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT

8. NOTICES

All notices provided for by this Contract shall be in writing. Notices shall be mailed or delivered by hand and shall be effective as of the date of receipt by addressee.

All notices mailed to LEA shall be addressed to the person and address as indicated on the signature page of this Contract. Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed as indicated on the signature page of this Contract.

9. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

All records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR as required by State and federal laws and regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, CONTRACTOR shall maintain all records for at least five (5) years after the termination of this Contract. For purposes of this Contract, "records" shall include, but not be limited to pupil records as defined by California Education Code section 49061(b) including electronically stored information; cost data records as set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3061; registers and roll books of teachers and/or daily service providers; chart notes, Medi-Cal logs, daily service logs and notes and other documents used to record the provision of related services including supervision; daily service logs and notes used to record the provision of services provided through additional instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides, and bus aides; behavior emergency reports (BER); incident reports; notification of injuries; absence verification records (Parent/doctor notes, telephone logs, and related documents) if CONTRACTOR is funded for excused absences, however, such records are not required if positive attendance is required; transcripts; grade and progress reports; behavioral data; IEP/IFSPs; assessment reports; bus rosters; staff lists specifying credentials held and documents evidencing other staff qualifications, social security numbers, dates of hire, and dates of termination;

records of employee training and certification, staff time sheets; non-paid staff and volunteer sign-in sheets; transportation and other related services subcontracts; school calendars; bell/class schedules when applicable; liability and worker's compensation insurance policies; state NPS/A certifications; business licenses held; by-laws; lists of current board of directors/trustees, if incorporated; all budgetary information, including operating budgets; statements of income and expenses; general journals; cash receipts and disbursement books; general ledgers and supporting documents; documents evidencing financial expenditures; federal/State payroll quarterly reports (Form 941/DE3DP); and bank statements and canceled checks or facsimile thereof.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain LEA student records in a secure location to ensure confidentiality and prevent unauthorized access. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a current list of the names and positions of CONTRACTOR's employees who have access to confidential records. CONTRACTOR shall maintain an access log for each LEA student's record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record. Such log shall be maintained as required by California Education Code section 49064 and include the name, title, agency/organization affiliation, date/time of access for each individual requesting or receiving information from the student's record, and a description of the record(s) provided. Such log needs to record access to the LEA student's records by: (a) the LEA student's Parent; (b) an individual to whom written consent has been executed by the LEA student's Parent; or (c) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record. CONTRACTOR/LEA shall maintain copies of any written parental concerns granting access to LEA student records. For purposes of this Section, "employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR" do not include subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall grant the following access to student records, (a) the LEA student's Parent; (b) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record, and comply with Parent requests for copies of LEA student records, as required by State of California and federal laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR agrees, in the event of NPS/A closure, to forward all LEA student records held by CONTRACTOR within ten (10) business days to LEA. LEA and/or SELPA shall have access to and receive copies of any and all records upon request within five (5) business days.

10. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Contract is held, in whole or in part, to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of that provision and of the entire Contract shall be severable and remain in effect.

11. SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST

This Contract binds CONTRACTOR's successors and assignees. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of any change of ownership or corporate control within ten (10) business days of such change.

12. VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW

The laws of the State of California shall govern the terms and conditions of this contract with venue in the County where LEA is located.

13. MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS REQUIRED TO CONFORM TO LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

This Contract may be modified or amended by LEA to conform to administrative and statutory guidelines issued by any state, federal or local governmental agency. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR thirty (30) days' notice of any such changes or modifications made to conform to administrative or statutory guidelines and a copy of the statute, guideline, or regulation upon which the modifications or changes are based.

14. TERMINATION

This Contract or ISA may be terminated for cause. Cause shall include but not be limited to non-maintenance of current NPS/A certification, failure of either LEA or CONTRACTOR to maintain the

standards required under the Contract and/or ISA, or other material breach of this Contract by CONTRACTOR or LEA. For purposes of NPS placement, the cause shall not be the availability of a public class initiated during the period of the Contract unless the Parent agrees to the transfer of the LEA student to the public school program at an IEP team meeting. To terminate the Contract or ISA, either party shall give no less than twenty (20) days prior written notice to the other party. (California Education Code §56366(a)(4).) If this Contract is terminated with twenty (20) days' notice, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Contract on the date of termination.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Contract or ISA may be terminated immediately, without twenty (20) days prior notice and at LEA's discretion, if LEA determines that there are significant health or safety concerns or there has been a suspension or revocation of CONTRACTOR's NPS/A certification. If this Contract is terminated immediately, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Contract within five (5) business days of termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing regarding termination of an ISA, CONTRACTOR is bound by the "stay put" provisions described in Section 6 of this Contract.

15. INSURANCE

CONTRACTOR shall, at CONTRACTOR's sole cost and expense, maintain in full force and effect, during the term of this Contract, the following insurance coverage from a California licensed and/or admitted insurer with an A minus (A-), VII, or better rating from A.M. Best, sufficient to cover any claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including counsel fees) arising out of or in connection with CONTRACTOR's fulfillment of any of its obligations under this Contract or either party's use of the work or any component or part thereof:

PART I - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AND AGENCIES

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance**, including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits as follows:

- \$2,000,000 per occurrence
- \$ 500,000 fire damage
- \$ 5,000 medical expenses
- \$1,000,000 personal & adv. Injury
- \$4,000,000 general aggregate
- \$2,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate

CONTRACTOR's general liability policy shall be primary and shall not seek contribution from LEA's coverage, and be endorsed using Insurance Services Office form CG 20 10 or CG 20 26 (or equivalent) to provide that LEA and its officers, officials, employees, and agents shall be additional insureds under such policies:

- B. **Commercial Auto Liability Insurance** for all owned, non-owned or hired automobiles with a limit of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per accident.

If no owned automobiles, then only hired and non-owned is required. If CONTRACTOR uses a vehicle to travel to/from school sites, between schools and/or to/from students' homes or other locations as approved service locations by the LEA, CONTRACTOR must comply with State of California auto insurance requirements.

- C. **Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance** in accordance with provisions of California Labor Code sections 3200 et seq., adequate to protect CONTRACTOR from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the California Workers' Compensation Insurance and Safety Act and in accordance with applicable State and federal laws.

Part A – Statutory Limits

Part B – \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000 Employers Liability

D. Sexual Abuse and Molestation Insurance

CONTRACTOR shall provide Sexual Abuse and Molestation coverage in the minimum amount of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per occurrence.

E. Errors & Omissions (E & O)/Malpractice (Professional Liability) Insurance

CONTRACTOR shall maintain professional liability insurance that insures against professional errors and omissions that may be made in performing the Services to be rendered in connection with this Contract, in the minimum amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per claim and in the aggregate. Any policy inception date, continuity date, or retroactive date must be before the effective date of this Contract, and CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain continuous coverage through a period no less than three years after completion of the services required by this Contract.

F. For all Insurance Coverage in Part I:

- 1) Each insurance policy required by the Contract shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled, or reduced in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to LEA, except that ten (10) days' prior written notice shall apply in the event of cancellation for nonpayment of premium.
- 2) All self-insured retentions over \$100,000 must be declared and approved by LEA.
- 3) Evidence of Insurance – Prior to commencement of serving LEA students pursuant to this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall furnish LEA with certificates, additional insured endorsements, and waivers of subrogation evidencing compliance with the insurance requirements above. CONTRACTOR must agree to provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies if requested by LEA.
- 4) Acceptability of Insurers – Insurance shall be placed with insurers admitted in the State of California and with an AM Best rating of A-, VII, or higher.

G. All Certificates of Insurance must reference the contract number, name of the school or agency submitting the certificate, and the location of the school or agency submitting the certificate on the certificate.

PART II - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFILIATED WITH A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY (“RTC”)

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS affiliated with a residential treatment center (“NPS/RTC”), the following insurance policies are required:

A. Commercial General Liability including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits of at least:

\$3,000,000 per Occurrence
\$6,000,000 in General Aggregate.

The policy shall be endorsed to name LEA and LEA's Board of Education as named additional insureds and shall provide specifically that any insurance carried by LEA which may be applicable to any claims or loss shall be deemed excess and NPS/RTC's insurance primary

despite any conflicting provisions in the NPS/RTC's policy. Coverage shall be maintained with no Self-Insured Retention above \$100,000 without the prior written approval of LEA.

- B. **Workers' Compensation Insurance** in accordance with provisions of the California Labor Code adequate to protect the NPS/RTC from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act (Statutory Coverage). The Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage must also include Employers Liability coverage with limits of \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000.
- C. **Commercial Auto Liability Coverage** with limits of \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence if the NPS/RTC does not operate a student bus service. If the NPS/RTC provides student bus services, the required coverage limit is \$5,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence.
- D. **Fidelity Bond or Crime Coverage** shall be maintained by the NPS/RTC to cover all employees who process or otherwise have responsibility for NPS/RTC funds, supplies, equipment or other assets. Minimum amount of coverage shall be \$250,000 per occurrence, with no self-insured retention.
- E. **Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions/Malpractice Coverage** with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.
- F. **Sexual Molestation and Abuse Coverage**, unless that coverage is afforded elsewhere in the Commercial General Liability or Professional liability policy by endorsement, with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.

If LEA or CONTRACTOR determines that a change in insurance coverage obligations under this section is necessary, either party may reopen negotiations to modify the insurance obligations.

16. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

To the fullest extent allowed by law, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold LEA and its Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, volunteers, and subcontractors ("LEA Indemnities") harmless against all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of this Contract or its performance, to the extent that such loss, expense, damage or liability was proximately caused by negligence, intentional act, or willful act or omission of CONTRACTOR, including, without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontractors or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it (excluding LEA and LEA Indemnities). The duty and obligation to defend shall arise immediately upon tender of a claim or lawsuit to CONTRACTOR. LEA shall have the right in its sole discretion to select counsel of its choice to provide the defense at the sole cost of CONTRACTOR or the applicable insurance carrier.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, LEA shall indemnify and hold CONTRACTOR and its Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, and subcontractors ("CONTRACTOR Indemnities") harmless against all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of this Contract or its performance thereof, to the extent that such loss, expense, damage or liability was proximately caused by the negligent or willful act or omission of LEA, including, without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontractors or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it (excluding CONTRACTOR and/or any CONTRACTOR Indemnities).

LEA represents that it is self-insured in compliance with the laws of the State of California, that the self-insurance covers LEA employees acting within the course and scope of their respective duties and that its self-insurance covers the LEA's indemnification obligations under this Contract.

17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Nothing herein contained will be construed to imply a joint venture, partnership or principal-agent relationship between LEA and CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide all services under this Contract as an independent contractor, and neither party shall have the authority to bind or make any commitment on behalf of the other. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed to create any association, partnership, joint venture or relationship of principal and agent, master and servant, or employer and employee between the Parties or any affiliates of the Parties, or between LEA and any individual assigned by CONTRACTOR to perform any services for LEA.

If LEA is determined to be a partner, joint venture, co-principal, employer or co-employer of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless LEA from and against any and all claims for loss, liability, or damages arising from that determination, as well as any expenses, costs, taxes, penalties and interest charges incurred by LEA as a result of that determination.

18. SUBCONTRACTING

CONTRACTOR shall not enter into any subcontracting relationship without first obtaining final written approval of LEA. Should CONTRACTOR wish to subcontract for special education and/or related services pursuant to this Contract, it must provide written notification to LEA before any subcontracting arrangement is made. In the event LEA determines that it can provide the subcontracted service(s) at a lower rate, LEA may elect to provide such service(s). If LEA elects to provide such service(s), LEA shall provide written notification to CONTRACTOR within five (5) days of receipt of CONTRACTOR's original notice and CONTRACTOR shall not subcontract for said service(s).

Should LEA approve in concept of CONTRACTOR subcontracting for services, CONTRACTOR shall submit the proposed subcontract to LEA for approval. CONTRACTOR shall incorporate all of the provisions of this Contract in all subcontracts, to the fullest extent possible. Furthermore, when CONTRACTOR is developing subcontracts for the provision of special education and/or related services (including, but not limited to, transportation) for any LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall cause each subcontractor to procure and maintain indemnification and insurance requirements which comply with the provisions of Sections 15 and 16 of this Contract during the term of each subcontract. If a proposed subcontract is approved by LEA, each subcontractor shall furnish LEA with original endorsements and certificates of insurance effecting coverage required by Section 15 of this Contract. The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. Unless otherwise agreed to by LEA, the endorsements are to be on forms provided by LEA. All endorsements are to be received and approved by LEA before the subcontractor's work commences. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies shall name the LEA/SELPA and the LEA Board of Education as additional insureds.

As an alternative to LEA's forms, a subcontractor's insurer may provide, with prior LEA approval, complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by this Contract. All Certificates of Insurance must reference the LEA contract number, name of the NPS/A submitting the certificate, designation of NPS or NPA, and the location of the NPS/A submitting the certificate. In addition, all subcontractors must meet the requirements as contained in Section 45 (Clearance Requirements) and Section 46 (Staff Qualifications) of this Contract. No subcontract shall be considered final without LEA approval.

19. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA upon request a copy of its current bylaws and a current list of its Board of Directors (or Trustees), if it is incorporated. CONTRACTOR and any member of its Board of Directors (or Trustees) shall disclose any relationship with LEA that constitutes or may constitute a conflict of interest pursuant to California Education Code section 56042 and Government Code Section 1090 including, but not limited to, employment with LEA, provision of private party assessments and/or reports,

and attendance at IEP team meetings acting as a student's advocate. Pursuant to California Education Code section 56042, an attorney or advocate for a Parent of an individual with exceptional needs shall not recommend placement at CONTRACTOR's facility if the attorney or advocate is employed or contracted by the CONTRACTOR, or will receive a benefit from the CONTRACTOR, or otherwise has a conflict of interest.

LEA shall neither execute an ISA with CONTRACTOR nor amend an existing ISA for an LEA student when a recommendation for special education and/or related services is based in whole or in part on assessment(s) or reports provided by CONTRACTOR to the LEA student without prior written authorization by LEA. This section shall apply to CONTRACTOR regardless of when an assessment is performed or a report is prepared (i.e., before or after the LEA student is enrolled in CONTRACTOR's NPS/A) or whether an assessment of the LEA student is performed or a report is prepared in the normal course of the services provided to the LEA student by CONTRACTOR. To avoid conflict of interest, and in order to ensure the appropriateness of an Independent Educational Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as "IEE") and its recommendations, LEA may not fund an IEE by an evaluator who provides ongoing service(s) or is sought to provide service(s) to the LEA student for whom the IEE is requested. Likewise, LEA may not fund services through the evaluator whose IEE LEA agrees to fund. When no other appropriate assessor is available, LEA may request and if CONTRACTOR agrees, CONTRACTOR may provide an IEE.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that its authorized representative has read and understands California Education Code section 56366.3 which provides, in relevant part, that no special education and/or related services provided by CONTRACTOR shall be paid for by LEA if provided by an individual who is or was an employee of LEA within the three hundred sixty-five (365) days prior to executing this Contract. This provision does not apply to any person who is able to provide designated instruction and services during the extended school year because he or she is otherwise employed for up to ten months of the school year by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall not admit a student living within the jurisdictional boundaries of the LEA on a private pay or tuition free "scholarship" basis and concurrently or subsequently advise/request Parent(s) to pursue funding for the admitted school year from LEA through due process proceedings. Such action shall constitute good cause for termination of this Contract by LEA.

20. NON-DISCRIMINATION

CONTRACTOR shall not, in employment or operation of its programs, unlawfully discriminate on the basis of gender, nationality, national origin, ancestry, race, color, ethnicity, ethnic group affiliation, religion, age, marital status, pregnancy or parental status, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disability, genetic information, medical condition, military or veteran status, or any other classification protected by federal or State law or the perception of one or more of such characteristics or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

21. FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION (FAPE)

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with a copy of the IEP including the Individualized Transition Plan (hereinafter referred to as "ITP") of each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services (including transition services) to each LEA student within the NPS/A consistent with the student's IEP and as specified in the ISA. If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall not accept an LEA student if it cannot provide or ensure the provision of the services outlined in the student's IEP. If an LEA student's services are provided by a third party (i.e. Related Services Provider), CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, if provision of services cease.

Unless otherwise agreed to between CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the provision of all appropriate supplies, equipment, and/or facilities, as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall make no charge of any kind to parents for special education and/or related services as specified in the student's IEP and ISA (including, but not limited to, screenings, assessments, or interviews that occur prior to or as a condition of an LEA student's enrollment under the terms of this Contract). LEA shall provide low incidence equipment for eligible students with low incidence disabilities when specified in an LEA student's IEP and ISA. Such equipment remains the property of the LEA and shall be returned to the LEA when the IEP team determines the equipment is no longer needed or when the student is no longer enrolled in the NPS. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that facilities are adequate to provide LEA students with an environment which meets all pertinent health and safety regulations.

CONTRACTOR may charge an LEA student's Parent(s) for services and/or activities not necessary for the student to receive a FAPE after: (a) written notification to the LEA student's Parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities; and (b) receipt by LEA of the written notification and a written acknowledgment signed by the LEA student's Parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning Parent acknowledgment of financial responsibility.

Voluntary services and/or activities not necessary for the student to receive a FAPE shall not interfere with the LEA student's receipt of special education and/or related services as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA unless the LEA, CONTRACTOR, and Parent agree otherwise in writing.

22. GENERAL PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION

All NPS/A services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code section 56366 *et seq.*

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction shall: (a) utilize evidence-based practices and be consistent with LEA's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (b) include curriculum that addresses mathematics, literacy and the use of educational, assistive technology and transition services; (c) be consistent with CDE's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (d) provide the services as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. LEA students shall have access to: (a) State Board of Education (SBE) - adopted Common Core State Standards ("CCSS") for curriculum and the same instructional materials for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive; and provide standards – aligned core curriculum and instructional materials for grades 9 to 12, inclusive, used by LEA; (b) college preparation courses; (c) extracurricular activities, such as art, sports, music and academic clubs; (d) career preparation and vocational training, consistent with transition plans pursuant to State and federal law and; (e) supplemental assistance, including individual academic tutoring, psychological counseling, and career and college counseling. When appropriate, CONTRACTOR shall utilize the designated curriculum guidelines for students with moderate to severe disabilities who participate in the State's alternative assessment. These students shall have access to the core content, activities, and instructional materials delineated within these curriculum guidelines. CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction shall be described in writing and a copy provided to LEA prior to the effective date of this Contract.

When CONTRACTOR serves students in grades 9 through 12 inclusive, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR a specific list of the course requirements to be satisfied by CONTRACTOR leading toward graduation or completion of LEA's diploma requirements. CONTRACTOR shall not award a high school diploma to students who have not successfully completed all of LEA's graduation requirements.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction and/or services shall utilize evidence-based practices and be consistent with LEA and CDE guidelines and certifications, and shall be provided as specified in the student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a written description of the services and location provided prior to the effective date of this Contract. School-based services may not be unilaterally converted by CONTRACTOR to a substitute program or provided at a location not specifically authorized by the IEP

team. Except for services provided by a CONTRACTOR that is a Licensed Children's Institution (LCI), all services not provided in the school setting require the presence of a Parent or adult caregiver during the delivery of services, provided such guardian or caregiver have a signed authorization by the Parent to authorize emergency services as requested. LCI CONTRACTORS shall ensure that appropriate and qualified residential or clinical staff is present during the provision of services under this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA in writing if no Parent, guardian or adult caregiver is present.

CONTRACTORS providing Behavior Intervention Services shall develop a written plan that specifies the nature of their NPA service for each student within thirty (30) days of enrollment and shall be provided in writing to the LEA. CONTRACTORS providing Behavior Intervention Services must have a trained behaviorist or trained equivalent on staff who is qualified and responsible for the design, planning, and implementation of behavioral interventions as the law requires. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3051.23; Ed. Code § 56366.10(e).) It is understood that Behavior Intervention Services are limited per CDE Certification and do not constitute an instructional program.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA, CONTRACTOR shall not provide transportation nor subcontract for transportation services for students unless LEA and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing.

23. INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, the total number of instructional minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be at least equivalent to the number of instructional minutes per school day provided to LEA students at like grade level attending LEA schools and shall be specified in the student's ISA developed in accordance with the student's IEP.

For students in grades kindergarten through 12 inclusive, unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP and ISA, the number of instructional minutes, excluding breakfast, recess, lunch and passing time shall be at the same level that California Education Code prescribes for LEA.

The total number of annual instructional minutes shall be at least equivalent to the total number of annual instructional minutes provided to LEA students attending LEA schools in like grade level unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, the total number of minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be specified in the LEA student's ISA developed in accordance with the student's IEP.

24. CLASS SIZE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that class size shall not exceed a ratio of one teacher per twelve (12) students, unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in writing. Upon prior written approval by an authorized LEA representative, class size may be temporarily increased by a ratio of 1 teacher to fourteen (14) students when necessary during the regular or extended school year to provide services to students with disabilities.

In the event a NPS CONTRACTOR is unable to fill a vacant teaching position responsible for direct instruction to LEA students, and the vacancy has a direct impact on the CDE Certification of that school, CONTRACTOR shall develop a plan to ensure appropriate coverage of students by first utilizing existing certificated staff. CONTRACTOR and LEA may agree to one 30 school day period per contract year where class size may be increased to ensure coverage by an appropriately credentialed teacher. Such an agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties. This provision does not apply to a NPA CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR providing special education instruction for individuals with exceptional needs between the ages of three and five years, inclusive, shall also comply with the appropriate instructional adult to child ratios pursuant to California Education Code sections 56440 *et seq.*

25. CALENDARS

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS:

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a school calendar with the total number of billable days not to exceed 180 days, plus extended school year billable days equivalent to the number of days determined by LEA's extended school year calendar. Billable days shall include only those days that are included on the submitted and approved school calendar, and/or required by the IEP (developed by LEA) for each LEA student. CONTRACTOR shall not be allowed to change its school calendar and/or amend the number of billable days without the prior written approval of LEA. Nothing in this Contract shall be interpreted to require LEA to accept any requests for calendar changes. In the event LEA adjusts the number of school days for its regular school year and/or extended school year, the approved number of days shall become the total billable days for CONTRACTOR. In such a case, an amended calendar shall be provided by CONTRACTOR for LEA approval.

Unless otherwise specified by the LEA student's IEP, educational services shall occur at the school site. A student shall only be eligible for extended school year services as determined by the student's IEP team and the provision of such is specifically included in the ISA. Extended school year shall consist of twenty (20) instructional days, unless otherwise agreed upon by the student's IEP team convened by the LEA. Any days of extended school year in excess of twenty (20) billable days must be mutually agreed to by LEA and CONTRACTOR, in writing, prior to the start of the extended school year.

Student must have actually been in attendance during the regular school year and/or during extended school year and received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any NPS service. Any instructional days provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall observe the same legal holidays as LEA. As of the execution of this Contract, those holidays are: Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth and Independence Day. With the prior written approval of LEA, CONTRACTOR may revise the date upon which CONTRACTOR closes in observance of any of the holidays observed by LEA.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA:

CONTRACTOR shall be provided with a LEA-developed/approved calendar prior to the initiation of services. CONTRACTOR herein agrees to observe holidays as specified in LEA-developed/approved calendar. CONTRACTOR shall provide services pursuant to LEA-developed/approved calendar; or as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. Unless otherwise specified in the LEA student's ISA, CONTRACTOR shall provide related services to LEA students on only those days that the LEA student's school of attendance is in session and the LEA student attends school. CONTRACTOR shall bill only for services provided on billable days of attendance as indicated on LEA calendar unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in writing before delivery of any NPA services. Student must have actually been in attendance and/or received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any NPA service provided by CONTRACTOR. Any services provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of the CONTRACTOR. In the event of school closures due to emergency, payment will follow the procedures in accordance with Section 62 of this Contract.

26. DATA REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall agree to provide to LEA all data related to LEA student information and billing information. CONTRACTOR shall provide data related to all sections of this Contract, including student discipline as noted below, when requested by LEA and in the format required by LEA. It is understood that CONTRACTOR shall utilize LEA-approved electronic IEP system for all IEP development, service tracking documentation, and progress reporting, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by LEA. Additional progress reporting may be required by the LEA. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with appropriate software, user training and proper internet permissions to allow adequate access so that this information may be compiled.

Using forms developed by the CDE or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA, on a monthly basis, a written report of all incidents in which a statutory offense is committed by any LEA student, regardless if it results in a disciplinary action of suspension or expulsion. This includes all statutory offenses as described in Education Codes sections 48900 and 48915. CONTRACTOR shall also include incidents resulting in the use of a behavioral restraint and/or seclusion even if they were not a result of a violation of Education Code sections 48900 and 48915. (Ed. Code § 49006.)

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with approved forms and/or format for such data including, but not limited to, invoicing, attendance reports and progress reports. LEA may approve use of CONTRACTOR-provided forms at its discretion.

27. LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall follow all LEA Procedures that support Least Restrictive Environment (“LRE”) options and/or dual enrollment options if available and appropriate, for students to have access to the general curriculum and to be educated with their nondisabled peers to the maximum extent appropriate.

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall ensure that LRE placement options are addressed at all IEP team meetings regarding students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. This shall include IEP team consideration of supplementary aids and services, goals and objectives necessary for placement in the LRE and necessary to enable students to transition to less restrictive settings.

When an IEP team has determined that a student should be transitioned into the public school setting, CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA in implementing the IEP team’s recommended activities to support the transition.

28. STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, per implementation of Senate Bill 484, CONTRACTOR shall administer all statewide assessments within the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (“CAASPP”), Desired Results Developmental Profile (“DRDP”), California Alternative Assessment (“CAA”), achievement and abilities tests (using LEA-authorized assessment instruments), the Fitness Gram, the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (“ELPAC”), and Alternative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (“Alternative ELPAC”), and as appropriate to the LEA student, and mandated by LEA pursuant to LEA, State of California, and federal guidelines.

CONTRACTOR is subject to the alternative accountability system developed pursuant to Education Code section 52052, in the same manner as public schools. Each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR by the LEA shall be tested by qualified staff of CONTRACTOR in accordance with that accountability program. LEA shall provide test administration training to CONTRACTOR’S qualified staff.

CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA test training and comply with completion of all coding requirements as required by LEA.

29. MANDATED ATTENDANCE AT LEA MEETINGS

CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA-mandated meetings when legal mandates and/or LEA Procedures are reviewed, including but not limited to the areas of: curriculum, high school graduation, standards-based instruction, behavior intervention, cultural and linguistic needs of students with disabilities, dual enrollment responsibilities, LRE responsibilities, transition services, data collection, standardized testing, and IEPs. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with reasonable notice of mandated meetings. Attendance at such meetings does not constitute a billable service hour(s).

30. POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Education Code section 49005, *et seq.*, 56521.1 and 56521.2. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that CONTRACTOR utilizes a multi-tier system of support ("MTSS") to address student needs. CONTRACTOR shall also ensure that all staff are trained on the use of positive behavior interventions and supports consistent with this Contract.

LEA students who exhibit behaviors that interfere with their learning or the learning of others must receive timely and appropriate assessments and positive supports and interventions in accordance with the federal law and its implementing regulations. If the IEP team determines that a student's behavior impedes his or her learning or the learning of others, the IEP team is required to consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. This could mean that instead of developing a Behavior Intervention Plan ("BIP"), the IEP team may conclude it is sufficient to address the student's behavioral problems through the development of behavioral goals and behavioral interventions to support those goals.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written policy pursuant to California Education Code section 56521.1 regarding emergency interventions and behavioral emergency reports ("BERs"). CONTRACTOR shall inform each of its employees about the policy, provide each employee a copy thereof, and provide training to all employees regarding the policy. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all of its staff members are trained in crisis intervention, emergency procedures, and evidenced-based practices and interventions specific to the unique behavioral needs of the CONTRACTOR's pupil population. Training shall include certification by an approved LEA crisis intervention program. The training shall be provided within 30 days of employment to new staff who have any contact or interaction with pupils during the school day, and annually to all staff who have any contact or interaction with pupils during the school day. (Ed. Code 56366.10(f).) The CONTRACTOR shall select and conduct the training in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1. CONTRACTOR shall maintain accurate written records documenting all training completed by all of CONTRACTOR's employees. Evidence of all trainings shall be submitted to LEA at least annually at the beginning of the school year, and within five (5) business days of completion of training or any new hire upon LEA request.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.1, emergency interventions shall not be used as a substitute for a BIP and shall not be employed longer than necessary to contain the behavior. Emergency interventions may only be used to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to a LEA student or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior. If a situation requires prolonged use of emergency intervention, staff must seek assistance from the school site administrator or a law enforcement agency. Consistent with Section 44 of this Contract, LEA may observe and/or audit CONTRACTOR's implementation of BIPs, staff use of behavior interventions, including emergency interventions, at any time, and without prior notice.

CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER when an emergency occurs that is defined as a serious, dangerous behavior that staff has determined to present a clear and present danger to others. It requires a non-violent physical intervention to protect the safety of student, self, or others and a physical intervention has been used; or a physical intervention has not been used, but an injury or serious property damage has occurred. The use of Personal Safety Techniques (which may or may not have been used) does not determine whether a BER is required. Emergencies *require* a BER form be completed and submitted to the LEA within twenty-four (24) hours for administrative action. CONTRACTOR shall notify Parent within twenty-four (24) hours via telephone. If the student's IEP does not contain a BIP, an IEP team shall schedule a meeting to review the BER, determine if there is a necessity for a functional behavioral assessment ("FBA"), and to determine an interim plan, or both. If the student already has a BIP, the IEP team shall review and modify the BIP if a new serious behavior has been exhibited or existing behavioral interventions have proven to be ineffective. CONTRACTOR shall schedule with LEA an IEP meeting within two (2) days.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.2, CONTRACTOR shall not authorize, order, consent to, or pay for the following interventions, or any other interventions similar to or like the following:

1. any intervention that is designed to, or likely to, cause physical pain, including, but not limited to, electric-shock;
2. an intervention that involves the release of noxious, toxic, or otherwise unpleasant sprays, mists, or substances in proximity to the face of the individual;
3. an intervention that denies adequate sleep, food, water, shelter, bedding, physical comfort, or access to bathroom facilities;
4. an intervention that is designed to subject, used to subject, or likely to subject, the individual to verbal abuse, ridicule, or humiliation, or that can be expected to cause excessive emotional trauma;
5. restrictive interventions that employ a device, material, or objects that simultaneously immobilize all four extremities, including the procedure known as prone containment, except that prone containment or similar techniques may be used by trained personnel as a limited emergency intervention;
6. locked seclusion, unless it is in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use a locked room;
7. an intervention that precludes adequate supervision of the individual;
8. an intervention that deprives the individual of one or more of his or her senses.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with Education Code section 49005.8. Specifically, Contractor shall not do any of the following:

1. Use seclusion or a behavioral restraint for the purpose of coercion, discipline, convenience, or retaliation.
2. Use locked seclusion, unless it is in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use a locked room.
3. Use a physical restraint technique that obstructs a pupil's respiratory airway or impairs the pupil's breathing or respiratory capacity, including techniques in which a staff member places pressure on a pupil's back or places his or her body weight against the pupil's torso or back.
4. Use a behavioral restraint technique that restricts breathing, including, but not limited to, using a pillow, blanket, carpet, mat, or other item to cover a pupil's face.
5. Place a pupil in a facedown position with the pupil's hands held or restrained behind the pupil's back.
6. Use a behavioral restraint for longer than is necessary to contain the behavior that poses a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the pupil or others.

CONTRACTOR shall keep constant, direct observation of a pupil who is in seclusion, which may be through observation of the pupil through a window, or another barrier, through which the educational provider is able to make direct eye contact with the pupil. This observation shall not be through indirect means, including through a security camera or a closed-circuit television.

CONTRACTOR shall afford pupils who are restrained the least restrictive alternative and the maximum freedom of movement, and shall use the least number of restraint points, while ensuring the physical safety of the pupil and others.

If prone restraint techniques are used by CONTRACTOR, a staff member shall observe the pupil for any signs of physical distress throughout the use of prone restraint. Whenever possible, the staff member monitoring the pupil shall not be involved in restraining the pupil.

In the case of a child whose behavior impedes the child's learning or that of others, the IEP team shall consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA via telephone of any severe or increasingly frequent behavior problem, any emergency intervention in response to a previously unseen serious behavior problem, or where a previously designed behavior intervention is ineffective, that may require an IEP team meeting.

All restraint practices must be reviewed and revised when they have an adverse effect on a student and are used repeatedly for an individual child, either on multiple occasions within the same classroom or multiple uses by the same individual. CONTRACTOR shall notify the Parent when any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusion has been used. Upon the use of any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusions of an LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER per the reporting and notification requirements listed above.

BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION REPORTING: Twice annually, CONTRACTOR shall certify to LEA that (a) CONTRACTOR has reviewed the BERs for each LEA student in conjunction with that student's IEP and BIP; (b) Staff are trained to implement each LEA student's BIP, including approved or prohibited restraint techniques for each student; (c) emergency interventions have only been used to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to LEA students or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior; and (d) BERs have been properly completed and timely forwarded to LEA as required by this Contract.

CONTRACTOR's failure to comply with any of the requirements of Section 30: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports shall constitute sufficient good cause for immediate termination of this Contract by LEA.

31. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and abide by a written policy for student discipline that is consistent with State of California and federal law and regulations. Using forms developed by the California Department of Education or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA, on a monthly basis, a written report of all incidents in which a statutory offense is committed by any LEA student, regardless if it results in a disciplinary action of suspension or expulsion. This includes all statutory offenses as described in Education Codes 48900 and 48915. CONTRACTOR shall also include incidents resulting in the use of a behavioral restraint and/or seclusion even if they were not a result of a violation of Education Code Sections 48900 and 48915. (Ed. Code § 49006.)

When CONTRACTOR seeks to remove a LEA student from the student's current educational placement for disciplinary reasons, CONTRACTOR shall immediately (within 24 hours) submit a written discipline report to LEA. Written discipline reports shall include, but not be limited to: the student's name, grade, race, ethnicity, and gender; the time, date, and description of the misconduct; the disciplinary action taken by CONTRACTOR; and the rationale for such disciplinary action. A copy of the LEA student's behavior plan, if any, shall be submitted with the written discipline report. CONTRACTOR and LEA agree to participate in a manifestation determination at an IEP meeting no later than the tenth (10th) day after the decision is made to suspend the student for more than ten (10) school days or recommend expulsion of the

student. LEA shall notify and invite CONTRACTOR representatives to the IEP team meeting where the manifestation determination will be made.

32. IEP TEAM MEETINGS

An IEP team meeting shall be convened at least annually to evaluate: (1) the educational progress of each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR, including all state assessment results pursuant to the requirements of Education Code section 52052; (2) whether or not the needs of the LEA student continue to be best met at the NPS; and (3) whether changes to the student's IEP are necessary, including whether the LEA student may be transitioned to a public school setting. (California Education Code sections 56366(a)(2)(B)(i) and (ii) and California Education Code section 56345(b)(4).)

If an LEA student is to be transferred from a NPS setting into a regular class setting in a public school for any part of the school day, the IEP team shall document, a description of activities provided to integrate the student into the regular education program, including the nature of each activity as well as the time spent on the activity each day or week and a description of the activities provided to support the transition of the student from the special education program into the regular education program. Each LEA student shall be allowed to provide confidential input to any representative of the student's IEP team. Except as otherwise provided in the Contract, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall participate in all IEP team meetings regarding LEA students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. At any time during the term of this Contract, the Parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of the LEA student's IEP, subject to all procedural safeguards required by law, including reasonable notice given to, and participation of, CONTRACTOR, LEA, and Parent in the meeting. Every effort shall be made to schedule IEP team meetings at a time and place that is mutually convenient to CONTRACTOR, LEA, and Parent. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, at no cost and prior to an annual or triennial IEP team meeting, documentation regarding the student's progress on goals and any and all assessments and written assessment reports (including testing protocols) created by CONTRACTOR and any of its agents or subcontractors, upon request and/or pursuant to LEA Procedures. It is understood that attendance at an IEP meeting is part of CONTRACTOR'S professional responsibility and is not a billable service under this Contract.

It is understood that CONTRACTOR shall utilize the LEA approved electronic IEP system for all IEP planning and progress reporting at LEA's discretion. LEA may provide training for any CONTRACTOR to ensure access to the approved system. CONTRACTOR shall maintain confidentiality of all IEP data on the approved system and shall protect the password requirements of the system. When a LEA student disenrolls from the NPS/A, the CONTRACTOR shall discontinue use of the approved system for that student.

Changes in any LEA student's educational program, including instruction, services, or instructional setting provided under this Contract, may only be made on the basis of revisions to the student's IEP. In the event that CONTRACTOR believes a LEA student requires a change of placement, CONTRACTOR may request a review of the student's IEP for the purposes of consideration of a change in the student's placement. A LEA student is entitled to remain in the last agreed upon and implemented placement unless Parent agrees otherwise or an Interim Alternative Educational Setting is deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH consistent with Section 1415(k)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code.

33. SURROGATE PARENTS AND FOSTER YOUTH

CONTRACTOR shall comply with LEA surrogate parent assignments. Surrogate parents shall serve as the child's Parent and have all the rights relative to the student's education that a parent has under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act pursuant to 20 U.S.C. sections 1414-1482 and 34 C.F.R. sections 300.1-300.756. A pupil in foster care shall be defined pursuant to California Education Code section 42238.01(b). LEA shall annually notify CONTRACTOR who LEA has designated as the educational liaison for foster children. When a pupil in foster care is enrolled in a NPS by LEA any time after the completion of the student's second year of high school, CONTRACTOR shall schedule the pupil in courses leading towards graduation based on the diploma requirements of LEA unless provided notice otherwise in writing pursuant to Section 51225.1.

34. DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in special education due process proceedings including mediations and hearings, as requested by LEA. Participation includes CONTRACTOR's staff being made available for witness preparation and testimony as is necessary to facilitate a due process hearing. CONTRACTOR shall also fully participate in the investigation and provision of documentation related to any complaint filed with the State of California, the Office of Civil Rights, or any other State and/or federal governmental body or agency. Full participation shall include, but in no way be limited to, cooperating with LEA representatives to provide complete answers raised by any investigator and/or the immediate provision of any and all documentation that pertains to the operation of CONTRACTOR's program and/or the implementation of a particular student's IEP/ISA.

35. COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and adhere to its own written procedures for responding to Parent complaints. These procedures shall include annually notifying and providing Parents of LEA students with appropriate information (including complaint forms) for the following: (1) Uniform Complaint Procedures pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4600 *et seq.*; (2) Nondiscrimination policy pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4960 (a); (3) Sexual Harassment Policy, California Education Code 231.5 (a) (b) (c); (4) Title IX Student Grievance Procedure, Title IX 106.8(a), (d) and 106.9(a); and (5) Notice of Privacy Practices in compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA"). CONTRACTOR shall include verification of these procedures to the LEA. CONTRACTOR shall immediately (within 24 hours) notify LEA of any complaints filed against it related to LEA students and provide LEA with all documentation related to the complaints and/or its investigation of complaints, including any and all reports generated as a result of an investigation.

36. LEA STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS AND ASSESSMENTS

Unless LEA requests in writing that progress reports be provided on a monthly basis, CONTRACTOR shall provide to Parents, with a concurrent copy sent to LEA, at least four (4) written progress reports/report cards. At a minimum, progress reports shall include progress over time towards IEP goals and objectives. A copy of the progress reports/report cards shall be maintained at CONTRACTOR's place of business and shall be submitted to the LEA and LEA student's Parent quarterly.

CONTRACTOR shall also provide LEA representatives access to supporting documentation used to determine progress on any goal or objective, transition plans, and behavior intervention plans, including but not limited to log sheets, chart notes, observation notes, data sheets, pre-/post-tests, rubrics and other similar data collection used to determine progress or lack of progress on approved goals, objectives, transition plans or behavior intervention plans. LEA may request such data at any time within five (5) years of the date of service. CONTRACTOR shall maintain such information for at least five (5) years and shall provide this data supporting progress to LEA within five (5) business days of request. Additional time may be granted as needed by the LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall complete academic or other evaluations of the LEA student at least ten (10) days prior to the student's IEP team meeting for the purpose of reporting the LEA student's present levels of performance at the IEP team meeting as required by State and federal laws and regulations and pursuant to LEA Procedures, and/or LEA practices. CONTRACTOR shall provide sufficient copies of its reports, documents, and projected goals to share with members of the IEP team at least five (5) business days prior to the IEP meeting. CONTRACTOR shall maintain supporting documentation, such as test protocols and data collection, which shall be made available to LEA within five (5) business days of request.

CONTRACTOR is responsible for all evaluation costs regarding the updating of goals and objectives, progress reporting, and development of present levels of performance. All assessments resulting from an assessment plan shall be provided by LEA unless LEA specifies in writing a request that CONTRACTOR perform such assessment. Any assessment and/or evaluation costs may be added to the ISA and/or approved separately by LEA at LEA's sole discretion.

It is understood that all billable hours must be in direct services to LEA students as specified in the ISA. For NPA services, supervision provided by a qualified individual as specified in Title 5 Regulation, subsection 3065, shall be determined as appropriate and included in the ISA. Supervision means the direct observation of services, data review, case conferencing and program design consistent with professional standards for each professional's license, certification, or credential.

CONTRACTOR shall not charge a LEA student's Parent(s) or LEA for the provision of progress reports, report cards, and/or any evaluations conducted in order to obtain present levels of performance, interviews, and/or attendance at any meetings. It is understood that all billable hours are limited to those specified on the ISA consistent with the IEP. It is understood that copies of data collection notes, forms, charts and other such data are part of the student's record and shall be made available to LEA upon written request.

37. TRANSCRIPTS

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall prepare transcripts at the close of each semester, or upon LEA student transfer, for LEA students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) inclusive, and submit such transcripts on LEA-approved forms to the LEA student's school of residence for evaluation of progress toward completion of diploma requirements as specified in LEA Procedures. CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA, the names of LEA students and their schools of residence for whom transcripts have been submitted as specified by LEA. All transcripts shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR and furnished to LEA upon request, consistent with the parameters of Sections 9 and 26 of this Contract.

38. LEA STUDENT CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

Upon enrollment, CONTRACTOR shall notify Parents in writing of their obligation to notify CONTRACTOR of an LEA student's change of residence. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide upon request by LEA, documentation of such notice to Parents. Within five (5) school days from the date CONTRACTOR becomes aware of a LEA student's change of residence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing of the LEA student's change of residence as specified in LEA Procedures.

If CONTRACTOR had knowledge or should reasonably have had knowledge of an LEA student's change of residence and CONTRACTOR fails to follow the procedures specified in this section, LEA shall not be responsible for the costs of services delivered following the LEA student's change of residence.

39. WITHDRAWAL OF LEA STUDENT FROM NPS/A

CONTRACTOR shall immediately report to LEA via telephone and electronically (within 24 hours) and in writing to LEA within five (5) business days when a LEA student is withdrawn from school and/or services without prior notice. This includes but is not limited to a LEA student's change of residence to a residence outside of LEA boundaries, and LEA student's discharge against professional advice from a NPS and/or residential treatment center ("RTC"). CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA to verify potential dropouts three (3) times per year.

40. PARENT ACCESS

CONTRACTOR shall provide for reasonable parental access to LEA students and all facilities including, but not limited to, the instructional setting, recreational activity areas, meeting rooms and student living quarters when applicable. CONTRACTOR shall comply with any known court orders regarding parental visits and access to LEA students.

CONTRACTOR operating programs associated with a NPS/RTC shall cooperate with a Parent's reasonable request for LEA student therapeutic visits in their home or at the NPS/RTC. CONTRACTOR shall require that Parents obtain prior written authorization for therapeutic visits from CONTRACTOR and LEA at least thirty (30) days in advance. When requested, CONTRACTOR shall facilitate all Parent travel and

accommodations and for providing travel information to the parent as appropriate. Payment by LEA for approved travel-related expenses shall be made directly through LEA consistent with LEA Procedures.

CONTRACTOR providing services in a LEA student's home as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one Parent of the child, or an adult caregiver with the Parent's written and signed authorization to make decisions in an emergency, is present. The names of any adult caregiver other than the Parent shall be provided to the LEA prior to the start of any home based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the Parent informs the LEA of any changes of caregivers and provide written authorization for emergencies. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing immediately (within 24 hours) of all problems and/or concerns reported to Parents, both verbal and written.

41. LICENSED CHILDREN'S INSTITUTION ("LCI") CONTRACTORS AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER ("RTC") CONTRACTORS

If CONTRACTOR is a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements regarding educational placements for LCI students as stated in Education Code 56366 (a) (2) (C), 56366.9 (c) (1), Health and Safety Code section 1501.1 and any other applicable laws and/or regulations, including LEA guidelines and LEA Procedures. An LCI shall not require that a pupil be placed in its NPS as a condition of being placed in its residential facility.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS/RTC, CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. section 1400 et seq. including the federal regulations 34 C.F.R section 300 et seq. and Education Code section 56000 et seq. including Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 et seq.. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all monitoring requirements set forth in Section 43 below.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS that is owned, operated by, or associated with a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, on a quarterly basis, a list of all LEA students, including those identified as eligible for special education. For those identified as special education students, the list shall include: 1) special education eligibility at the time of enrollment and; 2) the educational placement and services specified in each student's IEP at the time of enrollment. A copy of the current IEP shall be provided to the LEA.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings order or a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and Parent, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with NPS placement until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a NPS placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by the LEA student's Parent or another adult with educational decision-making rights.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide, respectively, special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.).

42. STATE MEAL MANDATE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall satisfy the State Meal Mandate under California Education Code sections 49005 et seq.; 49501.5, the universal meal mandate enacted by AB 130 (2021-2022); 49530 et seq; and 49550 et seq.

43. MONITORING

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, LEA (or SELPA) shall conduct at least one onsite monitoring visit during each school year to the NPS at which LEA has a student attending and with which it maintains a master

contract. The monitoring visit shall include, but is not limited to, a review of services provided to the student through the ISA between LEA and the NPS, a review of progress the student is making toward the goals set forth in the student's IEP, a review of progress the student is making toward the goals set forth in the student's BIP, if applicable, an observation of the pupil during instruction, and a walkthrough of the facility. LEA (or SELPA) shall report the findings resulting from the monitoring visit to the California Department of Education within 60 calendar days of the onsite visit.

LEA (or SELPA) shall conduct an onsite visit to the NPS before placement of a student if LEA does not have any students enrolled at the NPS at the time of placement. (Ed. Code § 56366.1.)

CONTRACTOR shall allow LEA representatives access to its facilities for additional periodic monitoring of each LEA student's instructional program. LEA shall have access to observe each LEA student at work, observe the instructional setting, interview CONTRACTOR, and review each LEA student's records and progress held by CONTRACTOR. LEA's access shall include unannounced monitoring visits. When making site visits, LEA shall initially report to CONTRACTOR's site administrative office. CONTRACTOR and LEA shall be invited to participate in the review of each LEA student's progress.

If CONTRACTOR is also an LCI and/or NPS/RTC, the CDE shall annually evaluate whether CONTRACTOR is in compliance with Education Code section 56366.9 and Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b). LEA may also conduct its own onsite review of a NPS using LEA's Quality On-Site NPS Review Rubric.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction ("Superintendent") shall monitor CONTRACTOR'S facilities, the educational environment, and the quality of the educational program, including the teaching staff, the credentials authorizing service, the standards-based core curriculum being employed, and the standard focused instructional materials used on a three-year cycle, as follows: (1) CONTRACTOR shall complete a self-review in year one; (2) Superintendent shall conduct an onsite review in year two; and (3) Superintendent shall conduct a follow-up visit in year three.

CONTRACTOR shall participate in any LEA or CDE compliance review, if applicable, to be conducted as aligned with the CDE Onsite Review and monitoring cycle in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(j). This review will address programmatic aspects of the NPS, compliance with relevant State and federal regulations, and Contract compliance. If requested by LEA, CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit a Nonpublic School/Agency Self-Review Assessment to LEA and CDE. CONTRACTOR shall conduct any follow-up or corrective action procedures related to review findings.

CONTRACTOR understands that LEA reserves the right to institute a program audit with or without cause. The program audit may include, but is not limited to, a review of core compliance areas of health and safety; curriculum/instruction; related services; and contractual, legal, and procedural compliance.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall collect all applicable data and prepare the applicable portion of a School Accountability Report Card as appropriate in accordance with California Education Code Section 33126.

PERSONNEL

44. CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

If CONTRACTOR is a NPA:

When CONTRACTOR is an NPA, all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors of CONTRACTOR who will or are likely to interact with LEA students shall obtain clearance from both the California Department of Justice (hereinafter referred to as "CDOJ") and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI"). Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information and notwithstanding the express provisions of California Education Code sections 44237, 45125.1, and 56366.1, CONTRACTOR shall require all employees, volunteers, and

subcontractors to submit fingerprints through LEA's Live Scan system, regardless of whether CONTRACTOR requires its employees and volunteers to submit fingerprints for background checks in accordance with its own procedures. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall require all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors who will interact with LEA students outside the immediate supervision and control of the student's Parent or an LEA employee to enroll in LEA's subsequent arrest notification service as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2.

No employees, volunteers, or subcontractors of CONTRACTOR who have been convicted of a violent or serious felony, as those terms are defined in California Education Code Section 44237 subdivision (h) shall interact with LEA students outside the immediate supervision and control of the student's Parent or an LEA employee, unless despite the employee's, volunteer's, or subcontractor's conviction of a violent or serious felony, they have met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237 subdivisions (i) or (j). CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers shall not interact with LEA students unless and until CDOJ and DBI clearances are ascertained through LEA's Live Scan system.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS or RTC:

When CONTRACTOR is an NPS or RTC, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 44237, 35021.1, 35021.2, and 56366.1 including, but not limited to: obtaining clearance from both the California Department of Justice (hereinafter referred to as "CDOJ") and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI") for CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers who will have or likely may have any direct contact with LEA students. In addition, if CONTRACTOR is located outside of California, then the CONTRACTOR shall also obtain clearance from its state's department of justice. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers shall not come in contact with LEA students until CDOJ, its state's DOJ, and FBI clearance are ascertained. CONTRACTOR shall certify in writing to LEA that none of its employees, and volunteers, unless CONTRACTOR determines that the volunteers will have no direct contact with students, or subcontractors who may come into contact with LEA students have been convicted of a violent or serious felony as those terms are defined in California Education Code section 44237(h), unless despite the employee's conviction of a violent or serious felony, he or she has met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237(i) or (j). Upon request, clearance certification shall be submitted to the LEA. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall make a request for subsequent arrest service from CDOJ as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2. CONTRACTOR shall certify to LEA that CONTRACTOR'S employees, volunteers, and subcontractors have successful background checks and CONTRACTOR enrolled in subsequent arrest notification service for all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors who may come into contact with LEA students.

Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information, CONTRACTOR, upon demand, shall make available to LEA evidence of a successful criminal background check clearance and enrollment in subsequent arrest notification service, as provided, for each owner, operator, employee, volunteer, and subcontractor of the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR is required to retain the evidence on-site, as specified, for all staff, including those licensed or credentialed by another state agency. Background clearances and proof of subsequent arrest notification service, as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2, for all staff shall be provided to the LEA upon request.

45. STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services hold a license, certificate, permit, or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold in the service rendered consistent with Education Code section 56366.1(n)(1) and are qualified pursuant to Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58, and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations sections 3001(r), 3064 and 3065. Such qualified staff may only provide related services within the scope of their professional license, certification or credential and ethical standards set by each

profession, and not assume responsibility or authority for another related services provider or special education teacher's scope of practice.

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all staff are appropriately credentialed to provide instruction and services to students with the disabling conditions placed in their program/school through documentation provided to the CDE. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3064(a).)

In accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(a)(5), when CONTRACTOR is a NPS, an appropriately qualified person shall serve as curricular and instructional leader, and be able to provide leadership, oversight and professional development. The administrator of the NPS holds or is in the process of obtaining one of the following: (A) An administrative credential granted by an accredited postsecondary educational institution and two years of experience with pupils with disabilities. (B) A pupil personnel services credential that authorizes school counseling or psychology. (C) A license as a clinical social worker issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (D) A license in psychology regulated by the Board of Psychology. (E) A master's degree issued by an accredited postsecondary institution in education, special education, psychology, counseling, behavioral analysis, social work, behavioral science, or rehabilitation. (F) A credential authorizing special education instruction and at least two years of experience teaching in special education before becoming an administrator. (G) A license as a marriage and family therapist certified by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (H) A license as an educational psychologist issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (I) A license as a professional clinical counselor issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (California Education Code §56366.1(a)(5)) CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to the LEA upon request, documentation of its administrator's qualifications in accordance with the above.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with personnel standards and qualifications regarding instructional aides and teacher assistants respectively pursuant to federal requirements and California Education Code sections 45340 *et seq.* and 45350 *et seq.* Specifically, all paraprofessionals, including but not limited to, instructional aides and teacher assistants, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or subcontracted by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services, shall possess a high school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and at least one of the following qualifications: (a) completed at least two (2) years of study at an institution of higher education; or (b) obtained an associate's (or higher) degree; or (c) met a rigorous standard of quality and can demonstrate, through a formal state or local assessment (i) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing, and mathematics; or (ii) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness, as appropriate. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the licensed professions, including but not limited to, the provisions with respect to supervision.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State and serving a LEA student shall be certified or licensed by that state where it is located to provide special education and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.*).

46. VERIFICATION OF LICENSES, CREDENTIALS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a staff list, and copies of all current licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents which entitle the holder to provide special education and/or related services by individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or sub-contracted by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all licenses, credentials, permits or other documents are on file at the office of the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Section 44 (Clearance Requirements) and provide LEA with verified dates of Tuberculosis Test clearance for all employees, approved subcontractors and/or volunteers prior to such individuals starting to work with any LEA student.

CONTRACTOR shall monitor the status of licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents for all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA and CDE in writing within thirty (30) days when personnel changes

occur which may affect the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA within thirty (30) days if any such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, challenged pursuant to an administrative or legal complaint or lawsuit, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Contract. LEA shall not be obligated to pay for any services provided by a person whose such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the period which such person is providing services under this Contract.

CONTRACTOR'S failure to notify LEA and CDE of any changes in credentialing/licensed staff may result in suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or and shall be good cause for termination of this Contract by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall identify to LEA any employee (or CONTRACTOR, if CONTRACTOR is an individual) expected to perform services under this Agreement who is then-receiving California State Teachers' Retirement System ("CalSTRS") benefits, and who may perform creditable service for the LEA as defined in Education Code 22119.5. Identification to LEA shall include the individual's full legal name and STRS and social security identification numbers. Before any services by the individual are provided, the CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a signed written confirmation from the individual that he/she is aware of the separation-from-service requirement and earnings limitations imposed by Education Code sections 22714, 24114, 24116, 24214, 24214.5, and 24215. CONTRACTOR shall thereafter provide on a monthly basis to the employee and LEA the actual amounts paid to the individual for services rendered under this Contract, with LEA responsible for reporting the individual's earnings to CalSTRS as required by law or regulation, including but not limited to Education Code section 22461.

47. STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS and CONTRACTOR's classroom teacher is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to the LEA documentation of substitute coverage. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time.

The LEA shall not be responsible for any payment for instruction and/or services when an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher is not provided in accordance with California Education Code section 56061.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, and CONTRACTOR's service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this agreement and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR's service providers. It is understood that the parent of a LEA student shall not be deemed to be a qualified substitute for their student. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and authorized LEA representative.

48. STAFF PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR WHEN PROVIDING SERVICES AT SCHOOL OR SCHOOL RELATED EVENTS OR AT SCHOOL FACILITY AND/OR IN THE HOME

It is understood that all employees, subcontractors, and volunteers of any certified NPS/A shall adhere to the customary professional and ethical standards when providing services. All practices shall only be within the scope of professional responsibility as defined in the professional code of conduct for each profession as well as any LEA professional standards as specified in Board policies and/or regulations when made available to the CONTRACTOR.

For services provided on a public school campus, CONTRACTOR shall comply with California Penal Code section 627.1 *et seq.*, as well as all other LEA Procedures and school campus-specific policies and procedures regarding visitors to/on school campuses. Such LEA Procedures shall be made available to the CONTRACTOR upon request. It is understood that the LEA public school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the instructional program, and all NPA service providers shall work collaboratively with the classroom teacher, who shall remain in charge of the instructional program. Failure to comply with this and all LEA requirements in this regard shall be sufficient cause for LEA to terminate this Contract.

CONTRACTOR providing services outside of the student's school as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one Parent of the child or an adult caregiver with written and signed authority to make decisions in an emergency is present during provision of services. The names of any adult caregiver other than the Parent shall be provided to LEA prior to the start of any home-based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with the NPS/NPA service provider. All problems and/or concerns reported by CONTRACTOR to Parents, in either verbal or written form, shall also be immediately (within 24 hours) reported to the LEA.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MANDATES

49. HEALTH AND SAFETY

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, State, and local, and laws, regulations, ordinances, policies, and procedures, and LEA Procedures regarding student and employee health and safety. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 35021 *et. seq.*, 49406, and Health and Safety Code section 121545(a) regarding the examination of CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers for tuberculosis. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation for each individual volunteering, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR of such compliance before an individual comes in contact with a LEA student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with OSHA Blood-Borne Pathogens Standards, 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 1910.1030 *et seq.* and Cal/OSHA's Blood-Borne Pathogens Standards, Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations section 5193, when providing medical treatment or assistance to a student. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training regarding universal health care precautions and to post required notices in areas designated in the California Health and Safety Code.

See also the Health and Safety Addendum to Master Contract 2023-2024 in Exhibit C.

50. FACILITIES AND FACILITIES MODIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services to students in facilities that comply with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances related, but not limited to: disability access; fire, health, sanitation, and building standards and safety; fire warning systems; zoning permits; and occupancy capacity. When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall conduct fire drills as required by Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 550. During the duration of this Contract, if CONTRACTOR is subject to fines, penalties and findings of non-compliance, CONTRACTOR shall assume any and all responsibilities for payment of such financial obligations. CONTRACTOR shall also be responsible for any structural changes and/or modifications to CONTRACTOR's facilities as required complying with applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances. Failure to notify the LEA and CDE of any changes in, major modification or relocation of facilities may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Contract by LEA.

In signing this Contract, CONTRACTOR certifies that its facilities either comply with federal and State of California and local laws regarding disability access, or possesses and has available upon demand, a self-evaluation and/or transition plan in accordance with said laws.

51. ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code section 49422 et seq. when CONTRACTOR serves a LEA student who is required to take prescription and/or over-the-counter medication during the school day. CONTRACTOR may designate personnel to assist the student with the administration of such medication after the student's Parent(s) provides to CONTRACTOR: (a) a written statement from a physician detailing the type, administration method, amount, and time schedules by which such medication shall be taken; and (b) a written statement from the student's Parent(s) granting CONTRACTOR permission to administer medication(s) as specified in the physician's statement. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to LEA upon request, copies of such written statements. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written log for each student to whom medication is administered. Such written log shall specify the student's name; the type of medication; the date, time, and amount of each administration; and the name of CONTRACTOR's employee who administered the medication. CONTRACTOR maintains full responsibility for storing medications in a secure location and ensuring appropriate staff training in the administration of such medication consistent with physician's written orders. Any change in medication type, administration method, amount or schedule must be authorized by both a licensed physician and Parent.

52. INCIDENT/ACCIDENT REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall submit within 24 hours, electronically, any accident or incident report to LEA. CONTRACTOR shall properly submit required accident or incident reports pursuant to and as specified in LEA Procedures.

53. CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to annually train all staff members, including volunteers, so that they are familiar with and agree to adhere to its own child and dependent adult abuse reporting obligations and procedures as specified in California Penal Code section 11164 *et seq.* and Education Code 44691. In addition, CONTRACTOR is to read and become familiar with the LEA's Mandated Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policies (BP 5141.4 and AR 5141.4.). To protect the privacy rights of all parties involved (i.e., reporter, child and alleged abuser), reports will remain confidential as required by law and professional ethical mandates. A written statement from CONTRACTOR acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be submitted to the LEA before execution of this Contract and upon subsequent request from LEA.

In the event there is a suspicion of abuse conducted by anyone (students, staff, contractor or others) on or off campus, CONTRACTOR is to file the appropriate report to the Sacramento County Sheriff. CONTRACTOR is also to confidentially notify LEA's Legal Compliance Department ("Legal Compliance") of the report. CONTRACTOR is to cooperate with any investigation conducted by LEA in connection with such report.

54. SEXUAL HARASSMENT

CONTRACTOR shall have a Sexual and Gender Identity Harassment Policy that clearly describes the kinds of conduct that constitutes sexual harassment and that is prohibited by the CONTRACTOR's policy, as well as federal and State law. The policy should include procedures to make complaints without fear of retaliation, and for prompt and objective investigations of all sexual harassment complaints. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training to all employees regarding the laws concerning sexual harassment and related procedures pursuant to Government Code 12950.1.

55. REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN

CONTRACTOR assures LEA that all of its staff members, including volunteers, independent contractors and subcontractors, are familiar with and agree to adhere to requirements for reporting missing children as specified in California Education Code section 49370 *et seq.* A written statement acknowledging the legal

requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be properly submitted to the LEA by CONTRACTOR before execution of this Contract and in response to subsequent requests by LEA. The written statement shall be submitted as specified by LEA.

FINANCIAL

56. ENROLLMENT, CONTRACTING, SERVICE TRACKING, ATTENDANCE REPORTING, AND BILLING PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall assure that the NPS/A has the necessary financial resources to provide an appropriate education for the students enrolled and will distribute those resources in such a manner to implement the IEP and ISA for each and every student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all LEA Procedures concerning enrollment, contracting, attendance reporting, service tracking and billing including requirements of electronic billing as specified by LEA Procedures, as well as provide all such records requested by LEA concerning the same. CONTRACTOR shall be paid for the provision of special education and/or related services specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA which are provided on billable days of attendance. All payments to CONTRACTOR by LEA shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract and in compliance with LEA Procedures, and governed by all applicable federal and State of California laws.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the NPS's enrollment procedures include verification of required immunizations (including but not limited to the adolescent pertussis booster vaccination (Tdap) for all students entering the seventh grade).

CONTRACTOR shall maintain separate registers for the basic education program, each related service, and services provided by instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides and bus aides. Original attendance forms (i.e., roll books for the basic education program, service tracking documents and notes for instructional assistants, behavioral intervention aides, bus aides, and each related service) shall be completed by the actual service provider whose signature shall appear on such forms and shall be available for review, inspection, or audit by LEA during the effective period of this Contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter. CONTRACTOR shall verify the accuracy of minutes of reported attendance that is the basis of services being billed for payment.

CONTRACTOR shall submit invoices and related documents to LEA for payment, for each calendar month when education or related services were provided. Invoices and related documents shall be properly submitted electronically and in addition, on a LEA form with signatures in the manner prescribed by LEA. At a minimum, each invoice must contain the following information: type of service provided; month of service; specific days and times of services coordinated by the LEA approved calendar unless otherwise specified in the IEP or agreed to by the LEA; name of staff who provided the service and the individual's licensing and credentials; approved cost of each invoice; total for each service and total for the monthly invoice; date invoice was mailed; signature of NPS/A administrator authorizing that the information is accurate and consistent with the ISA, CDE certificates and staff notification; verification that attendance report is attached as appropriate; indication of any made-up sessions consistent with this Contract; verification that progress reports have been provided consistent with the ISA (monthly or quarterly unless specified otherwise on the ISA); and name of each LEA student for whom the service was provided.

In the event services were not provided, each invoice shall include the rationale for why the services were not provided.

Such an invoice is subject to all conditions of this Contract. At the discretion of LEA, an electronic invoice may be required provided such notice has been made in writing and training provided to CONTRACTOR at no additional charge for such training.

Invoices shall be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the attendance accounting period in which the services were rendered. LEA shall make payment to CONTRACTOR based on the number of billable days of attendance and hours of service at rates specified in this contract within forty-five (45) days of LEA's receipt of properly submitted hard copy of invoices prepared and submitted as specified in California Education Code Section 56366.5. CONTRACTOR shall correct deficiencies and submit rebilling invoices no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the invoice is returned by LEA. LEA shall pay properly submitted re-billing invoices no later than forty-five (45) days after the date a completely corrected re-billing invoice is received by LEA.

In no case shall initial payment claim submission for any Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond December 31st after the close of the fiscal year. In no case shall any rebilling for the Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond six (6) months after the close of the fiscal year unless approved by LEA to resolve billing issues including re-billing issues directly related to a delay in obtaining information from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing regarding teacher qualification, but no later than twelve (12) months from the close of the fiscal year. If the billing or re-billing error is the responsibility of LEA, then no limit is set provided that LEA and CONTRACTOR have communicated such concerns in writing during the 12-month period following the close of the fiscal year. LEA will not pay mileage for NPA employee.

57. RIGHT TO WITHHOLD PAYMENT

LEA may withhold payment to CONTRACTOR when: (a) CONTRACTOR has failed to perform, in whole or in part, under the terms of this Contract; (b) CONTRACTOR has billed for services rendered on days other than billable days of attendance or for days when student was not in attendance and/or did not receive services; (c) CONTRACTOR was overpaid by LEA as determined by inspection, review, and/or audit of its program, work, and/or records; (d) CONTRACTOR has failed to provide supporting documentation with an invoice, as required by EC 56366.5(a); (e) education and/or related services are provided to students by personnel who are not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (f) LEA has not received prior to school closure or contract termination, all documents concerning one or more LEA students enrolled in CONTRACTOR's educational program; (g) CONTRACTOR fails to confirm a student's change of residence to another district or confirms the change of residence to another district, but fails to notify LEA within five (5) days of such confirmation; (h) CONTRACTOR receives payment from Medi-Cal or from any other agency or funding source for a service provided to a LEA student; or (i) CONTRACTOR fails to provide the required liability/insurance documentation as outlined in Section 15 of this Contract. It is understood that no payments shall be made for any invoices that are not received by six (6) months following the close of the prior fiscal year, for services provided in that year.

Final payment to CONTRACTOR in connection with the cessation of operations and/or termination of a Contract will be subject to the same documentation standards described for all payment claims for regular ongoing operations. In addition, final payment may be withheld by LEA until completion of a review or audit, if deemed necessary by LEA. Such review or audit will be completed within ninety (90) days. The final payment may be adjusted to offset any previous payments to CONTRACTOR determined to have been paid in error or in anticipation of correction of documentation deficiencies by the CONTRACTOR that remain uncorrected.

The amount which may be withheld by LEA with respect to each of the subparagraphs of the preceding paragraph are as follows: (a) the value of the service CONTRACTOR failed to perform; (b) the amount of overpayment; (c) the entire amount of the invoice for which satisfactory documentation has not been provided by CONTRACTOR; (d) the amount invoiced for services provided by the individual not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (e) the proportionate amount of the invoice related to the applicable LEA student for the time period from the date the violation occurred and until the violation is cured; or (f) the amount paid to CONTRACTOR by Medi-Cal or another agency or funding source for the service provided to the LEA student.

If LEA determines that cause exists to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR, LEA shall, within ten (10) business days of this determination, provide to CONTRACTOR written notice that LEA is withholding

payment. Such notice shall specify the basis or bases for LEA's withholding payment and the amount to be withheld. Within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such notice, CONTRACTOR shall take all necessary and appropriate action to correct the deficiencies that form the basis for LEA's withholding payment or submit a written request for extension of time to correct the deficiencies or submit to LEA written documentation demonstrating that the basis or bases cited by LEA for withholding payment is unfounded. Upon receipt of CONTRACTOR's written request showing good cause, LEA shall extend CONTRACTOR's time to correct deficiencies (usually an additional thirty (30) days), otherwise payment will be denied.

If after subsequent request for payment has been denied and CONTRACTOR believes that payment should not be withheld, CONTRACTOR shall send written notice to LEA specifying the reason it believes payment should not be withheld. LEA shall respond to CONTRACTOR's notice within thirty (30) business days by indicating that a warrant for the amount of payment will be made or stating the reason LEA believes payment should not be made. If LEA fails to respond within thirty (30) business days or a dispute regarding the withholding of payment continues after the LEA's response to CONTRACTOR's notice, CONTRACTOR may invoke the following escalation policy.

After forty-five (45) business days: The CONTRACTOR may notify the LEA's Authorized Representative of the dispute in writing. The LEA Authorized Representative shall respond to the CONTRACTOR in writing within fifteen (15) business days.

After sixty (60) business days: Pursuant to the provisions of Education Code section 56366(c)(2), the LEA or CONTRACTOR may appeal to the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools so long as the County Superintendent of Schools is not participating in the Local Plan involved in the NPS/A contract to negotiate the contract. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this appeal, the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools or a designee, shall mediate the formulation of a contract, which shall be binding on both parties. Alternatively, the parties may agree to retain the services of a mutually agreed upon mediator to negotiate the contract. Both parties agree to pay for their own costs and expenses arising out of any such mediation. Each party agrees to act in good faith in participating in any mediation process agreed to by the parties.

58. PAYMENT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA when Medi-Cal or any other agency is billed for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. Upon request, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documentation regarding reports, billing, and/or payment by Medi-Cal or any other agency for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall provide prior written notice of the rights and protections required by Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations section 300.154(d) whenever it seeks to use the LEA students' public benefits to pay for special education and related services. Such notice shall be provided before seeking payment from Medi-Cal for the first time and annually.

59. PAYMENT FOR ABSENCES

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL (NPS) STAFF ABSENCE

Whenever a classroom teacher employed by CONTRACTOR is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage pursuant to the LEA Procedures. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA will not pay for instruction and/or services unless said instruction or service is provided by an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher.

Whenever a related service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision

of “make-up” services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided unless otherwise agreed in a LEA student’s IEP.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL (NPS) STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, no later than the tenth (10th) cumulative day of a LEA student’s unexcused absence, CONTRACTOR shall notify the LEA of such absence.

Criteria for a billable day for payment purposes is one (1) day of attendance as defined in California Education Code, sections 46010, 46010.3 and 46307. LEA shall not pay for services provided on days that a student’s attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance (ADA) reimbursement under state law. *Per Diem* rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted on a pro rata basis in accordance with the actual proportion of the school day the student was served. LEA shall not be responsible for payment of related services for days on which a student’s attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance (“ADA”) reimbursement under state law, nor shall student be eligible for make-up services.

NONPUBLIC AGENCY (NPA) STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and CONTRACTOR’s service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR’s service providers. LEA shall not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of “make-up” services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not “bank” or “carry over” make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and LEA. In the event services were not provided, reasons for why the services were not provided shall be included.

NONPUBLIC AGENCY (NPA) STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a NPA, it shall notify LEA of the absence of a LEA student no later than the fifth (5th) consecutive service day of the student’s absence. LEA shall not be responsible for the payment of services when a student is absent.

60. LEA and/or NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO EMERGENCY

The following shall apply in the event of a LEA or NPS school closure due to an emergency in accordance with Education Code sections 41422 and 46392:

- a. If CONTRACTOR remains open, if allowed, during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422 and serves LEA students appropriately as delineated in the ISA, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment, regardless of whether LEA is open or closed.
- b. If CONTRACTOR is closed during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, if LEA is able to obtain alternative placement for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall not receive payment for days the student is not in attendance due to CONTRACTOR's NPS closure. If LEA is unable to obtain an alternative placement for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment consistent with the signed ISA, as though the student were continuing in regular attendance, until an alternative placement can be found, so long as CONTRACTOR complies with Section 60(d), below.
- c. If both LEA and CONTRACTOR are closed during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, on days LEA is funded, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment consistent with the LEA student's ISA, until an alternative placement for the LEA student can be found so long as CONTRACTOR complies with Section 60(d), below. If LEA is able to obtain an alternative placement

for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall not receive payment for days the student is not in attendance due to CONTRACTOR'S NPS closure.

- d. CONTRACTOR shall, in the case of school closures during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, implement the LEA student's IEP in accordance with Education Code 56345(a)(9) pertaining to emergency conditions and continue implementing ISAs for enrolled students. CONTRACTOR shall ensure its students have reliable internet accessibility as well as the physical technology (i.e. Chromebooks, i-Pad, hot-spots etc.) as required to access and participate.
- e. In the event of CONTRACTOR'S closure during an emergency, LEA reserves the right to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR for instruction and services not rendered pursuant to an LEA student's ISA, consistent with Section 59.

When the emergency school closure is lifted, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of any lost instructional minutes for any LEA student. CONTRACTOR and LEAs shall work collaboratively to determine the need for make-up days or service changes, and shall work together to amend IEP and ISA paperwork as appropriate.

61. INSPECTION AND AUDIT

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain and LEA shall have the right to examine and audit all of the books, records, documents, accounting procedures and practices and other evidence that reflect all costs claimed to have been incurred or fees claimed to have been earned under this Contract.

CONTRACTOR shall provide access to LEA to all records including, but not limited to those documents identified in Section 9 of this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall also make available to LEA all budgetary information including operating budgets submitted by CONTRACTOR to LEA for the relevant contract period being audited.

CONTRACTOR shall make all records available at the office of LEA or CONTRACTOR (to be specified by LEA) at all reasonable times and without charge. CONTRACTOR shall provide all records to LEA within five (5) working days of a written request. CONTRACTOR shall, at no cost to LEA, provide assistance for such examination or audit. LEA's rights under this section shall also include access to CONTRACTOR's offices for purposes of interviewing CONTRACTOR's employees. If any document or evidence is stored in an electronic form, a hard copy shall be made available to LEA, unless LEA agrees to the use of the electronic format. Such access shall also include unannounced inspections by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain from its subcontractors and suppliers written agreements to the requirements of this section and shall provide a copy of such agreements to LEA upon request by LEA.

If an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm determines that CONTRACTOR owes LEA monies as a result of CONTRACTOR's over billing or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Contract, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR written notice demanding payment from CONTRACTOR and specifying the basis or bases for such demand. Unless CONTRACTOR and LEA otherwise agree in writing, CONTRACTOR shall pay to LEA the full amount owed as a result of CONTRACTOR's over billing and/or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Contract, as determined by an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm. CONTRACTOR shall make such payment to LEA within thirty (30) days of receipt of LEA's written notice demanding payment.

62. RATE SCHEDULE

The attached Rate Schedule (Exhibit A) limits the number of LEA students that may be enrolled and maximum dollar amount of the Contract. It may also limit the maximum number of LEA students that can be provided specific services. Per Diem rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full

instructional day may be adjusted proportionally. In such cases only, the adjustments in basic education rate shall be based on the required minimum number of minutes per grade level as set forth in paragraph 23, above, and noted in California Education Code Section 46200-46208.

Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR shall be provided by qualified personnel as per State and federal law, and the codes and charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this Contract, shall be as stated in Exhibit A.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS associated with a RTC (“NPS/RTC”), Educationally Related Mental Health Services (“ERMHS”) are provided in an integrated, intensive, educationally related therapeutic residential setting which includes social emotional/behavior support through individual counseling, group counseling, family consultation and support, as appropriate. It is a collaborative model which includes educational professionals and related service providers, where all supports and services are integrated in the NPS/RTC program. Costs for ERMHS are all inclusive and combined with the daily rate as ERMHS+RB (“ERMHS + Room and Board”). ERMHS plus Room and Board payments are based on positive attendance (payable for up to a maximum of 365 days) only, with up to a maximum of 10 days payment per LEA student, per contract year, when a bed is unoccupied, for home visits of a therapeutic nature. Any NPS or RTC requesting a change in rate for any services provided during a subsequent contract year must make a request in writing to the Sacramento County SELPA Directors, with a copy sent to LEA Director or designee, by January 15th of each calendar year. Increases will only be considered for approval for entities that have received a positive review on the LEA's Quality On-Site NPS Review Rubric.

63. DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

By signing this Contract, CONTRACTOR certifies that:

- (a) CONTRACTOR and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any federal agency, and
- (b) CONTRACTOR and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers have not, within a three-year period preceding this Contract, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, any state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of federal or any state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

The Parties hereto have executed this Contract by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives. This Contract is effective on the 1st day of July, 2023 and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2024, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

CONTRACTOR

LODI CHILDREN'S THERAPY

Nonpublic School/Agency

By: Tracy Schallberger 8/3/23
Signature Date
Tracy Schallberger, Partner
Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed to:

Tracy Schallberger, Partner

Name and Title

LODI CHILDREN'S THERAPY

Nonpublic School/Agency/Related Service Provider

PO Box 621

Address

WOODBIDGE, CA 95258

City State Zip

209-747-7178

Phone Fax
tracy@lodichildrenstherapy.net

Email* (*Required)

LEA

GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
Signature Date
By: _____
Kuljeet Nijjar, Director of Educational Services
Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Notices to LEA shall be addressed to:

Kuljeet Nijjar, Director of Educational Services

Name and Title

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Additional LEA Notification

(Required if Completed)

Stephanie Gutierrez, Program Specialist

Name and Title

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Email

EXHIBIT A: 2023-2024 RATES

4.1 RATE SCHEDULE FOR CONTRACT YEAR

The CONTRACTOR: LODI CHILDREN'S THERAPY

The CONTRACTOR CDS NUMBER: _____

PER ED CODE 56366 – TEACHER-TO-PUPIL RATIO: _____

Maximum Contract Amount:

Education service(s) offered by the CONTRACTOR and the charges for such service(s) during the term of this contract shall be as follows:

1) Daily Basic Education Rate:

2) Inclusive Education Program

(Includes Educational Counseling (not ed related mental health) services, Speech & Language services, Behavior Intervention Planning, and Occupational Therapy as specified on the student's IEP.) DAILY RATE:

3) Related Services

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
<u>Intensive Individual Services (340)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Language and Speech (415)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Adapted Physical Education (425)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Health and Nursing: Specialized Physical Health Care (435)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Health and Nursing: Other Services (436)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Assistive Technology Services (445)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Occupational Therapy (450)</u>	124.00	HOUR
<u>Physical Therapy (460)</u>	124.00	HOUR
<u>Individual Counseling (510)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Counseling and Guidance (515)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Parent Counseling (520)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Social Work Services (525)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Psychological Services (530)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Behavior Intervention Services (535)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Specialized Services for Low Incidence Disabilities (610)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Specialized Deaf and Hard of Hearing (710)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Interpreter Services (715)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Audiological Services (720)</u>	_____	_____

Specialized Vision Services (725)		
Orientation and Mobility (730)		
Specialized Orthopedic Services (740)		
Reader Services (745)		
Transcription Services (755)		
Recreation Services, Including Therapeutic (760)		
College Awareness (820)		
Work Experience Education (850)		
Job Coaching (855)		
Mentoring (860)		
Travel Training (870)		
Other Transition Services (890)		
Transportation		
Other (900)		

EXHIBIT B: 2023-2024 ISA

INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (ISA) FOR NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL SERVICES
(Education Code Sections 56365 et seq.)

This agreement is effective on July 1, 2023 or the date student begins attending a nonpublic school or receiving services from a nonpublic agency, if after the date identified, and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2024, unless sooner terminated as provided in the Master Contract and by applicable law.

Local Education Agency _____ Nonpublic School _____

LEA Case Manager: Name _____ Phone Number _____

Pupil Name _____ Sex: M F Grade: _____

Address _____ (Last) _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

DOB _____ Residential Setting: Home Foster LCI # _____ OTHER _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone (_____) _____ (_____)

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____
(If different from student)

AGREEMENT TERMS:

1. *Nonpublic School:* The average number of minutes in the instructional day will be: _____ during the regular school year
_____ during the extended school year
2. *Nonpublic School:* The number of school days in the calendar of the school year are: _____ during the regular school year
_____ during the extended school year

3. *Educational services as specified in the IEP shall be provided by the CONTRACTOR and paid at the rates specified below.*

A. *INCLUSIVE AND/OR BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM RATE: (Applies to nonpublic schools only):* Daily Rate: _____

Estimated Number of Days _____ **x Daily Rate** _____ = **PROJECTED BASIC EDUCATION COSTS** _____

B. RELATED SERVICES:

SERVICE	Provider			# of Times per wk/mo/yr., Duration; or per IEP; or as needed	Cost per session	Maximum Number of Sessions	Estimated Maximum Total Cost for Contracted Period
	LEA	NPS	OTHER Specify				
Intensive Individual Services (340)							
Language/Speech Therapy (415) a. Individual b. Group							
Adapted Physical Ed. (425)							
Health and Nursing: Specialized Physical Health Care (435)							
Health and Nursing Services: Other (436)							
Assistive Technology Services (445)							
Occupational Therapy (450)							
Physical Therapy (460)							
Individual Counseling (510)							
Counseling and guidance (515)							
Parent Counseling (520)							

SERVICE	Provider			# of Times per wk/mo/yr., Duration; or per IEP; or as needed	Cost per session	Maximum Number of Sessions	Estimated Maximum Total Cost for Contracted Period
	LEA	NPS	OTHER Specify				
Social Work Services (525)							
Psychological Services (530)							
Behavior Intervention Services (535)							
Specialized Services for Low Incidence Disabilities (610)							
Specialized Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (710)							
Interpreter Services (715)							
Audiological Services (720)							
Specialized Vision Services (725)							
Orientation and Mobility (730)							
Braille Transcription (735)							
Specialized Orthopedic Service (740)							
Reader Services (745)							
Note Taking Services (750)							
Transcription Services (755)							
Recreation Services (760)							
College Awareness Preparation (820)							
Vocational Assessment, Counseling, Guidance and Career Assessment (830)							
Career Awareness (840)							
Work Experience Education (850)							
Mentoring (860)							
Agency Linkages (865)							
Travel Training (870)							
Other Transition Services (890)							
Other (900)J							
Other (900)							
Transportation-Emergency b. Transportation-Parent							
Bus Passes							
Other							

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM RELATED SERVICES COST\$ _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED MAXIMUM BASIC EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES COSTS\$ _____

4. Other Provisions/Attachments:

5. MASTER CONTRACT APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD ON _____

6. Progress Reporting Quarterly Monthly Other
Requirements: _____ (Specify) _____

The parties hereto have executed this Individual Services Agreement by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives as set forth below.

-CONTRACTOR-

-LEA/SELPA-

(Name of Nonpublic School/Agency)

(Name of LEA/SELPA)

(Signature) (Date)

(Signature) (Date)

(Name and Title)

(Name of Superintendent or Authorized Designee)



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Nonpublic, Non-Sectarian School/Agency Services

MASTER CONTRACT

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Point Quest Education – Depot Park

SACRAMENTO COUNTY SELPA

*NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN
SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES*

MASTER CONTRACT

2023–2024

MASTER CONTRACT

GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR NONSECTARIAN,
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES

LEA **GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Contract Year 2023-2024

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Nonpublic School ("NPS") |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nonpublic Agency ("NPA") |

Type of Contract:

Master Contract for fiscal year with Individual Service Agreements (ISA) to be approved throughout the term of this Contract.

Individual Master Contract for a specific student incorporating the Individual Service Agreement (ISA) into the terms of this Individual Master Contract specific to a single student.

Interim Extension of the Master Contract: an extension of the previous fiscal years approved contracts and rates. The sole purpose of this Interim Contract is to provide for ongoing funding at the prior year's rates for 90 days at the sole discretion of the LEA in accordance with Section 4 of this Master Contract.
Expiration Date: _____

When this section is included as part of any Master Contract, the changes specified above shall amend Section 4 – Term of Master Contract

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2023-2024

CONTRACT NUMBER: 5

LEA: GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL/AGENCY/RELATED SERVICES PROVIDER: Point Quest Education Depot Park

NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES MASTER CONTRACT

AUTHORIZATION FOR MASTER CONTRACT AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. MASTER CONTRACT

This Master Contract (or "Contract") is entered into on July 1, 2023, between GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT hereinafter referred to as the local educational agency ("LEA") or "District" and Point Quest Education Depot Park (nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency), hereinafter referred to as "NPS/A" or "CONTRACTOR," for the purpose of providing special education and/or related services to LEA students with exceptional needs under the authorization of California Education Code sections 56157, 56361 and 56365 et seq. and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 et seq., AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003) and AB1858 (Chapter 914, Statutes of 2004). It is understood that this Contract does not commit LEA to pay for special education and/or related services provided to any LEA student, or CONTRACTOR to provide such special education and/or related services, unless and until an authorized LEA representative approves the provision of special education and/or related services by CONTRACTOR.

Upon acceptance of a LEA student, LEA shall submit to CONTRACTOR an Individual Services Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "ISA"), and a Nonpublic Services Student Enrollment form. CONTRACTOR shall work with LEA to complete and return these forms to LEA prior to initiating any services for any student, unless otherwise agreed by LEA and CONTRACTOR. These forms shall acknowledge CONTRACTOR's obligation to provide all services specified in the LEA student's Individualized Education Program (hereinafter referred to as "IEP"). LEA and CONTRACTOR shall enter into an ISA for each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. As available and appropriate, the LEA shall make available access to any electronic IEP system and/or electronic database for ISA developing including invoicing.

Unless placement and/or services is ordered pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings (hereinafter referred to as "OAH") order, a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and parent, or authorized by LEA for a transfer LEA student pursuant to California Education Code section 56325, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with NPS placement or NPS/A services until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a NPS placement and/or NPS/A services is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by the Parent. 2.

2. CERTIFICATION AND LICENSES CONTRACTOR shall be certified by the California Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as "CDE") as a NPS/A. All NPS/A placements and services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification and licensure specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code, section 56366 et seq and within the professional scope of practice of each provider's license, certification and/or credential. A current copy of CONTRACTOR's NPS/A certification or a waiver of such certification issued by the CDE pursuant to Education Code section 56366.2 must be provided to LEA on or before the date this Contract is executed by CONTRACTOR. This Contract shall be null and void if such certification

or waiver is expired, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Contract. Total student enrollment shall be limited to capacity as stated on CDE certification and in Section 24 of the Contract.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of the State of California shall be certified and all staff persons providing services to pupils shall be certified and/or licensed by that state to provide, respectively, special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.*).

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution (hereinafter referred to as "LCI"), CONTRACTOR shall be licensed by the State of California, or other public agency having delegated authority by contract with the State of California to license, to provide nonmedical care room and board to children, including, but not limited to, individuals with exceptional needs. The LCI must also comply with all licensing requirements relevant to the protection of the child, and have a special permit, if necessary, to meet the needs of each child so placed. If the CONTRACTOR operates a program outside of the State of California, CONTRACTOR must obtain all required licenses from the appropriate licensing agency in both California and in the state where the LCI is located.

With respect to CONTRACTOR's certification, failure to notify LEA and CDE in writing of any changes in: (1) credentialed/licensed staff; (2) ownership; (3) management and/or control of the agency; (4) major modification or relocation of facilities; or (5) significant modification of the program may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Contract by the LEA. Any suspension or revocation of CONTRACTOR's CDE certification shall also be good cause for the immediate suspension or termination of this Contract by LEA, at LEA's discretion.

3. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, STATUTES, REGULATIONS

During the term of this Contract, unless otherwise agreed, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, State of California, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, policies and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall also comply with all applicable LEA and SELPA policies, regulations, and procedures (collectively referred to as "LEA Procedures") unless, taking into consideration all of the surrounding facts and circumstances, a policy or policies or a portion of a policy does not reasonably apply to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR hereby acknowledges and agrees that it accepts all risks and responsibilities for its failure to comply with LEA Procedures and shall indemnify LEA under the provisions of Section 16 of this Contract for all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of CONTRACTOR's failure to comply with applicable LEA Procedures (e.g., those policies relating to; the provision of special education and/or related services, facilities for individuals with exceptional needs, student enrollment and transfer, student inactive status, corporal punishment, student discipline, and positive behavior interventions).

CONTRACTOR acknowledges and understands that LEA may report to CDE any violations of the provisions of this Contract; and that this may result in the suspension and/or revocation of CDE NPA/S certification pursuant to California Education Code section 56366.4(a).

4. TERM OF MASTER CONTRACT

The term of this Contract shall be from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 3062(a)) unless otherwise stated. Neither the CONTRACTOR nor the LEA is required to renew this Contract in subsequent contract years. The parties acknowledge that any subsequent Master Contract is to be re-negotiated prior to June 30, 2024. In the event the contract negotiations are not agreed to by June 30th, the most recently executed Master Contract will remain in effect for 90 days. (Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 3062(d)) No Master Contract will be offered unless and until all of the contracting requirements have been satisfied. The offer of a Master Contract to a CONTRACTOR is at the sole discretion of the LEA.

The provisions of this Contract apply to CONTRACTOR and any of its employees or independent contractors. Notice of any change in CONTRACTOR's ownership or authorized representative shall be provided in writing to LEA within thirty (30) calendar days of change of ownership or change of authorized representative.

5. INTEGRATION/CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACT FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION

This Contract incorporates LEA Procedures herein by this reference. Each ISA is also incorporated herein by this reference. This Contract supersedes any prior or contemporaneous written or oral understanding or agreement. This Contract may be amended only by written amendment executed by both parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, LEA may modify LEA Procedures from time to time without the consent of CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA with information as requested in writing to secure a Contract or a renewal.

At a minimum, such information shall include copies of current teacher credentials and clearance, insurance documentation, and CDE certification. LEA may require additional information as applicable. If the application packet is not completed and returned to LEA, no Contract will be issued. If CONTRACTOR does not return the Contract to LEA duly signed by an authorized representative within ninety (90) calendar days of issuance by LEA, the new contract rates will not take effect until the newly executed Contract is received by LEA and will not be retroactive to the first day of the new Contract's effective date. If CONTRACTOR fails to execute the new Contract within such ninety-day period, all payments shall cease until such time as the new Contract for the current school year is signed and returned to LEA by CONTRACTOR. (California Education Code §56366(c)(1) and (2)). In the event that this Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed Contract between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized LEA students at the discretion of LEA.

6. INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT ("ISA")

This Contract shall include an ISA developed for each LEA student to whom CONTRACTOR is to provide special education and/or related services. An ISA shall only be issued for LEA students enrolled with the approval of LEA pursuant to Education Code section 56366(a)(2)(A). An ISA may be effective for more than one contract year provided that there is a concurrent Contract in effect. In the event that this Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed ISAs between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized students.

Any and all changes to a student's educational placement/program/services provided under this Contract and/or an ISA shall be made solely on the basis of a revision to the student's IEP or by written agreement between the Parent and LEA. At any time during the term of this Contract, a Parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of a student's IEP subject to all procedural safeguards required by law.

Unless otherwise provided in this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall provide all services specified in the IEP unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in the ISA. (California Education Code §56366(a)(5) and California Code of Regulations, tit. 5, § 3062(e).) In the event CONTRACTOR is unable to provide a specific service at any time during the term of the ISA, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing within five (5) business days of the last date a service was provided. CONTRACTOR shall provide any and all subsequent compensatory service hours awarded to an LEA student as a result of lack of provision of services while the student was served by CONTRACTOR.

If a Parent or LEA contests the termination of an ISA by initiating a due process proceeding with the OAH, CONTRACTOR shall abide by the "stay-put" requirement of the State of California and federal law unless the Parent and LEA voluntarily agree otherwise, or an Interim Alternative Educational Setting ("IAES") is

deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH consistent with Title 20 of the United States Codes Sections 1415(k)(1)(G), 1415(k)(2), and 1415(k)(3)(B)(ii)(II). CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning changes in placement.

Disagreements between LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the formulation of an ISA or the Contract may be appealed to the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools or the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code section 56366(c)(2).

Exhibit B includes the ISA form.

7. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this contract:

- a. The term "CONTRACTOR" means a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency ("NPS/A") certified by the California Department of Education ("CDE"), and its officers, agents and employees.
- b. The term "authorized LEA representative" means a LEA administrator designated to be responsible for NPS/A. It is understood, a representative of the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) of which LEA is a member is an authorized LEA representative in collaboration with LEA. LEA maintains sole responsibility for this Contract, unless otherwise specified in this Contract.
- c. The term "credential" means a valid credential, life diploma, permit, or document in special education or pupil personnel services issued by, or under the jurisdiction of, the California State Board of Education if issued prior to 1970 or the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, which entitles the holder thereof to perform services for which certification qualifications are required as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(g).
- d. The term "qualified" means that a person holds a certificate, permit or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold to provide special education and related services and has met federal and state certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements which apply to the area in which the individual is providing special education or related services, including those requirements set forth in Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58, and those requirements set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 3064 and 3065, and adheres to the standards of professional practice established in federal and state law or regulation, including the standards contained in the California Business and Professions Code.

Nothing in this definition shall be construed as restricting the activities in services of a graduate needing direct hours leading to licensure, or of a student teacher or intern leading to a graduate degree at an accredited or approved college or university, as authorized by State laws or regulations. (California Code of Regulations, tit. 5, § 3001(r).)

- e. The term "license" means a valid non-expired document issued by a licensing agency within the California Department of Consumer Affairs or other State of California licensing office authorized to grant licenses and authorizing the bearer of the document to provide certain professional services or refer to themselves using a specified professional title. This includes, but is not limited to, mental health and board and care services at a residential placement. If a license is not available through an appropriate State of California licensing agency, a certificate of registration with the appropriate professional organization at the national or State of California level which has standards established for the certificate that are equivalent to a license shall be deemed to be a license as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(l).

- f. "Parent" means:
- i. a biological or adoptive parent; unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child,
 - ii. a foster parent if the authority of the biological or adoptive parents to make educational decisions on the child's behalf has been specifically limited by court order in accordance with Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 300.30(b)(1) or (b)(2),
 - iii. a guardian generally authorized to act as the child's parent or authorized to make educational decisions for the child,
 - iv. an individual acting in the place of a biological or adoptive parent, including a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative with whom the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child's welfare,
 - v. a surrogate parent.

Parent does not include the state or any political subdivision of government or a NPS/A under contract with the LEA for the provision of special education or designated instruction and services for a child. (California Education Code §56028.)

- g. The term "days" means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- h. The phrase "billable day" means a school day in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs.
- i. The phrase "billable day of attendance" means a school day as defined in California Education Code Section 46307, in which an LEA student is in attendance and in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs unless otherwise stipulated in an IEP or ISA.
- j. It is understood that the term "Master Contract" also means "Contract" and is referred to as such in this document.

ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT

8. NOTICES

All notices provided for by this Contract shall be in writing. Notices shall be mailed or delivered by hand and shall be effective as of the date of receipt by addressee.

All notices mailed to LEA shall be addressed to the person and address as indicated on the signature page of this Contract. Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed as indicated on the signature page of this Contract.

9. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

All records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR as required by State and federal laws and regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, CONTRACTOR shall maintain all records for at least five (5) years after the termination of this Contract. For purposes of this Contract, "records" shall include, but not be limited to pupil records as defined by California Education Code section 49061(b) including electronically stored information; cost data records as set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3061; registers and roll books of teachers and/or daily service providers; chart notes, Medi-Cal logs, daily service logs and notes and other documents used to record the provision of related services including supervision; daily service logs and notes used to record the provision of services provided through additional instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides, and bus aides; behavior emergency reports (BER); incident reports; notification of injuries; absence verification records (Parent/doctor notes, telephone logs, and related documents) if CONTRACTOR is funded for excused absences, however, such records are not required if positive attendance is required; transcripts; grade and progress reports; behavioral data; IEP/IFSPs; assessment reports; bus rosters; staff lists specifying credentials held and documents evidencing other staff qualifications, social security numbers, dates of hire, and dates of termination;

records of employee training and certification, staff time sheets; non-paid staff and volunteer sign-in sheets; transportation and other related services subcontracts; school calendars; bell/class schedules when applicable; liability and worker's compensation insurance policies; state NPS/A certifications; business licenses held; by-laws; lists of current board of directors/trustees, if incorporated; all budgetary information, including operating budgets; statements of income and expenses; general journals; cash receipts and disbursement books; general ledgers and supporting documents; documents evidencing financial expenditures; federal/State payroll quarterly reports (Form 941/DE3DP); and bank statements and canceled checks or facsimile thereof.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain LEA student records in a secure location to ensure confidentiality and prevent unauthorized access. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a current list of the names and positions of CONTRACTOR's employees who have access to confidential records. CONTRACTOR shall maintain an access log for each LEA student's record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record. Such log shall be maintained as required by California Education Code section 49064 and include the name, title, agency/organization affiliation, date/time of access for each individual requesting or receiving information from the student's record, and a description of the record(s) provided. Such log needs to record access to the LEA student's records by: (a) the LEA student's Parent; (b) an individual to whom written consent has been executed by the LEA student's Parent; or (c) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record. CONTRACTOR/LEA shall maintain copies of any written parental concerns granting access to LEA student records. For purposes of this Section, "employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR" do not include subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall grant the following access to student records, (a) the LEA student's Parent; (b) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record, and comply with Parent requests for copies of LEA student records, as required by State of California and federal laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR agrees, in the event of NPS/A closure, to forward all LEA student records held by CONTRACTOR within ten (10) business days to LEA. LEA and/or SELPA shall have access to and receive copies of any and all records upon request within five (5) business days.

10. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Contract is held, in whole or in part, to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of that provision and of the entire Contract shall be severable and remain in effect.

11. SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST

This Contract binds CONTRACTOR's successors and assignees. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of any change of ownership or corporate control within ten (10) business days of such change.

12. VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW

The laws of the State of California shall govern the terms and conditions of this contract with venue in the County where LEA is located.

13. MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS REQUIRED TO CONFORM TO LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

This Contract may be modified or amended by LEA to conform to administrative and statutory guidelines issued by any state, federal or local governmental agency. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR thirty (30) days' notice of any such changes or modifications made to conform to administrative or statutory guidelines and a copy of the statute, guideline, or regulation upon which the modifications or changes are based.

14. TERMINATION

This Contract or ISA may be terminated for cause. Cause shall include but not be limited to non-maintenance of current NPS/A certification, failure of either LEA or CONTRACTOR to maintain the

standards required under the Contract and/or ISA, or other material breach of this Contract by CONTRACTOR or LEA. For purposes of NPS placement, the cause shall not be the availability of a public class initiated during the period of the Contract unless the Parent agrees to the transfer of the LEA student to the public school program at an IEP team meeting. To terminate the Contract or ISA, either party shall give no less than twenty (20) days prior written notice to the other party. (California Education Code §56366(a)(4).) If this Contract is terminated with twenty (20) days' notice, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Contract on the date of termination.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Contract or ISA may be terminated immediately, without twenty (20) days prior notice and at LEA's discretion, if LEA determines that there are significant health or safety concerns or there has been a suspension or revocation of CONTRACTOR's NPS/A certification. If this Contract is terminated immediately, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Contract within five (5) business days of termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing regarding termination of an ISA, CONTRACTOR is bound by the "stay put" provisions described in Section 6 of this Contract.

15. **INSURANCE**

CONTRACTOR shall, at CONTRACTOR's sole cost and expense, maintain in full force and effect, during the term of this Contract, the following insurance coverage from a California licensed and/or admitted insurer with an A minus (A-), VII, or better rating from A.M. Best, sufficient to cover any claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including counsel fees) arising out of or in connection with CONTRACTOR's fulfillment of any of its obligations under this Contract or either party's use of the work or any component or part thereof:

PART I - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AND AGENCIES

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance**, including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits as follows:

- \$2,000,000 per occurrence
- \$ 500,000 fire damage
- \$ 5,000 medical expenses
- \$1,000,000 personal & adv. Injury
- \$4,000,000 general aggregate
- \$2,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate

CONTRACTOR's general liability policy shall be primary and shall not seek contribution from LEA's coverage, and be endorsed using Insurance Services Office form CG 20 10 or CG 20 26 (or equivalent) to provide that LEA and its officers, officials, employees, and agents shall be additional insureds under such policies.

- B. **Commercial Auto Liability Insurance** for all owned, non-owned or hired automobiles with a limit of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per accident.

If no owned automobiles, then only hired and non-owned is required. If CONTRACTOR uses a vehicle to travel to/from school sites, between schools and/or to/from students' homes or other locations as approved service locations by the LEA, CONTRACTOR must comply with State of California auto insurance requirements.

- C. **Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance** in accordance with provisions of California Labor Code sections 3200 et seq., adequate to protect CONTRACTOR from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the California Workers' Compensation Insurance and Safety Act and in accordance with applicable State and federal laws.

Part A – Statutory Limits

Part B – \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000 Employers Liability

D. Sexual Abuse and Molestation Insurance

CONTRACTOR shall provide Sexual Abuse and Molestation coverage in the minimum amount of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per occurrence.

E. Errors & Omissions (E & O)/Malpractice (Professional Liability) Insurance

CONTRACTOR shall maintain professional liability insurance that insures against professional errors and omissions that may be made in performing the Services to be rendered in connection with this Contract, in the minimum amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per claim and in the aggregate. Any policy inception date, continuity date, or retroactive date must be before the effective date of this Contract, and CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain continuous coverage through a period no less than three years after completion of the services required by this Contract.

F. For all Insurance Coverage in Part I:

- 1) Each insurance policy required by the Contract shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled, or reduced in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to LEA, except that ten (10) days' prior written notice shall apply in the event of cancellation for nonpayment of premium.
- 2) All self-insured retentions over \$100,000 must be declared and approved by LEA.
- 3) Evidence of Insurance – Prior to commencement of serving LEA students pursuant to this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall furnish LEA with certificates, additional insured endorsements, and waivers of subrogation evidencing compliance with the insurance requirements above. CONTRACTOR must agree to provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies if requested by LEA.
- 4) Acceptability of Insurers – Insurance shall be placed with insurers admitted in the State of California and with an AM Best rating of A-, VII, or higher.

G. All Certificates of Insurance must reference the contract number, name of the school or agency submitting the certificate, and the location of the school or agency submitting the certificate on the certificate.

PART II - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFILIATED WITH A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY (“RTC”)

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS affiliated with a residential treatment center ("NPS/RTC"), the following insurance policies are required:

A. Commercial General Liability including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits of at least:

\$3,000,000 per Occurrence

\$6,000,000 in General Aggregate.

The policy shall be endorsed to name LEA and LEA's Board of Education as named additional insureds and shall provide specifically that any insurance carried by LEA which may be applicable to any claims or loss shall be deemed excess and NPS/RTC's insurance primary

despite any conflicting provisions in the NPS/RTC's policy. Coverage shall be maintained with no Self-Insured Retention above \$100,000 without the prior written approval of LEA.

- B. **Workers' Compensation Insurance** in accordance with provisions of the California Labor Code adequate to protect the NPS/RTC from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act (Statutory Coverage). The Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage must also include Employers Liability coverage with limits of \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000.
- C. **Commercial Auto Liability Coverage** with limits of \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence if the NPS/RTC does not operate a student bus service. If the NPS/RTC provides student bus services, the required coverage limit is \$5,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence.
- D. **Fidelity Bond or Crime Coverage** shall be maintained by the NPS/RTC to cover all employees who process or otherwise have responsibility for NPS/RTC funds, supplies, equipment or other assets. Minimum amount of coverage shall be \$250,000 per occurrence, with no self-insured retention.
- E. **Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions/Malpractice Coverage** with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.
- F. **Sexual Molestation and Abuse Coverage**, unless that coverage is afforded elsewhere in the Commercial General Liability or Professional liability policy by endorsement, with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.

If LEA or CONTRACTOR determines that a change in insurance coverage obligations under this section is necessary, either party may reopen negotiations to modify the insurance obligations.

16. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

To the fullest extent allowed by law, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold LEA and its Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, volunteers, and subcontractors ("LEA Indemnities") harmless against all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of this Contract or its performance, to the extent that such loss, expense, damage or liability was proximately caused by negligence, intentional act, or willful act or omission of CONTRACTOR, including, without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontractors or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it (excluding LEA and LEA Indemnities). The duty and obligation to defend shall arise immediately upon tender of a claim or lawsuit to CONTRACTOR. LEA shall have the right in its sole discretion to select counsel of its choice to provide the defense at the sole cost of CONTRACTOR or the applicable insurance carrier.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, LEA shall indemnify and hold CONTRACTOR and its Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, and subcontractors ("CONTRACTOR Indemnities") harmless against all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of this Contract or its performance thereof, to the extent that such loss, expense, damage or liability was proximately caused by the negligent or willful act or omission of LEA, including, without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontractors or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it (excluding CONTRACTOR and/or any CONTRACTOR Indemnities).

LEA represents that it is self-insured in compliance with the laws of the State of California, that the self-insurance covers LEA employees acting within the course and scope of their respective duties and that its self-insurance covers the LEA's indemnification obligations under this Contract.

17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Nothing herein contained will be construed to imply a joint venture, partnership or principal-agent relationship between LEA and CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide all services under this Contract as an independent contractor, and neither party shall have the authority to bind or make any commitment on behalf of the other. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed to create any association, partnership, joint venture or relationship of principal and agent, master and servant, or employer and employee between the Parties or any affiliates of the Parties, or between LEA and any individual assigned by CONTRACTOR to perform any services for LEA.

If LEA is determined to be a partner, joint venture, co-principal, employer or co-employer of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless LEA from and against any and all claims for loss, liability, or damages arising from that determination, as well as any expenses, costs, taxes, penalties and interest charges incurred by LEA as a result of that determination.

18. SUBCONTRACTING

CONTRACTOR shall not enter into any subcontracting relationship without first obtaining final written approval of LEA. Should CONTRACTOR wish to subcontract for special education and/or related services pursuant to this Contract, it must provide written notification to LEA before any subcontracting arrangement is made. In the event LEA determines that it can provide the subcontracted service(s) at a lower rate, LEA may elect to provide such service(s). If LEA elects to provide such service(s), LEA shall provide written notification to CONTRACTOR within five (5) days of receipt of CONTRACTOR's original notice and CONTRACTOR shall not subcontract for said service(s).

Should LEA approve in concept of CONTRACTOR subcontracting for services, CONTRACTOR shall submit the proposed subcontract to LEA for approval. CONTRACTOR shall incorporate all of the provisions of this Contract in all subcontracts, to the fullest extent possible. Furthermore, when CONTRACTOR is developing subcontracts for the provision of special education and/or related services (including, but not limited to, transportation) for any LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall cause each subcontractor to procure and maintain indemnification and insurance requirements which comply with the provisions of Sections 15 and 16 of this Contract during the term of each subcontract. If a proposed subcontract is approved by LEA, each subcontractor shall furnish LEA with original endorsements and certificates of insurance effecting coverage required by Section 15 of this Contract. The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. Unless otherwise agreed to by LEA, the endorsements are to be on forms provided by LEA. All endorsements are to be received and approved by LEA before the subcontractor's work commences. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies shall name the LEA/SELPA and the LEA Board of Education as additional insureds.

As an alternative to LEA's forms, a subcontractor's insurer may provide, with prior LEA approval, complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by this Contract. All Certificates of Insurance must reference the LEA contract number, name of the NPS/A submitting the certificate, designation of NPS or NPA, and the location of the NPS/A submitting the certificate. In addition, all subcontractors must meet the requirements as contained in Section 45 (Clearance Requirements) and Section 46 (Staff Qualifications) of this Contract. No subcontract shall be considered final without LEA approval.

19. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA upon request a copy of its current bylaws and a current list of its Board of Directors (or Trustees), if it is incorporated. CONTRACTOR and any member of its Board of Directors (or Trustees) shall disclose any relationship with LEA that constitutes or may constitute a conflict of interest pursuant to California Education Code section 56042 and Government Code Section 1090 including, but not limited to, employment with LEA, provision of private party assessments and/or reports,

and attendance at IEP team meetings acting as a student's advocate. Pursuant to California Education Code section 56042, an attorney or advocate for a Parent of an individual with exceptional needs shall not recommend placement at CONTRACTOR's facility if the attorney or advocate is employed or contracted by the CONTRACTOR, or will receive a benefit from the CONTRACTOR, or otherwise has a conflict of interest.

LEA shall neither execute an ISA with CONTRACTOR nor amend an existing ISA for an LEA student when a recommendation for special education and/or related services is based in whole or in part on assessment(s) or reports provided by CONTRACTOR to the LEA student without prior written authorization by LEA. This section shall apply to CONTRACTOR regardless of when an assessment is performed or a report is prepared (i.e., before or after the LEA student is enrolled in CONTRACTOR's NPS/A) or whether an assessment of the LEA student is performed or a report is prepared in the normal course of the services provided to the LEA student by CONTRACTOR. To avoid conflict of interest, and in order to ensure the appropriateness of an Independent Educational Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as "IEE") and its recommendations, LEA may not fund an IEE by an evaluator who provides ongoing service(s) or is sought to provide service(s) to the LEA student for whom the IEE is requested. Likewise, LEA may not fund services through the evaluator whose IEE LEA agrees to fund. When no other appropriate assessor is available, LEA may request and if CONTRACTOR agrees, CONTRACTOR may provide an IEE.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that its authorized representative has read and understands California Education Code section 56366.3 which provides, in relevant part, that no special education and/or related services provided by CONTRACTOR shall be paid for by LEA if provided by an individual who is or was an employee of LEA within the three hundred sixty-five (365) days prior to executing this Contract. This provision does not apply to any person who is able to provide designated instruction and services during the extended school year because he or she is otherwise employed for up to ten months of the school year by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall not admit a student living within the jurisdictional boundaries of the LEA on a private pay or tuition free "scholarship" basis and concurrently or subsequently advise/request Parent(s) to pursue funding for the admitted school year from LEA through due process proceedings. Such action shall constitute good cause for termination of this Contract by LEA.

20. NON-DISCRIMINATION

CONTRACTOR shall not, in employment or operation of its programs, unlawfully discriminate on the basis of gender, nationality, national origin, ancestry, race, color, ethnicity, ethnic group affiliation, religion, age, marital status, pregnancy or parental status, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disability, genetic information, medical condition, military or veteran status, or any other classification protected by federal or State law or the perception of one or more of such characteristics or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

21. FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION (FAPE)

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with a copy of the IEP including the Individualized Transition Plan (hereinafter referred to as "ITP") of each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services (including transition services) to each LEA student within the NPS/A consistent with the student's IEP and as specified in the ISA. If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall not accept an LEA student if it cannot provide or ensure the provision of the services outlined in the student's IEP. If an LEA student's services are provided by a third party (i.e. Related Services Provider), CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, if provision of services cease.

Unless otherwise agreed to between CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the provision of all appropriate supplies, equipment, and/or facilities, as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall make no charge of any kind to parents for special education and/or related services as specified in the student's IEP and ISA (including, but not limited to, screenings, assessments, or interviews that occur prior to or as a condition of an LEA student's enrollment under the terms of this Contract). LEA shall provide low incidence equipment for eligible students with low incidence disabilities when specified in an LEA student's IEP and ISA. Such equipment remains the property of the LEA and shall be returned to the LEA when the IEP team determines the equipment is no longer needed or when the student is no longer enrolled in the NPS. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that facilities are adequate to provide LEA students with an environment which meets all pertinent health and safety regulations.

CONTRACTOR may charge an LEA student's Parent(s) for services and/or activities not necessary for the student to receive a FAPE after: (a) written notification to the LEA student's Parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities; and (b) receipt by LEA of the written notification and a written acknowledgment signed by the LEA student's Parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning Parent acknowledgment of financial responsibility.

Voluntary services and/or activities not necessary for the student to receive a FAPE shall not interfere with the LEA student's receipt of special education and/or related services as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA unless the LEA, CONTRACTOR, and Parent agree otherwise in writing.

22. GENERAL PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION

All NPS/A services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code section 56366 *et seq.*

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction shall: (a) utilize evidence-based practices and be consistent with LEA's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (b) include curriculum that addresses mathematics, literacy and the use of educational, assistive technology and transition services; (c) be consistent with CDE's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (d) provide the services as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. LEA students shall have access to: (a) State Board of Education (SBE) - adopted Common Core State Standards ("CCSS") for curriculum and the same instructional materials for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive; and provide standards – aligned core curriculum and instructional materials for grades 9 to 12, inclusive, used by LEA; (b) college preparation courses; (c) extracurricular activities, such as art, sports, music and academic clubs; (d) career preparation and vocational training, consistent with transition plans pursuant to State and federal law and; (e) supplemental assistance, including individual academic tutoring, psychological counseling, and career and college counseling. When appropriate, CONTRACTOR shall utilize the designated curriculum guidelines for students with moderate to severe disabilities who participate in the State's alternative assessment. These students shall have access to the core content, activities, and instructional materials delineated within these curriculum guidelines. CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction shall be described in writing and a copy provided to LEA prior to the effective date of this Contract.

When CONTRACTOR serves students in grades 9 through 12 inclusive, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR a specific list of the course requirements to be satisfied by CONTRACTOR leading toward graduation or completion of LEA's diploma requirements. CONTRACTOR shall not award a high school diploma to students who have not successfully completed all of LEA's graduation requirements.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction and/or services shall utilize evidence-based practices and be consistent with LEA and CDE guidelines and certifications, and shall be provided as specified in the student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a written description of the services and location provided prior to the effective date of this Contract. School-based services may not be unilaterally converted by CONTRACTOR to a substitute program or provided at a location not specifically authorized by the IEP

team. Except for services provided by a CONTRACTOR that is a Licensed Children's Institution (LCI), all services not provided in the school setting require the presence of a Parent or adult caregiver during the delivery of services, provided such guardian or caregiver have a signed authorization by the Parent to authorize emergency services as requested. LCI CONTRACTORS shall ensure that appropriate and qualified residential or clinical staff is present during the provision of services under this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA in writing if no Parent, guardian or adult caregiver is present.

CONTRACTORS providing Behavior Intervention Services shall develop a written plan that specifies the nature of their NPA service for each student within thirty (30) days of enrollment and shall be provided in writing to the LEA. CONTRACTORS providing Behavior Intervention Services must have a trained behaviorist or trained equivalent on staff who is qualified and responsible for the design, planning, and implementation of behavioral interventions as the law requires. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3051.23; Ed. Code § 56366.10(e).) It is understood that Behavior Intervention Services are limited per CDE Certification and do not constitute an instructional program.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA, CONTRACTOR shall not provide transportation nor subcontract for transportation services for students unless LEA and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing.

23. INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, the total number of instructional minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be at least equivalent to the number of instructional minutes per school day provided to LEA students at like grade level attending LEA schools and shall be specified in the student's ISA developed in accordance with the student's IEP.

For students in grades kindergarten through 12 inclusive, unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP and ISA, the number of instructional minutes, excluding breakfast, recess, lunch and passing time shall be at the same level that California Education Code prescribes for LEA.

The total number of annual instructional minutes shall be at least equivalent to the total number of annual instructional minutes provided to LEA students attending LEA schools in like grade level unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, the total number of minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be specified in the LEA student's ISA developed in accordance with the student's IEP.

24. CLASS SIZE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that class size shall not exceed a ratio of one teacher per twelve (12) students, unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in writing. Upon prior written approval by an authorized LEA representative, class size may be temporarily increased by a ratio of 1 teacher to fourteen (14) students when necessary during the regular or extended school year to provide services to students with disabilities.

In the event a NPS CONTRACTOR is unable to fill a vacant teaching position responsible for direct instruction to LEA students, and the vacancy has a direct impact on the CDE Certification of that school, CONTRACTOR shall develop a plan to ensure appropriate coverage of students by first utilizing existing certificated staff. CONTRACTOR and LEA may agree to one 30 school day period per contract year where class size may be increased to ensure coverage by an appropriately credentialed teacher. Such an agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties. This provision does not apply to a NPA CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR providing special education instruction for individuals with exceptional needs between the ages of three and five years, inclusive, shall also comply with the appropriate instructional adult to child ratios pursuant to California Education Code sections 56440 *et seq.*

25. CALENDARS

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS:

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a school calendar with the total number of billable days not to exceed 180 days, plus extended school year billable days equivalent to the number of days determined by LEA's extended school year calendar. Billable days shall include only those days that are included on the submitted and approved school calendar, and/or required by the IEP (developed by LEA) for each LEA student. CONTRACTOR shall not be allowed to change its school calendar and/or amend the number of billable days without the prior written approval of LEA. Nothing in this Contract shall be interpreted to require LEA to accept any requests for calendar changes. In the event LEA adjusts the number of school days for its regular school year and/or extended school year, the approved number of days shall become the total billable days for CONTRACTOR. In such a case, an amended calendar shall be provided by CONTRACTOR for LEA approval.

Unless otherwise specified by the LEA student's IEP, educational services shall occur at the school site. A student shall only be eligible for extended school year services as determined by the student's IEP team and the provision of such is specifically included in the ISA. Extended school year shall consist of twenty (20) instructional days, unless otherwise agreed upon by the student's IEP team convened by the LEA. Any days of extended school year in excess of twenty (20) billable days must be mutually agreed to by LEA and CONTRACTOR, in writing, prior to the start of the extended school year.

Student must have actually been in attendance during the regular school year and/or during extended school year and received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any NPS service. Any instructional days provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall observe the same legal holidays as LEA. As of the execution of this Contract, those holidays are: Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth and Independence Day. With the prior written approval of LEA, CONTRACTOR may revise the date upon which CONTRACTOR closes in observance of any of the holidays observed by LEA.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA:

CONTRACTOR shall be provided with a LEA-developed/approved calendar prior to the initiation of services. CONTRACTOR herein agrees to observe holidays as specified in LEA-developed/approved calendar. CONTRACTOR shall provide services pursuant to LEA-developed/approved calendar; or as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. Unless otherwise specified in the LEA student's ISA, CONTRACTOR shall provide related services to LEA students on only those days that the LEA student's school of attendance is in session and the LEA student attends school. CONTRACTOR shall bill only for services provided on billable days of attendance as indicated on LEA calendar unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in writing before delivery of any NPA services. Student must have actually been in attendance and/or received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any NPA service provided by CONTRACTOR. Any services provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of the CONTRACTOR. In the event of school closures due to emergency, payment will follow the procedures in accordance with Section 62 of this Contract.

26. DATA REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall agree to provide to LEA all data related to LEA student information and billing information. CONTRACTOR shall provide data related to all sections of this Contract, including student discipline as noted below, when requested by LEA and in the format required by LEA. It is understood that CONTRACTOR shall utilize LEA-approved electronic IEP system for all IEP development, service tracking documentation, and progress reporting, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by LEA. Additional progress reporting may be required by the LEA. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with appropriate software, user training and proper internet permissions to allow adequate access so that this information may be compiled.

Using forms developed by the CDE or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA, on a monthly basis, a written report of all incidents in which a statutory offense is committed by any LEA student, regardless if it results in a disciplinary action of suspension or expulsion. This includes all statutory offenses as described in Education Codes sections 48900 and 48915. CONTRACTOR shall also include incidents resulting in the use of a behavioral restraint and/or seclusion even if they were not a result of a violation of Education Code sections 48900 and 48915. (Ed. Code § 49006.)

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with approved forms and/or format for such data including, but not limited to, invoicing, attendance reports and progress reports. LEA may approve use of CONTRACTOR-provided forms at its discretion.

27. LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall follow all LEA Procedures that support Least Restrictive Environment (“LRE”) options and/or dual enrollment options if available and appropriate, for students to have access to the general curriculum and to be educated with their nondisabled peers to the maximum extent appropriate.

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall ensure that LRE placement options are addressed at all IEP team meetings regarding students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. This shall include IEP team consideration of supplementary aids and services, goals and objectives necessary for placement in the LRE and necessary to enable students to transition to less restrictive settings.

When an IEP team has determined that a student should be transitioned into the public school setting, CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA in implementing the IEP team’s recommended activities to support the transition.

28. STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, per implementation of Senate Bill 484, CONTRACTOR shall administer all statewide assessments within the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (“CAASPP”), Desired Results Developmental Profile (“DRDP”), California Alternative Assessment (“CAA”), achievement and abilities tests (using LEA-authorized assessment instruments), the Fitness Gram, the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (“ELPAC”), and Alternative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (“Alternative ELPAC”), and as appropriate to the LEA student, and mandated by LEA pursuant to LEA, State of California, and federal guidelines.

CONTRACTOR is subject to the alternative accountability system developed pursuant to Education Code section 52052, in the same manner as public schools. Each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR by the LEA shall be tested by qualified staff of CONTRACTOR in accordance with that accountability program. LEA shall provide test administration training to CONTRACTOR’S qualified staff.

CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA test training and comply with completion of all coding requirements as required by LEA.

29. MANDATED ATTENDANCE AT LEA MEETINGS

CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA-mandated meetings when legal mandates and/or LEA Procedures are reviewed, including but not limited to the areas of: curriculum, high school graduation, standards-based instruction, behavior intervention, cultural and linguistic needs of students with disabilities, dual enrollment responsibilities, LRE responsibilities, transition services, data collection, standardized testing, and IEPs. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with reasonable notice of mandated meetings. Attendance at such meetings does not constitute a billable service hour(s).

30. POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Education Code section 49005, *et seq.*, 56521.1 and 56521.2. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that CONTRACTOR utilizes a multi-tier system of support ("MTSS") to address student needs. CONTRACTOR shall also ensure that all staff are trained on the use of positive behavior interventions and supports consistent with this Contract.

LEA students who exhibit behaviors that interfere with their learning or the learning of others must receive timely and appropriate assessments and positive supports and interventions in accordance with the federal law and its implementing regulations. If the IEP team determines that a student's behavior impedes his or her learning or the learning of others, the IEP team is required to consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. This could mean that instead of developing a Behavior Intervention Plan ("BIP"), the IEP team may conclude it is sufficient to address the student's behavioral problems through the development of behavioral goals and behavioral interventions to support those goals.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written policy pursuant to California Education Code section 56521.1 regarding emergency interventions and behavioral emergency reports ("BERs"). CONTRACTOR shall inform each of its employees about the policy, provide each employee a copy thereof, and provide training to all employees regarding the policy. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all of its staff members are trained in crisis intervention, emergency procedures, and evidenced-based practices and interventions specific to the unique behavioral needs of the CONTRACTOR's pupil population. Training shall include certification by an approved LEA crisis intervention program. The training shall be provided within 30 days of employment to new staff who have any contact or interaction with pupils during the school day, and annually to all staff who have any contact or interaction with pupils during the school day. (Ed. Code 56366.10(f).) The CONTRACTOR shall select and conduct the training in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1. CONTRACTOR shall maintain accurate written records documenting all training completed by all of CONTRACTOR's employees. Evidence of all trainings shall be submitted to LEA at least annually at the beginning of the school year, and within five (5) business days of completion of training or any new hire upon LEA request.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.1, emergency interventions shall not be used as a substitute for a BIP and shall not be employed longer than necessary to contain the behavior. Emergency interventions may only be used to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to a LEA student or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior. If a situation requires prolonged use of emergency intervention, staff must seek assistance from the school site administrator or a law enforcement agency. Consistent with Section 44 of this Contract, LEA may observe and/or audit CONTRACTOR's implementation of BIPs, staff use of behavior interventions, including emergency interventions, at any time, and without prior notice.

CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER when an emergency occurs that is defined as a serious, dangerous behavior that staff has determined to present a clear and present danger to others. It requires a non-violent physical intervention to protect the safety of student, self, or others and a physical intervention has been used; or a physical intervention has not been used, but an injury or serious property damage has occurred. The use of Personal Safety Techniques (which may or may not have been used) does not determine whether a BER is required. Emergencies *require* a BER form be completed and submitted to the LEA within twenty-four (24) hours for administrative action. CONTRACTOR shall notify Parent within twenty-four (24) hours via telephone. If the student's IEP does not contain a BIP, an IEP team shall schedule a meeting to review the BER, determine if there is a necessity for a functional behavioral assessment ("FBA"), and to determine an interim plan, or both. If the student already has a BIP, the IEP team shall review and modify the BIP if a new serious behavior has been exhibited or existing behavioral interventions have proven to be ineffective. CONTRACTOR shall schedule with LEA an IEP meeting within two (2) days.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.2, CONTRACTOR shall not authorize, order, consent to, or pay for the following interventions, or any other interventions similar to or like the following:

1. any intervention that is designed to, or likely to, cause physical pain, including, but not limited to, electric-shock;
2. an intervention that involves the release of noxious, toxic, or otherwise unpleasant sprays, mists, or substances in proximity to the face of the individual;
3. an intervention that denies adequate sleep, food, water, shelter, bedding, physical comfort, or access to bathroom facilities;
4. an intervention that is designed to subject, used to subject, or likely to subject, the individual to verbal abuse, ridicule, or humiliation, or that can be expected to cause excessive emotional trauma;
5. restrictive interventions that employ a device, material, or objects that simultaneously immobilize all four extremities, including the procedure known as prone containment, except that prone containment or similar techniques may be used by trained personnel as a limited emergency intervention;
6. locked seclusion, unless it is in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use a locked room;
7. an intervention that precludes adequate supervision of the individual;
8. an intervention that deprives the individual of one or more of his or her senses.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with Education Code section 49005.8. Specifically, Contractor shall not do any of the following:

1. Use seclusion or a behavioral restraint for the purpose of coercion, discipline, convenience, or retaliation.
2. Use locked seclusion, unless it is in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use a locked room.
3. Use a physical restraint technique that obstructs a pupil's respiratory airway or impairs the pupil's breathing or respiratory capacity, including techniques in which a staff member places pressure on a pupil's back or places his or her body weight against the pupil's torso or back.
4. Use a behavioral restraint technique that restricts breathing, including, but not limited to, using a pillow, blanket, carpet, mat, or other item to cover a pupil's face.
5. Place a pupil in a facedown position with the pupil's hands held or restrained behind the pupil's back.
6. Use a behavioral restraint for longer than is necessary to contain the behavior that poses a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the pupil or others.

CONTRACTOR shall keep constant, direct observation of a pupil who is in seclusion, which may be through observation of the pupil through a window, or another barrier, through which the educational provider is able to make direct eye contact with the pupil. This observation shall not be through indirect means, including through a security camera or a closed-circuit television.

CONTRACTOR shall afford pupils who are restrained the least restrictive alternative and the maximum freedom of movement, and shall use the least number of restraint points, while ensuring the physical safety of the pupil and others.

If prone restraint techniques are used by CONTRACTOR, a staff member shall observe the pupil for any signs of physical distress throughout the use of prone restraint. Whenever possible, the staff member monitoring the pupil shall not be involved in restraining the pupil.

In the case of a child whose behavior impedes the child's learning or that of others, the IEP team shall consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA via telephone of any severe or increasingly frequent behavior problem, any emergency intervention in response to a previously unseen serious behavior problem, or where a previously designed behavior intervention is ineffective, that may require an IEP team meeting.

All restraint practices must be reviewed and revised when they have an adverse effect on a student and are used repeatedly for an individual child, either on multiple occasions within the same classroom or multiple uses by the same individual. CONTRACTOR shall notify the Parent when any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusion has been used. Upon the use of any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusions of an LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER per the reporting and notification requirements listed above.

BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION REPORTING: Twice annually, CONTRACTOR shall certify to LEA that (a) CONTRACTOR has reviewed the BERs for each LEA student in conjunction with that student's IEP and BIP; (b) Staff are trained to implement each LEA student's BIP, including approved or prohibited restraint techniques for each student; (c) emergency interventions have only been used to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to LEA students or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior; and (d) BERs have been properly completed and timely forwarded to LEA as required by this Contract.

CONTRACTOR's failure to comply with any of the requirements of Section 30: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports shall constitute sufficient good cause for immediate termination of this Contract by LEA.

31. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and abide by a written policy for student discipline that is consistent with State of California and federal law and regulations. Using forms developed by the California Department of Education or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA, on a monthly basis, a written report of all incidents in which a statutory offense is committed by any LEA student, regardless if it results in a disciplinary action of suspension or expulsion. This includes all statutory offenses as described in Education Codes 48900 and 48915. CONTRACTOR shall also include incidents resulting in the use of a behavioral restraint and/or seclusion even if they were not a result of a violation of Education Code Sections 48900 and 48915. (Ed. Code § 49006.)

When CONTRACTOR seeks to remove a LEA student from the student's current educational placement for disciplinary reasons, CONTRACTOR shall immediately (within 24 hours) submit a written discipline report to LEA. Written discipline reports shall include, but not be limited to: the student's name, grade, race, ethnicity, and gender; the time, date, and description of the misconduct; the disciplinary action taken by CONTRACTOR; and the rationale for such disciplinary action. A copy of the LEA student's behavior plan, if any, shall be submitted with the written discipline report. CONTRACTOR and LEA agree to participate in a manifestation determination at an IEP meeting no later than the tenth (10th) day after the decision is made to suspend the student for more than ten (10) school days or recommend expulsion of the

student. LEA shall notify and invite CONTRACTOR representatives to the IEP team meeting where the manifestation determination will be made.

32. IEP TEAM MEETINGS

An IEP team meeting shall be convened at least annually to evaluate: (1) the educational progress of each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR, including all state assessment results pursuant to the requirements of Education Code section 52052; (2) whether or not the needs of the LEA student continue to be best met at the NPS; and (3) whether changes to the student's IEP are necessary, including whether the LEA student may be transitioned to a public school setting. (California Education Code sections 56366(a)(2)(B)(i) and (ii) and California Education Code section 56345(b)(4).)

If an LEA student is to be transferred from a NPS setting into a regular class setting in a public school for any part of the school day, the IEP team shall document, a description of activities provided to integrate the student into the regular education program, including the nature of each activity as well as the time spent on the activity each day or week and a description of the activities provided to support the transition of the student from the special education program into the regular education program. Each LEA student shall be allowed to provide confidential input to any representative of the student's IEP team. Except as otherwise provided in the Contract, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall participate in all IEP team meetings regarding LEA students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. At any time during the term of this Contract, the Parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of the LEA student's IEP, subject to all procedural safeguards required by law, including reasonable notice given to, and participation of, CONTRACTOR, LEA, and Parent in the meeting. Every effort shall be made to schedule IEP team meetings at a time and place that is mutually convenient to CONTRACTOR, LEA, and Parent. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, at no cost and prior to an annual or triennial IEP team meeting, documentation regarding the student's progress on goals and any and all assessments and written assessment reports (including testing protocols) created by CONTRACTOR and any of its agents or subcontractors, upon request and/or pursuant to LEA Procedures. It is understood that attendance at an IEP meeting is part of CONTRACTOR'S professional responsibility and is not a billable service under this Contract.

It is understood that CONTRACTOR shall utilize the LEA approved electronic IEP system for all IEP planning and progress reporting at LEA's discretion. LEA may provide training for any CONTRACTOR to ensure access to the approved system. CONTRACTOR shall maintain confidentiality of all IEP data on the approved system and shall protect the password requirements of the system. When a LEA student disenrolls from the NPS/A, the CONTRACTOR shall discontinue use of the approved system for that student.

Changes in any LEA student's educational program, including instruction, services, or instructional setting provided under this Contract, may only be made on the basis of revisions to the student's IEP. In the event that CONTRACTOR believes a LEA student requires a change of placement, CONTRACTOR may request a review of the student's IEP for the purposes of consideration of a change in the student's placement. A LEA student is entitled to remain in the last agreed upon and implemented placement unless Parent agrees otherwise or an Interim Alternative Educational Setting is deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH consistent with Section 1415(k)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code.

33. SURROGATE PARENTS AND FOSTER YOUTH

CONTRACTOR shall comply with LEA surrogate parent assignments. Surrogate parents shall serve as the child's Parent and have all the rights relative to the student's education that a parent has under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act pursuant to 20 U.S.C. sections 1414-1482 and 34 C.F.R. sections 300.1-300.756. A pupil in foster care shall be defined pursuant to California Education Code section 42238.01(b). LEA shall annually notify CONTRACTOR who LEA has designated as the educational liaison for foster children. When a pupil in foster care is enrolled in a NPS by LEA any time after the completion of the student's second year of high school, CONTRACTOR shall schedule the pupil in courses leading towards graduation based on the diploma requirements of LEA unless provided notice otherwise in writing pursuant to Section 51225.1.

34. DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in special education due process proceedings including mediations and hearings, as requested by LEA. Participation includes CONTRACTOR's staff being made available for witness preparation and testimony as is necessary to facilitate a due process hearing. CONTRACTOR shall also fully participate in the investigation and provision of documentation related to any complaint filed with the State of California, the Office of Civil Rights, or any other State and/or federal governmental body or agency. Full participation shall include, but in no way be limited to, cooperating with LEA representatives to provide complete answers raised by any investigator and/or the immediate provision of any and all documentation that pertains to the operation of CONTRACTOR's program and/or the implementation of a particular student's IEP/ISA.

35. COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and adhere to its own written procedures for responding to Parent complaints. These procedures shall include annually notifying and providing Parents of LEA students with appropriate information (including complaint forms) for the following: (1) Uniform Complaint Procedures pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4600 *et seq.*; (2) Nondiscrimination policy pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4960 (a); (3) Sexual Harassment Policy, California Education Code 231.5 (a) (b) (c); (4) Title IX Student Grievance Procedure, Title IX 106.8(a), (d) and 106.9(a); and (5) Notice of Privacy Practices in compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA"). CONTRACTOR shall include verification of these procedures to the LEA. CONTRACTOR shall immediately (within 24 hours) notify LEA of any complaints filed against it related to LEA students and provide LEA with all documentation related to the complaints and/or its investigation of complaints, including any and all reports generated as a result of an investigation.

36. LEA STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS AND ASSESSMENTS

Unless LEA requests in writing that progress reports be provided on a monthly basis, CONTRACTOR shall provide to Parents, with a concurrent copy sent to LEA, at least four (4) written progress reports/report cards. At a minimum, progress reports shall include progress over time towards IEP goals and objectives. A copy of the progress reports/report cards shall be maintained at CONTRACTOR's place of business and shall be submitted to the LEA and LEA student's Parent quarterly.

CONTRACTOR shall also provide LEA representatives access to supporting documentation used to determine progress on any goal or objective, transition plans, and behavior intervention plans, including but not limited to log sheets, chart notes, observation notes, data sheets, pre-/post-tests, rubrics and other similar data collection used to determine progress or lack of progress on approved goals, objectives, transition plans or behavior intervention plans. LEA may request such data at any time within five (5) years of the date of service. CONTRACTOR shall maintain such information for at least five (5) years and shall provide this data supporting progress to LEA within five (5) business days of request. Additional time may be granted as needed by the LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall complete academic or other evaluations of the LEA student at least ten (10) days prior to the student's IEP team meeting for the purpose of reporting the LEA student's present levels of performance at the IEP team meeting as required by State and federal laws and regulations and pursuant to LEA Procedures, and/or LEA practices. CONTRACTOR shall provide sufficient copies of its reports, documents, and projected goals to share with members of the IEP team at least five (5) business days prior to the IEP meeting. CONTRACTOR shall maintain supporting documentation, such as test protocols and data collection, which shall be made available to LEA within five (5) business days of request.

CONTRACTOR is responsible for all evaluation costs regarding the updating of goals and objectives, progress reporting, and development of present levels of performance. All assessments resulting from an assessment plan shall be provided by LEA unless LEA specifies in writing a request that CONTRACTOR perform such assessment. Any assessment and/or evaluation costs may be added to the ISA and/or approved separately by LEA at LEA's sole discretion.

It is understood that all billable hours must be in direct services to LEA students as specified in the ISA. For NPA services, supervision provided by a qualified individual as specified in Title 5 Regulation, subsection 3065, shall be determined as appropriate and included in the ISA. Supervision means the direct observation of services, data review, case conferencing and program design consistent with professional standards for each professional's license, certification, or credential.

CONTRACTOR shall not charge a LEA student's Parent(s) or LEA for the provision of progress reports, report cards, and/or any evaluations conducted in order to obtain present levels of performance, interviews, and/or attendance at any meetings. It is understood that all billable hours are limited to those specified on the ISA consistent with the IEP. It is understood that copies of data collection notes, forms, charts and other such data are part of the student's record and shall be made available to LEA upon written request.

37. TRANSCRIPTS

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall prepare transcripts at the close of each semester, or upon LEA student transfer, for LEA students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) inclusive, and submit such transcripts on LEA-approved forms to the LEA student's school of residence for evaluation of progress toward completion of diploma requirements as specified in LEA Procedures. CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA, the names of LEA students and their schools of residence for whom transcripts have been submitted as specified by LEA. All transcripts shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR and furnished to LEA upon request, consistent with the parameters of Sections 9 and 26 of this Contract.

38. LEA STUDENT CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

Upon enrollment, CONTRACTOR shall notify Parents in writing of their obligation to notify CONTRACTOR of an LEA student's change of residence. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide upon request by LEA, documentation of such notice to Parents. Within five (5) school days from the date CONTRACTOR becomes aware of a LEA student's change of residence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing of the LEA student's change of residence as specified in LEA Procedures.

If CONTRACTOR had knowledge or should reasonably have had knowledge of an LEA student's change of residence and CONTRACTOR fails to follow the procedures specified in this section, LEA shall not be responsible for the costs of services delivered following the LEA student's change of residence.

39. WITHDRAWAL OF LEA STUDENT FROM NPS/A

CONTRACTOR shall immediately report to LEA via telephone and electronically (within 24 hours) and in writing to LEA within five (5) business days when a LEA student is withdrawn from school and/or services without prior notice. This includes but is not limited to a LEA student's change of residence to a residence outside of LEA boundaries, and LEA student's discharge against professional advice from a NPS and/or residential treatment center ("RTC"). CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA to verify potential dropouts three (3) times per year.

40. PARENT ACCESS

CONTRACTOR shall provide for reasonable parental access to LEA students and all facilities including, but not limited to, the instructional setting, recreational activity areas, meeting rooms and student living quarters when applicable. CONTRACTOR shall comply with any known court orders regarding parental visits and access to LEA students.

CONTRACTOR operating programs associated with a NPS/RTC shall cooperate with a Parent's reasonable request for LEA student therapeutic visits in their home or at the NPS/RTC. CONTRACTOR shall require that Parents obtain prior written authorization for therapeutic visits from CONTRACTOR and LEA at least thirty (30) days in advance. When requested, CONTRACTOR shall facilitate all Parent travel and

accommodations and for providing travel information to the parent as appropriate. Payment by LEA for approved travel-related expenses shall be made directly through LEA consistent with LEA Procedures.

CONTRACTOR providing services in a LEA student's home as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one Parent of the child, or an adult caregiver with the Parent's written and signed authorization to make decisions in an emergency, is present. The names of any adult caregiver other than the Parent shall be provided to the LEA prior to the start of any home based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the Parent informs the LEA of any changes of caregivers and provide written authorization for emergencies. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing immediately (within 24 hours) of all problems and/or concerns reported to Parents, both verbal and written.

41. LICENSED CHILDREN'S INSTITUTION ("LCI") CONTRACTORS AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER ("RTC") CONTRACTORS

If CONTRACTOR is a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements regarding educational placements for LCI students as stated in Education Code 56366 (a) (2) (C), 56366.9 (c) (1), Health and Safety Code section 1501.1 and any other applicable laws and/or regulations, including LEA guidelines and LEA Procedures. An LCI shall not require that a pupil be placed in its NPS as a condition of being placed in its residential facility.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS/RTC, CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. section 1400 et seq. including the federal regulations 34 C.F.R section 300 et seq. and Education Code section 56000 et seq. including Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 et seq.. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all monitoring requirements set forth in Section 43 below.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS that is owned, operated by, or associated with a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, on a quarterly basis, a list of all LEA students, including those identified as eligible for special education. For those identified as special education students, the list shall include: 1) special education eligibility at the time of enrollment and; 2) the educational placement and services specified in each student's IEP at the time of enrollment. A copy of the current IEP shall be provided to the LEA.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings order or a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and Parent, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with NPS placement until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a NPS placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by the LEA student's Parent or another adult with educational decision-making rights.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide, respectively, special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.).

42. STATE MEAL MANDATE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall satisfy the State Meal Mandate under California Education Code sections 49005 et seq.; 49501.5, the universal meal mandate enacted by AB 130 (2021-2022); 49530 et seq; and 49550 et seq.

43. MONITORING

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, LEA (or SELPA) shall conduct at least one onsite monitoring visit during each school year to the NPS at which LEA has a student attending and with which it maintains a master

contract. The monitoring visit shall include, but is not limited to, a review of services provided to the student through the ISA between LEA and the NPS, a review of progress the student is making toward the goals set forth in the student's IEP, a review of progress the student is making toward the goals set forth in the student's BIP, if applicable, an observation of the pupil during instruction, and a walkthrough of the facility. LEA (or SELPA) shall report the findings resulting from the monitoring visit to the California Department of Education within 60 calendar days of the onsite visit.

LEA (or SELPA) shall conduct an onsite visit to the NPS before placement of a student if LEA does not have any students enrolled at the NPS at the time of placement. (Ed. Code § 56366.1.)

CONTRACTOR shall allow LEA representatives access to its facilities for additional periodic monitoring of each LEA student's instructional program. LEA shall have access to observe each LEA student at work, observe the instructional setting, interview CONTRACTOR, and review each LEA student's records and progress held by CONTRACTOR. LEA's access shall include unannounced monitoring visits. When making site visits, LEA shall initially report to CONTRACTOR's site administrative office. CONTRACTOR and LEA shall be invited to participate in the review of each LEA student's progress.

If CONTRACTOR is also an LCI and/or NPS/RTC, the CDE shall annually evaluate whether CONTRACTOR is in compliance with Education Code section 56366.9 and Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b). LEA may also conduct its own onsite review of a NPS using LEA's Quality On-Site NPS Review Rubric.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction ("Superintendent") shall monitor CONTRACTOR'S facilities, the educational environment, and the quality of the educational program, including the teaching staff, the credentials authorizing service, the standards-based core curriculum being employed, and the standard focused instructional materials used on a three-year cycle, as follows: (1) CONTRACTOR shall complete a self-review in year one; (2) Superintendent shall conduct an onsite review in year two; and (3) Superintendent shall conduct a follow-up visit in year three.

CONTRACTOR shall participate in any LEA or CDE compliance review, if applicable, to be conducted as aligned with the CDE Onsite Review and monitoring cycle in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(j). This review will address programmatic aspects of the NPS, compliance with relevant State and federal regulations, and Contract compliance. If requested by LEA, CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit a Nonpublic School/Agency Self-Review Assessment to LEA and CDE. CONTRACTOR shall conduct any follow-up or corrective action procedures related to review findings.

CONTRACTOR understands that LEA reserves the right to institute a program audit with or without cause. The program audit may include, but is not limited to, a review of core compliance areas of health and safety; curriculum/instruction; related services; and contractual, legal, and procedural compliance.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall collect all applicable data and prepare the applicable portion of a School Accountability Report Card as appropriate in accordance with California Education Code Section 33126.

PERSONNEL

44. CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

If CONTRACTOR is a NPA:

When CONTRACTOR is an NPA, all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors of CONTRACTOR who will or are likely to interact with LEA students shall obtain clearance from both the California Department of Justice (hereinafter referred to as "CDOJ") and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI"). Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information and notwithstanding the express provisions of California Education Code sections 44237, 45125.1, and 56366.1, CONTRACTOR shall require all employees, volunteers, and

subcontractors to submit fingerprints through LEA's Live Scan system, regardless of whether CONTRACTOR requires its employees and volunteers to submit fingerprints for background checks in accordance with its own procedures. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall require all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors who will interact with LEA students outside the immediate supervision and control of the student's Parent or an LEA employee to enroll in LEA's subsequent arrest notification service as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2.

No employees, volunteers, or subcontractors of CONTRACTOR who have been convicted of a violent or serious felony, as those terms are defined in California Education Code Section 44237 subdivision (h) shall interact with LEA students outside the immediate supervision and control of the student's Parent or an LEA employee, unless despite the employee's, volunteer's, or subcontractor's conviction of a violent or serious felony, they have met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237 subdivisions (i) or (j). CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers shall not interact with LEA students unless and until CDOJ and DBI clearances are ascertained through LEA's Live Scan system.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS or RTC:

When CONTRACTOR is an NPS or RTC, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 44237, 35021.1, 35021.2, and 56366.1 including, but not limited to: obtaining clearance from both the California Department of Justice (hereinafter referred to as "CDOJ") and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI") for CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers who will have or likely may have any direct contact with LEA students. In addition, if CONTRACTOR is located outside of California, then the CONTRACTOR shall also obtain clearance from its state's department of justice. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers shall not come in contact with LEA students until CDOJ, its state's DOJ, and FBI clearance are ascertained. CONTRACTOR shall certify in writing to LEA that none of its employees, and volunteers, unless CONTRACTOR determines that the volunteers will have no direct contact with students, or subcontractors who may come into contact with LEA students have been convicted of a violent or serious felony as those terms are defined in California Education Code section 44237(h), unless despite the employee's conviction of a violent or serious felony, he or she has met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237(i) or (j). Upon request, clearance certification shall be submitted to the LEA. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall make a request for subsequent arrest service from CDOJ as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2. CONTRACTOR shall certify to LEA that CONTRACTOR'S employees, volunteers, and subcontractors have successful background checks and CONTRACTOR enrolled in subsequent arrest notification service for all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors who may come into contact with LEA students.

Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information, CONTRACTOR, upon demand, shall make available to LEA evidence of a successful criminal background check clearance and enrollment in subsequent arrest notification service, as provided, for each owner, operator, employee, volunteer, and subcontractor of the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR is required to retain the evidence on-site, as specified, for all staff, including those licensed or credentialed by another state agency. Background clearances and proof of subsequent arrest notification service, as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2, for all staff shall be provided to the LEA upon request.

45. STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services hold a license, certificate, permit, or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold in the service rendered consistent with Education Code section 56366.1(n)(1) and are qualified pursuant to Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58, and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations sections 3001(r), 3064 and 3065. Such qualified staff may only provide related services within the scope of their professional license, certification or credential and ethical standards set by each

profession, and not assume responsibility or authority for another related services provider or special education teacher's scope of practice.

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all staff are appropriately credentialed to provide instruction and services to students with the disabling conditions placed in their program/school through documentation provided to the CDE. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3064(a).)

In accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(a)(5), when CONTRACTOR is a NPS, an appropriately qualified person shall serve as curricular and instructional leader, and be able to provide leadership, oversight and professional development. The administrator of the NPS holds or is in the process of obtaining one of the following: (A) An administrative credential granted by an accredited postsecondary educational institution and two years of experience with pupils with disabilities. (B) A pupil personnel services credential that authorizes school counseling or psychology. (C) A license as a clinical social worker issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (D) A license in psychology regulated by the Board of Psychology. (E) A master's degree issued by an accredited postsecondary institution in education, special education, psychology, counseling, behavioral analysis, social work, behavioral science, or rehabilitation. (F) A credential authorizing special education instruction and at least two years of experience teaching in special education before becoming an administrator. (G) A license as a marriage and family therapist certified by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (H) A license as an educational psychologist issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (I) A license as a professional clinical counselor issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (California Education Code §56366.1(a)(5)) CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to the LEA upon request, documentation of its administrator's qualifications in accordance with the above.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with personnel standards and qualifications regarding instructional aides and teacher assistants respectively pursuant to federal requirements and California Education Code sections 45340 *et seq.* and 45350 *et seq.* Specifically, all paraprofessionals, including but not limited to, instructional aides and teacher assistants, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or subcontracted by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services, shall possess a high school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and at least one of the following qualifications: (a) completed at least two (2) years of study at an institution of higher education; or (b) obtained an associate's (or higher) degree; or (c) met a rigorous standard of quality and can demonstrate, through a formal state or local assessment (i) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing, and mathematics; or (ii) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness, as appropriate. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the licensed professions, including but not limited to, the provisions with respect to supervision.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State and serving a LEA student shall be certified or licensed by that state where it is located to provide special education and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.*).

46. VERIFICATION OF LICENSES, CREDENTIALS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a staff list, and copies of all current licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents which entitle the holder to provide special education and/or related services by individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or sub-contracted by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all licenses, credentials, permits or other documents are on file at the office of the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Section 44 (Clearance Requirements) and provide LEA with verified dates of Tuberculosis Test clearance for all employees, approved subcontractors and/or volunteers prior to such individuals starting to work with any LEA student.

CONTRACTOR shall monitor the status of licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents for all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA and CDE in writing within thirty (30) days when personnel changes

occur which may affect the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA within thirty (30) days if any such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, challenged pursuant to an administrative or legal complaint or lawsuit, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Contract. LEA shall not be obligated to pay for any services provided by a person whose such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the period which such person is providing services under this Contract.

CONTRACTOR'S failure to notify LEA and CDE of any changes in credentialing/licensed staff may result in suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or and shall be good cause for termination of this Contract by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall identify to LEA any employee (or CONTRACTOR, if CONTRACTOR is an individual) expected to perform services under this Agreement who is then-receiving California State Teachers' Retirement System ("CalSTRS") benefits, and who may perform creditable service for the LEA as defined in Education Code 22119.5. Identification to LEA shall include the individual's full legal name and STRS and social security identification numbers. Before any services by the individual are provided, the CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a signed written confirmation from the individual that he/she is aware of the separation-from-service requirement and earnings limitations imposed by Education Code sections 22714, 24114, 24116, 24214, 24214.5, and 24215. CONTRACTOR shall thereafter provide on a monthly basis to the employee and LEA the actual amounts paid to the individual for services rendered under this Contract, with LEA responsible for reporting the individual's earnings to CalSTRS as required by law or regulation, including but not limited to Education Code section 22461.

47. STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS and CONTRACTOR's classroom teacher is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to the LEA documentation of substitute coverage. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time.

The LEA shall not be responsible for any payment for instruction and/or services when an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher is not provided in accordance with California Education Code section 56061.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, and CONTRACTOR's service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this agreement and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR's service providers. It is understood that the parent of a LEA student shall not be deemed to be a qualified substitute for their student. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and authorized LEA representative.

48. STAFF PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR WHEN PROVIDING SERVICES AT SCHOOL OR SCHOOL RELATED EVENTS OR AT SCHOOL FACILITY AND/OR IN THE HOME

It is understood that all employees, subcontractors, and volunteers of any certified NPS/A shall adhere to the customary professional and ethical standards when providing services. All practices shall only be within the scope of professional responsibility as defined in the professional code of conduct for each profession as well as any LEA professional standards as specified in Board policies and/or regulations when made available to the CONTRACTOR.

For services provided on a public school campus, CONTRACTOR shall comply with California Penal Code section 627.1 *et seq.*, as well as all other LEA Procedures and school campus-specific policies and procedures regarding visitors to/on school campuses. Such LEA Procedures shall be made available to the CONTRACTOR upon request. It is understood that the LEA public school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the instructional program, and all NPA service providers shall work collaboratively with the classroom teacher, who shall remain in charge of the instructional program. Failure to comply with this and all LEA requirements in this regard shall be sufficient cause for LEA to terminate this Contract.

CONTRACTOR providing services outside of the student's school as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one Parent of the child or an adult caregiver with written and signed authority to make decisions in an emergency is present during provision of services. The names of any adult caregiver other than the Parent shall be provided to LEA prior to the start of any home-based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with the NPS/NPA service provider. All problems and/or concerns reported by CONTRACTOR to Parents, in either verbal or written form, shall also be immediately (within 24 hours) reported to the LEA.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MANDATES

49. HEALTH AND SAFETY

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, State, and local, and laws, regulations, ordinances, policies, and procedures, and LEA Procedures regarding student and employee health and safety. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 35021 *et seq.*, 49406, and Health and Safety Code section 121545(a) regarding the examination of CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers for tuberculosis. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation for each individual volunteering, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR of such compliance before an individual comes in contact with a LEA student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with OSHA Blood-Borne Pathogens Standards, 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 1910.1030 *et seq.* and Cal/OSHA's Blood-Borne Pathogens Standards, Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations section 5193, when providing medical treatment or assistance to a student. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training regarding universal health care precautions and to post required notices in areas designated in the California Health and Safety Code.

See also the Health and Safety Addendum to Master Contract 2023-2024 in Exhibit C.

50. FACILITIES AND FACILITIES MODIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services to students in facilities that comply with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances related, but not limited to: disability access; fire, health, sanitation, and building standards and safety; fire warning systems; zoning permits; and occupancy capacity. When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall conduct fire drills as required by Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 550. During the duration of this Contract, if CONTRACTOR is subject to fines, penalties and findings of non-compliance, CONTRACTOR shall assume any and all responsibilities for payment of such financial obligations. CONTRACTOR shall also be responsible for any structural changes and/or modifications to CONTRACTOR's facilities as required complying with applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances. Failure to notify the LEA and CDE of any changes in, major modification or relocation of facilities may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Contract by LEA.

In signing this Contract, CONTRACTOR certifies that its facilities either comply with federal and State of California and local laws regarding disability access, or possesses and has available upon demand, a self-evaluation and/or transition plan in accordance with said laws.

51. ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code section 49422 et seq. when CONTRACTOR serves a LEA student who is required to take prescription and/or over-the-counter medication during the school day. CONTRACTOR may designate personnel to assist the student with the administration of such medication after the student's Parent(s) provides to CONTRACTOR: (a) a written statement from a physician detailing the type, administration method, amount, and time schedules by which such medication shall be taken; and (b) a written statement from the student's Parent(s) granting CONTRACTOR permission to administer medication(s) as specified in the physician's statement. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to LEA upon request, copies of such written statements. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written log for each student to whom medication is administered. Such written log shall specify the student's name; the type of medication; the date, time, and amount of each administration; and the name of CONTRACTOR's employee who administered the medication. CONTRACTOR maintains full responsibility for storing medications in a secure location and ensuring appropriate staff training in the administration of such medication consistent with physician's written orders. Any change in medication type, administration method, amount or schedule must be authorized by both a licensed physician and Parent.

52. INCIDENT/ACCIDENT REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall submit within 24 hours, electronically, any accident or incident report to LEA. CONTRACTOR shall properly submit required accident or incident reports pursuant to and as specified in LEA Procedures.

53. CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to annually train all staff members, including volunteers, so that they are familiar with and agree to adhere to its own child and dependent adult abuse reporting obligations and procedures as specified in California Penal Code section 11164 *et seq.* and Education Code 44691. In addition, CONTRACTOR is to read and become familiar with the LEA's Mandated Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policies (BP 5141.4 and AR 5141.4.). To protect the privacy rights of all parties involved (i.e., reporter, child and alleged abuser), reports will remain confidential as required by law and professional ethical mandates. A written statement from CONTRACTOR acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be submitted to the LEA before execution of this Contract and upon subsequent request from LEA.

In the event there is a suspicion of abuse conducted by anyone (students, staff, contractor or others) on or off campus, CONTRACTOR is to file the appropriate report to the Sacramento County Sheriff. CONTRACTOR is also to confidentially notify LEA's Legal Compliance Department ("Legal Compliance") of the report. CONTRACTOR is to cooperate with any investigation conducted by LEA in connection with such report.

54. SEXUAL HARASSMENT

CONTRACTOR shall have a Sexual and Gender Identity Harassment Policy that clearly describes the kinds of conduct that constitutes sexual harassment and that is prohibited by the CONTRACTOR's policy, as well as federal and State law. The policy should include procedures to make complaints without fear of retaliation, and for prompt and objective investigations of all sexual harassment complaints. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training to all employees regarding the laws concerning sexual harassment and related procedures pursuant to Government Code 12950.1.

55. REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN

CONTRACTOR assures LEA that all of its staff members, including volunteers, independent contractors and subcontractors, are familiar with and agree to adhere to requirements for reporting missing children as specified in California Education Code section 49370 *et seq.* A written statement acknowledging the legal

requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be properly submitted to the LEA by CONTRACTOR before execution of this Contract and in response to subsequent requests by LEA. The written statement shall be submitted as specified by LEA.

FINANCIAL

56. ENROLLMENT, CONTRACTING, SERVICE TRACKING, ATTENDANCE REPORTING, AND BILLING PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall assure that the NPS/A has the necessary financial resources to provide an appropriate education for the students enrolled and will distribute those resources in such a manner to implement the IEP and ISA for each and every student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all LEA Procedures concerning enrollment, contracting, attendance reporting, service tracking and billing including requirements of electronic billing as specified by LEA Procedures, as well as provide all such records requested by LEA concerning the same. CONTRACTOR shall be paid for the provision of special education and/or related services specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA which are provided on billable days of attendance. All payments to CONTRACTOR by LEA shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract and in compliance with LEA Procedures, and governed by all applicable federal and State of California laws.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the NPS's enrollment procedures include verification of required immunizations (including but not limited to the adolescent pertussis booster vaccination (Tdap) for all students entering the seventh grade).

CONTRACTOR shall maintain separate registers for the basic education program, each related service, and services provided by instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides and bus aides. Original attendance forms (i.e., roll books for the basic education program, service tracking documents and notes for instructional assistants, behavioral intervention aides, bus aides, and each related service) shall be completed by the actual service provider whose signature shall appear on such forms and shall be available for review, inspection, or audit by LEA during the effective period of this Contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter. CONTRACTOR shall verify the accuracy of minutes of reported attendance that is the basis of services being billed for payment.

CONTRACTOR shall submit invoices and related documents to LEA for payment, for each calendar month when education or related services were provided. Invoices and related documents shall be properly submitted electronically and in addition, on a LEA form with signatures in the manner prescribed by LEA. At a minimum, each invoice must contain the following information: type of service provided; month of service; specific days and times of services coordinated by the LEA approved calendar unless otherwise specified in the IEP or agreed to by the LEA; name of staff who provided the service and the individual's licensing and credentials; approved cost of each invoice; total for each service and total for the monthly invoice; date invoice was mailed; signature of NPS/A administrator authorizing that the information is accurate and consistent with the ISA, CDE certificates and staff notification; verification that attendance report is attached as appropriate; indication of any made-up sessions consistent with this Contract; verification that progress reports have been provided consistent with the ISA (monthly or quarterly unless specified otherwise on the ISA); and name of each LEA student for whom the service was provided.

In the event services were not provided, each invoice shall include the rationale for why the services were not provided.

Such an invoice is subject to all conditions of this Contract. At the discretion of LEA, an electronic invoice may be required provided such notice has been made in writing and training provided to CONTRACTOR at no additional charge for such training.

Invoices shall be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the attendance accounting period in which the services were rendered. LEA shall make payment to CONTRACTOR based on the number of billable days of attendance and hours of service at rates specified in this contract within forty-five (45) days of LEA's receipt of properly submitted hard copy of invoices prepared and submitted as specified in California Education Code Section 56366.5. CONTRACTOR shall correct deficiencies and submit rebilling invoices no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the invoice is returned by LEA. LEA shall pay properly submitted re-billing invoices no later than forty-five (45) days after the date a completely corrected re-billing invoice is received by LEA.

In no case shall initial payment claim submission for any Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond December 31st after the close of the fiscal year. In no case shall any rebilling for the Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond six (6) months after the close of the fiscal year unless approved by LEA to resolve billing issues including re-billing issues directly related to a delay in obtaining information from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing regarding teacher qualification, but no later than twelve (12) months from the close of the fiscal year. If the billing or re-billing error is the responsibility of LEA, then no limit is set provided that LEA and CONTRACTOR have communicated such concerns in writing during the 12-month period following the close of the fiscal year. LEA will not pay mileage for NPA employee.

57. RIGHT TO WITHHOLD PAYMENT

LEA may withhold payment to CONTRACTOR when: (a) CONTRACTOR has failed to perform, in whole or in part, under the terms of this Contract; (b) CONTRACTOR has billed for services rendered on days other than billable days of attendance or for days when student was not in attendance and/or did not receive services; (c) CONTRACTOR was overpaid by LEA as determined by inspection, review, and/or audit of its program, work, and/or records; (d) CONTRACTOR has failed to provide supporting documentation with an invoice, as required by EC 56366.5(a); (e) education and/or related services are provided to students by personnel who are not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (f) LEA has not received prior to school closure or contract termination, all documents concerning one or more LEA students enrolled in CONTRACTOR's educational program; (g) CONTRACTOR fails to confirm a student's change of residence to another district or confirms the change of residence to another district, but fails to notify LEA within five (5) days of such confirmation; (h) CONTRACTOR receives payment from Medi-Cal or from any other agency or funding source for a service provided to a LEA student; or (i) CONTRACTOR fails to provide the required liability/insurance documentation as outlined in Section 15 of this Contract. It is understood that no payments shall be made for any invoices that are not received by six (6) months following the close of the prior fiscal year, for services provided in that year.

Final payment to CONTRACTOR in connection with the cessation of operations and/or termination of a Contract will be subject to the same documentation standards described for all payment claims for regular ongoing operations. In addition, final payment may be withheld by LEA until completion of a review or audit, if deemed necessary by LEA. Such review or audit will be completed within ninety (90) days. The final payment may be adjusted to offset any previous payments to CONTRACTOR determined to have been paid in error or in anticipation of correction of documentation deficiencies by the CONTRACTOR that remain uncorrected.

The amount which may be withheld by LEA with respect to each of the subparagraphs of the preceding paragraph are as follows: (a) the value of the service CONTRACTOR failed to perform; (b) the amount of overpayment; (c) the entire amount of the invoice for which satisfactory documentation has not been provided by CONTRACTOR; (d) the amount invoiced for services provided by the individual not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (e) the proportionate amount of the invoice related to the applicable LEA student for the time period from the date the violation occurred and until the violation is cured; or (f) the amount paid to CONTRACTOR by Medi-Cal or another agency or funding source for the service provided to the LEA student.

If LEA determines that cause exists to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR, LEA shall, within ten (10) business days of this determination, provide to CONTRACTOR written notice that LEA is withholding

payment. Such notice shall specify the basis or bases for LEA's withholding payment and the amount to be withheld. Within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such notice, CONTRACTOR shall take all necessary and appropriate action to correct the deficiencies that form the basis for LEA's withholding payment or submit a written request for extension of time to correct the deficiencies or submit to LEA written documentation demonstrating that the basis or bases cited by LEA for withholding payment is unfounded. Upon receipt of CONTRACTOR's written request showing good cause, LEA shall extend CONTRACTOR's time to correct deficiencies (usually an additional thirty (30) days), otherwise payment will be denied.

If after subsequent request for payment has been denied and CONTRACTOR believes that payment should not be withheld, CONTRACTOR shall send written notice to LEA specifying the reason it believes payment should not be withheld. LEA shall respond to CONTRACTOR's notice within thirty (30) business days by indicating that a warrant for the amount of payment will be made or stating the reason LEA believes payment should not be made. If LEA fails to respond within thirty (30) business days or a dispute regarding the withholding of payment continues after the LEA's response to CONTRACTOR's notice, CONTRACTOR may invoke the following escalation policy.

After forty-five (45) business days: The CONTRACTOR may notify the LEA's Authorized Representative of the dispute in writing. The LEA Authorized Representative shall respond to the CONTRACTOR in writing within fifteen (15) business days.

After sixty (60) business days: Pursuant to the provisions of Education Code section 56366(c)(2), the LEA or CONTRACTOR may appeal to the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools so long as the County Superintendent of Schools is not participating in the Local Plan involved in the NPS/A contract to negotiate the contract. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this appeal, the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools or a designee, shall mediate the formulation of a contract, which shall be binding on both parties. Alternatively, the parties may agree to retain the services of a mutually agreed upon mediator to negotiate the contract. Both parties agree to pay for their own costs and expenses arising out of any such mediation. Each party agrees to act in good faith in participating in any mediation process agreed to by the parties.

58. PAYMENT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA when Medi-Cal or any other agency is billed for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. Upon request, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documentation regarding reports, billing, and/or payment by Medi-Cal or any other agency for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall provide prior written notice of the rights and protections required by Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations section 300.154(d) whenever it seeks to use the LEA students' public benefits to pay for special education and related services. Such notice shall be provided before seeking payment from Medi-Cal for the first time and annually.

59. PAYMENT FOR ABSENCES

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL (NPS) STAFF ABSENCE

Whenever a classroom teacher employed by CONTRACTOR is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage pursuant to the LEA Procedures. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA will not pay for instruction and/or services unless said instruction or service is provided by an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher.

Whenever a related service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision

of “make-up” services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided unless otherwise agreed in a LEA student’s IEP.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL (NPS) STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, no later than the tenth (10th) cumulative day of a LEA student’s unexcused absence, CONTRACTOR shall notify the LEA of such absence.

Criteria for a billable day for payment purposes is one (1) day of attendance as defined in California Education Code, sections 46010, 46010.3 and 46307. LEA shall not pay for services provided on days that a student’s attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance (ADA) reimbursement under state law. *Per Diem* rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted on a pro rata basis in accordance with the actual proportion of the school day the student was served. LEA shall not be responsible for payment of related services for days on which a student’s attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance (“ADA”) reimbursement under state law, nor shall student be eligible for make-up services.

NONPUBLIC AGENCY (NPA) STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and CONTRACTOR’s service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR’s service providers. LEA shall not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of “make-up” services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not “bank” or “carry over” make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and LEA. In the event services were not provided, reasons for why the services were not provided shall be included.

NONPUBLIC AGENCY (NPA) STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a NPA, it shall notify LEA of the absence of a LEA student no later than the fifth (5th) consecutive service day of the student’s absence. LEA shall not be responsible for the payment of services when a student is absent.

60. LEA and/or NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO EMERGENCY

The following shall apply in the event of a LEA or NPS school closure due to an emergency in accordance with Education Code sections 41422 and 46392:

- a. If CONTRACTOR remains open, if allowed, during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422 and serves LEA students appropriately as delineated in the ISA, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment, regardless of whether LEA is open or closed.
- b. If CONTRACTOR is closed during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, if LEA is able to obtain alternative placement for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall not receive payment for days the student is not in attendance due to CONTRACTOR's NPS closure. If LEA is unable to obtain an alternative placement for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment consistent with the signed ISA, as though the student were continuing in regular attendance, until an alternative placement can be found, so long as CONTRACTOR complies with Section 60(d), below.
- c. If both LEA and CONTRACTOR are closed during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, on days LEA is funded, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment consistent with the LEA student's ISA, until an alternative placement for the LEA student can be found so long as CONTRACTOR complies with Section 60(d), below. If LEA is able to obtain an alternative placement

for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall not receive payment for days the student is not in attendance due to CONTRACTOR'S NPS closure.

- d. CONTRACTOR shall, in the case of school closures during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, implement the LEA student's IEP in accordance with Education Code 56345(a)(9) pertaining to emergency conditions and continue implementing ISAs for enrolled students. CONTRACTOR shall ensure its students have reliable internet accessibility as well as the physical technology (i.e. Chromebooks, i-Pad, hot-spots etc.) as required to access and participate.
- e. In the event of CONTRACTOR'S closure during an emergency, LEA reserves the right to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR for instruction and services not rendered pursuant to an LEA student's ISA, consistent with Section 59.

When the emergency school closure is lifted, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of any lost instructional minutes for any LEA student. CONTRACTOR and LEAs shall work collaboratively to determine the need for make-up days or service changes, and shall work together to amend IEP and ISA paperwork as appropriate.

61. INSPECTION AND AUDIT

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain and LEA shall have the right to examine and audit all of the books, records, documents, accounting procedures and practices and other evidence that reflect all costs claimed to have been incurred or fees claimed to have been earned under this Contract.

CONTRACTOR shall provide access to LEA to all records including, but not limited to those documents identified in Section 9 of this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall also make available to LEA all budgetary information including operating budgets submitted by CONTRACTOR to LEA for the relevant contract period being audited.

CONTRACTOR shall make all records available at the office of LEA or CONTRACTOR (to be specified by LEA) at all reasonable times and without charge. CONTRACTOR shall provide all records to LEA within five (5) working days of a written request. CONTRACTOR shall, at no cost to LEA, provide assistance for such examination or audit. LEA's rights under this section shall also include access to CONTRACTOR's offices for purposes of interviewing CONTRACTOR's employees. If any document or evidence is stored in an electronic form, a hard copy shall be made available to LEA, unless LEA agrees to the use of the electronic format. Such access shall also include unannounced inspections by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain from its subcontractors and suppliers written agreements to the requirements of this section and shall provide a copy of such agreements to LEA upon request by LEA.

If an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm determines that CONTRACTOR owes LEA monies as a result of CONTRACTOR's over billing or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Contract, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR written notice demanding payment from CONTRACTOR and specifying the basis or bases for such demand. Unless CONTRACTOR and LEA otherwise agree in writing, CONTRACTOR shall pay to LEA the full amount owed as a result of CONTRACTOR's over billing and/or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Contract, as determined by an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm. CONTRACTOR shall make such payment to LEA within thirty (30) days of receipt of LEA's written notice demanding payment.

62. RATE SCHEDULE

The attached Rate Schedule (Exhibit A) limits the number of LEA students that may be enrolled and maximum dollar amount of the Contract. It may also limit the maximum number of LEA students that can be provided specific services. Per Diem rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full

instructional day may be adjusted proportionally. In such cases only, the adjustments in basic education rate shall be based on the required minimum number of minutes per grade level as set forth in paragraph 23, above, and noted in California Education Code Section 46200-46208.

Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR shall be provided by qualified personnel as per State and federal law, and the codes and charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this Contract, shall be as stated in Exhibit A.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS associated with a RTC (“NPS/RTC”), Educationally Related Mental Health Services (“ERMHS”) are provided in an integrated, intensive, educationally related therapeutic residential setting which includes social emotional/behavior support through individual counseling, group counseling, family consultation and support, as appropriate. It is a collaborative model which includes educational professionals and related service providers, where all supports and services are integrated in the NPS/RTC program. Costs for ERMHS are all inclusive and combined with the daily rate as ERMHS+RB (“ERMHS + Room and Board”). ERMHS plus Room and Board payments are based on positive attendance (payable for up to a maximum of 365 days) only, with up to a maximum of 10 days payment per LEA student, per contract year, when a bed is unoccupied, for home visits of a therapeutic nature. Any NPS or RTC requesting a change in rate for any services provided during a subsequent contract year must make a request in writing to the Sacramento County SELPA Directors, with a copy sent to LEA Director or designee, by January 15th of each calendar year. Increases will only be considered for approval for entities that have received a positive review on the LEA's Quality On-Site NPS Review Rubric.

63. DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

By signing this Contract, CONTRACTOR certifies that:

- (a) CONTRACTOR and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any federal agency, and
- (b) CONTRACTOR and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers have not, within a three-year period preceding this Contract, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, any state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of federal or any state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

The Parties hereto have executed this Contract by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives. This Contract is effective on the 1st day of July, 2023 and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2024, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

CONTRACTOR

LEA

Point Quest Education Depot Park

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

Nonpublic School/Agency

By:  07/05/2023
 Signature Date

By: _____
 Signature Date

Sara Cervantes, VP, Program Quality
 Name and Title of Authorized Representative

By: _____
 Kuljeet Nijjar, Director of Educational Services
 Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed to:

Notices to LEA shall be addressed to:

Shee Thao, Director of Contracts & Credentialing
 Name and Title

Kuljeet Nijjar, Director of Educational Services
 Name and Title

Point Quest Education Depot Park
 Nonpublic School/Agency/Related Service Provider

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
 LEA

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 City State Zip
 (916) 422-0571 (916) 306-8190
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 Email

Additional LEA Notification
 (Required if Completed)

Included

Stephanie Gutierrez, Program Specialists
 Name and Title

Included

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 City State Zip
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 Email

EXHIBIT A: 2023-2024 RATES

4.1 RATE SCHEDULE FOR CONTRACT YEAR

The CONTRACTOR: Point Quest Education Depot Park

The CONTRACTOR CDS NUMBER: 34-67439-7051394

PER ED CODE 56366 – TEACHER-TO-PUPIL RATIO: 1:14

Maximum Contract Amount:

Education service(s) offered by the CONTRACTOR and the charges for such service(s) during the term of this contract shall be as follows:

- 1) Daily Basic Education Rate: \$232.00

- 2) Inclusive Education Program
 (Includes Educational Counseling (not ed related mental health) services, Speech & Language services, Behavior Intervention Planning, and Occupational Therapy as specified on the student's IEP.) DAILY RATE: N/A

- 3) Related Services

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
<u>Intensive Individual Services (340)</u>	<u>\$41.00</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Language and Speech (415)</u>	<u>\$125.00</u> <u>\$105 Consultation</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Adapted Physical Education (425)</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Health and Nursing: Specialized Physical Health Care (435)</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Health and Nursing: Other Services (436)</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Assistive Technology Services (445)</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Occupational Therapy (450)</u>	<u>\$125.00</u> <u>\$105 Consultation</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Physical Therapy (460)</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Individual Counseling (510)</u>	<u>Included</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Counseling and Guidance (515)</u>	<u>Included</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Parent Counseling (520)</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Social Work Services (525)</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Psychological Services (530)</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Behavior Intervention Services (535)</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Specialized Services for Low Incidence Disabilities (610)</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Specialized Deaf and Hard of Hearing (710)</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Interpreter Services (715)</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Audiological Services (720)</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>

Specialized Vision Services (725)		
Orientation and Mobility (730)		
Specialized Orthopedic Services (740)		
Reader Services (745)		
Transcription Services (755)		
Recreation Services, Including Therapeutic (760)		
College Awareness (820)		
Work Experience Education (850)		
Job Coaching (855)		
Mentoring (860)		
Travel Training (870)		
Other Transition Services (890)		
Transportation	\$81.00	Daily/Round-Trip
Other (900)		

EXHIBIT B: 2023-2024 ISA

INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (ISA) FOR NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL SERVICES
(Education Code Sections 56365 et seq.)

This agreement is effective on July 1, 2023 or the date student begins attending a nonpublic school or receiving services from a nonpublic agency, if after the date identified, and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2024, unless sooner terminated as provided in the Master Contract and by applicable law.

Local Education Agency _____ Nonpublic School _____

LEA Case Manager: Name _____ Phone Number _____

Pupil Name _____ Sex: M F Grade: _____

Address _____ (Last) _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

DOB _____ Residential Setting: Home Foster LCI # _____ OTHER _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone (_____) _____ (_____)
(Residence) (Business)

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____
(If different from student)

AGREEMENT TERMS:

1. *Nonpublic School:* The average number of minutes in the instructional day will be: _____ during the regular school year
_____ during the extended school year
2. *Nonpublic School:* The number of school days in the calendar of the school year are: _____ during the regular school year
_____ during the extended school year

3. *Educational services as specified in the IEP shall be provided by the CONTRACTOR and paid at the rates specified below.*

A. **INCLUSIVE AND/OR BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM RATE:** (Applies to nonpublic schools only): Daily Rate: _____

Estimated Number of Days _____ **x Daily Rate** _____ = **PROJECTED BASIC EDUCATION COSTS** _____

B. RELATED SERVICES:

SERVICE	Provider			# of Times per wk/mo/yr., Duration; or per IEP; or as needed	Cost per session	Maximum Number of Sessions	Estimated Maximum Total Cost for Contracted Period
	LEA	NPS	OTHER Specify				
Intensive Individual Services (340)							
Language/Speech Therapy (415) a. Individual b. Group							
Adapted Physical Ed. (425)							
Health and Nursing: Specialized Physical Health Care (435)							
Health and Nursing Services: Other (436)							
Assistive Technology Services (445)							
Occupational Therapy (450)							
Physical Therapy (460)							
Individual Counseling (510)							
Counseling and guidance (515).							
Parent Counseling (520)							

SERVICE	Provider			# of Times per wk/mo/yr., Duration; or per IEP; or as needed	Cost per session	Maximum Number of Sessions	Estimated Maximum Total Cost for Contracted Period
	LEA	NPS	OTHER Specify				
Social Work Services (525)							
Psychological Services (530)							
Behavior Intervention Services (535)							
Specialized Services for Low Incidence Disabilities (610)							
Specialized Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (710)							
Interpreter Services (715)							
Audiological Services (720)							
Specialized Vision Services (725)							
Orientation and Mobility (730)							
Braille Transcription (735)							
Specialized Orthopedic Service (740)							
Reader Services (745)							
Note Taking Services (750)							
Transcription Services (755)							
Recreation Services (760)							
College Awareness Preparation (820)							
Vocational Assessment, Counseling, Guidance and Career Assessment (830)							
Career Awareness (840)							
Work Experience Education (850)							
Mentoring (860)							
Agency Linkages (865)							
Travel Training (870)							
Other Transition Services (890)							
Other (900)J							
Other (900)							
Transportation-Emergency b. Transportation-Parent							
Bus Passes							
Other							

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM RELATED SERVICES COST\$ _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED MAXIMUM BASIC EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES COSTS\$ _____

4. Other Provisions/Attachments:

5. MASTER CONTRACT APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD ON _____

6. Progress Reporting Quarterly Monthly Other
Requirements: (Specify) _____

The parties hereto have executed this Individual Services Agreement by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives as set forth below.

-CONTRACTOR-

-LEA/SELPA-

(Name of Nonpublic School/Agency)

(Name of LEA/SELPA)

(Signature)

(Date)

(Signature)

(Date)

(Name and Title)

(Name of Superintendent or Authorized Designee)



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Nonpublic, Non-Sectarian School/Agency Services

MASTER CONTRACT

#6

The Stepping Stones Group

*NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN
SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES*

MASTER CONTRACT

***GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT***

2023-2024

MASTER CONTRACT

GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR NONSECTARIAN,
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES

LEA GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Contract Year 2023-2024

<input type="checkbox"/>	Nonpublic School ("NPS")
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nonpublic Agency ("NPA")

Type of Contract:

Master Contract for fiscal year with Individual Service Agreements (ISA) to be approved throughout the term of this Contract.

Individual Master Contract for a specific student incorporating the Individual Service Agreement (ISA) into the terms of this Individual Master Contract specific to a single student.

Interim Extension of the Master Contract: an extension of the previous fiscal years approved contracts and rates. The sole purpose of this Interim Contract is to provide for ongoing funding at the prior year's rates for 90 days at the sole discretion of the LEA in accordance with Section 4 of this Master Contract.
Expiration Date: _____

When this section is included as part of any Master Contract, the changes specified above shall amend Section 4 – Term of Master Contract

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2023-2024

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LEA: GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL/AGANCY/RELATED SERVICES PROVIDER: The Stepping Stones Group

NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES MASTER CONTRACT

AUTHORIZATION FOR MASTER CONTRACT AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. MASTER CONTRACT

This Master Contract (or "Contract") is entered into on July 1, 2023, between GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT hereinafter referred to as the local educational agency ("LEA") or "District" and The Stepping Stones Group (nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency), hereinafter referred to as "NPS/A" or "CONTRACTOR," for the purpose of providing special education and/or related services to LEA students with exceptional needs under the authorization of California Education Code sections 56157, 56361 and 56365 et seq. and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 et seq., AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003) and AB1858 (Chapter 914, Statutes of 2004). It is understood that this Contract does not commit LEA to pay for special education and/or related services provided to any LEA student, or CONTRACTOR to provide such special education and/or related services, unless and until an authorized LEA representative approves the provision of special education and/or related services by CONTRACTOR.

Upon acceptance of a LEA student, LEA shall submit to CONTRACTOR an Individual Services Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "ISA"), and a Nonpublic Services Student Enrollment form. CONTRACTOR shall work with LEA to complete and return these forms to LEA prior to initiating any services for any student, unless otherwise agreed by LEA and CONTRACTOR. These forms shall acknowledge CONTRACTOR's obligation to provide all services specified in the LEA student's Individualized Education Program (hereinafter referred to as "IEP"). LEA and CONTRACTOR shall enter into an ISA for each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. As available and appropriate, the LEA shall make available access to any electronic IEP system and/or electronic database for ISA developing including invoicing.

Unless placement and/or services is ordered pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings (hereinafter referred to as "OAH") order, a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and parent, or authorized by LEA for a transfer LEA student pursuant to California Education Code section 56325, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with NPS placement or NPS/A services until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a NPS placement and/or NPS/A services is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by the Parent. 2.

2. CERTIFICATION AND LICENSES CONTRACTOR shall be certified by the California Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as "CDE") as a NPS/A. All NPS/A placements and services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification and licensure specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code, section 56366 et seq and within the professional scope of practice of each provider's license, certification and/or credential. A current copy of CONTRACTOR's NPS/A certification or a waiver of such certification issued by the CDE pursuant to Education Code section 56366.2 must be provided to LEA on or before the date this Contract is executed by CONTRACTOR. This Contract shall be null and void if such certification

or waiver is expired, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Contract. Total student enrollment shall be limited to capacity as stated on CDE certification and in Section 24 of the Contract.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of the State of California shall be certified and all staff persons providing services to pupils shall be certified and/or licensed by that state to provide, respectively, special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.*).

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution (hereinafter referred to as "LCI"), CONTRACTOR shall be licensed by the State of California, or other public agency having delegated authority by contract with the State of California to license, to provide nonmedical care room and board to children, including, but not limited to, individuals with exceptional needs. The LCI must also comply with all licensing requirements relevant to the protection of the child, and have a special permit, if necessary, to meet the needs of each child so placed. If the CONTRACTOR operates a program outside of the State of California, CONTRACTOR must obtain all required licenses from the appropriate licensing agency in both California and in the state where the LCI is located.

With respect to CONTRACTOR's certification, failure to notify LEA and CDE in writing of any changes in: (1) credentialed/licensed staff; (2) ownership; (3) management and/or control of the agency; (4) major modification or relocation of facilities; or (5) significant modification of the program may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Contract by the LEA. Any suspension or revocation of CONTRACTOR's CDE certification shall also be good cause for the immediate suspension or termination of this Contract by LEA, at LEA's discretion.

3. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, STATUTES, REGULATIONS

During the term of this Contract, unless otherwise agreed, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, State of California, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, policies and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall also comply with all applicable LEA and SELPA policies, regulations, and procedures (collectively referred to as "LEA Procedures") unless, taking into consideration all of the surrounding facts and circumstances, a policy or policies or a portion of a policy does not reasonably apply to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR hereby acknowledges and agrees that it accepts all risks and responsibilities for its failure to comply with LEA Procedures and shall indemnify LEA under the provisions of Section 16 of this Contract for all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of CONTRACTOR's failure to comply with applicable LEA Procedures (e.g., those policies relating to; the provision of special education and/or related services, facilities for individuals with exceptional needs, student enrollment and transfer, student inactive status, corporal punishment, student discipline, and positive behavior interventions).

CONTRACTOR acknowledges and understands that LEA may report to CDE any violations of the provisions of this Contract; and that this may result in the suspension and/or revocation of CDE NPA/S certification pursuant to California Education Code section 56366.4(a).

4. TERM OF MASTER CONTRACT

The term of this Contract shall be from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 3062(a)) unless otherwise stated. Neither the CONTRACTOR nor the LEA is required to renew this Contract in subsequent contract years. The parties acknowledge that any subsequent Master Contract is to be re-negotiated prior to June 30, 2024. In the event the contract negotiations are not agreed to by June 30th, the most recently executed Master Contract will remain in effect for 90 days. (Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 3062(d)) No Master Contract will be offered unless and until all of the contracting requirements have been satisfied. The offer of a Master Contract to a CONTRACTOR is at the sole discretion of the LEA.

The provisions of this Contract apply to CONTRACTOR and any of its employees or independent contractors. Notice of any change in CONTRACTOR's ownership or authorized representative shall be provided in writing to LEA within thirty (30) calendar days of change of ownership or change of authorized representative.

5. INTEGRATION/CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACT FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION

This Contract incorporates LEA Procedures herein by this reference. Each ISA is also incorporated herein by this reference. This Contract supersedes any prior or contemporaneous written or oral understanding or agreement. This Contract may be amended only by written amendment executed by both parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, LEA may modify LEA Procedures from time to time without the consent of CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA with information as requested in writing to secure a Contract or a renewal.

At a minimum, such information shall include copies of current teacher credentials and clearance, insurance documentation, and CDE certification. LEA may require additional information as applicable. If the application packet is not completed and returned to LEA, no Contract will be issued. If CONTRACTOR does not return the Contract to LEA duly signed by an authorized representative within ninety (90) calendar days of issuance by LEA, the new contract rates will not take effect until the newly executed Contract is received by LEA and will not be retroactive to the first day of the new Contract's effective date. If CONTRACTOR fails to execute the new Contract within such ninety-day period, all payments shall cease until such time as the new Contract for the current school year is signed and returned to LEA by CONTRACTOR. (California Education Code §56366(c)(1) and (2)). In the event that this Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed Contract between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized LEA students at the discretion of LEA.

6. INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT ("ISA")

This Contract shall include an ISA developed for each LEA student to whom CONTRACTOR is to provide special education and/or related services. An ISA shall only be issued for LEA students enrolled with the approval of LEA pursuant to Education Code section 56366(a)(2)(A). An ISA may be effective for more than one contract year provided that there is a concurrent Contract in effect. In the event that this Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed ISAs between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized students.

Any and all changes to a student's educational placement/program/services provided under this Contract and/or an ISA shall be made solely on the basis of a revision to the student's IEP or by written agreement between the Parent and LEA. At any time during the term of this Contract, a Parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of a student's IEP subject to all procedural safeguards required by law.

Unless otherwise provided in this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall provide all services specified in the IEP unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in the ISA. (California Education Code §56366(a)(5) and California Code of Regulations, tit. 5, § 3062(e).) In the event CONTRACTOR is unable to provide a specific service at any time during the term of the ISA, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing within five (5) business days of the last date a service was provided. CONTRACTOR shall provide any and all subsequent compensatory service hours awarded to an LEA student as a result of lack of provision of services while the student was served by CONTRACTOR.

If a Parent or LEA contests the termination of an ISA by initiating a due process proceeding with the OAH, CONTRACTOR shall abide by the "stay-put" requirement of the State of California and federal law unless the Parent and LEA voluntarily agree otherwise, or an Interim Alternative Educational Setting ("IAES") is

deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH consistent with Title 20 of the United States Codes Sections 1415(k)(1)(G), 1415(k)(2), and 1415(k)(3)(B)(ii)(II). CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning changes in placement.

Disagreements between LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the formulation of an ISA or the Contract may be appealed to the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools or the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code section 56366(c)(2).

Exhibit B includes the ISA form.

7. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this contract:

- a. The term "CONTRACTOR" means a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency ("NPS/A") certified by the California Department of Education ("CDE"), and its officers, agents and employees.
- b. The term "authorized LEA representative" means a LEA administrator designated to be responsible for NPS/A. It is understood, a representative of the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) of which LEA is a member is an authorized LEA representative in collaboration with LEA. LEA maintains sole responsibility for this Contract, unless otherwise specified in this Contract.
- c. The term "credential" means a valid credential, life diploma, permit, or document in special education or pupil personnel services issued by, or under the jurisdiction of, the California State Board of Education if issued prior to 1970 or the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, which entitles the holder thereof to perform services for which certification qualifications are required as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(g).
- d. The term "qualified" means that a person holds a certificate, permit or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold to provide special education and related services and has met federal and state certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements which apply to the area in which the individual is providing special education or related services, including those requirements set forth in Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58, and those requirements set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 3064 and 3065, and adheres to the standards of professional practice established in federal and state law or regulation, including the standards contained in the California Business and Professions Code.

Nothing in this definition shall be construed as restricting the activities in services of a graduate needing direct hours leading to licensure, or of a student teacher or intern leading to a graduate degree at an accredited or approved college or university, as authorized by State laws or regulations. (California Code of Regulations, tit. 5, § 3001(r).)

- e. The term "license" means a valid non-expired document issued by a licensing agency within the California Department of Consumer Affairs or other State of California licensing office authorized to grant licenses and authorizing the bearer of the document to provide certain professional services or refer to themselves using a specified professional title. This includes, but is not limited to, mental health and board and care services at a residential placement. If a license is not available through an appropriate State of California licensing agency, a certificate of registration with the appropriate professional organization at the national or State of California level which has standards established for the certificate that are equivalent to a license shall be deemed to be a license as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(l).

- f. "Parent" means:
- i. a biological or adoptive parent; unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child,
 - ii. a foster parent if the authority of the biological or adoptive parents to make educational decisions on the child's behalf has been specifically limited by court order in accordance with Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 300.30(b)(1) or (b)(2),
 - iii. a guardian generally authorized to act as the child's parent or authorized to make educational decisions for the child,
 - iv. an individual acting in the place of a biological or adoptive parent, including a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative with whom the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child's welfare,
 - v. a surrogate parent.

Parent does not include the state or any political subdivision of government or a NPS/A under contract with the LEA for the provision of special education or designated instruction and services for a child. (California Education Code §56028.)

- g. The term "days" means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- h. The phrase "billable day" means a school day in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs.
- i. The phrase "billable day of attendance" means a school day as defined in California Education Code Section 46307, in which an LEA student is in attendance and in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs unless otherwise stipulated in an IEP or ISA.
- j. It is understood that the term "Master Contract" also means "Contract" and is referred to as such in this document.

ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT

8. NOTICES

All notices provided for by this Contract shall be in writing. Notices shall be mailed or delivered by hand and shall be effective as of the date of receipt by addressee.

All notices mailed to LEA shall be addressed to the person and address as indicated on the signature page of this Contract. Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed as indicated on the signature page of this Contract.

9. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

All records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR as required by State and federal laws and regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, CONTRACTOR shall maintain all records for at least five (5) years after the termination of this Contract. For purposes of this Contract, "records" shall include, but not be limited to pupil records as defined by California Education Code section 49061(b) including electronically stored information; cost data records as set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3061; registers and roll books of teachers and/or daily service providers; chart notes, Medi-Cal logs, daily service logs and notes and other documents used to record the provision of related services including supervision; daily service logs and notes used to record the provision of services provided through additional instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides, and bus aides; behavior emergency reports (BER); incident reports; notification of injuries; absence verification records (Parent/doctor notes, telephone logs, and related documents) if CONTRACTOR is funded for excused absences, however, such records are not required if positive attendance is required; transcripts; grade and progress reports; behavioral data; IEP/IFSPs; assessment reports; bus rosters; staff lists specifying credentials held and documents evidencing other staff qualifications, social security numbers, dates of hire, and dates of termination;

records of employee training and certification, staff time sheets; non-paid staff and volunteer sign-in sheets; transportation and other related services subcontracts; school calendars; bell/class schedules when applicable; liability and worker's compensation insurance policies; state NPS/A certifications; business licenses held; by-laws; lists of current board of directors/trustees, if incorporated; all budgetary information, including operating budgets; statements of income and expenses; general journals; cash receipts and disbursement books; general ledgers and supporting documents; documents evidencing financial expenditures; federal/State payroll quarterly reports (Form 941/DE3DP); and bank statements and canceled checks or facsimile thereof.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain LEA student records in a secure location to ensure confidentiality and prevent unauthorized access. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a current list of the names and positions of CONTRACTOR's employees who have access to confidential records. CONTRACTOR shall maintain an access log for each LEA student's record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record. Such log shall be maintained as required by California Education Code section 49064 and include the name, title, agency/organization affiliation, date/time of access for each individual requesting or receiving information from the student's record, and a description of the record(s) provided. Such log needs to record access to the LEA student's records by: (a) the LEA student's Parent; (b) an individual to whom written consent has been executed by the LEA student's Parent; or (c) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record. CONTRACTOR/LEA shall maintain copies of any written parental concerns granting access to LEA student records. For purposes of this Section, "employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR" do not include subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall grant the following access to student records, (a) the LEA student's Parent; (b) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record, and comply with Parent requests for copies of LEA student records, as required by State of California and federal laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR agrees, in the event of NPS/A closure, to forward all LEA student records held by CONTRACTOR within ten (10) business days to LEA. LEA and/or SELPA shall have access to and receive copies of any and all records upon request within five (5) business days.

10. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Contract is held, in whole or in part, to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of that provision and of the entire Contract shall be severable and remain in effect.

11. SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST

This Contract binds CONTRACTOR's successors and assignees. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of any change of ownership or corporate control within ten (10) business days of such change.

12. VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW

The laws of the State of California shall govern the terms and conditions of this contract with venue in the County where LEA is located.

13. MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS REQUIRED TO CONFORM TO LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

This Contract may be modified or amended by LEA to conform to administrative and statutory guidelines issued by any state, federal or local governmental agency. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR thirty (30) days' notice of any such changes or modifications made to conform to administrative or statutory guidelines and a copy of the statute, guideline, or regulation upon which the modifications or changes are based.

14. TERMINATION

This Contract or ISA may be terminated for cause. Cause shall include but not be limited to non-maintenance of current NPS/A certification, failure of either LEA or CONTRACTOR to maintain the

standards required under the Contract and/or ISA, or other material breach of this Contract by CONTRACTOR or LEA. For purposes of NPS placement, the cause shall not be the availability of a public class initiated during the period of the Contract unless the Parent agrees to the transfer of the LEA student to the public school program at an IEP team meeting. To terminate the Contract or ISA, either party shall give no less than twenty (20) days prior written notice to the other party. (California Education Code §56366(a)(4).) If this Contract is terminated with twenty (20) days' notice, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Contract on the date of termination.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Contract or ISA may be terminated immediately, without twenty (20) days prior notice and at LEA's discretion, if LEA determines that there are significant health or safety concerns or there has been a suspension or revocation of CONTRACTOR's NPS/A certification. If this Contract is terminated immediately, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Contract within five (5) business days of termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing regarding termination of an ISA, CONTRACTOR is bound by the "stay put" provisions described in Section 6 of this Contract.

15. **INSURANCE**

CONTRACTOR shall, at CONTRACTOR's sole cost and expense, maintain in full force and effect, during the term of this Contract, the following insurance coverage from a California licensed and/or admitted insurer with an A minus (A-), VII, or better rating from A.M. Best, sufficient to cover any claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including counsel fees) arising out of or in connection with CONTRACTOR's fulfillment of any of its obligations under this Contract or either party's use of the work or any component or part thereof:

PART I - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AND AGENCIES

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance**, including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits as follows:

- \$2,000,000 per occurrence
- \$ 500,000 fire damage
- \$ 5,000 medical expenses
- \$1,000,000 personal & adv. Injury
- \$4,000,000 general aggregate
- \$2,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate

CONTRACTOR's general liability policy shall be primary and shall not seek contribution from LEA's coverage, and be endorsed using Insurance Services Office form CG 20 10 or CG 20 26 (or equivalent) to provide that LEA and its officers, officials, employees, and agents shall be additional insureds under such policies.

- B. **Commercial Auto Liability Insurance** for all owned, non-owned or hired automobiles with a limit of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per accident.

If no owned automobiles, then only hired and non-owned is required. If CONTRACTOR uses a vehicle to travel to/from school sites, between schools and/or to/from students' homes or other locations as approved service locations by the LEA, CONTRACTOR must comply with State of California auto insurance requirements.

- C. **Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance** in accordance with provisions of California Labor Code sections 3200 et seq., adequate to protect CONTRACTOR from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the California Workers' Compensation Insurance and Safety Act and in accordance with applicable State and federal laws.

Part A – Statutory Limits

Part B – \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000 Employers Liability

D. Sexual Abuse and Molestation Insurance

CONTRACTOR shall provide Sexual Abuse and Molestation coverage in the minimum amount of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per occurrence.

E. Errors & Omissions (E & O)/Malpractice (Professional Liability) Insurance

CONTRACTOR shall maintain professional liability insurance that insures against professional errors and omissions that may be made in performing the Services to be rendered in connection with this Contract, in the minimum amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per claim and in the aggregate. Any policy inception date, continuity date, or retroactive date must be before the effective date of this Contract, and CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain continuous coverage through a period no less than three years after completion of the services required by this Contract.

F. For all Insurance Coverage in Part I:

- 1) Each insurance policy required by the Contract shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled, or reduced in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to LEA, except that ten (10) days' prior written notice shall apply in the event of cancellation for nonpayment of premium.
- 2) All self-insured retentions over \$100,000 must be declared and approved by LEA.
- 3) Evidence of Insurance – Prior to commencement of serving LEA students pursuant to this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall furnish LEA with certificates, additional insured endorsements, and waivers of subrogation evidencing compliance with the insurance requirements above. CONTRACTOR must agree to provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies if requested by LEA.
- 4) Acceptability of Insurers – Insurance shall be placed with insurers admitted in the State of California and with an AM Best rating of A-, VII, or higher.

G. All Certificates of Insurance must reference the contract number, name of the school or agency submitting the certificate, and the location of the school or agency submitting the certificate on the certificate.

PART II - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFILIATED WITH A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY (“RTC”)

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS affiliated with a residential treatment center (“NPS/RTC”), the following insurance policies are required:

A. Commercial General Liability including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits of at least:

\$3,000,000 per Occurrence

\$6,000,000 in General Aggregate.

The policy shall be endorsed to name LEA and LEA's Board of Education as named additional insureds and shall provide specifically that any insurance carried by LEA which may be applicable to any claims or loss shall be deemed excess and NPS/RTC's insurance primary

despite any conflicting provisions in the NPS/RTC's policy. Coverage shall be maintained with no Self-Insured Retention above \$100,000 without the prior written approval of LEA.

- B. **Workers' Compensation Insurance** in accordance with provisions of the California Labor Code adequate to protect the NPS/RTC from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act (Statutory Coverage). The Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage must also include Employers Liability coverage with limits of \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000.
- C. **Commercial Auto Liability Coverage** with limits of \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence if the NPS/RTC does not operate a student bus service. If the NPS/RTC provides student bus services, the required coverage limit is \$5,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence.
- D. **Fidelity Bond or Crime Coverage** shall be maintained by the NPS/RTC to cover all employees who process or otherwise have responsibility for NPS/RTC funds, supplies, equipment or other assets. Minimum amount of coverage shall be \$250,000 per occurrence, with no self-insured retention.
- E. **Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions/Malpractice Coverage** with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.
- F. **Sexual Molestation and Abuse Coverage**, unless that coverage is afforded elsewhere in the Commercial General Liability or Professional liability policy by endorsement, with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.

If LEA or CONTRACTOR determines that a change in insurance coverage obligations under this section is necessary, either party may reopen negotiations to modify the insurance obligations.

16. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

To the fullest extent allowed by law, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold LEA and its Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, volunteers, and subcontractors ("LEA Indemnities") harmless against all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of this Contract or its performance, to the extent that such loss, expense, damage or liability was proximately caused by negligence, intentional act, or willful act or omission of CONTRACTOR, including, without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontractors or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it (excluding LEA and LEA Indemnities). The duty and obligation to defend shall arise immediately upon tender of a claim or lawsuit to CONTRACTOR. LEA shall have the right in its sole discretion to select counsel of its choice to provide the defense at the sole cost of CONTRACTOR or the applicable insurance carrier.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, LEA shall indemnify and hold CONTRACTOR and its Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, and subcontractors ("CONTRACTOR Indemnities") harmless against all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of this Contract or its performance thereof, to the extent that such loss, expense, damage or liability was proximately caused by the negligent or willful act or omission of LEA, including, without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontractors or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it (excluding CONTRACTOR and/or any CONTRACTOR Indemnities).

LEA represents that it is self-insured in compliance with the laws of the State of California, that the self-insurance covers LEA employees acting within the course and scope of their respective duties and that its self-insurance covers the LEA's indemnification obligations under this Contract.

17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Nothing herein contained will be construed to imply a joint venture, partnership or principal-agent relationship between LEA and CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide all services under this Contract as an independent contractor, and neither party shall have the authority to bind or make any commitment on behalf of the other. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed to create any association, partnership, joint venture or relationship of principal and agent, master and servant, or employer and employee between the Parties or any affiliates of the Parties, or between LEA and any individual assigned by CONTRACTOR to perform any services for LEA.

If LEA is determined to be a partner, joint venture, co-principal, employer or co-employer of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless LEA from and against any and all claims for loss, liability, or damages arising from that determination, as well as any expenses, costs, taxes, penalties and interest charges incurred by LEA as a result of that determination.

18. SUBCONTRACTING

CONTRACTOR shall not enter into any subcontracting relationship without first obtaining final written approval of LEA. Should CONTRACTOR wish to subcontract for special education and/or related services pursuant to this Contract, it must provide written notification to LEA before any subcontracting arrangement is made. In the event LEA determines that it can provide the subcontracted service(s) at a lower rate, LEA may elect to provide such service(s). If LEA elects to provide such service(s), LEA shall provide written notification to CONTRACTOR within five (5) days of receipt of CONTRACTOR's original notice and CONTRACTOR shall not subcontract for said service(s).

Should LEA approve in concept of CONTRACTOR subcontracting for services, CONTRACTOR shall submit the proposed subcontract to LEA for approval. CONTRACTOR shall incorporate all of the provisions of this Contract in all subcontracts, to the fullest extent possible. Furthermore, when CONTRACTOR is developing subcontracts for the provision of special education and/or related services (including, but not limited to, transportation) for any LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall cause each subcontractor to procure and maintain indemnification and insurance requirements which comply with the provisions of Sections 15 and 16 of this Contract during the term of each subcontract. If a proposed subcontract is approved by LEA, each subcontractor shall furnish LEA with original endorsements and certificates of insurance effecting coverage required by Section 15 of this Contract. The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. Unless otherwise agreed to by LEA, the endorsements are to be on forms provided by LEA. All endorsements are to be received and approved by LEA before the subcontractor's work commences. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies shall name the LEA/SELPA and the LEA Board of Education as additional insureds.

As an alternative to LEA's forms, a subcontractor's insurer may provide, with prior LEA approval, complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by this Contract. All Certificates of Insurance must reference the LEA contract number, name of the NPS/A submitting the certificate, designation of NPS or NPA, and the location of the NPS/A submitting the certificate. In addition, all subcontractors must meet the requirements as contained in Section 45 (Clearance Requirements) and Section 46 (Staff Qualifications) of this Contract. No subcontract shall be considered final without LEA approval.

19. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA upon request a copy of its current bylaws and a current list of its Board of Directors (or Trustees), if it is incorporated. CONTRACTOR and any member of its Board of Directors (or Trustees) shall disclose any relationship with LEA that constitutes or may constitute a conflict of interest pursuant to California Education Code section 56042 and Government Code Section 1090 including, but not limited to, employment with LEA, provision of private party assessments and/or reports,

and attendance at IEP team meetings acting as a student's advocate. Pursuant to California Education Code section 56042, an attorney or advocate for a Parent of an individual with exceptional needs shall not recommend placement at CONTRACTOR's facility if the attorney or advocate is employed or contracted by the CONTRACTOR, or will receive a benefit from the CONTRACTOR, or otherwise has a conflict of interest.

LEA shall neither execute an ISA with CONTRACTOR nor amend an existing ISA for an LEA student when a recommendation for special education and/or related services is based in whole or in part on assessment(s) or reports provided by CONTRACTOR to the LEA student without prior written authorization by LEA. This section shall apply to CONTRACTOR regardless of when an assessment is performed or a report is prepared (i.e., before or after the LEA student is enrolled in CONTRACTOR's NPS/A) or whether an assessment of the LEA student is performed or a report is prepared in the normal course of the services provided to the LEA student by CONTRACTOR. To avoid conflict of interest, and in order to ensure the appropriateness of an Independent Educational Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as "IEE") and its recommendations, LEA may not fund an IEE by an evaluator who provides ongoing service(s) or is sought to provide service(s) to the LEA student for whom the IEE is requested. Likewise, LEA may not fund services through the evaluator whose IEE LEA agrees to fund. When no other appropriate assessor is available, LEA may request and if CONTRACTOR agrees, CONTRACTOR may provide an IEE.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that its authorized representative has read and understands California Education Code section 56366.3 which provides, in relevant part, that no special education and/or related services provided by CONTRACTOR shall be paid for by LEA if provided by an individual who is or was an employee of LEA within the three hundred sixty-five (365) days prior to executing this Contract. This provision does not apply to any person who is able to provide designated instruction and services during the extended school year because he or she is otherwise employed for up to ten months of the school year by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall not admit a student living within the jurisdictional boundaries of the LEA on a private pay or tuition free "scholarship" basis and concurrently or subsequently advise/request Parent(s) to pursue funding for the admitted school year from LEA through due process proceedings. Such action shall constitute good cause for termination of this Contract by LEA.

20. NON-DISCRIMINATION

CONTRACTOR shall not, in employment or operation of its programs, unlawfully discriminate on the basis of gender, nationality, national origin, ancestry, race, color, ethnicity, ethnic group affiliation, religion, age, marital status, pregnancy or parental status, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disability, genetic information, medical condition, military or veteran status, or any other classification protected by federal or State law or the perception of one or more of such characteristics or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

21. FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION (FAPE)

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with a copy of the IEP including the Individualized Transition Plan (hereinafter referred to as "ITP") of each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services (including transition services) to each LEA student within the NPS/A consistent with the student's IEP and as specified in the ISA. If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall not accept an LEA student if it cannot provide or ensure the provision of the services outlined in the student's IEP. If an LEA student's services are provided by a third party (i.e. Related Services Provider), CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, if provision of services cease.

Unless otherwise agreed to between CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the provision of all appropriate supplies, equipment, and/or facilities, as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall make no charge of any kind to parents for special education and/or related services as specified in the student's IEP and ISA (including, but not limited to, screenings, assessments, or interviews that occur prior to or as a condition of an LEA student's enrollment under the terms of this Contract). LEA shall provide low incidence equipment for eligible students with low incidence disabilities when specified in an LEA student's IEP and ISA. Such equipment remains the property of the LEA and shall be returned to the LEA when the IEP team determines the equipment is no longer needed or when the student is no longer enrolled in the NPS. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that facilities are adequate to provide LEA students with an environment which meets all pertinent health and safety regulations.

CONTRACTOR may charge an LEA student's Parent(s) for services and/or activities not necessary for the student to receive a FAPE after: (a) written notification to the LEA student's Parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities; and (b) receipt by LEA of the written notification and a written acknowledgment signed by the LEA student's Parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning Parent acknowledgment of financial responsibility.

Voluntary services and/or activities not necessary for the student to receive a FAPE shall not interfere with the LEA student's receipt of special education and/or related services as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA unless the LEA, CONTRACTOR, and Parent agree otherwise in writing.

22. GENERAL PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION

All NPS/A services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code section 56366 *et seq.*

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction shall: (a) utilize evidence-based practices and be consistent with LEA's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (b) include curriculum that addresses mathematics, literacy and the use of educational, assistive technology and transition services; (c) be consistent with CDE's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (d) provide the services as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. LEA students shall have access to: (a) State Board of Education (SBE) - adopted Common Core State Standards ("CCSS") for curriculum and the same instructional materials for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive; and provide standards – aligned core curriculum and instructional materials for grades 9 to 12, inclusive, used by LEA; (b) college preparation courses; (c) extracurricular activities, such as art, sports, music and academic clubs; (d) career preparation and vocational training, consistent with transition plans pursuant to State and federal law and; (e) supplemental assistance, including individual academic tutoring, psychological counseling, and career and college counseling. When appropriate, CONTRACTOR shall utilize the designated curriculum guidelines for students with moderate to severe disabilities who participate in the State's alternative assessment. These students shall have access to the core content, activities, and instructional materials delineated within these curriculum guidelines. CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction shall be described in writing and a copy provided to LEA prior to the effective date of this Contract.

When CONTRACTOR serves students in grades 9 through 12 inclusive, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR a specific list of the course requirements to be satisfied by CONTRACTOR leading toward graduation or completion of LEA's diploma requirements. CONTRACTOR shall not award a high school diploma to students who have not successfully completed all of LEA's graduation requirements.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction and/or services shall utilize evidence-based practices and be consistent with LEA and CDE guidelines and certifications, and shall be provided as specified in the student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a written description of the services and location provided prior to the effective date of this Contract. School-based services may not be unilaterally converted by CONTRACTOR to a substitute program or provided at a location not specifically authorized by the IEP

team. Except for services provided by a CONTRACTOR that is a Licensed Children's Institution (LCI), all services not provided in the school setting require the presence of a Parent or adult caregiver during the delivery of services, provided such guardian or caregiver have a signed authorization by the Parent to authorize emergency services as requested. LCI CONTRACTORS shall ensure that appropriate and qualified residential or clinical staff is present during the provision of services under this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA in writing if no Parent, guardian or adult caregiver is present.

CONTRACTORS providing Behavior Intervention Services shall develop a written plan that specifies the nature of their NPA service for each student within thirty (30) days of enrollment and shall be provided in writing to the LEA. CONTRACTORS providing Behavior Intervention Services must have a trained behaviorist or trained equivalent on staff who is qualified and responsible for the design, planning, and implementation of behavioral interventions as the law requires. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3051.23; Ed. Code § 56366.10(e).) It is understood that Behavior Intervention Services are limited per CDE Certification and do not constitute an instructional program.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA, CONTRACTOR shall not provide transportation nor subcontract for transportation services for students unless LEA and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing.

23. INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, the total number of instructional minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be at least equivalent to the number of instructional minutes per school day provided to LEA students at like grade level attending LEA schools and shall be specified in the student's ISA developed in accordance with the student's IEP.

For students in grades kindergarten through 12 inclusive, unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP and ISA, the number of instructional minutes, excluding breakfast, recess, lunch and passing time shall be at the same level that California Education Code prescribes for LEA.

The total number of annual instructional minutes shall be at least equivalent to the total number of annual instructional minutes provided to LEA students attending LEA schools in like grade level unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, the total number of minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be specified in the LEA student's ISA developed in accordance with the student's IEP.

24. CLASS SIZE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that class size shall not exceed a ratio of one teacher per twelve (12) students, unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in writing. Upon prior written approval by an authorized LEA representative, class size may be temporarily increased by a ratio of 1 teacher to fourteen (14) students when necessary during the regular or extended school year to provide services to students with disabilities.

In the event a NPS CONTRACTOR is unable to fill a vacant teaching position responsible for direct instruction to LEA students, and the vacancy has a direct impact on the CDE Certification of that school, CONTRACTOR shall develop a plan to ensure appropriate coverage of students by first utilizing existing certificated staff. CONTRACTOR and LEA may agree to one 30 school day period per contract year where class size may be increased to ensure coverage by an appropriately credentialed teacher. Such an agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties. This provision does not apply to a NPA CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR providing special education instruction for individuals with exceptional needs between the ages of three and five years, inclusive, shall also comply with the appropriate instructional adult to child ratios pursuant to California Education Code sections 56440 *et seq.*

25. CALENDARS

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS:

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a school calendar with the total number of billable days not to exceed 180 days, plus extended school year billable days equivalent to the number of days determined by LEA's extended school year calendar. Billable days shall include only those days that are included on the submitted and approved school calendar, and/or required by the IEP (developed by LEA) for each LEA student. CONTRACTOR shall not be allowed to change its school calendar and/or amend the number of billable days without the prior written approval of LEA. Nothing in this Contract shall be interpreted to require LEA to accept any requests for calendar changes. In the event LEA adjusts the number of school days for its regular school year and/or extended school year, the approved number of days shall become the total billable days for CONTRACTOR. In such a case, an amended calendar shall be provided by CONTRACTOR for LEA approval.

Unless otherwise specified by the LEA student's IEP, educational services shall occur at the school site. A student shall only be eligible for extended school year services as determined by the student's IEP team and the provision of such is specifically included in the ISA. Extended school year shall consist of twenty (20) instructional days, unless otherwise agreed upon by the student's IEP team convened by the LEA. Any days of extended school year in excess of twenty (20) billable days must be mutually agreed to by LEA and CONTRACTOR, in writing, prior to the start of the extended school year.

Student must have actually been in attendance during the regular school year and/or during extended school year and received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any NPS service. Any instructional days provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall observe the same legal holidays as LEA. As of the execution of this Contract, those holidays are: Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth and Independence Day. With the prior written approval of LEA, CONTRACTOR may revise the date upon which CONTRACTOR closes in observance of any of the holidays observed by LEA.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA:

CONTRACTOR shall be provided with a LEA-developed/approved calendar prior to the initiation of services. CONTRACTOR herein agrees to observe holidays as specified in LEA-developed/approved calendar. CONTRACTOR shall provide services pursuant to LEA-developed/approved calendar; or as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. Unless otherwise specified in the LEA student's ISA, CONTRACTOR shall provide related services to LEA students on only those days that the LEA student's school of attendance is in session and the LEA student attends school. CONTRACTOR shall bill only for services provided on billable days of attendance as indicated on LEA calendar unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in writing before delivery of any NPA services. Student must have actually been in attendance and/or received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any NPA service provided by CONTRACTOR. Any services provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of the CONTRACTOR. In the event of school closures due to emergency, payment will follow the procedures in accordance with Section 62 of this Contract.

26. DATA REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall agree to provide to LEA all data related to LEA student information and billing information. CONTRACTOR shall provide data related to all sections of this Contract, including student discipline as noted below, when requested by LEA and in the format required by LEA. It is understood that CONTRACTOR shall utilize LEA-approved electronic IEP system for all IEP development, service tracking documentation, and progress reporting, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by LEA. Additional progress reporting may be required by the LEA. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with appropriate software, user training and proper internet permissions to allow adequate access so that this information may be compiled.

Using forms developed by the CDE or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA, on a monthly basis, a written report of all incidents in which a statutory offense is committed by any LEA student, regardless if it results in a disciplinary action of suspension or expulsion. This includes all statutory offenses as described in Education Codes sections 48900 and 48915. CONTRACTOR shall also include incidents resulting in the use of a behavioral restraint and/or seclusion even if they were not a result of a violation of Education Code sections 48900 and 48915. (Ed. Code § 49006.)

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with approved forms and/or format for such data including, but not limited to, invoicing, attendance reports and progress reports. LEA may approve use of CONTRACTOR-provided forms at its discretion.

27. LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall follow all LEA Procedures that support Least Restrictive Environment (“LRE”) options and/or dual enrollment options if available and appropriate, for students to have access to the general curriculum and to be educated with their nondisabled peers to the maximum extent appropriate.

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall ensure that LRE placement options are addressed at all IEP team meetings regarding students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. This shall include IEP team consideration of supplementary aids and services, goals and objectives necessary for placement in the LRE and necessary to enable students to transition to less restrictive settings.

When an IEP team has determined that a student should be transitioned into the public school setting, CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA in implementing the IEP team’s recommended activities to support the transition.

28. STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, per implementation of Senate Bill 484, CONTRACTOR shall administer all statewide assessments within the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (“CAASPP”), Desired Results Developmental Profile (“DRDP”), California Alternative Assessment (“CAA”), achievement and abilities tests (using LEA-authorized assessment instruments), the Fitness Gram, the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (“ELPAC”), and Alternative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (“Alternative ELPAC”), and as appropriate to the LEA student, and mandated by LEA pursuant to LEA, State of California, and federal guidelines.

CONTRACTOR is subject to the alternative accountability system developed pursuant to Education Code section 52052, in the same manner as public schools. Each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR by the LEA shall be tested by qualified staff of CONTRACTOR in accordance with that accountability program. LEA shall provide test administration training to CONTRACTOR’S qualified staff.

CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA test training and comply with completion of all coding requirements as required by LEA.

29. MANDATED ATTENDANCE AT LEA MEETINGS

CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA-mandated meetings when legal mandates and/or LEA Procedures are reviewed, including but not limited to the areas of: curriculum, high school graduation, standards-based instruction, behavior intervention, cultural and linguistic needs of students with disabilities, dual enrollment responsibilities, LRE responsibilities, transition services, data collection, standardized testing, and IEPs. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with reasonable notice of mandated meetings. Attendance at such meetings does not constitute a billable service hour(s).

30. POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Education Code section 49005, *et seq.*, 56521.1 and 56521.2. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that CONTRACTOR utilizes a multi-tier system of support ("MTSS") to address student needs. CONTRACTOR shall also ensure that all staff are trained on the use of positive behavior interventions and supports consistent with this Contract.

LEA students who exhibit behaviors that interfere with their learning or the learning of others must receive timely and appropriate assessments and positive supports and interventions in accordance with the federal law and its implementing regulations. If the IEP team determines that a student's behavior impedes his or her learning or the learning of others, the IEP team is required to consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. This could mean that instead of developing a Behavior Intervention Plan ("BIP"), the IEP team may conclude it is sufficient to address the student's behavioral problems through the development of behavioral goals and behavioral interventions to support those goals.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written policy pursuant to California Education Code section 56521.1 regarding emergency interventions and behavioral emergency reports ("BERs"). CONTRACTOR shall inform each of its employees about the policy, provide each employee a copy thereof, and provide training to all employees regarding the policy. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all of its staff members are trained in crisis intervention, emergency procedures, and evidenced-based practices and interventions specific to the unique behavioral needs of the CONTRACTOR's pupil population. Training shall include certification by an approved LEA crisis intervention program. The training shall be provided within 30 days of employment to new staff who have any contact or interaction with pupils during the school day, and annually to all staff who have any contact or interaction with pupils during the school day. (Ed. Code 56366.10(f).) The CONTRACTOR shall select and conduct the training in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1. CONTRACTOR shall maintain accurate written records documenting all training completed by all of CONTRACTOR's employees. Evidence of all trainings shall be submitted to LEA at least annually at the beginning of the school year, and within five (5) business days of completion of training or any new hire upon LEA request.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.1, emergency interventions shall not be used as a substitute for a BIP and shall not be employed longer than necessary to contain the behavior. Emergency interventions may only be used to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to a LEA student or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior. If a situation requires prolonged use of emergency intervention, staff must seek assistance from the school site administrator or a law enforcement agency. Consistent with Section 44 of this Contract, LEA may observe and/or audit CONTRACTOR's implementation of BIPs, staff use of behavior interventions, including emergency interventions, at any time, and without prior notice.

CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER when an emergency occurs that is defined as a serious, dangerous behavior that staff has determined to present a clear and present danger to others. It requires a non-violent physical intervention to protect the safety of student, self, or others and a physical intervention has been used; or a physical intervention has not been used, but an injury or serious property damage has occurred. The use of Personal Safety Techniques (which may or may not have been used) does not determine whether a BER is required. Emergencies *require* a BER form be completed and submitted to the LEA within twenty-four (24) hours for administrative action. CONTRACTOR shall notify Parent within twenty-four (24) hours via telephone. If the student's IEP does not contain a BIP, an IEP team shall schedule a meeting to review the BER, determine if there is a necessity for a functional behavioral assessment ("FBA"), and to determine an interim plan, or both. If the student already has a BIP, the IEP team shall review and modify the BIP if a new serious behavior has been exhibited or existing behavioral interventions have proven to be ineffective. CONTRACTOR shall schedule with LEA an IEP meeting within two (2) days.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.2, CONTRACTOR shall not authorize, order, consent to, or pay for the following interventions, or any other interventions similar to or like the following:

1. any intervention that is designed to, or likely to, cause physical pain, including, but not limited to, electric-shock;
2. an intervention that involves the release of noxious, toxic, or otherwise unpleasant sprays, mists, or substances in proximity to the face of the individual;
3. an intervention that denies adequate sleep, food, water, shelter, bedding, physical comfort, or access to bathroom facilities;
4. an intervention that is designed to subject, used to subject, or likely to subject, the individual to verbal abuse, ridicule, or humiliation, or that can be expected to cause excessive emotional trauma;
5. restrictive interventions that employ a device, material, or objects that simultaneously immobilize all four extremities, including the procedure known as prone containment, except that prone containment or similar techniques may be used by trained personnel as a limited emergency intervention;
6. locked seclusion, unless it is in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use a locked room;
7. an intervention that precludes adequate supervision of the individual;
8. an intervention that deprives the individual of one or more of his or her senses.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with Education Code section 49005.8. Specifically, Contractor shall not do any of the following:

1. Use seclusion or a behavioral restraint for the purpose of coercion, discipline, convenience, or retaliation.
2. Use locked seclusion, unless it is in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use a locked room.
3. Use a physical restraint technique that obstructs a pupil's respiratory airway or impairs the pupil's breathing or respiratory capacity, including techniques in which a staff member places pressure on a pupil's back or places his or her body weight against the pupil's torso or back.
4. Use a behavioral restraint technique that restricts breathing, including, but not limited to, using a pillow, blanket, carpet, mat, or other item to cover a pupil's face.
5. Place a pupil in a facedown position with the pupil's hands held or restrained behind the pupil's back.
6. Use a behavioral restraint for longer than is necessary to contain the behavior that poses a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the pupil or others.

CONTRACTOR shall keep constant, direct observation of a pupil who is in seclusion, which may be through observation of the pupil through a window, or another barrier, through which the educational provider is able to make direct eye contact with the pupil. This observation shall not be through indirect means, including through a security camera or a closed-circuit television.

CONTRACTOR shall afford pupils who are restrained the least restrictive alternative and the maximum freedom of movement, and shall use the least number of restraint points, while ensuring the physical safety of the pupil and others.

If prone restraint techniques are used by CONTRACTOR, a staff member shall observe the pupil for any signs of physical distress throughout the use of prone restraint. Whenever possible, the staff member monitoring the pupil shall not be involved in restraining the pupil.

In the case of a child whose behavior impedes the child's learning or that of others, the IEP team shall consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA via telephone of any severe or increasingly frequent behavior problem, any emergency intervention in response to a previously unseen serious behavior problem, or where a previously designed behavior intervention is ineffective, that may require an IEP team meeting.

All restraint practices must be reviewed and revised when they have an adverse effect on a student and are used repeatedly for an individual child, either on multiple occasions within the same classroom or multiple uses by the same individual. CONTRACTOR shall notify the Parent when any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusion has been used. Upon the use of any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusions of an LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER per the reporting and notification requirements listed above.

BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION REPORTING: Twice annually, CONTRACTOR shall certify to LEA that (a) CONTRACTOR has reviewed the BERs for each LEA student in conjunction with that student's IEP and BIP; (b) Staff are trained to implement each LEA student's BIP, including approved or prohibited restraint techniques for each student; (c) emergency interventions have only been used to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to LEA students or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior; and (d) BERs have been properly completed and timely forwarded to LEA as required by this Contract.

CONTRACTOR's failure to comply with any of the requirements of Section 30: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports shall constitute sufficient good cause for immediate termination of this Contract by LEA.

31. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and abide by a written policy for student discipline that is consistent with State of California and federal law and regulations. Using forms developed by the California Department of Education or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA, on a monthly basis, a written report of all incidents in which a statutory offense is committed by any LEA student, regardless if it results in a disciplinary action of suspension or expulsion. This includes all statutory offenses as described in Education Codes 48900 and 48915. CONTRACTOR shall also include incidents resulting in the use of a behavioral restraint and/or seclusion even if they were not a result of a violation of Education Code Sections 48900 and 48915. (Ed. Code § 49006.)

When CONTRACTOR seeks to remove a LEA student from the student's current educational placement for disciplinary reasons, CONTRACTOR shall immediately (within 24 hours) submit a written discipline report to LEA. Written discipline reports shall include, but not be limited to: the student's name, grade, race, ethnicity, and gender; the time, date, and description of the misconduct; the disciplinary action taken by CONTRACTOR; and the rationale for such disciplinary action. A copy of the LEA student's behavior plan, if any, shall be submitted with the written discipline report. CONTRACTOR and LEA agree to participate in a manifestation determination at an IEP meeting no later than the tenth (10th) day after the decision is made to suspend the student for more than ten (10) school days or recommend expulsion of the

student. LEA shall notify and invite CONTRACTOR representatives to the IEP team meeting where the manifestation determination will be made.

32. IEP TEAM MEETINGS

An IEP team meeting shall be convened at least annually to evaluate: (1) the educational progress of each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR, including all state assessment results pursuant to the requirements of Education Code section 52052; (2) whether or not the needs of the LEA student continue to be best met at the NPS; and (3) whether changes to the student's IEP are necessary, including whether the LEA student may be transitioned to a public school setting. (California Education Code sections 56366(a)(2)(B)(i) and (ii) and California Education Code section 56345(b)(4).)

If an LEA student is to be transferred from a NPS setting into a regular class setting in a public school for any part of the school day, the IEP team shall document, a description of activities provided to integrate the student into the regular education program, including the nature of each activity as well as the time spent on the activity each day or week and a description of the activities provided to support the transition of the student from the special education program into the regular education program. Each LEA student shall be allowed to provide confidential input to any representative of the student's IEP team. Except as otherwise provided in the Contract, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall participate in all IEP team meetings regarding LEA students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. At any time during the term of this Contract, the Parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of the LEA student's IEP, subject to all procedural safeguards required by law, including reasonable notice given to, and participation of, CONTRACTOR, LEA, and Parent in the meeting. Every effort shall be made to schedule IEP team meetings at a time and place that is mutually convenient to CONTRACTOR, LEA, and Parent. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, at no cost and prior to an annual or triennial IEP team meeting, documentation regarding the student's progress on goals and any and all assessments and written assessment reports (including testing protocols) created by CONTRACTOR and any of its agents or subcontractors, upon request and/or pursuant to LEA Procedures. It is understood that attendance at an IEP meeting is part of CONTRACTOR'S professional responsibility and is not a billable service under this Contract.

It is understood that CONTRACTOR shall utilize the LEA approved electronic IEP system for all IEP planning and progress reporting at LEA's discretion. LEA may provide training for any CONTRACTOR to ensure access to the approved system. CONTRACTOR shall maintain confidentiality of all IEP data on the approved system and shall protect the password requirements of the system. When a LEA student dis-enrolls from the NPS/A, the CONTRACTOR shall discontinue use of the approved system for that student.

Changes in any LEA student's educational program, including instruction, services, or instructional setting provided under this Contract, may only be made on the basis of revisions to the student's IEP. In the event that CONTRACTOR believes a LEA student requires a change of placement, CONTRACTOR may request a review of the student's IEP for the purposes of consideration of a change in the student's placement. A LEA student is entitled to remain in the last agreed upon and implemented placement unless Parent agrees otherwise or an Interim Alternative Educational Setting is deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH consistent with Section 1415(k)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code.

33. SURROGATE PARENTS AND FOSTER YOUTH

CONTRACTOR shall comply with LEA surrogate parent assignments. Surrogate parents shall serve as the child's Parent and have all the rights relative to the student's education that a parent has under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act pursuant to 20 U.S.C. sections 1414-1482 and 34 C.F.R. sections 300.1-300.756. A pupil in foster care shall be defined pursuant to California Education Code section 42238.01(b). LEA shall annually notify CONTRACTOR who LEA has designated as the educational liaison for foster children. When a pupil in foster care is enrolled in a NPS by LEA any time after the completion of the student's second year of high school, CONTRACTOR shall schedule the pupil in courses leading towards graduation based on the diploma requirements of LEA unless provided notice otherwise in writing pursuant to Section 51225.1.

34. DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in special education due process proceedings including mediations and hearings, as requested by LEA. Participation includes CONTRACTOR's staff being made available for witness preparation and testimony as is necessary to facilitate a due process hearing. CONTRACTOR shall also fully participate in the investigation and provision of documentation related to any complaint filed with the State of California, the Office of Civil Rights, or any other State and/or federal governmental body or agency. Full participation shall include, but in no way be limited to, cooperating with LEA representatives to provide complete answers raised by any investigator and/or the immediate provision of any and all documentation that pertains to the operation of CONTRACTOR's program and/or the implementation of a particular student's IEP/ISA.

35. COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and adhere to its own written procedures for responding to Parent complaints. These procedures shall include annually notifying and providing Parents of LEA students with appropriate information (including complaint forms) for the following: (1) Uniform Complaint Procedures pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4600 *et seq.*; (2) Nondiscrimination policy pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4960 (a); (3) Sexual Harassment Policy, California Education Code 231.5 (a) (b) (c); (4) Title IX Student Grievance Procedure, Title IX 106.8(a), (d) and 106.9(a); and (5) Notice of Privacy Practices in compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA"). CONTRACTOR shall include verification of these procedures to the LEA. CONTRACTOR shall immediately (within 24 hours) notify LEA of any complaints filed against it related to LEA students and provide LEA with all documentation related to the complaints and/or its investigation of complaints, including any and all reports generated as a result of an investigation.

36. LEA STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS AND ASSESSMENTS

Unless LEA requests in writing that progress reports be provided on a monthly basis, CONTRACTOR shall provide to Parents, with a concurrent copy sent to LEA, at least four (4) written progress reports/report cards. At a minimum, progress reports shall include progress over time towards IEP goals and objectives. A copy of the progress reports/report cards shall be maintained at CONTRACTOR's place of business and shall be submitted to the LEA and LEA student's Parent quarterly.

CONTRACTOR shall also provide LEA representatives access to supporting documentation used to determine progress on any goal or objective, transition plans, and behavior intervention plans, including but not limited to log sheets, chart notes, observation notes, data sheets, pre-/post-tests, rubrics and other similar data collection used to determine progress or lack of progress on approved goals, objectives, transition plans or behavior intervention plans. LEA may request such data at any time within five (5) years of the date of service. CONTRACTOR shall maintain such information for at least five (5) years and shall provide this data supporting progress to LEA within five (5) business days of request. Additional time may be granted as needed by the LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall complete academic or other evaluations of the LEA student at least ten (10) days prior to the student's IEP team meeting for the purpose of reporting the LEA student's present levels of performance at the IEP team meeting as required by State and federal laws and regulations and pursuant to LEA Procedures, and/or LEA practices. CONTRACTOR shall provide sufficient copies of its reports, documents, and projected goals to share with members of the IEP team at least five (5) business days prior to the IEP meeting. CONTRACTOR shall maintain supporting documentation, such as test protocols and data collection, which shall be made available to LEA within five (5) business days of request.

CONTRACTOR is responsible for all evaluation costs regarding the updating of goals and objectives, progress reporting, and development of present levels of performance. All assessments resulting from an assessment plan shall be provided by LEA unless LEA specifies in writing a request that CONTRACTOR perform such assessment. Any assessment and/or evaluation costs may be added to the ISA and/or approved separately by LEA at LEA's sole discretion.

It is understood that all billable hours must be in direct services to LEA students as specified in the ISA. For NPA services, supervision provided by a qualified individual as specified in Title 5 Regulation, subsection 3065, shall be determined as appropriate and included in the ISA. Supervision means the direct observation of services, data review, case conferencing and program design consistent with professional standards for each professional's license, certification, or credential.

CONTRACTOR shall not charge a LEA student's Parent(s) or LEA for the provision of progress reports, report cards, and/or any evaluations conducted in order to obtain present levels of performance, interviews, and/or attendance at any meetings. It is understood that all billable hours are limited to those specified on the ISA consistent with the IEP. It is understood that copies of data collection notes, forms, charts and other such data are part of the student's record and shall be made available to LEA upon written request.

37. TRANSCRIPTS

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall prepare transcripts at the close of each semester, or upon LEA student transfer, for LEA students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) inclusive, and submit such transcripts on LEA-approved forms to the LEA student's school of residence for evaluation of progress toward completion of diploma requirements as specified in LEA Procedures. CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA, the names of LEA students and their schools of residence for whom transcripts have been submitted as specified by LEA. All transcripts shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR and furnished to LEA upon request, consistent with the parameters of Sections 9 and 26 of this Contract.

38. LEA STUDENT CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

Upon enrollment, CONTRACTOR shall notify Parents in writing of their obligation to notify CONTRACTOR of an LEA student's change of residence. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide upon request by LEA, documentation of such notice to Parents. Within five (5) school days from the date CONTRACTOR becomes aware of a LEA student's change of residence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing of the LEA student's change of residence as specified in LEA Procedures.

If CONTRACTOR had knowledge or should reasonably have had knowledge of an LEA student's change of residence and CONTRACTOR fails to follow the procedures specified in this section, LEA shall not be responsible for the costs of services delivered following the LEA student's change of residence.

39. WITHDRAWAL OF LEA STUDENT FROM NPS/A

CONTRACTOR shall immediately report to LEA via telephone and electronically (within 24 hours) and in writing to LEA within five (5) business days when a LEA student is withdrawn from school and/or services without prior notice. This includes but is not limited to a LEA student's change of residence to a residence outside of LEA boundaries, and LEA student's discharge against professional advice from a NPS and/or residential treatment center ("RTC"). CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA to verify potential dropouts three (3) times per year.

40. PARENT ACCESS

CONTRACTOR shall provide for reasonable parental access to LEA students and all facilities including, but not limited to, the instructional setting, recreational activity areas, meeting rooms and student living quarters when applicable. CONTRACTOR shall comply with any known court orders regarding parental visits and access to LEA students.

CONTRACTOR operating programs associated with a NPS/RTC shall cooperate with a Parent's reasonable request for LEA student therapeutic visits in their home or at the NPS/RTC. CONTRACTOR shall require that Parents obtain prior written authorization for therapeutic visits from CONTRACTOR and LEA at least thirty (30) days in advance. When requested, CONTRACTOR shall facilitate all Parent travel and

accommodations and for providing travel information to the parent as appropriate. Payment by LEA for approved travel-related expenses shall be made directly through LEA consistent with LEA Procedures.

CONTRACTOR providing services in a LEA student's home as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one Parent of the child, or an adult caregiver with the Parent's written and signed authorization to make decisions in an emergency, is present. The names of any adult caregiver other than the Parent shall be provided to the LEA prior to the start of any home based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the Parent informs the LEA of any changes of caregivers and provide written authorization for emergencies. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing immediately (within 24 hours) of all problems and/or concerns reported to Parents, both verbal and written.

41. LICENSED CHILDREN'S INSTITUTION ("LCI") CONTRACTORS AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER ("RTC") CONTRACTORS

If CONTRACTOR is a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements regarding educational placements for LCI students as stated in Education Code 56366 (a) (2) (C), 56366.9 (c) (1), Health and Safety Code section 1501.1 and any other applicable laws and/or regulations, including LEA guidelines and LEA Procedures. An LCI shall not require that a pupil be placed in its NPS as a condition of being placed in its residential facility.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS/RTC, CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. section 1400 et seq. including the federal regulations 34 C.F.R section 300 et seq. and Education Code section 56000 et seq. including Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 et seq.. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all monitoring requirements set forth in Section 43 below.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS that is owned, operated by, or associated with a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, on a quarterly basis, a list of all LEA students, including those identified as eligible for special education. For those identified as special education students, the list shall include: 1) special education eligibility at the time of enrollment and; 2) the educational placement and services specified in each student's IEP at the time of enrollment. A copy of the current IEP shall be provided to the LEA.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings order or a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and Parent, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with NPS placement until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a NPS placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by the LEA student's Parent or another adult with educational decision-making rights.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide, respectively, special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.).

42. STATE MEAL MANDATE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall satisfy the State Meal Mandate under California Education Code sections 49005 et seq.; 49501.5, the universal meal mandate enacted by AB 130 (2021-2022); 49530 et seq; and 49550 et seq.

43. MONITORING

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, LEA (or SELPA) shall conduct at least one onsite monitoring visit during each school year to the NPS at which LEA has a student attending and with which it maintains a master

contract. The monitoring visit shall include, but is not limited to, a review of services provided to the student through the ISA between LEA and the NPS, a review of progress the student is making toward the goals set forth in the student's IEP, a review of progress the student is making toward the goals set forth in the student's BIP, if applicable, an observation of the pupil during instruction, and a walkthrough of the facility. LEA (or SELPA) shall report the findings resulting from the monitoring visit to the California Department of Education within 60 calendar days of the onsite visit.

LEA (or SELPA) shall conduct an onsite visit to the NPS before placement of a student if LEA does not have any students enrolled at the NPS at the time of placement. (Ed. Code § 56366.1.)

CONTRACTOR shall allow LEA representatives access to its facilities for additional periodic monitoring of each LEA student's instructional program. LEA shall have access to observe each LEA student at work, observe the instructional setting, interview CONTRACTOR, and review each LEA student's records and progress held by CONTRACTOR. LEA's access shall include unannounced monitoring visits. When making site visits, LEA shall initially report to CONTRACTOR's site administrative office. CONTRACTOR and LEA shall be invited to participate in the review of each LEA student's progress.

If CONTRACTOR is also an LCI and/or NPS/RTC, the CDE shall annually evaluate whether CONTRACTOR is in compliance with Education Code section 56366.9 and Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b). LEA may also conduct its own onsite review of a NPS using LEA's Quality On-Site NPS Review Rubric.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction ("Superintendent") shall monitor CONTRACTOR'S facilities, the educational environment, and the quality of the educational program, including the teaching staff, the credentials authorizing service, the standards-based core curriculum being employed, and the standard focused instructional materials used on a three-year cycle, as follows: (1) CONTRACTOR shall complete a self-review in year one; (2) Superintendent shall conduct an onsite review in year two; and (3) Superintendent shall conduct a follow-up visit in year three.

CONTRACTOR shall participate in any LEA or CDE compliance review, if applicable, to be conducted as aligned with the CDE Onsite Review and monitoring cycle in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(j). This review will address programmatic aspects of the NPS, compliance with relevant State and federal regulations, and Contract compliance. If requested by LEA, CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit a Nonpublic School/Agency Self-Review Assessment to LEA and CDE. CONTRACTOR shall conduct any follow-up or corrective action procedures related to review findings.

CONTRACTOR understands that LEA reserves the right to institute a program audit with or without cause. The program audit may include, but is not limited to, a review of core compliance areas of health and safety; curriculum/instruction; related services; and contractual, legal, and procedural compliance.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall collect all applicable data and prepare the applicable portion of a School Accountability Report Card as appropriate in accordance with California Education Code Section 33126.

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44. CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

If CONTRACTOR is a NPA:

When CONTRACTOR is an NPA, all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors of CONTRACTOR who will or are likely to interact with LEA students shall obtain clearance from both the California Department of Justice (hereinafter referred to as "CDOJ") and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI"). Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information and notwithstanding the express provisions of California Education Code sections 44237, 45125.1, and 56366.1, CONTRACTOR shall require all employees, volunteers, and

subcontractors to submit fingerprints through LEA's Live Scan system, regardless of whether CONTRACTOR requires its employees and volunteers to submit fingerprints for background checks in accordance with its own procedures. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall require all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors who will interact with LEA students outside the immediate supervision and control of the student's Parent or an LEA employee to enroll in LEA's subsequent arrest notification service as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2.

No employees, volunteers, or subcontractors of CONTRACTOR who have been convicted of a violent or serious felony, as those terms are defined in California Education Code Section 44237 subdivision (h) shall interact with LEA students outside the immediate supervision and control of the student's Parent or an LEA employee, unless despite the employee's, volunteer's, or subcontractor's conviction of a violent or serious felony, they have met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237 subdivisions (i) or (j). CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers shall not interact with LEA students unless and until CDOJ and DBI clearances are ascertained through LEA's Live Scan system.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS or RTC:

When CONTRACTOR is an NPS or RTC, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 44237, 35021.1, 35021.2, and 56366.1 including, but not limited to: obtaining clearance from both the California Department of Justice (hereinafter referred to as "CDOJ") and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI") for CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers who will have or likely may have any direct contact with LEA students. In addition, if CONTRACTOR is located outside of California, then the CONTRACTOR shall also obtain clearance from its state's department of justice. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers shall not come in contact with LEA students until CDOJ, its state's DOJ, and FBI clearance are ascertained. CONTRACTOR shall certify in writing to LEA that none of its employees, and volunteers, unless CONTRACTOR determines that the volunteers will have no direct contact with students, or subcontractors who may come into contact with LEA students have been convicted of a violent or serious felony as those terms are defined in California Education Code section 44237(h), unless despite the employee's conviction of a violent or serious felony, he or she has met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237(i) or (j). Upon request, clearance certification shall be submitted to the LEA. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall make a request for subsequent arrest service from CDOJ as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2. CONTRACTOR shall certify to LEA that CONTRACTOR'S employees, volunteers, and subcontractors have successful background checks and CONTRACTOR enrolled in subsequent arrest notification service for all employees, volunteers, and subcontractors who may come into contact with LEA students.

Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information, CONTRACTOR, upon demand, shall make available to LEA evidence of a successful criminal background check clearance and enrollment in subsequent arrest notification service, as provided, for each owner, operator, employee, volunteer, and subcontractor of the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR is required to retain the evidence on-site, as specified, for all staff, including those licensed or credentialed by another state agency. Background clearances and proof of subsequent arrest notification service, as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2, for all staff shall be provided to the LEA upon request.

45. STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services hold a license, certificate, permit, or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold in the service rendered consistent with Education Code section 56366.1(n)(1) and are qualified pursuant to Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58, and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations sections 3001(r), 3064 and 3065. Such qualified staff may only provide related services within the scope of their professional license, certification or credential and ethical standards set by each

profession, and not assume responsibility or authority for another related services provider or special education teacher's scope of practice.

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all staff are appropriately credentialed to provide instruction and services to students with the disabling conditions placed in their program/school through documentation provided to the CDE. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3064(a).)

In accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(a)(5), when CONTRACTOR is a NPS, an appropriately qualified person shall serve as curricular and instructional leader, and be able to provide leadership, oversight and professional development. The administrator of the NPS holds or is in the process of obtaining one of the following: (A) An administrative credential granted by an accredited postsecondary educational institution and two years of experience with pupils with disabilities. (B) A pupil personnel services credential that authorizes school counseling or psychology. (C) A license as a clinical social worker issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (D) A license in psychology regulated by the Board of Psychology. (E) A master's degree issued by an accredited postsecondary institution in education, special education, psychology, counseling, behavioral analysis, social work, behavioral science, or rehabilitation. (F) A credential authorizing special education instruction and at least two years of experience teaching in special education before becoming an administrator. (G) A license as a marriage and family therapist certified by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (H) A license as an educational psychologist issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (I) A license as a professional clinical counselor issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (California Education Code §56366.1(a)(5)) CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to the LEA upon request, documentation of its administrator's qualifications in accordance with the above.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with personnel standards and qualifications regarding instructional aides and teacher assistants respectively pursuant to federal requirements and California Education Code sections 45340 *et seq.* and 45350 *et seq.* Specifically, all paraprofessionals, including but not limited to, instructional aides and teacher assistants, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or subcontracted by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services, shall possess a high school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and at least one of the following qualifications: (a) completed at least two (2) years of study at an institution of higher education; or (b) obtained an associate's (or higher) degree; or (c) met a rigorous standard of quality and can demonstrate, through a formal state or local assessment (i) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing, and mathematics; or (ii) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness, as appropriate. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the licensed professions, including but not limited to, the provisions with respect to supervision.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State and serving a LEA student shall be certified or licensed by that state where it is located to provide special education and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 *et seq.*).

46. VERIFICATION OF LICENSES, CREDENTIALS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a staff list, and copies of all current licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents which entitle the holder to provide special education and/or related services by individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or sub-contracted by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all licenses, credentials, permits or other documents are on file at the office of the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Section 44 (Clearance Requirements) and provide LEA with verified dates of Tuberculosis Test clearance for all employees, approved subcontractors and/or volunteers prior to such individuals starting to work with any LEA student.

CONTRACTOR shall monitor the status of licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents for all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA and CDE in writing within thirty (30) days when personnel changes

occur which may affect the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA within thirty (30) days if any such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, challenged pursuant to an administrative or legal complaint or lawsuit, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Contract. LEA shall not be obligated to pay for any services provided by a person whose such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the period which such person is providing services under this Contract.

CONTRACTOR'S failure to notify LEA and CDE of any changes in credentialing/licensed staff may result in suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or and shall be good cause for termination of this Contract by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall identify to LEA any employee (or CONTRACTOR, if CONTRACTOR is an individual) expected to perform services under this Agreement who is then-receiving California State Teachers' Retirement System ("CalSTRS") benefits, and who may perform creditable service for the LEA as defined in Education Code 22119.5. Identification to LEA shall include the individual's full legal name and STRS and social security identification numbers. Before any services by the individual are provided, the CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a signed written confirmation from the individual that he/she is aware of the separation-from-service requirement and earnings limitations imposed by Education Code sections 22714, 24114, 24116, 24214, 24214.5, and 24215. CONTRACTOR shall thereafter provide on a monthly basis to the employee and LEA the actual amounts paid to the individual for services rendered under this Contract, with LEA responsible for reporting the individual's earnings to CalSTRS as required by law or regulation, including but not limited to Education Code section 22461.

47. STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS and CONTRACTOR's classroom teacher is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to the LEA documentation of substitute coverage. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time.

The LEA shall not be responsible for any payment for instruction and/or services when an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher is not provided in accordance with California Education Code section 56061.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and/or related services provider, and CONTRACTOR's service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this agreement and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR's service providers. It is understood that the parent of a LEA student shall not be deemed to be a qualified substitute for their student. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and authorized LEA representative.

48. STAFF PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR WHEN PROVIDING SERVICES AT SCHOOL OR SCHOOL RELATED EVENTS OR AT SCHOOL FACILITY AND/OR IN THE HOME

It is understood that all employees, subcontractors, and volunteers of any certified NPS/A shall adhere to the customary professional and ethical standards when providing services. All practices shall only be within the scope of professional responsibility as defined in the professional code of conduct for each profession as well as any LEA professional standards as specified in Board policies and/or regulations when made available to the CONTRACTOR.

For services provided on a public school campus, CONTRACTOR shall comply with California Penal Code section 627.1 *et seq.*, as well as all other LEA Procedures and school campus-specific policies and procedures regarding visitors to/on school campuses. Such LEA Procedures shall be made available to the CONTRACTOR upon request. It is understood that the LEA public school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the instructional program, and all NPA service providers shall work collaboratively with the classroom teacher, who shall remain in charge of the instructional program. Failure to comply with this and all LEA requirements in this regard shall be sufficient cause for LEA to terminate this Contract.

CONTRACTOR providing services outside of the student's school as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one Parent of the child or an adult caregiver with written and signed authority to make decisions in an emergency is present during provision of services. The names of any adult caregiver other than the Parent shall be provided to LEA prior to the start of any home-based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with the NPS/NPA service provider. All problems and/or concerns reported by CONTRACTOR to Parents, in either verbal or written form, shall also be immediately (within 24 hours) reported to the LEA.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MANDATES

49. HEALTH AND SAFETY

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, State, and local, and laws, regulations, ordinances, policies, and procedures, and LEA Procedures regarding student and employee health and safety. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 35021 *et seq.*, 49406, and Health and Safety Code section 121545(a) regarding the examination of CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers for tuberculosis. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation for each individual volunteering, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR of such compliance before an individual comes in contact with a LEA student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with OSHA Blood-Borne Pathogens Standards, 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 1910.1030 *et seq.* and Cal/OSHA's Blood-Borne Pathogens Standards, Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations section 5193, when providing medical treatment or assistance to a student. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training regarding universal health care precautions and to post required notices in areas designated in the California Health and Safety Code.

See also the Health and Safety Addendum to Master Contract 2023-2024 in Exhibit C.

50. FACILITIES AND FACILITIES MODIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services to students in facilities that comply with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances related, but not limited to: disability access; fire, health, sanitation, and building standards and safety; fire warning systems; zoning permits; and occupancy capacity. When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall conduct fire drills as required by Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 550. During the duration of this Contract, if CONTRACTOR is subject to fines, penalties and findings of non-compliance, CONTRACTOR shall assume any and all responsibilities for payment of such financial obligations. CONTRACTOR shall also be responsible for any structural changes and/or modifications to CONTRACTOR's facilities as required complying with applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances. Failure to notify the LEA and CDE of any changes in, major modification or relocation of facilities may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Contract by LEA.

In signing this Contract, CONTRACTOR certifies that its facilities either comply with federal and State of California and local laws regarding disability access, or possesses and has available upon demand, a self-evaluation and/or transition plan in accordance with said laws.

51. ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code section 49422 et seq. when CONTRACTOR serves a LEA student who is required to take prescription and/or over-the-counter medication during the school day. CONTRACTOR may designate personnel to assist the student with the administration of such medication after the student's Parent(s) provides to CONTRACTOR: (a) a written statement from a physician detailing the type, administration method, amount, and time schedules by which such medication shall be taken; and (b) a written statement from the student's Parent(s) granting CONTRACTOR permission to administer medication(s) as specified in the physician's statement. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to LEA upon request, copies of such written statements. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written log for each student to whom medication is administered. Such written log shall specify the student's name; the type of medication; the date, time, and amount of each administration; and the name of CONTRACTOR's employee who administered the medication. CONTRACTOR maintains full responsibility for storing medications in a secure location and ensuring appropriate staff training in the administration of such medication consistent with physician's written orders. Any change in medication type, administration method, amount or schedule must be authorized by both a licensed physician and Parent.

52. INCIDENT/ACCIDENT REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall submit within 24 hours, electronically, any accident or incident report to LEA. CONTRACTOR shall properly submit required accident or incident reports pursuant to and as specified in LEA Procedures.

53. CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to annually train all staff members, including volunteers, so that they are familiar with and agree to adhere to its own child and dependent adult abuse reporting obligations and procedures as specified in California Penal Code section 11164 *et seq.* and Education Code 44691. In addition, CONTRACTOR is to read and become familiar with the LEA's Mandated Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policies (BP 5141.4 and AR 5141.4.). To protect the privacy rights of all parties involved (i.e., reporter, child and alleged abuser), reports will remain confidential as required by law and professional ethical mandates. A written statement from CONTRACTOR acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be submitted to the LEA before execution of this Contract and upon subsequent request from LEA.

In the event there is a suspicion of abuse conducted by anyone (students, staff, contractor or others) on or off campus, CONTRACTOR is to file the appropriate report to the Sacramento County Sheriff. CONTRACTOR is also to confidentially notify LEA's Legal Compliance Department ("Legal Compliance") of the report. CONTRACTOR is to cooperate with any investigation conducted by LEA in connection with such report.

54. SEXUAL HARASSMENT

CONTRACTOR shall have a Sexual and Gender Identity Harassment Policy that clearly describes the kinds of conduct that constitutes sexual harassment and that is prohibited by the CONTRACTOR's policy, as well as federal and State law. The policy should include procedures to make complaints without fear of retaliation, and for prompt and objective investigations of all sexual harassment complaints. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training to all employees regarding the laws concerning sexual harassment and related procedures pursuant to Government Code 12950.1.

55. REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN

CONTRACTOR assures LEA that all of its staff members, including volunteers, independent contractors and subcontractors, are familiar with and agree to adhere to requirements for reporting missing children as specified in California Education Code section 49370 *et seq.* A written statement acknowledging the legal

requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be properly submitted to the LEA by CONTRACTOR before execution of this Contract and in response to subsequent requests by LEA. The written statement shall be submitted as specified by LEA.

FINANCIAL

56. ENROLLMENT, CONTRACTING, SERVICE TRACKING, ATTENDANCE REPORTING, AND BILLING PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall assure that the NPS/A has the necessary financial resources to provide an appropriate education for the students enrolled and will distribute those resources in such a manner to implement the IEP and ISA for each and every student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all LEA Procedures concerning enrollment, contracting, attendance reporting, service tracking and billing including requirements of electronic billing as specified by LEA Procedures, as well as provide all such records requested by LEA concerning the same. CONTRACTOR shall be paid for the provision of special education and/or related services specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA which are provided on billable days of attendance. All payments to CONTRACTOR by LEA shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract and in compliance with LEA Procedures, and governed by all applicable federal and State of California laws.

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the NPS's enrollment procedures include verification of required immunizations (including but not limited to the adolescent pertussis booster vaccination (Tdap) for all students entering the seventh grade).

CONTRACTOR shall maintain separate registers for the basic education program, each related service, and services provided by instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides and bus aides. Original attendance forms (i.e., roll books for the basic education program, service tracking documents and notes for instructional assistants, behavioral intervention aides, bus aides, and each related service) shall be completed by the actual service provider whose signature shall appear on such forms and shall be available for review, inspection, or audit by LEA during the effective period of this Contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter. CONTRACTOR shall verify the accuracy of minutes of reported attendance that is the basis of services being billed for payment.

CONTRACTOR shall submit invoices and related documents to LEA for payment, for each calendar month when education or related services were provided. Invoices and related documents shall be properly submitted electronically and in addition, on a LEA form with signatures in the manner prescribed by LEA. At a minimum, each invoice must contain the following information: type of service provided; month of service; specific days and times of services coordinated by the LEA approved calendar unless otherwise specified in the IEP or agreed to by the LEA; name of staff who provided the service and the individual's licensing and credentials; approved cost of each invoice; total for each service and total for the monthly invoice; date invoice was mailed; signature of NPS/A administrator authorizing that the information is accurate and consistent with the ISA, CDE certificates and staff notification; verification that attendance report is attached as appropriate; indication of any made-up sessions consistent with this Contract; verification that progress reports have been provided consistent with the ISA (monthly or quarterly unless specified otherwise on the ISA); and name of each LEA student for whom the service was provided.

In the event services were not provided, each invoice shall include the rationale for why the services were not provided.

Such an invoice is subject to all conditions of this Contract. At the discretion of LEA, an electronic invoice may be required provided such notice has been made in writing and training provided to CONTRACTOR at no additional charge for such training.

Invoices shall be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the attendance accounting period in which the services were rendered. LEA shall make payment to CONTRACTOR based on the number of billable days of attendance and hours of service at rates specified in this contract within forty-five (45) days of LEA's receipt of properly submitted hard copy of invoices prepared and submitted as specified in California Education Code Section 56366.5. CONTRACTOR shall correct deficiencies and submit rebilling invoices no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the invoice is returned by LEA. LEA shall pay properly submitted re-billing invoices no later than forty-five (45) days after the date a completely corrected re-billing invoice is received by LEA.

In no case shall initial payment claim submission for any Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond December 31st after the close of the fiscal year. In no case shall any rebilling for the Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond six (6) months after the close of the fiscal year unless approved by LEA to resolve billing issues including re-billing issues directly related to a delay in obtaining information from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing regarding teacher qualification, but no later than twelve (12) months from the close of the fiscal year. If the billing or re-billing error is the responsibility of LEA, then no limit is set provided that LEA and CONTRACTOR have communicated such concerns in writing during the 12-month period following the close of the fiscal year. LEA will not pay mileage for NPA employee.

57. RIGHT TO WITHHOLD PAYMENT

LEA may withhold payment to CONTRACTOR when: (a) CONTRACTOR has failed to perform, in whole or in part, under the terms of this Contract; (b) CONTRACTOR has billed for services rendered on days other than billable days of attendance or for days when student was not in attendance and/or did not receive services; (c) CONTRACTOR was overpaid by LEA as determined by inspection, review, and/or audit of its program, work, and/or records; (d) CONTRACTOR has failed to provide supporting documentation with an invoice, as required by EC 56366.5(a); (e) education and/or related services are provided to students by personnel who are not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (f) LEA has not received prior to school closure or contract termination, all documents concerning one or more LEA students enrolled in CONTRACTOR's educational program; (g) CONTRACTOR fails to confirm a student's change of residence to another district or confirms the change of residence to another district, but fails to notify LEA within five (5) days of such confirmation; (h) CONTRACTOR receives payment from Medi-Cal or from any other agency or funding source for a service provided to a LEA student; or (i) CONTRACTOR fails to provide the required liability/insurance documentation as outlined in Section 15 of this Contract. It is understood that no payments shall be made for any invoices that are not received by six (6) months following the close of the prior fiscal year, for services provided in that year.

Final payment to CONTRACTOR in connection with the cessation of operations and/or termination of a Contract will be subject to the same documentation standards described for all payment claims for regular ongoing operations. In addition, final payment may be withheld by LEA until completion of a review or audit, if deemed necessary by LEA. Such review or audit will be completed within ninety (90) days. The final payment may be adjusted to offset any previous payments to CONTRACTOR determined to have been paid in error or in anticipation of correction of documentation deficiencies by the CONTRACTOR that remain uncorrected.

The amount which may be withheld by LEA with respect to each of the subparagraphs of the preceding paragraph are as follows: (a) the value of the service CONTRACTOR failed to perform; (b) the amount of overpayment; (c) the entire amount of the invoice for which satisfactory documentation has not been provided by CONTRACTOR; (d) the amount invoiced for services provided by the individual not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (e) the proportionate amount of the invoice related to the applicable LEA student for the time period from the date the violation occurred and until the violation is cured; or (f) the amount paid to CONTRACTOR by Medi-Cal or another agency or funding source for the service provided to the LEA student.

If LEA determines that cause exists to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR, LEA shall, within ten (10) business days of this determination, provide to CONTRACTOR written notice that LEA is withholding

payment. Such notice shall specify the basis or bases for LEA's withholding payment and the amount to be withheld. Within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such notice, CONTRACTOR shall take all necessary and appropriate action to correct the deficiencies that form the basis for LEA's withholding payment or submit a written request for extension of time to correct the deficiencies or submit to LEA written documentation demonstrating that the basis or bases cited by LEA for withholding payment is unfounded. Upon receipt of CONTRACTOR's written request showing good cause, LEA shall extend CONTRACTOR's time to correct deficiencies (usually an additional thirty (30) days), otherwise payment will be denied.

If after subsequent request for payment has been denied and CONTRACTOR believes that payment should not be withheld, CONTRACTOR shall send written notice to LEA specifying the reason it believes payment should not be withheld. LEA shall respond to CONTRACTOR's notice within thirty (30) business days by indicating that a warrant for the amount of payment will be made or stating the reason LEA believes payment should not be made. If LEA fails to respond within thirty (30) business days or a dispute regarding the withholding of payment continues after the LEA's response to CONTRACTOR's notice, CONTRACTOR may invoke the following escalation policy.

After forty-five (45) business days: The CONTRACTOR may notify the LEA's Authorized Representative of the dispute in writing. The LEA Authorized Representative shall respond to the CONTRACTOR in writing within fifteen (15) business days.

After sixty (60) business days: Pursuant to the provisions of Education Code section 56366(c)(2), the LEA or CONTRACTOR may appeal to the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools so long as the County Superintendent of Schools is not participating in the Local Plan involved in the NPS/A contract to negotiate the contract. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this appeal, the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools or a designee, shall mediate the formulation of a contract, which shall be binding on both parties. Alternatively, the parties may agree to retain the services of a mutually agreed upon mediator to negotiate the contract. Both parties agree to pay for their own costs and expenses arising out of any such mediation. Each party agrees to act in good faith in participating in any mediation process agreed to by the parties.

58. PAYMENT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA when Medi-Cal or any other agency is billed for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. Upon request, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documentation regarding reports, billing, and/or payment by Medi-Cal or any other agency for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall provide prior written notice of the rights and protections required by Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations section 300.154(d) whenever it seeks to use the LEA students' public benefits to pay for special education and related services. Such notice shall be provided before seeking payment from Medi-Cal for the first time and annually.

59. PAYMENT FOR ABSENCES

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL (NPS) STAFF ABSENCE

Whenever a classroom teacher employed by CONTRACTOR is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage pursuant to the LEA Procedures. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA will not pay for instruction and/or services unless said instruction or service is provided by an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher.

Whenever a related service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision

of “make-up” services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided unless otherwise agreed in a LEA student’s IEP.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL (NPS) STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, no later than the tenth (10th) cumulative day of a LEA student’s unexcused absence, CONTRACTOR shall notify the LEA of such absence.

Criteria for a billable day for payment purposes is one (1) day of attendance as defined in California Education Code, sections 46010, 46010.3 and 46307. LEA shall not pay for services provided on days that a student’s attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance (ADA) reimbursement under state law. *Per Diem* rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted on a pro rata basis in accordance with the actual proportion of the school day the student was served. LEA shall not be responsible for payment of related services for days on which a student’s attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance (“ADA”) reimbursement under state law, nor shall student be eligible for make-up services.

NONPUBLIC AGENCY (NPA) STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a NPA and CONTRACTOR’s service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR’s service providers. LEA shall not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of “make-up” services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not “bank” or “carry over” make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and LEA. In the event services were not provided, reasons for why the services were not provided shall be included.

NONPUBLIC AGENCY (NPA) STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a NPA, it shall notify LEA of the absence of a LEA student no later than the fifth (5th) consecutive service day of the student’s absence. LEA shall not be responsible for the payment of services when a student is absent.

60. LEA and/or NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO EMERGENCY

The following shall apply in the event of a LEA or NPS school closure due to an emergency in accordance with Education Code sections 41422 and 46392:

- a. If CONTRACTOR remains open, if allowed, during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422 and serves LEA students appropriately as delineated in the ISA, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment, regardless of whether LEA is open or closed.
- b. If CONTRACTOR is closed during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, if LEA is able to obtain alternative placement for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall not receive payment for days the student is not in attendance due to CONTRACTOR's NPS closure. If LEA is unable to obtain an alternative placement for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment consistent with the signed ISA, as though the student were continuing in regular attendance, until an alternative placement can be found, so long as CONTRACTOR complies with Section 60(d), below.
- c. If both LEA and CONTRACTOR are closed during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, on days LEA is funded, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment consistent with the LEA student's ISA, until an alternative placement for the LEA student can be found so long as CONTRACTOR complies with Section 60(d), below. If LEA is able to obtain an alternative placement

for the LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall not receive payment for days the student is not in attendance due to CONTRACTOR'S NPS closure.

- d. CONTRACTOR shall, in the case of school closures during an emergency for the reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, implement the LEA student's IEP in accordance with Education Code 56345(a)(9) pertaining to emergency conditions and continue implementing ISAs for enrolled students. CONTRACTOR shall ensure its students have reliable internet accessibility as well as the physical technology (i.e. Chromebooks, i-Pad, hot-spots etc.) as required to access and participate.
- e. In the event of CONTRACTOR'S closure during an emergency, LEA reserves the right to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR for instruction and services not rendered pursuant to an LEA student's ISA, consistent with Section 59.

When the emergency school closure is lifted, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of any lost instructional minutes for any LEA student. CONTRACTOR and LEAs shall work collaboratively to determine the need for make-up days or service changes, and shall work together to amend IEP and ISA paperwork as appropriate.

61. INSPECTION AND AUDIT

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain and LEA shall have the right to examine and audit all of the books, records, documents, accounting procedures and practices and other evidence that reflect all costs claimed to have been incurred or fees claimed to have been earned under this Contract.

CONTRACTOR shall provide access to LEA to all records including, but not limited to those documents identified in Section 9 of this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall also make available to LEA all budgetary information including operating budgets submitted by CONTRACTOR to LEA for the relevant contract period being audited.

CONTRACTOR shall make all records available at the office of LEA or CONTRACTOR (to be specified by LEA) at all reasonable times and without charge. CONTRACTOR shall provide all records to LEA within five (5) working days of a written request. CONTRACTOR shall, at no cost to LEA, provide assistance for such examination or audit. LEA's rights under this section shall also include access to CONTRACTOR's offices for purposes of interviewing CONTRACTOR's employees. If any document or evidence is stored in an electronic form, a hard copy shall be made available to LEA, unless LEA agrees to the use of the electronic format. Such access shall also include unannounced inspections by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain from its subcontractors and suppliers written agreements to the requirements of this section and shall provide a copy of such agreements to LEA upon request by LEA.

If an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm determines that CONTRACTOR owes LEA monies as a result of CONTRACTOR's over billing or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Contract, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR written notice demanding payment from CONTRACTOR and specifying the basis or bases for such demand. Unless CONTRACTOR and LEA otherwise agree in writing, CONTRACTOR shall pay to LEA the full amount owed as a result of CONTRACTOR's over billing and/or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Contract, as determined by an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm. CONTRACTOR shall make such payment to LEA within thirty (30) days of receipt of LEA's written notice demanding payment.

62. RATE SCHEDULE

The attached Rate Schedule (Exhibit A) limits the number of LEA students that may be enrolled and maximum dollar amount of the Contract. It may also limit the maximum number of LEA students that can be provided specific services. Per Diem rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full

instructional day may be adjusted proportionally. In such cases only, the adjustments in basic education rate shall be based on the required minimum number of minutes per grade level as set forth in paragraph 23, above, and noted in California Education Code Section 46200-46208.

Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR shall be provided by qualified personnel as per State and federal law, and the codes and charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this Contract, shall be as stated in Exhibit A.

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS associated with a RTC (“NPS/RTC”), Educationally Related Mental Health Services (“ERMHS”) are provided in an integrated, intensive, educationally related therapeutic residential setting which includes social emotional/behavior support through individual counseling, group counseling, family consultation and support, as appropriate. It is a collaborative model which includes educational professionals and related service providers, where all supports and services are integrated in the NPS/RTC program. Costs for ERMHS are all inclusive and combined with the daily rate as ERMHS+RB (“ERMHS + Room and Board”). ERMHS plus Room and Board payments are based on positive attendance (payable for up to a maximum of 365 days) only, with up to a maximum of 10 days payment per LEA student, per contract year, when a bed is unoccupied, for home visits of a therapeutic nature. Any NPS or RTC requesting a change in rate for any services provided during a subsequent contract year must make a request in writing to the Sacramento County SELPA Directors, with a copy sent to LEA Director or designee, by January 15th of each calendar year. Increases will only be considered for approval for entities that have received a positive review on the LEA's Quality On-Site NPS Review Rubric.

63. DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

By signing this Contract, CONTRACTOR certifies that:

- (a) CONTRACTOR and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any federal agency, and
- (b) CONTRACTOR and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers have not, within a three-year period preceding this Contract, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, any state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of federal or any state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

The Parties hereto have executed this Contract by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives. This Contract is effective on the 1st day of July, 2023 and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2024, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

CONTRACTOR

The Stepping Stones Group

Nonpublic School/Agency

By: Janine Mahon 8/9/23
Signature Date

Janine Mahon, Director of Career & Client Services
Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed to:

Janine Mahon
Name and Title

The Stepping Stones Group
Nonpublic School/Agency/Related Service Provider

99 Almaden Blvd Suite 600
Address
San Jose CA 95113
City State Zip
323-505-9919
Phone Fax
Janine.Mahon@sbg-healthcare.com
Email* (*Required)

LEA

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

By: _____
Signature Date

By: _____
Kuljeet Nijjar, Director of Educational Services
Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Notices to LEA shall be addressed to:

Kuljeet Nijjar, Director of Educational Services
Name and Title

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

LEA
1018 C Street, Suite 210
Address
Galt California 95632
City State Zip
209-744-4545 x.303 209-744-4554
Phone Fax
Kuljeet Nijjar, Director of Educational Services
Email

Additional LEA Notification
(Required if Completed)

Stephanie Gutierrez, Program Specialist
Name and Title
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
LEA
1018 C Street, Suite 210
Address
Galt California 95632
City State
209-744-4545 x.303 Zip 209-744-4554
Phone Fax
sgutierrez@galt.k12.ca.us
Email

EXHIBIT A: 2023-2024 RATES

4.1 RATE SCHEDULE FOR CONTRACT YEAR **SEE ATTACHED RATE SHEET**

The CONTRACTOR: _____

The CONTRACTOR CDS NUMBER: _____

PER ED CODE 56366 – TEACHER-TO-PUPIL RATIO: _____

Maximum Contract Amount:

Education service(s) offered by the CONTRACTOR and the charges for such service(s) during the term of this contract shall be as follows:

- 1) Daily Basic Education Rate:

- 2) Inclusive Education Program
 (Includes Educational Counseling (not ed related mental health) services, Speech & Language services, Behavior Intervention Planning, and Occupational Therapy as specified on the student’s IEP.) DAILY RATE:

- 3) Related Services

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
<u>Intensive Individual Services (340)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Language and Speech (415)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Adapted Physical Education (425)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Health and Nursing: Specialized Physical Health Care (435)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Health and Nursing: Other Services (436)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Assistive Technology Services (445)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Occupational Therapy (450)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Physical Therapy (460)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Individual Counseling (510)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Counseling and Guidance (515)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Parent Counseling (520)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Social Work Services (525)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Psychological Services (530)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Behavior Intervention Services (535)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Specialized Services for Low Incidence Disabilities (610)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Specialized Deaf and Hard of Hearing (710)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Interpreter Services (715)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Audiological Services (720)</u>	_____	_____

Specialized Vision Services (725)		
Orientation and Mobility (730)		
Specialized Orthopedic Services (740)		
Reader Services (745)		
Transcription Services (755)		
Recreation Services, Including Therapeutic (760)		
College Awareness (820)		
Work Experience Education (850)		
Job Coaching (855)		
Mentoring (860)		
Travel Training (870)		
Other Transition Services (890)		
Transportation		
Other (900)		

EXHIBIT B: 2023-2024 ISA

INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (ISA) FOR NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL SERVICES
(Education Code Sections 56365 et seq.)

This agreement is effective on July 1, 2023 or the date student begins attending a nonpublic school or receiving services from a nonpublic agency, if after the date identified, and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2024, unless sooner terminated as provided in the Master Contract and by applicable law.

Local Education Agency _____ Nonpublic School _____

LEA Case Manager: Name _____ Phone Number _____

Pupil Name _____ Sex: M F Grade: _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

DOB _____ Residential Setting: Home Foster LCI # _____ OTHER _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone () _____ ()
(Residence) (Business)

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____
(If different from student)

AGREEMENT TERMS:

1. *Nonpublic School:* The average number of minutes in the instructional day will be: _____ during the regular school year
_____ during the extended school year
2. *Nonpublic School:* The number of school days in the calendar of the school year are: _____ during the regular school year
_____ during the extended school year

3. *Educational services as specified in the IEP shall be provided by the CONTRACTOR and paid at the rates specified below.*

A. **INCLUSIVE AND/OR BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM RATE:** (Applies to nonpublic schools only): Daily Rate: _____

Estimated Number of Days _____ **x Daily Rate** _____ = **PROJECTED BASIC EDUCATION COSTS** _____

B. RELATED SERVICES:

SERVICE	Provider			# of Times per wk/mo/yr., Duration; or per IEP; or as needed	Cost per session	Maximum Number of Sessions	Estimated Maximum Total Cost for Contracted Period
	LEA	NPS	OTHER Specify				
Intensive Individual Services (340)							
Language/Speech Therapy (415) a. Individual b. Group							
Adapted Physical Ed. (425)							
Health and Nursing: Specialized Physical Health Care (435)							
Health and Nursing Services: Other (436)							
Assistive Technology Services (445)							
Occupational Therapy (450)							
Physical Therapy (460)							
Individual Counseling (510)							
Counseling and guidance (515).							
Parent Counseling (520)							

SERVICE	Provider			# of Times per wk/mo/yr., Duration; or per IEP; or as needed	Cost per session	Maximum Number of Sessions	Estimated Maximum Total Cost for Contracted Period
	LEA	NPS	OTHER Specify				
Social Work Services (525)							
Psychological Services (530)							
Behavior Intervention Services (535)							
Specialized Services for Low Incidence Disabilities (610)							
Specialized Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (710)							
Interpreter Services (715)							
Audiological Services (720)							
Specialized Vision Services (725)							
Orientation and Mobility (730)							
Braille Transcription (735)							
Specialized Orthopedic Service (740)							
Reader Services (745)							
Note Taking Services (750)							
Transcription Services (755)							
Recreation Services (760)							
College Awareness Preparation (820)							
Vocational Assessment, Counseling, Guidance and Career Assessment (830)							
Career Awareness (840)							
Work Experience Education (850)							
Mentoring (860)							
Agency Linkages (865)							
Travel Training (870)							
Other Transition Services (890)							
Other (900)J							
Other (900)							
Transportation-Emergency b. Transportation-Parent							
Bus Passes							
Other							

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM RELATED SERVICES COST\$ _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED MAXIMUM BASIC EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES COSTS\$ _____

4. Other Provisions/Attachments:

5. MASTER CONTRACT APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD ON _____

6. Progress Reporting Quarterly Monthly Other
Requirements: _____ (Specify) _____

The parties hereto have executed this Individual Services Agreement by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives as set forth below.

-CONTRACTOR-

-LEA/SELPA-

(Name of Nonpublic School/Agency)

(Name of LEA/SELPA)

(Signature)

(Date)

(Signature)

(Date)

(Name and Title)

(Name of Superintendent or Authorized Designee)



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Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) \$100-105/hr***

Speech Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) \$75/hr

Occupational Therapist \$100/hr

Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) \$72/hr

Physical Therapist (PT) \$98/hr

Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) \$72/hr

School Psychologist (Psych) \$115-120/hr ***

School Counselor or LMFT \$97/hr

Social Worker \$90/hr

Special Education Teachers (SpEd, RSP, SDC) \$95-100/hr

Credentialed School Nurse (CSN) \$100/hr

Registered Nurse (RN) \$85/hr

Licensed Vocational Nurse/Practical Nurse (LVN/LPN) \$60-68/hr

Adapted Physical Education (APE) \$98/hr

OMS/TVI/DHH \$98/hr

ASL Interpreter \$72-77/hr

Paraeducator (Para) \$42-48/hr

Behavior Interventionist \$50-55/hr

Behavior Technician \$57-62

Register Behavior Technician (RBT) \$63-70/hr

BCBA \$110-120/hr

ABA \$55-60/hr

Rate ranges are to accommodate varying degrees of experience

***Additional \$8/hr for Bilingual candidates

**Mileage is to be reimbursed at the federal reimbursement rate.

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Board Meeting Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: August 16, 2023	Agenda Item: 232.402 Consent Calendar (continued)- Items Removed For Later Consideration
Presenter: Lois Yount	Action Item: XX Information Item:
<p>The Board will have the opportunity to address any items that are moved from the consent calendar.</p>	



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Board Meeting Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: August 16, 2023	Agenda Item: 232.403 Board Action Regarding Student Expulsion Re-admit Case No. 21/22-04
Presenter: Kuljeet Nijjar	Action Item: XX Information Item:



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Board Meeting Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: August 16, 2023	Agenda Item: 232.404 Board Consideration of Approval of Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Employment Agreement for Chief Business Officer Beginning September 1, 2023, and Ending September 1, 2026
Presenter: Lois Yount	Action Item: XX Information Item:

Alejandra Garibay has held positions in school finance for the past six years. She holds the Chief Business Officer and Fiscal Services Certifications from the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO). Alejandra has a bachelor's and master's degree in business administration. She is highly qualified and recommended to serve as the Chief Business Officer for the District.

Attachment: Chief Business Officer Agreement

Board approval is recommended.

GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT — CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER

This Agreement was initially made and entered into on August 16, 2023 by and between the Board of Trustees of the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District (“Board”) and Alejandra Garibay (“Chief Business Officer”). In consideration of their mutual promises, the parties agree as follows:

1. TERM

The Board hereby employs the Chief Business Officer to the senior classified management position of Chief Business Officer pursuant to Education Code section 45100.5. The term of employment shall be for three (3) years beginning September 1, 2023, and ending September 1, 2026.

2. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

This Agreement is subject to all applicable laws of the State of California, the California Education Code, the rules and regulations of the California State Board of Education, and the rules, and the regulations and policies of the Board, all of which are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

In accordance with Education Code Section 45100.5, the position of the Chief Business Officer is hereby designated as senior management of the classified service and shall be afforded all the rights, benefits, and burdens of other classified employees, except that the Chief Business Officer shall be exempt from all provisions relating to obtaining permanent status in a senior management position. The employment rights are as provided in Education Code sections 45104.5 and 35031.

3. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Chief Business Officer and the District, and constitutes the complete, final and exclusive embodiment of their agreement with respect to the Chief Business Officer's employment with the District. The terms of this Agreement are contractual and not a mere recital. This Agreement is executed without reliance upon any promise, warranty or representation by the parties or any representative of the parties other than those expressly contained in this Agreement, and the parties have carefully read this Agreement, and sign the same of their own free will. The parties specifically acknowledge that this Agreement rescinds and supersedes any prior contracts, Board Policies or Administrative Regulations which may be contrary to the terms of the Agreement.

4. DUTIES

The Chief Business Officer shall perform the duties of the Chief Business Officer as prescribed by the laws of the State of California and by the rules and regulations adopted by the Board. The Chief Business Officer's duties shall include those as stated in the Chief Business Officer job description of the District. The Chief Business Officer agrees to carry out the duties at a professional level of competence and with due diligence.

5. COMPENSATION

The Chief Business Officer's annual salary shall be set forth in the Salary Schedule, included as Attachment A, and payable in twelve (12) equal monthly payments. The Chief Business Officer will start on step nine (9) of the Chief Business Officer salary schedule.

The Governing Board reserves the right to modify the annual salary schedule of any or all years of the Chief Business Officer's contract, with the mutual consent of the Chief Business Officer. Such modifications may be retroactive. However, by so doing, a new contract has not been entered into, nor the termination date of the existing contract extended. The Governing Board

shall conduct an annual review of the Chief Business Officer's salary schedule set forth as Attachment A.

6. WORK YEAR/VACATIONS/HOLIDAYS

- A. The Chief Business Officer will earn twenty-two (22) vacation days per fiscal year. The Chief Business Officer may accrue no more than twelve (12) vacation days per fiscal year. Once the above cap is reached, the Chief Business Officer shall be paid for any accrued, but not used vacation days at the end of each fiscal year.
- B. The Chief Business Officer shall be entitled to paid classified employee holidays set by the Education Code, or District.
- C. The Chief Business Officer shall be entitled to twelve (12) sick leave days per year.

7. BENEFITS AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS

- A. Business Expenses. If, with prior approval of the Superintendent, the Chief Business Officer travels or attends meetings outside of the District, the District will reimburse for expenses and mileage authorized pursuant to Board policy or, or an alternative method of reimbursement agreeable to both parties.
- B. Cell Phone. The District shall provide \$100 per month reimbursement for the Chief Business Officer's personal cell phone when used for District business, or, in the alternative, provide a District cell phone.
- C. Health and Welfare. The Chief Business Officer shall be entitled to receive all health, welfare, and fringe benefits of employment enjoyed by other management employees in the District. The District agrees to accept five (5) years of District service that will be counted towards retiree health benefits and longevity.
- D. Leaves of Absence. The Chief Business Officer shall be entitled to leaves of absence afforded other classified management employees of the District. In the event of

termination of this Agreement, the Chief Business Officer shall not be compensated by the District for unused sick leave.

- E. Membership Dues. The District may pay membership fees for the Chief Business Officer in various professional organizations and committees as it determines appropriate, and shall encourage the Chief Business Officer to participate on professional committees.

8. EVALUATION

On or prior to June 30 of each year, the Superintendent shall evaluate the performance of the Chief Business Officer according to the position description. In the event the Superintendent determines that the performance of the Chief Business Officer is satisfactory, the Superintendent shall so state in writing.

In the event the performance of the Chief Business Officer is less than satisfactory, the Superintendent shall describe in written detail the unsatisfactory performance, including specific instances where appropriate. Each area ranked less than satisfactory shall be supplemented with recommendations for improvement and a Superintendent-developed plan for accomplishing improvement.

A copy of the written evaluation shall be delivered to the Chief Business Officer within ten (10) days of its completion.

At the request of the Chief Business Officer, the Superintendent shall meet with the Chief Business Officer to discuss the evaluation.

9. TERMINATION

This Agreement may be terminated in writing effective at the end of the current month by the Board, for any reason, at any time during the term of this Agreement. In such event, the Board shall pay to the Chief Business Officer an amount equal to six (6) month's salary from the date of

termination, or the amount of salary payable for the remainder of the Agreement, whichever sum is less. "Salary" shall be paid at the annual salary rate in effect at the time the Agreement is terminated. The Chief Business Officer shall continue to receive health benefits for the same period of time as she receives salary, but no other benefits listed in Section 7. The parties agree that the above payment shall satisfy all claims, rights and causes of action by the Chief Business Officer relating to her employment with the District.

10. RENEWAL/NONRENEWAL

This Agreement may be extended by the governing Board for one (1) year on the then current terms effective September 1, 2024 and each subsequent year. Thereafter, the governing Board may determine not to renew the Agreement at the end of the three-year term by giving at least 45 days' written notice before June 30.

In the event the Chief Business Officer seeks other employment and is interviewed by another employer, the Chief Business Officer shall notify the Board immediately. The Chief Business Officer may resign at any time upon giving thirty (30) days' written notice. This Agreement shall terminate on the effective date of the resignation.

11. APPLICABLE LAW

This Agreement is subject to all applicable laws of the State of California, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and rules, regulations and policies of this Board, all of which are made a part of the terms and conditions of this Agreement as though fully set forth in this Agreement.

12. INDEMNITY

In accordance with the provisions of Government Code sections 825 and 995, the District shall defend the Chief Business Officer from any and all demands, claims, suits, actions and legal proceedings brought against the Chief Business Officer and the Chief Business Officer's individual

capacity or official capacity as an agent and employee of the District, provided that the incident giving rise to any such demand, claim, suit, action or legal proceeding arose while the Chief Business Officer was acting within the scope of employment.

Upon retirement or separation from the District, the Chief Business Officer will continue to be indemnified for any actions taken against her related to her role as the Chief Business Officer for the District.

13. INCORPORATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS

In the event this agreement or applicable law is construed or interpreted to provide any paid leave pending an investigation, criminal legal defense, or cash settlement in the event of termination, the specific limitations set forth in Government Code sections 54243, 53243.1, 54242.2, 5234.3, and 5324.4, are fully incorporated into this agreement.

14. SEPARABILITY AND SAVINGS

If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid by operation of law of any arbitrator, tribunal or court of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any provision should be restrained by such arbitrator, tribunal, or court pending a final determination as to its validity, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain effective.

15. MODIFICATION

This Agreement may be modified upon mutual written consent of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on the date indicated below.

GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: Alejandra Garibay
Chief Business Officer, Alejandra Garibay

By: _____
Board Trustee President, Wes Cagle

Dated: 7/13/2023

Dated: _____

ATTACHMENT A

**GALT JOINT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER
2022-2023**

Class/Step	Service Days	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
D	249	132,614	136,592	140,690	144,910	149,258	153,735	158,348	163,098	167,991	172,191

LONGEVITY

- 2.5% at 5 years
- 3% at 10 years
- 3.5% at 15 years
- 4% at 20 years
- 4.5% at 25 years

Board Approved: January 18, 2023



Board Meeting Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: August 16, 2023	Agenda Item: 232.405 Board Consideration of Approval of Master Agreement For Architectural Services
Presenter: Lois Yount	Action Item: XX Information Item:

On May 3, 2023, the District advertised for architectural firms for future projects. There were 11 firms that submitted their qualifications and other items as required in the request for qualifications.

After thoroughly reviewing these submittals and reference checks, the District recommends the following four architectural firms as partners for future projects.

1. 19Six Architects
2. Derivi Castellanos Architects (DCA) - current architects for the District
3. DLR Group
4. PBK Architects - current architects for the District

Attachments:

1. Architect Request for Qualifications
2. Master Agreement for Architectural Services

Fiscal Impact: none at this time.

Board approval is recommended.



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS – ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

IMPORTANT: Read all conditions and instructions carefully

This proposal shall be delivered to the Galt Joint Union Elementary School
District Business Services at:

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

Attn: Alicia Valdovinos

1018 C Street, Suite 210

Galt, California 95632

Description

The District desires to develop a pool of architectural services companies (each an “Architect”) that are qualified and experienced in regard to planning, design, funding, and construction of public-school facilities in the State of California, and that can assist the District by providing architectural, engineering, construction administration, and related services in connection with the District’s projects.

The Galt Joint Union Elementary School District (GJUESD) is soliciting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from firms interested in providing professional Architectural services relating to the design and construction management of proposed District School Facilities projects that have been identified in GJUESD. The purpose of the RFQ is to identify qualified respondents. Firms with relevant experience and qualifications are encouraged to respond. As part of the selection process, firms are requested to present their qualifications and proposed approach in a SOQ. The School District reserves the right to select the firm which it believes will best suit the needs of the District (more than one firm can be selected).

The District intends that, after the pool of Architects has been established, the District will, as and when appropriate, seek proposals for architectural services for specific school facilities projects from among the prequalified Architects in the pool.

Please note that this RFQ is solely a solicitation for qualifications. Neither this RFQ, nor the information submitted by any Architect in response to this RFQ (each a “Response”), shall be deemed or construed to: (i) create any contractual relationship between the District and any Architect; (ii) create any obligation for the District to enter into a contract with any Architect or other party; or (iii) serve as the basis for a claim for reimbursement of costs associated with submittal of any Response.

Thank you! The District understands that each Architect will expend time and effort to prepare and submit a Response, and we thank you in advance for your participation in this process.

Responses

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated based on evaluation criteria deemed relevant by the District. Upon completing the evaluation of all Responses, the District will notify each Architect that submitted a Response regarding whether it has been included in the pool of Architects prequalified by the District. The District reserves the right to limit the number of Architects that it includes in the pool of Architects to a reasonable number as the District may determine.

Timeline

DATE	MILESTONES
Wednesday, May 3, 2023	Email notice inviting RFQs to Trade Journals
Wednesday, May 3, 2023 and May 10, 2023	Newspaper publication - Notice inviting RFQs
Wednesday, May 17, 2023 by 4:00 pm	Deadline to submit questions and requests for information
By Wednesday, May 24, 2023	Response to questions and requested information sent
Wednesday, May 31, 2023 by 4:00 pm	RFQ Responses Due
By Friday, June 9, 2023	District completes evaluation of Responses
TBD	Interviews (if required) of short-listed Responders
By Monday, June 12, 2023	Notify each Architect that submitted a Response regarding whether it has been included in the pool of Architects prequalified by the District – pending Board approval
Tentative Wednesday, August 16, 2023	Board approves Agreements of each Architect included in the pool
Tentative Thursday, August 17, 2023	Send Master Agreement for signature to each Architect selected to be included in the pool

Architect Scope of Services

Scope of Services

It is anticipated that the responsibilities will include services in all of the following project phases; services may include the following:

- Programming and Planning - Assist the District in determining an appropriate project Scope, Budget and Schedule.
- Design Services - Preliminary planning, schematic design, design development and preparation of construction documents, including specifications and cost estimates for construction. The Consultant Architect will be responsible for obtaining review and approval of plan documents through DSA.
- Bid Services - Provide bid services, including facilitation of the pre-bid meeting, answering questions from bidders and preparing any addenda required. This project will be constructed under a public works contract.

- Construction Services - Provide Construction Administration services including submittal review, response to requests for information, preparation of change orders, preparation of record documents, attend job-site meetings and intermittent site review to confirm that construction is in general accordance with design intent.
- State Funding Application - Provide assistance to the District, if needed, with applications to State Allocation Board funding programs, including Deferred Maintenance, Modernization, and New Construction.
- Master Planning - Provide assistance to the District with the master planning of existing and future school sites and District support facilities.

Criteria for Selection

The purpose of this RFQ is to identify qualified firms that are the most capable of providing the described services. The RFQ submittal should be organized to clearly address the following selection criteria, which will be used in evaluation of qualifications:

- A. Prior design experience with K-12 school projects in Sacramento/Amador/San Joaquin Counties.
- B. Prior experience working with school districts and their communities.
- C. Professional qualifications of individuals assigned to the Project.
- D. Location of firm and individuals assigned to the Project.
- E. History of effective schedule and budget management for school projects in (small, large, urban, rural) communities.
- F. Demonstrated success in identifying and defining the owner's needs and incorporating that information into the final plans.
- G. Demonstrated success in design of K-12 school buildings and managing projects.
- H. Demonstrated success in projects utilizing a multi-phasing approach of the construction plans; i.e., site work, permanent buildings, and modular buildings.
- I. References.

Submittal Requirements

A. Submittal Documents – Format

- Three (3) copies of the Submittals are required.
- Submittal shall be on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, stapled or bound.

Submittals shall be delivered to the District Attn: Lois Yount at 1018 C Street, Suite 210, Galt, California 95632 on or before Wednesday, May 31, 2023, by 4:00pm.

Late submittals will not be accepted. Submittals will not be accepted electronically. Please direct all questions regarding this RFQ to Alicia Valdovinos, Administrative Assistant to District Operations, avaldovinos@galt.k12.ca.us.

B. Submittal Content: Each Submittal shall be organized in the following order:

1. Outside Cover and First Page Shall Contain:

- a. The title, "Galt Joint Union Elementary School District Architect Selection Qualifications Submittal."
- b. The name of the respondent
- c. The Submittal Date

2. Table of Contents: Include a table of contents.

3. Transmittal Letter: Include a short Transmittal Letter. The Transmittal Letter shall:

- a. Have the original signature of an officer of the responding firm on at least one copy.
- b. Summarize why the Respondent believes itself the most qualified.
- c. Contain the statement that to the best of the Respondents abilities, all information contained in the RFQ submittal is complete and accurate.

Section I - Description of the Respondent:

A. Firm Description: Include a complete narrative description of the Respondent's firm. Information should include:

- The Respondent's areas of architectural specialization.
- Firm's history.
- Location of home and/or branch office that will complete this work.
- Names of the principal officers of the firm.
- Identification of major consultants that will work on the project and location of their offices where work will be performed.
- A listing of any lawsuits or litigation within the last 5 years, including the results of the action.

B. Key Professionals: Identify key members of your team that would be involved in the project and describe their areas of expertise and role in the Architect's team.

C. Resumes: Provide resumes of any person identified as a key professional. The resumes should contain the following:

- Name
- Educational Background
- Professional certifications, licenses, awards
- Association memberships pertaining to K-12 design
- Proposed role in the project
- Other information you believe to be relevant

Section II - Relevant Experience of the Respondent (Reference and Prior Projects)

A. List the last seven to ten (7-10) K-12 school projects the firm completed or will complete this year. Include:

- School District
- Name of school
- Type of school
- Project location
- Year completed and occupied
- Total project cost
- Project delivery method
- Description of the services your firm performed
- Indicate which team members were involved in the project and specify their role
- Provide a statement acknowledging if the project was completed on time and within budget along with percentage of change orders
- Project contact name and phone number

Section III – Other

A. Mandatory Qualifications

- 1. Respondents must hold an architect's license which is current, valid and in good standing with the California Architects Board. Respondents must have the necessary qualifications to provide the requested services in accordance with California law.**
 - i. Provide the following information for each license:
 1. Name of license holder exactly as on file.
 2. License number, issuance date, and expiration date.
 3. Whether license has been suspended or revoked in the past 5 years. If so, explain.
- 2. Provide the following Certificates of Insurance. Insurance carriers shall be qualified to do business in California:**
 - i. Commercial General Liability Insurance
 - ii. Automobile Liability Insurance
 - iii. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance
 - iv. Errors and Omissions Insurance

MASTER AGREEMENT

FOR

ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

BETWEEN

**GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
(DISTRICT)**

AND

(ARCHITECT)

Assigned by the District through Supplemental Agreements

Board Approval: **ENTER DATE**

GALT JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
1018 C Street, Suite 210
Galt, CA 95632

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**MASTER AGREEMENT
FOR
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**

This Agreement for Architectural Services (“Agreement”) is between the DISTRICT, a California public school district (the “District”), and **ENTER ARCHITECT FIRM NAME** (the “Architect”), with respect to the following recitals:

- A. District proposes to undertake the construction of multiple improvement projects, which require the services of a duly qualified and licensed architect.
- B. Architect represents that Architect is licensed to provide architectural/engineering services in the State of California and is specially qualified to provide the services required by the District, specifically the design and construction oversight of public school projects.
- C. The Parties have negotiated the terms under which Architect will provide such services and reduce such terms to writing by this Agreement. As each Project arises, the District will select one of its architects to perform design and oversight services for that Project, and if Architect is the firm selected, the District and Architect shall fully execute and approve an addendum to this Agreement in the form of *Exhibit A* or *Exhibit B*.

The Parties therefore agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1
DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 **Additional Services.** “Additional Services” shall mean those services in addition to the Basic Services that are provided by Architect and authorized in writing by the District, and as further defined in Article 6 below.
- 1.2 **Agreement.** “Agreement” shall mean this Agreement for Architectural Services.
- 1.3 **Architect.** “Architect” shall mean **ENTER ARCHITECT FIRM NAME**, and its officers, shareholders, owners, partners, employees, agents and authorized representatives.
- 1.4 **Basic Services.** Architect’s Basic Services consist of the design services, including landscaping architectural services and landscape irrigation design, civil, structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering services, normally required to complete the Project, as further defined in Article 5.
- 1.5 **Contract Documents.** “Contract Documents” shall mean those documents which are required for the actual construction of the Project, including but not limited to the Agreement between Owner and Contractor, complete working drawings and specifications setting forth in detail sufficient for construction the work to be done and the materials, workmanship, finishes and equipment required for the architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical system and utility-service-connected equipment and site work.

1.6 **Contractor.** “Contractor” shall mean one or more contractors ultimately selected to perform work on the Project or any replacement.

1.7 **District.** “District” shall mean the DISTRICT, and its governing board members, employees, agents and authorized representatives.

1.8 **Project.** “Project” shall mean each work of improvement added by an amendment in the form of the supplemental agreement attached at *Exhibit A* hereto, entitled “Form of Amendment to Add Project to Master Agreement Not-to-Exceed Fixed Fee Basis,” or the supplemental agreement attached at *Exhibit B*, hereto, entitled “Form of Amendment to Add Project to Master Agreement Not-to-Exceed Percentage Fee Basis,” described in Article 3 and the design and construction thereof, including the Architect’s services thereon, as described in this Agreement.

1.9 **Project Construction Cost.** “Project Construction Cost” shall mean the estimate of total construction costs to the District as initially submitted by the Architect under this Agreement and accepted by the District, as subsequently revised by changes to the Project Construction Cost under Article 5 of this Agreement, and as subsequently revised at the time the District enters a construction contract to equal the construction contract amount.

1.10 **Wrongful Acts or Omissions.** “Wrongful Acts or Omissions” shall mean Architect’s acts or omissions in breach of this Agreement, the applicable standard of care, or law.

ARTICLE 2

RETENTION OF ARCHITECT; STANDARD OF CARE

2.1 District retains Architect to perform, and Architect agrees to provide to District, for the consideration and upon the terms and conditions set forth below, the architectural and engineering services specified in this Agreement and subsequent amendments for each Project, and related incidental services. The Architect agrees to perform such services as expeditiously as is consistent with professional skill and care and the orderly progress of each such Project. All services for a Project performed by the Architect under and required by this Agreement shall be performed (a) in compliance with this Agreement and subsequent amendments for such Project, and (b) in a manner consistent with the level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by architects in the same discipline, on similar projects in California with similar complexity and with similar agreements, who are specially qualified to provide the services required by the District; and all such services shall be conducted in conformance to, and compliance with, all applicable Federal, State and local laws, including but not limited to statutes, decisions, regulations, building or other codes, ordinances, charters, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”). Architect shall be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the plans and specifications.

ARTICLE 3

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

3.1 Each Project for which Architect will provide architectural services shall be set forth in the form of *Exhibit A* or *Exhibit B* to this Agreement, and upon full execution and approval of an amendment in such form it shall amend this Agreement to include such Project, and the Parties’ rights and obligations for that Project shall be governed by this Agreement, except as specifically provided in the amendment for that Project.

ARTICLE 4 COMPENSATION

4.1 **Basic Services.** For the Basic Services satisfactorily performed under this Agreement for a Project, Architect shall be compensated as provided in the fully executed and approved *Exhibit A* or *Exhibit B* for that Project. However, Architect will not be compensated for any Basic Services required as a result of Wrongful Acts or Omissions.

4.2 **Additional Services.** Architect may invoice separately for Additional Services if provided by Architect under Article 6, to be paid on an hourly basis using the rates stated in Section 4.8. However, Architect will not be compensated for any Additional Services required as a result of Wrongful Acts or Omissions.

4.3 Reimbursable Expenses

4.3.1 Reimbursable Expenses are those actual out-of-pocket expenses directly incurred as a result of Architect's performance of Basic or Additional Services under this Agreement. Architect may charge a 10% mark-up on Reimbursable Expenses. Reimbursable Expenses are limited to these expenses related to the Project: fax, reproduction expense, postage, messenger, transportation, living expenses in connection with out-of-town travel, long distance communications, expense of renderings, models and mock-ups requested by District, expense of publishing under Section 5.6.5, expense of data processing and photographic production techniques when used in connection with Additional Services, and, if authorized in advance by the District, expense of overtime work requiring higher than regular rates. Reimbursable Expenses do not include expenses incurred in connection with Basic or Additional Services that result from Wrongful Acts or Omissions.

4.3.2 Architect shall be reimbursed by District for its Reimbursable Expenses on a Project as provided in the fully executed and approved *Exhibit A* or *Exhibit B* for that Project.

4.4 For services satisfactorily performed on a Project, payment for Basic Services, Additional Services and Reimbursable Expenses shall be made on a monthly basis after receipt and approval by the District of the Architect's properly documented and submitted invoices. To be "properly documented and submitted," an invoice shall be timely, list all activities performed, and the rate of compensation for staff on the Project. If District disputes a portion of a properly submitted invoice, it shall notify Architect of the dispute and, upon Architect's request, arrange for a meeting to confer about, and potentially resolve, the dispute. Prior to this meeting, Architect shall provide all documentation requested to support disputed portions of a properly submitted invoice. Payments of undisputed portions of a properly submitted invoice shall be made within 60 days of receipt of the invoice.

4.5 The Architect's compensation for a Project shall be paid notwithstanding a Contractor-caused delay in completion of the Project or reduction of final construction cost by reason of penalties,

liquidated damages, or other amounts withheld from the Contractor. However, District may withhold from payments to Architect to the extent that (i) Basic and Additional Services remain to be performed, including but not limited to those required for project closeout and payments to Contractor, and (ii) Wrongful Acts or Omissions caused District to incur damages, losses, liabilities or costs, including but not limited to withholding any amounts for which Architect is responsible under Section 5.7.20. Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) will be withheld from any Construction Phase payments until District receives certification of Field Act approval.

4.6 Should District cancel a Project under section 12.1 of this Agreement at any time during the performance of this Agreement, Architect shall, upon notice of such cancellation, immediately cease all work under this Agreement. In such event, Architect's total fee for all services performed shall be computed as set forth in Section 12.1.

4.7 District has the right to audit Architect's records and files regarding, or relating to, any of the work performed by Architect for District on a Project during or after the Project. Architect shall keep complete records showing all hours worked and all costs and charges applicable to its work under this Agreement. Architect will be responsible for Architect's consultants keeping similar records. District shall be given reasonable access to Architect's Project-related records and files for audit purposes within thirty (30) days of receipt of District's request.

4.8 Architect's hourly rate schedule for its services is attached as *Exhibit C*.

4.9 Architect shall not accept compensation or other benefits from other persons related to a Project, including payments from manufacturers of construction materials that are specified in the design.

ARTICLE 5 BASIC SERVICES TO BE RENDERED BY ARCHITECT

5.1 General

5.1.1 Architect's Basic Services consist of the design services, including landscaping architectural services and landscape irrigation design, civil, structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering services, normally required to complete the Project that is described in the fully executed and approved amendment to this agreement for that Project (see *Exhibit A* or *Exhibit B*). The Basic Services for each Project also include the services described in this Agreement, especially Article 5, below, including but not limited to bid package preparation, bid handling, preparation and processing of change orders, requests for information, and other contract administration duties. The District shall have the right to add or delete from the Architect's scope of services as it may determine is necessary for the best interests of the Project and/or the District. Architect shall expeditiously and diligently perform all of its work and obligations under this Agreement. Architect may not cease, delay or reduce, or threaten to cease, delay or reduce, its performance based on a payment dispute with District under Section 4.4, above. The Architect acknowledges that its priority is to complete the Project and the Architect's services, and that any payment disputes with the District under Section 4.4, if not resolved during the Project, must wait for resolution after the Project.

5.1.2 The Architect shall review the estimate described more fully below at each phase of Architect's services, also as defined below. If such estimates are in excess of the Project budget, the Architect shall revise the scope, type or quality of construction to come within the budgeted limit.

5.1.3 Whenever the Architect's services include the presentation to the District of Project Construction Cost, the Architect shall include a reasonable amount for contingency costs arising from, among other things, higher bids than anticipated, future increase in construction costs, and change orders based on unforeseen site conditions.

5.1.4 The Architect shall notify the District if there are any indicated adjustments in previously provided Project Construction Cost arising from market fluctuations or approved changes in scope or requirements based upon a mutually agreed upon index.

5.1.5 At the District's request, the Architect and Architect's consultants shall cooperate with District and the District's consultants in verifying that Architect's plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates or other documents relating to the Project are constructible and otherwise comply with the Contract Documents. If there are project meetings during the design and construction phases, Architect shall attend those meetings.

5.1.6 The Architect shall investigate existing conditions of facilities and thoroughly account for, and list in the construction documents, any pertinent conditions of such facilities, all in a manner that satisfies the standard of care and level of performance required by this Agreement. Architect's investigation required by this provision shall be limited to non-destructive evaluation.

5.1.7 All personnel provided by Architect shall be qualified to perform the services for which they are provided. District may, upon Twenty (20) days' written notice, cause Architect to remove a person from the Project if he/she has failed to perform to District's satisfaction. Should additional employees be required to timely perform all of the services required under this Agreement and/or to avoid delay, Architect shall provide them immediately.

5.1.8 Architect is an agent of District and shall reasonably represent the District at all times in relation to the Project.

5.1.9 Architect shall be fully licensed as required by law at all times when providing services under this Agreement.

5.2 **Consultants**

5.2.1 Architect's Consultants. The Architect shall employ or retain at Architect's own expense, engineers and other consultants' necessary to Architect's performance of this Agreement and licensed to practice in their respective professions in the State of California. The Architect's consultants shall be employed or retained to provide assistance during all aspects of the Project and will include, in addition to design services: review of schedules, shop drawings, samples, submittals, and requests for information. The Architect's Consultants shall also conduct periodic inspections of the site to determine conformance with the Project design and specifications and shall participate in the final inspections and development of any "punch list" items. Architect must

disclose to District all such consultants employed or retained, and the compensation paid to those retained.

5.2.2 District's Consultants. Architect shall confer and cooperate with consultants retained by District as may be requested by District or as reasonably necessary. District may retain a construction manager to assist District in performance of District's duties for the Project.

5.2.3 The Architect shall procure a certified survey of the site if required, including grades and lines of streets, alleys, pavements, adjoining properties and structures; adjacent drainage; rights-of-way, restrictions, easements, encroachments, zoning, deed restrictions, boundaries and contours of the building site, locations, dimensions and floor elevations of existing buildings, other improvements and trees; and full information as to available utility services and lines, both public and private above and below grade, including inverts and depths. All the information on the survey customarily referenced to a project benchmark shall be referenced to a Project benchmark. The cost of any such survey shall be borne by the District, and the District shall own and, upon termination of this Agreement or completion of the Project, shall have returned to it by Architect any designs, plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates or other documents prepared as part of the survey.

5.2.4 Architect shall procure chemical, mechanical or other tests required for proper design, tests for hazardous materials and borings or test pits necessary for determining subsoil conditions. The cost of any such tests shall be borne by the District, and the District shall own and, upon termination of this Agreement or completion of the Project, shall have returned to it by Architect any designs, plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates or other documents prepared as part of the testing.

5.2.5 Architect shall assist the District and its consultants to apply for funding for the Project from the State Allocation Board. Architect shall be responsible for all submittals required of the Architect by the Division of the State Architect ("DSA"), OPSC and California Department of Education in connection therewith.

5.3 Schematic Design Phase

5.3.1 The Architect shall review all information concerning the Project delivered or communicated by the District to the Architect to ascertain the requirements of the Project and shall arrive at a mutual understanding of such requirements with the District.

5.3.2 The Architect shall provide a preliminary evaluation of the District's Project, schedule and construction budget requirements, each in terms of the other.

5.3.3 The Architect shall review with the District alternative approaches to the design and construction of the Project, and shall include alternatives that may reduce the cost of the Project.

5.3.4 Based on a mutual understanding of the District's budget and scope of work requirements, the Architect shall prepare for the District's governing board's written approval, schematic design documents, which include but are not limited to, schematic design studies, site utilization plans, a description of the Project showing, among other things, the scale and relationship of the components of the Project, preparation of a written estimated statement of Project Construction Cost and a written schedule for the performance of the work that itemizes constraints and critical path issues. The schematic design documents shall represent a 15% complete design. The Project Construction Cost shall be based on current area, volume and other unit costs, shall conform to District's total construction cost budget, and shall include reasonable contingencies for all construction and construction management work. The written schedule shall conform to District's milestone and completion deadline requirements. Nevertheless, Architect is encouraged to make recommendations to District regarding additional benefits that could be realized by increasing the District's total construction cost budget, or by altering the District's completion deadlines. If District incorporates any recommended changes, then Architect shall revise the schematic design documents, including but not limited to the written statement of Project Construction Cost and written schedule for the performance of work, as necessary until District's governing board approves them in writing. Architect shall attend, and present at, as many meetings of the District's governing board as may be necessary to obtain the board's approval of the schematic design documents.

5.3.5 The Architect shall submit to the District a preliminary Project Construction Cost based on current area, volume and other unit costs.

5.4 Design Development Phase

5.4.1 Following District's governing board's written approval of the schematic design documents, including the estimate of Project Construction Cost and schedule, Architect shall provide all necessary architectural and engineering services to prepare design development documents for the District's governing board's written approval, which fix and describe the size and character of the project and which shall include, but are not limited to, site and floor plans, elevations and other approved drawings and shall outline the specifications of the entire Project as to kind and quality of materials, categories of proposed work such as architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical systems, types of structures and all such other work as may be required. During the design development phase, Architect will keep the Project within all budget and scope constraints set by the District. The design development documents shall represent a 50% complete design. The design development documents shall include a revised Project Construction Cost, and a revised construction schedule. The revised Project Construction Cost shall be based on current area, volume and other unit costs. The revised Project Construction Cost shall conform to District's total construction cost budget and shall include reasonable contingencies for all construction and construction management work. The revised construction schedule shall conform to District's milestone and completion deadline requirements. Nevertheless, Architect is encouraged to make recommendations to District regarding additional benefits that could be realized by altering the District's total construction cost budget or completion deadlines. If District incorporates any recommended changes or otherwise does not approve the submitted design development documents, then Architect shall revise the design development documents, including but not limited to the written statement of Project Construction Cost and written schedule for the

performance of work, as necessary until District's governing board approves them in writing. Architect shall attend, and present at, as many meetings of the District's governing board as may be necessary to obtain the board's approval of the design development documents.

5.4.2 The Architect shall assist the District and its consultants in the preparation and/or modification of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan if any such plan is required for this Project.

5.4.3 Architect shall prepare necessary documents for the processing of District's application for and obtaining of required approvals from the DSA, the OPSC (if applicable), the Department of Education, the State Fire Marshall and other agencies exercising jurisdiction over the Project.

5.4.4 The Architect shall advise the District of any adjustments to the preliminary Project Construction Cost.

5.4.5 Architect shall identify areas of construction for which unit pricing shall be required as part of the Contractor's bid.

5.4.6 Architect shall provide at District's expense one complete set of preliminary plans for the review and written approval of the District and one set for each public agency having approval authority over such plans for their review and approval.

5.5 Contract Documents Phase

5.5.1 Following the District's governing board's written approval of the design development documents, including the Project Construction Cost and construction schedule, the Architect shall prepare Contract Documents for the written approval of District's governing board consisting of 100% complete working drawings and specifications setting forth the work to be done in detail sufficient for construction, including but not limited to the materials, workmanship, finishes and equipment required for the architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical system and utility-service-connected equipment and site work. Architect shall ensure that the drawings and specifications are, among other things, complete, accurate, and coordinated so as to eliminate errors, omissions and conflicts, especially between the work of a (sub)consultant and other (sub)consultants or the Architect; except on a clearly designated design-build project. Architect shall also update the construction schedule and the Project Construction Cost for written approval of District's governing board. The Contract Documents shall conform to, comply with, and satisfy all applicable Federal, State and local laws, including but not limited to statutes, decisions, regulations, building or other codes, ordinances, charters, and the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA").

5.5.2 Architect shall consult with, and involve, the District in development of the bid documents and bid package, and shall forward them to the District for written approval prior to their use. If the District is using a multiple prime delivery method for the Project with multiple bid packages, then Architect shall consult with and involve the District in identification and development of the bid documents and bid packages, and shall forward them to the District for written approval prior to their use.

5.5.3 Prior to submission of the Contract Documents to DSA for plan check, the Architect shall submit the Contract Documents to the District for an opportunity to review them for various issues, including but not limited to constructability, scheduling, general completeness, clarity, consistency, coordination, cost-effectiveness, value engineering, identification of possible add/delete bid alternatives, time of construction, and suitability for separation of the Project design, plans and specifications into bid packages for various categories and/or portions of the work. However, such review by District is not required and does not affect Architect's obligations under this Agreement.

5.5.4 After approval by the District's governing board and any constructability review, the Architect shall submit the Contract Documents to DSA for plan check, and make the necessary corrections to secure DSA approval. At District's expense, Architect shall arrange for the scanning of the DSA approved Contract Documents and for the return of the originals and an electronic copy to DSA.

5.5.5 The Architect shall give the District, at the time of DSA approval of the final form of the Contract Documents, Architect's final estimate of Project Construction Cost and construction schedule, which shall be given final written approval by District's governing board along with the Contract Documents. The revised Project Construction Cost shall be based on current area, volume and other unit costs, and on a mutually acceptable recognized building cost index, and shall include a reasonable contingency. In preparing the revised estimate of Project Construction cost and construction schedule for the Contract Documents, the Architect shall consult with, and involve, the District in the process to maximize accuracy and completeness. If the District is intending to enter multiple prime contracts, the Project Construction Cost shall include separate bid estimates for each bid package, plus a reasonable contingency; and the construction schedule shall reflect that multiple contractors will be performing separate bid packages, including a general conditions bid package. Architect shall attend, and present at, as many meetings of the District's governing board as may be necessary to obtain the board's written approval of the Contract Documents.

5.6 Bidding and Negotiations Phase

5.6.1 Following DSA's and District's governing board's written approval of Contract Documents, and District's governing board's written acceptance of Architect's final estimate of Project Construction Cost and construction schedule, Architect shall continue to work with the District in finalizing the bid documents and bid package, as described in Section 5.5.2, above. Architect shall reproduce the bid documents and bid package in the number requested by the District, at District's expense, and distribute them among interested contractors. Architect shall also assist the District in obtaining bids, and shall assist the District in evaluating contract proposals or bids and substitutions proposed by contractors, and in awarding the bids. All sets of Contract Documents, which does not include those for the use of the Architect or its consultants, requested by the District shall be reproduced at District's expense.

5.6.2 Architect's estimate of Project Construction Cost at the time of DSA approval of the Contract Documents shall be current as of that date. Should bids be received more than ninety (90) days after the date of that Project Construction Cost, the Architect's total construction cost shall be escalated by the cost-of-construction in the then current mutually agreed upon recognized building cost index.

5.6.3 Should the lowest responsible and responsive bid received on a bid package exceed Architect's most recent approved estimate of Project Construction Cost for that bid package (or amount adjusted according to the then current mutually agreed upon recognized building cost index) as accepted by District by more than fifteen percent (15%), Architect shall, on request by District and as part of Architect's Basic Services, make such changes in the plans and specifications as shall be necessary to bring new bids within fifteen percent (15%) of such Project Construction Cost. In making such changes, Architect will exercise Architect's best judgment in determining the balance between the scope and size of the Project, the type of construction, and the quality of the construction to achieve a satisfactory project within fifteen percent (15%) of Architect's Project Construction Cost. To avoid the potential for bids to exceed the estimate by more than fifteen percent (15%) at bid opening, the Architect may, as an alternative, include in the Contract Documents one or more deductive alternatives so that Architect and District may evaluate different means to achieve a satisfactory project within fifteen percent (15%) of the Architect's Project Construction Cost.

5.6.4 If requested by District, the Architect shall review the qualifications of all bidders for the construction of the Project, and shall make recommendations to the District as to whether, in the Architect's professional opinion, a bidder meets the minimum requirements.

5.6.5 If, in the District's discretion, the District will seek total or partial State funding for this Project, the Architect shall, in addition to the above, publish the invitation to bid in the appropriate regional trade papers and publications devoted to Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises.

5.7 Construction Phase

5.7.1 The construction phase shall begin on the date stated in the official Notice to Proceed.

5.7.2 All instructions to the Contractor shall be forwarded through the Architect unless otherwise directed by the District. The Architect shall advise and consult with the District in the general administration of the Project. The Architect will have authority to act on behalf of the District only to the extent provided in the Contract Documents, unless District grants additional authority in writing.

5.7.3 Upon request by District, the Architect shall provide District with copies of all of its correspondence with the Contractor.

5.7.4 The Architect shall provide prompt and timely direction to the District, Project inspectors and/or Contractor as to the interpretation of Contract Documents. Architect shall respond to all requests for information ("RFI's") from a Contractor within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt, unless the subject of the RFI is impacting, or may impact, the critical path of the Project and is causing, or may cause, delay, in which case the Architect shall respond as soon as reasonably possible, if not immediately. If the Architect is not able to take action within the time required due to reasons beyond Architect's control, the Architect may take action within a reasonable period of time under the circumstances; however, the Architect shall make such determination within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the RFI, and shall notify the District and Contractor immediately after such determination with an explanation as to why the Architect

cannot take action within the time required, what the Architect is doing to expedite its response, when the Architect expects to be able to issue a response, and what action, if any, should be taken by District or Contractor in the meantime to mitigate delays and/or costs.

5.7.5 Architect shall review as-built record drawings prepared by Contractor, as required by the contract for construction, indicating dimensions and locations of all work, including but not limited to buried utility lines and mechanical, electrical and plumbing layouts, which shall be forwarded to the District upon completion of the Project. While Architect cannot guarantee precise accuracy of such drawings, Architect shall exercise reasonable care in reviewing such drawings to determine their general compliance with the Contract Documents. Architect shall have no responsibility for their conformity to field conditions, except that in the event that the Architect, consistent with standards of due care, becomes aware of non-conformity with field conditions, Architect shall have a duty immediately to notify the District in writing. Architect shall also review and deliver to District all written guarantees, instruction books, operation and maintenance manuals, diagrams, charts and other documents assembled by Contractor as required by the contract for construction.

5.7.6 The Architect shall be responsible for the preparation and submission of any notifications regarding excavation in areas which are known or suspected to contain subsurface installations under Government Code section 4216, *et seq.* The Architect may delegate this responsibility to a Contractor if such power to delegate was included in the Contract Documents and bid package, but Architect shall remain responsible for supervising such Contractor to ensure performance of this task. Architect shall provide a copy of all such notifications to the District.

5.7.7 The Architect shall, at all times, have access to the Project wherever it is in preparation and progress. To the extent reasonably possible given Contractor's work in progress, the District shall provide such access so that the Architect may perform its functions under the Agreement and Contract Documents.

5.7.8 In the discharge of its duties of observation and interpretation, the Architect shall require Contractors to comply with the Contract Documents, and shall guard the District against defects and deficiencies in the work of the Contractor. The Architect shall advise and consult with the District and inspectors concerning the Contractor's compliance with the Contract Documents and shall assist the District and inspectors in securing the Contractor's compliance.

Unless otherwise assigned, Architect has the primary responsibility for the Project to supervise, coordinate and manage the compliance of all parties, including the District's Inspector of Record/Project Inspector ("IOR"), Contractor, any Construction Manager, laboratories, District and Architect itself, with the DSA Construction Oversight Process.

The Architect must comply with the applicable requirements of the DSA Construction Oversight Process, including but not limited to (a) submitting the inspection card request form (DSA 102-IC), (b) providing a verified report (DSA 6-AE) at the completion of each block and section of each inspection card, and (c) directing and monitoring the IOR and laboratories of record, and (d) coordinating with the Owner, Contractor, any Construction Manager, laboratories, and the IOR to meet the DSA Construction Oversight Process requirements without delay or added costs to the Project.

5.7.9 The Architect shall visit the site, both as the Architect deems necessary and as requested by the District, to maintain familiarity with the quality and progress of the Project, to determine that the Contractor's work substantially complies with all documents, drawings, plans and specifications and that the Project is progressing in substantial accordance with the Contract Documents. Such observations are to be distinguished from the continuous inspection provided by the Project Inspector unless Architect has agreed in writing to serve as the District's Project Inspector.

5.7.10 The Architect shall notify the District promptly of any significant defect in materials, equipment or workmanship, and of any default by any Contractor in the orderly and timely prosecution of the Project. Architect will exercise reasonable care in the discharge of Architect's obligation to discover significant defects and faults.

5.7.11 The Architect shall review and approve, take exception to, or take other appropriate action upon all schedules, shop drawings, samples and other submissions of the Contractor to determine general conformance with the Project design and specifications as set forth in the Contract Documents. All such action shall be taken within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the submittals, unless the critical path of the Project is impacted in which case Architect shall take such action as soon as possible. If Architect is not able to take such action within the required time due to reasons beyond Architect's control, the Architect may take action within a reasonable period of time under the circumstances; however, the Architect shall make such determination within four (4) calendar days of receipt of the submission, and shall notify the District and Contractor immediately after such determination with an explanation as to why the Architect cannot take action within the time required, what the Architect is doing to expedite its response, when the Architect expects to be able to issue a response, and what action, if any, should be taken by District or Contractor in the meantime to mitigate delays and/or costs. The Architect will have the authority to reject work and materials which do not conform to the Contract Documents. The Architect's approval of a specific item shall not be an approval of an assembly of which the item is a component. Whenever, in the Architect's reasonable judgment, it is considered necessary or advisable for the implementation of the intent of the Contract Documents, the Architect will have authority to require special inspection or testing of the work or materials in accordance with the Contract Documents whether or not such work or materials be then fabricated, installed or completed. The Architect will also recommend substitution of materials or equipment when, in the Architect's reasonable judgment, such action is necessary to the accomplishment of the intent and purpose of the Contract Documents. Such actions as are described in this paragraph shall be taken with reasonable promptness.

5.7.12 Architect shall assist the District in requiring Contractor to provide assistance in the utilization of any equipment or system such as initial start-up or testing, adjusting and balancing, preparation of operation and maintenance manuals and training personnel for operation and maintenance.

5.7.13 The Architect shall not be responsible for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or for safety precautions or programs in connection with the work. The Architect shall not be responsible for acts or omissions of the Contractor, subcontractors, or their agents or employees or of any other persons performing portions of the Project not employed or retained by Architect, unless due to Wrongful Acts or Omissions.

5.7.14 The Architect shall make such regular reports as shall be required by agencies having jurisdiction over the Project and keep the District informed in writing of the progress of the Project.

5.7.15 The Architect will, consistent with standards of due care, make reasonable professional efforts to exclude hazardous materials from new construction. In the event the District or Architect is or becomes aware of the presence of, or exposure of persons to, asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) or any other toxic or hazardous contaminants, materials, air pollutants or water pollutants at the Project site ("Hazardous Substances"), or the substantial risk thereof, each shall have a duty immediately to notify the other in writing. The parties recognize, however, that neither Architect nor the District is trained or licensed in the recognition or remediation of Hazardous Substances.

Unless indicated otherwise, with respect to asbestos and asbestos containing materials, the parties acknowledge that the Architect has recommended and the District has agreed to retain a qualified consultant to evaluate the presence of such materials at certain District facilities which are included in the scope of this Agreement. In the event that said consultant recommends a procedure to deal with such materials, said consultant shall have the responsibility to draft specification language for the removal or other remediation of such materials, and subsequently may be required to certify that they have been properly removed or otherwise remediated. Architect shall include consultant's recommendations and specifications in the appropriate design documents for modernization and shall, as part of its Basic Services, provide designs and other bid documents consistent therewith. When construction is properly completed, Architect shall provide such an appropriate statement as to Hazardous Substances as is required of architects for such projects by the OPSC.

5.7.16 Based on the Architect's observations, and an evaluation of each Project Application for Payment, the Architect will estimate the amount of work completed by Contractor, and assist the District in (a) determining the amount owing to the Contractor, and (b) issuing Project Certificates for Payment incorporating such amount, all in accordance with the Contract Documents. The Architect's estimation of the amount of work completed by Contractor shall constitute representations by the Architect to the District that the quality of the completed work is in accordance with the Contract Documents based upon Architect's observations of the completed work, and that the Contractor is entitled to payment for the completed work.

5.7.17 Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement, as a part of its Basic Services the Architect shall assist the District in evaluating and responding to claims, disputes and other matters in question between the Contractor and the District resulting from Wrongful Acts or Omissions by Architect, and shall in all instances provide such truthful testimonial assistance as may be required by the District at no cost to the District.

5.7.18 The Architect will provide construction advice to the District on apparent deficiencies in construction, both during construction and after acceptance of the Project.

5.7.19 The Architect shall recommend, prepare and process the necessary change orders. Payment of fees to the Architect as a result of change orders shall be handled as follows:

5.7.19.1 District-initiated change orders. If a change order is initiated by the District, the Architect's fee for services related to such change order shall be paid as an Additional Service

under Articles 4 and 6. If a change order is solicited by the District but not subsequently authorized by the District, the Architect shall be paid for time spent on the proposed change order.

5.7.19.2 Change orders due to Architect. When a change order is necessitated as a result of Wrongful Acts or Omissions, the Architect's services in connection with that change order are not compensable and Architect shall not include those services on any invoice.

5.7.19.3 Change orders beyond District or Architect control. If a change order is necessitated as a result of changes in law, in-field changes required by governing agencies after document approval, unknown, unforeseeable or hidden conditions, or actual conditions inconsistent with available drawings of existing conditions, such change orders shall be handled in the same manner as District-initiated change orders.

5.7.20 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in the event a change order is caused by, or necessitated as a result of Wrongful Acts or Omissions by Architect, or the District otherwise incurs costs or damages as a result of Wrongful Acts or Omissions, the Architect shall be responsible for the following:

5.7.20.1 In the event of such a change order, Architect shall be responsible for the difference between (a) what the contractor would have added to its original bid for the Project if the Wrongful Act or Omission had not occurred (i.e., the "added value" portion of the change order), and (b) what the contractor charges the District in the change order. The amount of added value of any change order work shall be based on the circumstances of the Architect's Wrongful Act or Omission and the change order work necessitated by the Wrongful Act or Omission. It is the parties' intent that the District should pay no more than what the District would have paid if the Wrongful Act or Omission had not occurred.

5.7.20.2 In addition, Architect shall be responsible for any other costs or damages which the District incurs as a result of Wrongful Acts or Omissions, including but not limited to any delay damages the District pays to, or cannot collect from, Contractor or any third party.

The District may back charge, and withhold payment from the Architect for these costs and damages, and may seek reimbursement for any amount which exceeds any retention of the contract amount at the time of collection. When District so back charges and withholds, upon Architect's request District and Architect shall meet and confer in good faith in an effort to reach agreement on (a) whether a Wrongful Act or Omission occurred, (b) whether it caused the change order expense, (c) what damages have been incurred by District, and (d) what portion of the damages are attributable to Architect as described above. If District and Architect do not reach agreement on all four of these items when meeting and conferring, then District and Architect shall use mediation in good faith to resolve the dispute. If mediation fails, then either District or Architect can initiate a court action to resolve the dispute.

5.7.21 The Architect shall provide a color schedule of all finish materials in the Project for the District's review and approval.

5.7.22 The Architect shall assist District in determining the date of final completion and make a final detailed on-site review of the job with representatives of the District and the

Contractor. If requested by District, Architect shall also perform a warranty review with District 30-60 days before expiration of the specified warranty on the Project.

5.7.23 The Architect shall assist the District in issuing the final certificate for payment and any other documents required to be recorded by law or generally accepted architectural or construction contract practice upon compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents, provided that such certification shall not constitute an admission that the Project has been completed in accordance with Contract Documents or in conformance with this Agreement.

5.7.24 Architect shall make reasonable professional efforts so that the finished project complies with all standards imposed by the Americans with Disabilities Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, disability access requirements of the State Building Code and any other laws applicable to disability access. If a court, administrative agency or other trier of fact later determines that Architect has willfully violated any of the above-referenced laws, Architect shall remedy the violation at its own cost. Architect shall indemnify, defend and hold the District harmless under Article 18.1 of this Agreement for any breach of this paragraph due to Architect's negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct. The Architect shall not be responsible for acts or omissions of the District or Contractor or of any other persons performing portions of the Project not employed or retained by Architect, nor shall Architect be responsible for any subsequent changes in the law or any regulation applicable to disabled access or any subsequent differing interpretation of the laws or regulations applicable at the time Architect's design is reviewed by DSA. In the event that the Architect is or becomes aware of possible non-compliance with the foregoing standards, Architect shall have a duty immediately to notify the District in writing of the possible non-compliance.

5.8 Use of Previously Prepared Materials. In the event that there exist previously prepared designs, plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates or other documents, or any other works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression, including but not limited to physical drawings, data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer disks, or other writings, that were prepared by design professionals other than Architect, whether supplied by District or by Architect, which are relied upon, altered or otherwise utilized by Architect, Architect shall be responsible for giving appropriate recognition to such other design professionals in any materials prepared by Architect under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6 ADDITIONAL SERVICES TO BE RENDERED BY ARCHITECT

6.1 "Additional Services" shall be provided by Architect on a Project if authorized in writing by District. No additional compensation shall be paid to Architect for performing these Additional Services unless the District and the Architect agree in writing as to the amount of compensation for such services prior to such services being rendered. Such compensation shall be paid based on the hourly rates in Section 4.8 and as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, or as otherwise agreed to by the parties hereto.

6.2 The following is a list of services that are not included in the Basic Services to be provided under this Agreement for a Project, and will be performed only in accordance with Article 6.1, above:

6.2.1 providing financial feasibility or other special studies;

6.2.2 providing services relative to future facilities, systems and equipment which are not intended to be constructed during the Construction Phase;

6.2.3 providing coordination of Project performed by separate contractors or by the District's own forces;

6.2.4 providing analyses of owning and operating costs, or detailed quantity surveys or inventories of material, equipment and labor;

6.2.5 making revisions in drawings, specifications or other documents when such revisions are inconsistent with written approvals or instructions previously given, are required by the enactment or revision of codes, laws or regulations subsequent to the District's approval of Contract Documents or are due to other causes not within the control of the Architect;

6.2.6 providing consultation concerning replacement of any work damaged by fire or other cause during construction of the Project, and furnishing services as may be required in connection with the replacement of such work;

6.2.7 providing services made necessary by the default of the Contractor;

6.2.8 providing services in connection with any public hearing, dispute, claim, mediation, arbitration or legal proceeding;

6.2.9 providing services of consultants for other than the customary architectural, civil, structural, mechanical and electrical engineering services for the Project;

6.2.10 at the District's request, selecting moveable furniture, equipment or articles which are not included in the Contract Documents;

6.2.11 providing services related to change orders requested by the District, but which are not subsequently authorized (see second sentence of Section 5.7.19.1), above; and

6.2.12 providing any other services not otherwise included in the Agreement and not customarily furnished in accordance with generally accepted architectural practice.

ARTICLE 7 RESPONSIBILITIES OF DISTRICT

It shall be the duty of District to:

7.1 pay all fees required by any reviewing or licensing agency;

7.2 designate a representative authorized to act as a liaison between the Architect and the District in the administration of this Agreement and the Contract Documents;

7.3 furnish, at the District's expense, the services of a Project Inspector;

7.4 review all documents submitted by the Architect and advise the Architect of decisions

thereon within a reasonable time after submission;

7.5 issue appropriate orders to Contractors through the Architect;

7.6 furnish existing soil investigation, geological hazard reports and topographic surveys which the District shall own and, upon termination of this Agreement or completion of the Project, shall have returned to it by Architect;

7.7 furnish the services of a hydrologist or other consultants not routinely provided by the Architect when such services are reasonably required by the scope of the Project and are requested by the Architect;

7.8 provide asbestos and other hazardous materials survey, laboratory testing and abatement;

7.9 furnish available as-built drawings for buildings and utilities systems related to the Project, which the District shall own and, upon termination of this Agreement or completion of the Project, shall have returned to it by the Architect. The District will also provide information regarding programmatic needs and specific equipment selection data;

7.10 furnish structural, mechanical, chemical and other laboratory tests, inspections and reports as required by law or the Contract Documents, which the District shall own and, upon termination of this Agreement or completion of the Project, shall have returned to it by the Architect; and

7.11 furnish prompt notice of any fault or defects in the Project or nonconformance with the Contract Documents of which the District becomes aware. However, the District's failure to do so shall not relieve the Architect of Architect's responsibilities under Title 21, Title 24, and the Field Act for this Project and under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8 PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE

8.1 The Architect shall obtain a certificate of insurance, Additional Insured Endorsement and Declarations Page for the period covered by this Agreement, for public liability and property damage with an insurance carrier satisfactory to the District, to protect the Architect and District against loss from liability imposed in relation to such Project for damages (1) on account of bodily or personal injuries, including death, disease and sickness, accidentally suffered or alleged to have been suffered by any person or persons that may be caused directly or indirectly by the performance of this Agreement, and (2) on account of injury to or destruction of property, including the resultant loss of use of the Project or other District facilities or equipment, resulting from acts of commission or omission by the Architect, or otherwise resulting directly or indirectly from the Architect's operations in the performance of this Agreement. The District shall be named as an additional insured on all such policies.

8.2 The following minimum insurance shall be maintained by the Architect in full force and effect during the entire period of performance of such Project, including any extensions, and shall be written, to the extent reasonably available, on an "occurrence" basis: Commercial general liability insurance shall be in amounts not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) general aggregate, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) personal and advertising injury aggregate, with a

per occurrence limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00); and Automobile liability insurance covering motor vehicles shall be in an amount not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit. If liability insurance is not reasonably available on an occurrence basis, Architect shall provide liability insurance on a claims-made basis.

8.3 Said insurance shall provide that the coverage afforded thereby shall be primary coverage (and non-contributory to any other existing valid and collectable insurance) to the full limit of liability stated in the Declarations Page and such insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, but the inclusion of more than one (1) insured shall not operate to increase the insurer's limits of liability. Said insurance shall also include a waiver of any subrogation rights as against the District.

8.4 Should any of the required insurance be provided for a Project under a claims-made form, Architect shall maintain such coverage continuously throughout the term of this Agreement, and without lapse, for a period of at least ten (10) years beyond the Agreement expiration or the completion of the Project (whichever is later), to the effect that, should occurrences during the Agreement term give rise to claims made after expiration of the Agreement, such claims shall be covered by such claims-made policies. Nothing herein shall in any way limit or diminish Architect's obligations to the District under any provision, including any duty to indemnify and defend the District.

8.5 The Architect's insurance policies for each Project shall contain a provision for thirty (30) days written notice to the District of cancellation or reduction of coverage. The Architect shall name, on any policy of insurance required for a Project, the District as an additional insured. The Additional Insured Endorsement included on all such insurance policies shall state that coverage is afforded the additional insured with respect to claims arising out of operations performed by or on behalf of the insured. If the additional insureds have other insurance which is applicable to the loss, such other insurance shall be on an excess or contingent basis. The amount of the insurer's liability for a Project shall not be reduced by the existence of such other insurance. Architect shall not commence work on a Project under this Agreement until all required insurance certificates, declarations pages and additional insured endorsements for that Project have been obtained and delivered in duplicate to the District for approval subject to the following requirements. Thereafter Architect shall produce a certified copy of any insurance policy required under this Article upon written request of the District.

8.6 If making application for any extension of time on a Project, Architect shall ensure all required insurance will be in effect during the requested additional period of time.

8.7 If the Architect fails to maintain such insurance for a Project, the District may, but shall not be required to, take out such insurance to cover any damages of the above-mentioned classes for which the District might be held liable during the Project on account of the Architect's failure to pay such damages, and deduct and retain the amount of the premiums from any sums due the Architect under this Agreement.

8.8 Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as limiting, in any way, the extent to which the Architect may be held responsible for the payment of damages resulting from the Architect's operations during a Project.

8.9 Each of Architect's consultants on a Project shall comply with this Article, and Architect shall include such provisions in its contracts with them.

8.10 Insurance companies providing the above policies on a Project shall be legally authorized, licensed and admitted through the California Department of Insurance to engage in the business of furnishing insurance in the State of California. All such insurance companies shall have no lower than an "A-, VIII" in Best's Rating Guide and shall be satisfactory to the District.

8.11 Any failure to maintain any item of the required insurance on a Project may, at District's sole option, be sufficient cause for termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9 WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

9.1 The Architect shall furnish satisfactory proof that the Architect and all engineers, experts, consultants and subcontractors the Architect intends to employ have taken out, for the period covered by this Agreement, workers' compensation insurance for each Project with an insurance carrier satisfactory to the District for all persons whom they may employ in carrying out the work contemplated under this Agreement in accordance with the Workers' Compensation Laws of the State of California. All such insurance shall include a waiver of any subrogation rights as against the District.

9.2 Architect shall furnish satisfactory proof that the Architect and all engineers, experts, consultants and subcontractors the Architect intends to employ have taken out employer's liability insurance for that Project. Such insurance shall be maintained in full force and effect during the period covered by this Agreement including any extensions of time

ARTICLE 10 ERRORS AND OMISSIONS INSURANCE

10.1 Architect shall be liable for damages and costs incurred by, and any claims against District that result from Architect's negligence in the performance of this Agreement as provided by California law. Additionally, Architect shall not be paid a fee for work required due to Architect's negligence or the negligence of Architect's subcontractors, consultants, and/or employees in the performance of services under this Agreement.

10.2 Architect shall furnish satisfactory proof that the Architect has, for the period of such Project, errors and omissions insurance on an occurrence basis, with limits of at least Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) and with a deductible in an amount not to exceed the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000). If errors and omissions insurance is not reasonably available on an occurrence basis, Architect shall provide errors and omissions insurance on a claims-made basis.

10.3 Each of Architect's professional sub-consultants on each Project shall comply with this Article 10, and Architect shall include such provisions in its contracts with them.

10.4 Said errors and omissions insurance shall provide that the coverage afforded thereby shall

be primary coverage (and non-contributory to any other existing valid and collectable insurance) to the full limit of liability stated in the Declarations Page and such insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, but the inclusion of more than one (1) insured shall not operate to increase the insurer's limits of liability.

10.5 Should any of the above required insurance be provided for a Project under a claims-made form, Architect shall maintain coverage continuously throughout the term of this Agreement, and without lapse, for a period of at least ten (10) years beyond the Agreement expiration or the filing of a Notice of Completion (whichever is later), to the effect that, should occurrences during the Agreement term give rise to claims made after expiration of the Agreement, such claims shall be covered by such claims-made policy. Nothing herein shall in any way limit or diminish Architect's obligations to the District under any provision, including any duty to indemnify and defend the District.

10.6 Architect shall produce a certified copy of any insurance policy required under this Article upon written request of the District.

10.7 At the time of making application for any extension of time on a Project, upon request by District, Architect shall submit evidence that all required insurance policies will be in effect during the requested additional period of time.

10.8 If the Architect fails to maintain such insurance on a Project, the District may, but shall not be required to, take out such insurance, and may deduct and retain the amount of the premiums from any sums due the Architect under this Agreement.

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**ARTICLE 11
COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

11.1 Architect shall be familiar with, and Architect and Architect's design shall comply with, all State and Federal laws and regulations applicable to the Project or lawfully imposed upon the Project by agencies having jurisdiction over the Project, including but not limited to statutes, decisions, regulations, building or other codes, ordinances, charters, and the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA").

**ARTICLE 12
SUSPENSION, ABANDONMENT, TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

12.1 District hereby reserves the right to suspend or abandon at any time all or any of the construction work on the Project or to terminate this Agreement at any time. In the event of such suspension, abandonment, or termination, Architect shall be paid pursuant to Article 4 herein, for services rendered up to the date of such suspension, abandonment, or termination, less any damages suffered by District as a result of the default, if any, by Architect. Architect hereby expressly waives any and all claims for damages or compensation arising under this Agreement, as set forth herein, in the event of such suspension, abandonment, or termination.

12.2 If Architect's services are suspended by District, District may require Architect to resume services within ninety (90) days after written notice from District.

12.3 Upon suspension, abandonment, or termination, Architect shall, if requested by District, turn over to District all preliminary studies, sketches, working drawings, specifications, computations, and all other matters to which District would have been entitled at the completion of Architect's services. Upon payment of the amount required to be paid under their article and Article 4 herein, following the termination of this Agreement, District shall have the right to use any completed Contract Documents or other work product prepared by Architect under this Agreement for the original project for which they were intended and not for other or subsequent reuses on other sites. Architect shall make such documents available to District upon request and without additional compensation.

**ARTICLE 13
ARCHITECT AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

13.1 It is specifically agreed that in the making and performance of this Agreement, the Architect is an independent contractor and is not and shall not be construed to be an officer or employee of the District.

**ARTICLE 14
STANDARDIZED MANUFACTURED ITEMS**

14.1 The Architect shall consult and cooperate with the District in the use and selection of manufactured items to be used in a Project under this Agreement. Manufactured items, including but not limited to paint, finish hardware, plumbing fixtures and fittings, mechanical equipment, electrical fixtures and equipment, roofing materials, and floor coverings, shall be standardized to the District's criteria so long as the same does not interfere seriously with the building design or cost.

ARTICLE 15
OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

15.1 All designs, plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates and other documents or any other works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression, including but not limited to physical drawings, data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer disks, or other writings prepared or caused to be prepared by the Architect for a Project under this Agreement shall be and shall remain the property of the District for all purposes, not only as they relate or may relate to such Project (including but not limited to any repair, maintenance, renovation, modernization or other alterations or revisions to such Project) but as they relate or may relate to any other project, provided that any invalidity of such ownership in relation to any other project shall not affect the validity of such ownership in relation to such Project (including but not limited to any repair, maintenance, renovation, modernization or other alterations or revisions to such Project) under Education Code Section 17316.

15.2 The Architect will provide the District, at their request, with a complete set of reproducible designs, plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates and other documents or any other works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression, including but not limited to physical drawings, data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer disks, or other writings prepared or caused to be prepared by the Architect for a Project under this Agreement. Architect shall promptly make available to District any original documents it has retained under this Agreement upon request by the District.

ARTICLE 16
LICENSING OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

16.1 This Agreement creates a non-exclusive and perpetual license for the District to copy, use, modify, reuse or sublicense any and all copyrights, designs and other intellectual property embodied in plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates and other documents, or any other works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression, including but not limited to physical drawings, data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer disks, or other writings prepared or caused to be prepared by the Architect for a Project under this Agreement, not only as they relate or may relate to such Project (including but not limited to any repair, maintenance, renovation, modernization or other alterations or revisions to such Project) but as they relate or may relate to other projects, provided that any invalidity of such license in relation to such other projects shall not affect the validity of such license in relation to such Project (including but not limited to any repair, maintenance, renovation, modernization or other alterations or revisions to such Project) under Education Code Section 17316. The Architect shall require any and all subcontractors and consultants to agree in writing that the District is granted a similar non-exclusive and perpetual license for the work of such subcontractors or consultants performed on a Project under this Agreement.

16.2 The compensation for a Project under this Agreement includes compensation not only for any use in connection with such Project and use or re-use for repair, maintenance, renovation, modernization or other alterations or revisions to such Project, but also for any re-use by the District in relation to other projects. The only other term or condition of such re-use shall be that if the District reuses the plans prepared by the Architect for a Project and retains another certified architect or structural engineer for the preparation of those plans for the re-use, the District shall

indemnify and hold harmless the Architect and its consultants, agents, and employees from and against any claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from, in whole or in part, the re-use to the extent required by Education Code section 17316, subdivision (c).

16.3 Architect represents and warrants that Architect has the legal right to license any and all copyrights, designs and other intellectual property embodied in plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates or other documents that Architect or its consultants prepares or causes to be prepared for a Project under this Agreement. Architect shall indemnify, defend and hold the District harmless under Article 18.1 of this Agreement for any breach of Article 16 due to Architect's negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct. The Architect makes no such representation and warranty in regard to previously prepared designs, plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates or other documents, or any other works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression, including but not limited to physical drawings, data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer disks, or other writings, that were prepared by design professionals other than Architect and provided to Architect by the District.

ARTICLE 17 ACCOUNTING AND OTHER RECORDS OF ARCHITECT

17.1 Architect's records of accounts regarding a Project under this Agreement shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. District has the right to audit Architect's records and files regarding any of the work Architect performed for District on a Project during or after the Project. District shall be given reasonable access to Architect's records and files for audit purposes within thirty (30) days of receipt of District's request. Architect shall keep and maintain these records and files for ten (10) years.

ARTICLE 18 INDEMNITY

18.1 Architect Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, including California Civil Code section 2782.8, the Architect shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District, the governing Board of the District, each member of the Board, and their officers, agents and employees ("District Indemnitees") against claims arising out of, pertaining to, or relating to negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of the Architect, the Architect's officers, employees, or consultants in performing or failing to perform any work, services, or functions provided for, referred to, or in any way connected with any work, services, or functions to be performed on a Project under this Agreement. For purposes of this Article 18.1 only, "claims" means all claims, demands, actions and suits brought by third parties for any and all losses, liabilities, costs, expenses, damages and obligations. This indemnification shall apply to all liability, as provided for above, regardless of whether any insurance policies are applicable, and insurance policy limits do not act as a limitation upon the amount of the indemnification to be provided by the Architect.

18.2 District Indemnification for Use of Third Party Materials. The District shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Architect and its employees against any and all copyright infringement claims by any design professional formerly retained by the District arising out of Architect's completion, use or re-use of that former design professional's designs or contract

documents in performing this Agreement. Architect shall be entitled to such indemnification only if each of the following conditions are met: (a) Architect actually re-draws or completes such other designs or contract documents; (b) Architect complies with the provisions of Article 5.8 regarding use of materials prepared by other design professionals; (c) District has supplied Architect with the previously prepared documents or materials; and (d) District expressly requests that the Architect utilize the designs or contract documents in question. By providing this or any other indemnification in this Agreement, District does not waive any immunities.

ARTICLE 19 TIME SCHEDULE

19.1 Time for Completion. Time is of the essence of this Agreement. The Architect shall timely complete its Basic and Additional Services for a Project as expeditiously as possible and according to the schedule provided in the fully executed and approved amendment for that Project (see *Exhibit A* or *Exhibit B*).

19.2 Delays. The District recognizes that circumstances may occur beyond the control of either the District or the Architect and extensions for such delays may be made to the schedule for a Project if approved by the District. Any time during which the Architect is delayed in the Architect's work on a Project by acts of District or its employees or as determined by the District, those in a direct contractual relationship with District or by acts of nature or other occurrences which were not or could not have been reasonably foreseen and provided for, and which are not due to any Wrongful Acts or Omissions, shall be added to the time for completion of any obligations of the Architect.

ARTICLE 20 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

20.1 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any action or proceeding seeking any relief under or with respect to this Agreement shall be brought solely in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County in which the District maintains its district office, subject to transfer of venue under applicable State law, provided that nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of immunity to suit by the District.

20.2 The Architect shall not assign or transfer any or all of its rights, burdens, duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the District.

20.3 All notices, certificates, or other communications hereunder shall be deemed given when personally delivered or mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid, to the parties at the addresses set forth below:

District:	Galt Joint Union Elementary School District 1018 C Street, Suite 210 Galt, CA 95632 Attention: Lois Yount, Superintendent
Architect:	ENTER ARCHITECT FIRM NAME Address Line 1

**Address Line 2
Attention:**

20.4 This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the Architect and the District and their respective successors and assigns.

20.5 If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof.

20.6 The terms of this Agreement shall not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented or amended in any manner whatsoever except by written agreement signed by the parties. No action or failure to act by the District shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded the District under this Agreement, nor shall such action or failure to act constitute approval of, or acquiescence in, a breach under this Agreement, except as may be specifically agreed to in a written amendment to this Agreement.

20.7 Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with or cause of action in favor of a third party against either the District or the Architect.

20.8 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and supersedes any prior agreement or understanding. There are no understandings, agreements, representations or warranties, expressed or implied, not specified in this Agreement. The Architect, by the execution of this Agreement, acknowledges that the Architect has read this Agreement, understands it, and agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions.

20.9 The Architect shall have the right to include representations of the design of the Project, including photographs of the exterior and interior, among the Architect's professional materials. The Architect's materials shall not include the District's confidential or proprietary information if the District has previously advised the Architect in writing of the specific information considered by the District to be confidential or proprietary.

20.10 Prior to executing this Agreement, the Architect shall submit a certification if required by Public Contract Code section 3006(b) for roofing projects.

20.11 If a party to this Agreement commences a legal action against the other party to enforce a provision of this Agreement or seek damages related to the services provided under this Agreement, the prevailing party in the legal action will be entitled to recover all of its litigation expense, costs and fees from the other party, including reasonable attorneys' and experts' fees.

ARCHITECT:
ENTER ARCHITECT FIRM NAME

DISTRICT:
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

By: _____

Name
Title

By: _____

Lois Yount
Superintendent

Exhibit A

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

[Project Number]

FORM OF AMENDMENT TO ADD PROJECT TO MASTER AGREEMENT

NOT-TO-EXCEED FIXED FEE BASIS

Pursuant to the agreement between the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District (District”) and **ENTER ARCHITECT FIRM NAME** (“Architect”) effective _____, 20__ (“Agreement”), The District and Architect agree to amend the Agreement to add architectural services for design and construction administration of the following project (“Project”): **[insert description of Project]**.

The terms of the Agreement are incorporated into, and govern, this amendment except as may be provided otherwise by this amendment. In the event of a conflict between the Agreement and this amendment, the terms of this amendment shall control.

For the Project, Architect shall perform the Basic and Additional Services specified in the Agreement and this amendment. Multiple prime construction contracts **[insert “are” or “are not”]** being used as the delivery method for the Project.

For the architectural services to be provided under this amendment to the Agreement, Architect shall complete such services according to the following schedule:_____.

For the Basic Services satisfactorily performed under this amendment to the Agreement, Architect shall be compensated according to its hourly rate schedule (Exhibit B to the Agreement). Architect’s total compensation for its Basic Services shall not exceed \$ _____, which is Architect’s estimate of the maximum total cost of its Basic Services on the Project, based on its _____, 20 __, fee estimate.

If the total amount invoiced by Architect reaches the not-to-exceed Basic Services amount before Architect’s Basic Services under this Agreement are complete, Architect must complete the Basic Services without submitting additional invoices, or receiving additional payment, for Basic Services.

Architect's total reimbursement for Reimbursable Expenses shall not exceed \$ _____, which is Architect's estimate of the maximum total cost of Reimbursable Expenses on the Project.

ARCHITECT:
ENTER ARCHITECT FIRM NAME

DISTRICT:
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

By: _____

Name
Title

By: _____

Lois Yount
Superintendent

Exhibit B

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

[Project Number]

FORM OF AMENDMENT TO ADD PROJECT TO MASTER AGREEMENT

NOT-TO-EXCEED PERCENTAGE FEE BASIS

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The terms of the Agreement are incorporated into, and govern, this amendment except as may be provided otherwise by this amendment. In the event of a conflict between the Agreement and this amendment, the terms of this amendment shall control.

For the Project, Architect shall perform the Basic and Additional Services specified in the Agreement and this amendment. Multiple prime construction contracts **[insert “are” or “are not”]** being used as the delivery method for the Project.

For the architectural services to be provided under this amendment to the Agreement, Architect shall complete such services according to the following schedule: **[insert description of schedule, including milestone deadlines]**.

For the Basic Services satisfactorily performed under this amendment to the Agreement, the total compensation paid to the Architect for the Project shall be no more than percent (__ %) of the final adjusted Project Construction Cost for the Project. This compensation shall be paid pursuant to the following schedule:

Payment Upon Completion of:

Schematic Design	15%
Design Development Phase	20%
Contract Documents Phase	30%
DSA Back Check	5%
Bidding Phase	5%
Construction Phase	20%
Close-Out Phase	5%

TOTAL BASIC COMPENSATION 100%

Architect's total reimbursement for Reimbursable Expenses shall not exceed \$_____, which is Architect's estimate of the maximum total cost of Reimbursable Expenses on the Project.

ARCHITECT:

ENTER ARCHITECT FIRM NAME

DISTRICT:

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

By: _____

Name
Title

By: _____

Lois Yount
Superintendent

Exhibit C
HOURLY RATES

Hourly Rates to be included in Supplemental Agreements – Form of Amendment to add individual Projects to the Master Agreement.



Board Meeting Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: August 16, 2023	Agenda Item: 232.406 Board Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 01 California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program (CalSHAPE) Grant Agreement for Robert L. McCaffrey Middle School, Lake Canyon Elementary, Vernon E. Greer Elementary, River Oaks Elementary and Marengo Ranch Elementary
Presenter: Lois Yount	Action Item: XX Information Item:

The CalSHAPE Ventilation Program, authorized by AB841, provides funding to local educational agencies for the reasonable costs of HVAC assessment, general maintenance and adjustment, filter replacement, and carbon dioxide monitor installation, including certain repairs, replacements and other improvements to HVAC systems.

CalSHAPE Ventilation prioritized investments in facilities in underserved communities and those located near freeways or industrial facilities in the first round of funding and has opened the second round of funding up to all schools.

The grant application, if approved by the State after the submittal of this resolution, will be for the HVAC assessment of existing HVAC systems for Robert L. McCaffrey Middle School, Lake Canyon Elementary, Vernon E. Greer Elementary, River Oaks Elementary and Marengo Ranch Elementary.

Fiscal impact: None

Board approval is recommended.

**California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program
Governing Body Resolution**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolution of

Name of Local Educational Agency (the LEA)

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission's California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency (CalSHAPE) Program provides grants to local educational agencies (LEA), that includes school districts, charter schools, and regional occupational programs, to fund the assessment, maintenance, and repair of ventilation systems, installation of carbon dioxide monitors, and replacement of noncompliant plumbing fixtures and appliances;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that _____
Governing Body (the Governing Body)

authorizes the LEA to apply for a grant from the California Energy Commission to implement a CalSHAPE Program project.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Governing Body finds that the activity funded by the grant is (Please select one)

not a project because _____

OR

a project that is exempt under _____ because

OR

a project and _____
_____ document was prepared.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that if recommended for funding by the California Energy Commission, the Governing Body authorizes the LEA to accept a grant up to \$_____ and accept all grant agreement terms and conditions.
Grant Amount Requested

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that _____,
Name of Designated LEA Official or Staff

_____, and _____,
Name of Designated LEA Official or Staff Name of Designated LEA Official or Staff

are hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the LEA all necessary documents to implement and carry out the purpose of this resolution, and to undertake all actions necessary to undertake and complete the energy efficiency projects.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this _____ day of _____, _____.
Month Year

Governing Body Representatives (Print Names):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



Board Meeting Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: August 16, 2023	Agenda Item: 232.407 Board Consideration of Approval of 19six Architects' Proposal for Facilities Master Plan Services
Presenter: Lois Yount	Action Item: XX Information Item:

In 2015, the District contracted for facilities master plan services. Over the past eight years, the District has completed various modernization projects using Measure K bond funds, state facility funds, developer fees and routine maintenance funds.

An updated facility master plan is needed to identify current and future facility needs. The District is recommending 19six Architects for these services.

Scope of Services:

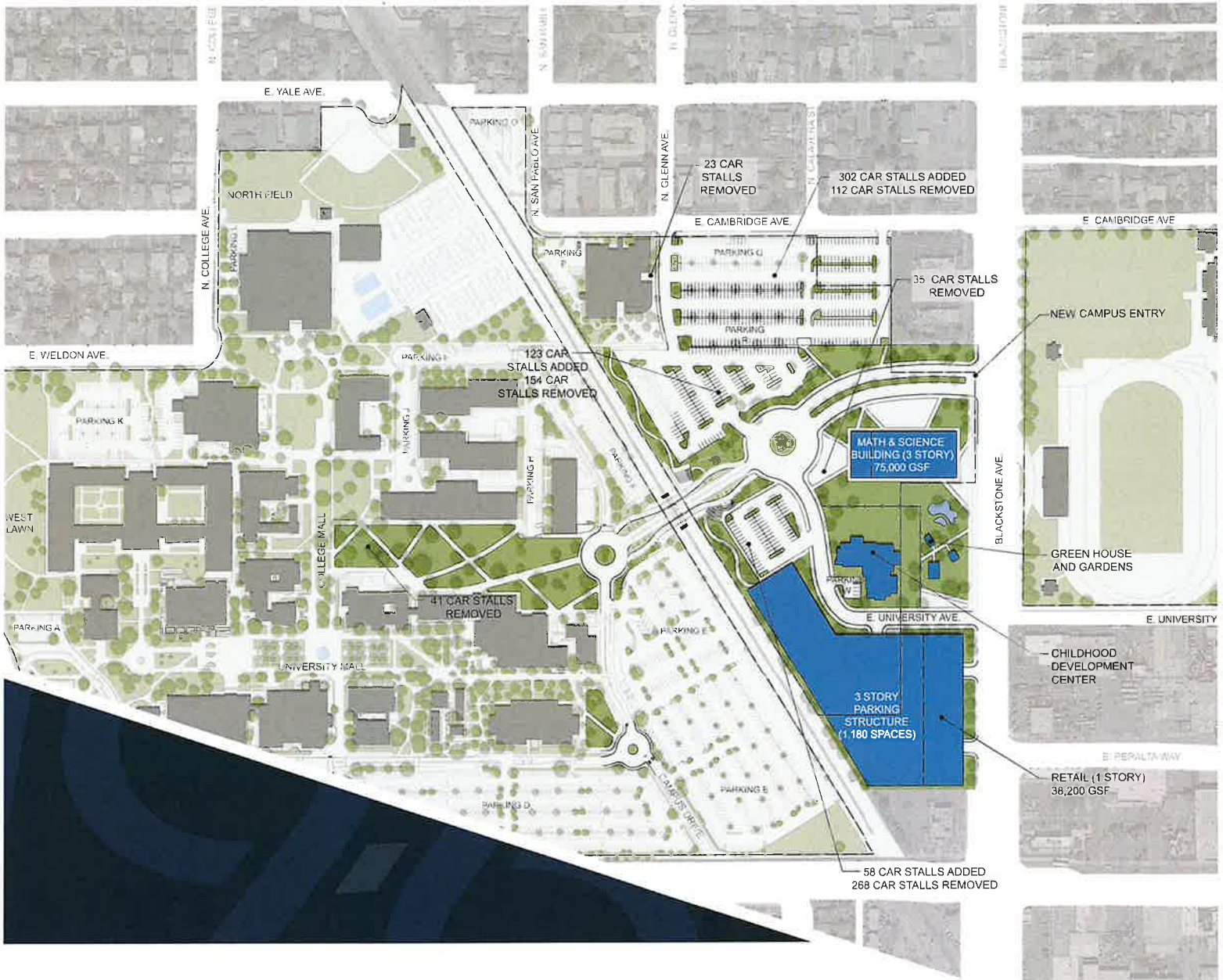
1. Project initiation, site discovery and analysis
2. Concept exploration and development
3. Maintenance specifications
4. Facilities master plan development

Fiscal impact: \$136,800

Funding source: Developer fees and state facility funds

Attachment: 19six Architects' Proposal for Facilities Master Plan Services

Board approval is recommended.



GALT

JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

19six Architects' Proposal for Facilities Master Plan Services

AUGUST 08, 2023



August 08, 2023

Lois Yount, Superintendent
Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
1018 C Street, Suite 210
Galt, California 95632



Subject: Request Proposal for Facilities Master Plan Services

Dear Mrs. Yount,

It is with great pleasure we provide the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District with our Statement of Qualifications and Proposal for Facilities Master Planning Services. 19six Architects commends the District for your determination and drive to lay the groundwork for building a brighter tomorrow for your students.

19six possesses a decades-long reputation for our work with K-12 Districts and Communities throughout California. On behalf of our team, we would love to provide planning services to your District. We strongly believe that we are the best-suited team to continue working hand-in-hand with you in planning for innovative and safe learning environments.

We can help you achieve this vision. A Facilities Master Plan is one of the core elements in achieving a successful, long-lasting outcome. 19six understands the role of schools as Community Centers and is passionate about providing planning services that reflect the vision of the stakeholders that supports the highest quality educational and social outcomes.

MASTER PLANNING EXPERTISE

We're incredibly proud of our master planning expertise. 19six planning efforts were instrumental in helping to pass over \$560 million in local bonds over the past ten years. Our team members have worked in several recent master plans such as Oxnard Union High School District, Goleta Union School District, Hope Elementary School District, Santa Cruz City Schools, East Side Union High School District, and Twin Rivers Unified School District.

PROVEN TEAM

We've assembled a proven team of educational design professionals who have years of experience working together successfully. The foundation of our approach is simple - to act as the stewards of your money, resources, and trust. We utilize our expertise to deliver your comprehensive master plan faster, more efficiently, and with more added value than any other team. We also understand how schools operate. We understand the importance of community involvement, fiscal responsibility, and the challenges faced by district staff. Mariana Alvarez-Parga, your principal-in-charge, has worked with several districts similar to GJUESD with communities where communication is critical. Her work at Palo Alto Unified School District and San Lorenzo Unified School District are highlights of her expertise in community involvement.... Mariana has facilitated public hearings, work sessions, community-serving agencies, and committees that helped define the projects and master plans at these districts.

With the support of Alan Kroeker, Senior Principal, this team will guide GJUESD through an inclusive master planning process.

SCHEDULE

19six has a strong history of controlling the process by emphasizing team communication. We have the resources and specialized experience readily available to accomplish your goals. We are committed to being your master planning architect and pledge our full resources.

We understand the need for quality planning and design and its impact on our communities. On behalf of the 19six Architects team, we look forward to working closely with the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District to create a Facilities Master Plan that reflects the district vision, educational programs, and the nurturing environments needed for future generations.

Sincerely,

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Mariana Alvarez-Parga, AIA, LEED AP
Principal-In-Charge

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Kimberly Johnson
Sr. Project Manager

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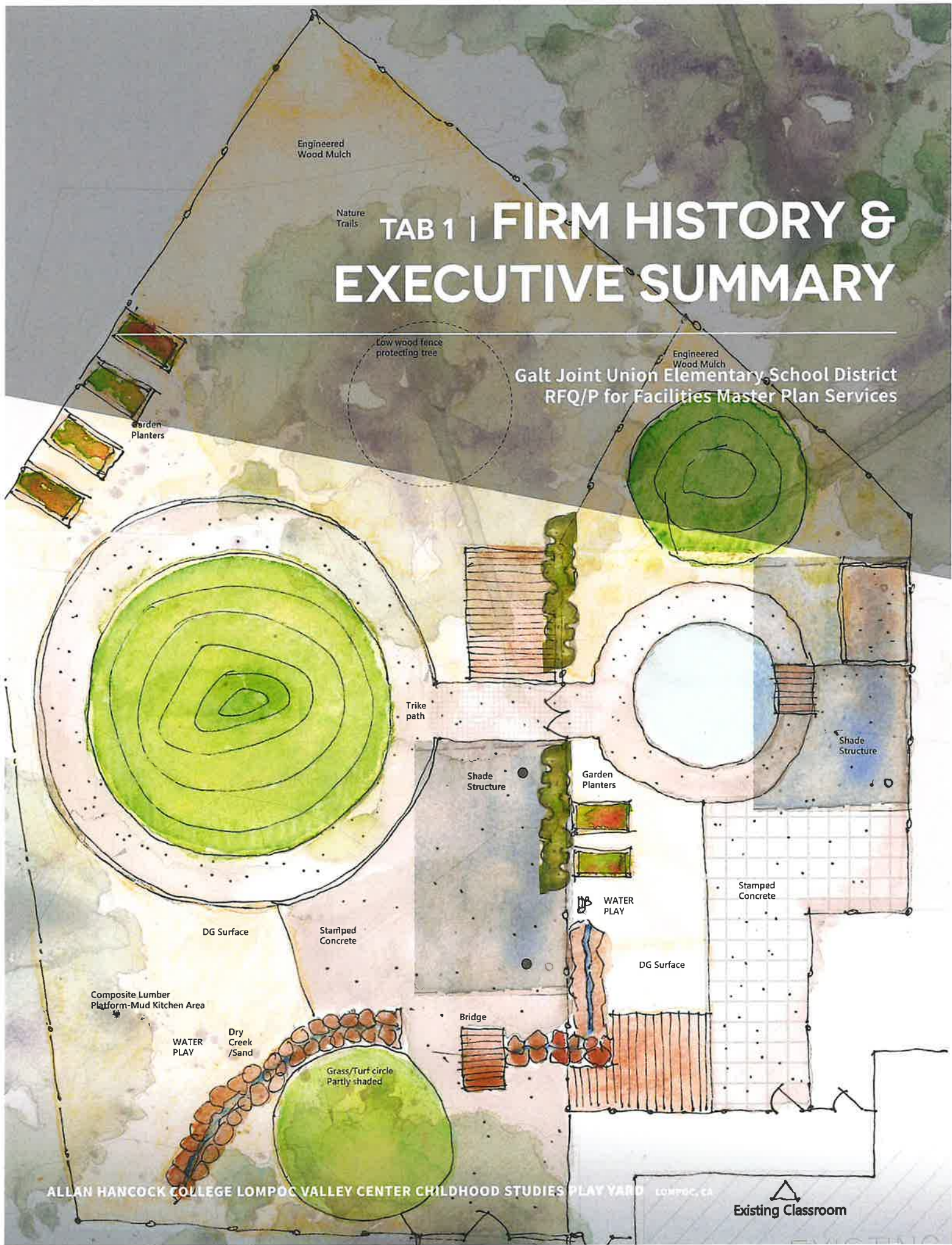
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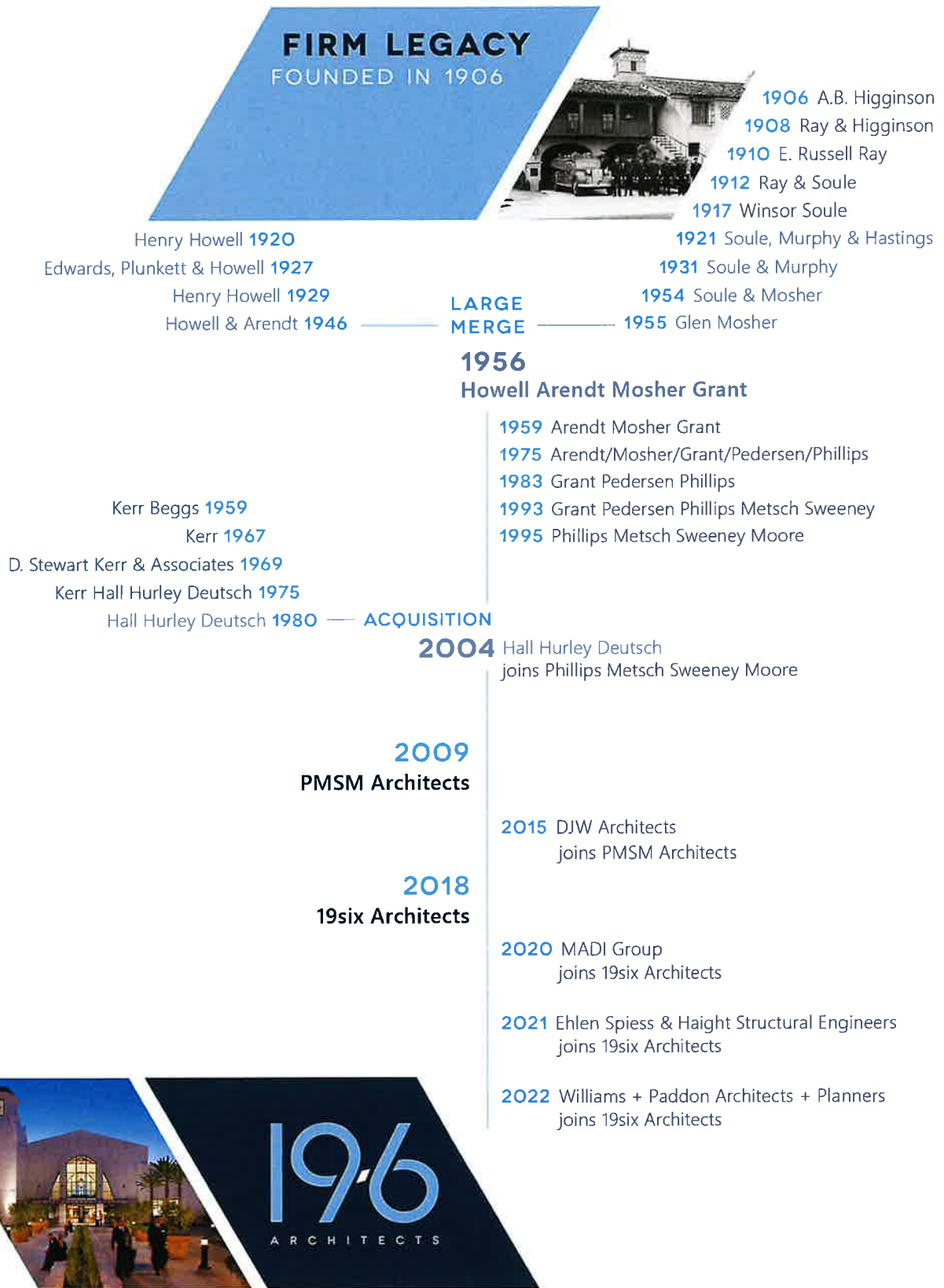
TAB 1 | FIRM HISTORY & EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
RFQ/P for Facilities Master Plan Services



HISTORY OF OUR FIRM

19six Architects is proud of our rich legacy. The legacy tree below notes all the previous names of the company. On July 31st 2018 we unveiled our new name and brand 19six Architects in which we created for the next 100+ years. Although our name has changed over the years one thing has remained the same and that is our team is dedicated to projects that enrich the community.





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WHAT DIFFERENTIATES 19SIX FROM OTHER FIRMS

19six and many other architectural/engineering firms have extensive K-12, DSA, and State funding experience, plus award-winning designs. However, what truly makes a successful project is not just a portfolio. A 19six triumphant Facilities Master Planning project stems from the combination of people, passion, and process that ultimately creates unique, functional designs articulating the various campuses and buildings' spirit of place.

People and Passion

Each member of the 19six team shares a passion for education and believes that schools are vital to enriching their communities. We are committed to service and stewardship of your resources, sustainability, and meeting the individual needs of each campus project.

Process

Central to your plan's success are the concepts of stewardship, community involvement, and efficiency. 19six has a proven, solutions-driven process emphasizing accountability and transparency. We work closely with you to establish the District, campus, and community participation at various phases of the facilities master planning process. At each step, the team evaluates, develops, recommends options, and solutions based on your needs. We assist in identifying project parameters, restraints, and opportunities as the basis of planning and design. Throughout the process, we communicate openly and honestly and document the decision-making process to create transparency and support for future projects.

Our process is:

- » Driven by YOUR Educational Program, Building Use & Objectives
- » Shaped by Environmental Conditions & Contextual/Cultural Considerations of the Site
- » Grounded in Budget, Schedule & Code Requirements

FACILITIES MASTER PLANNING EXPERIENCE

19six has a wealth of experience conducting facility assessments and master planning K-12 districts. Our facilities assessments provide clients with precise, accurate campus/building data to support their strategic planning and long-term development goals. With facilities assessments, 19six develops a comprehensive and detailed evaluation that directly corresponds with the criteria required by state agencies and protocols. Our facilities assessments are more than campus and build evaluations; this methodical evaluation is a priceless planning tool vital to the management and future development of the District.

A Facilities Master Plan is one of the core elements to achieve a successful and long-lasting outcome of your academic and District vision. It is the best tool for demonstrating that the Galt Joint Union School District is a steward of community funds and resources. We're incredibly proud of our master planning expertise. We've recently completed master plans many districts throughout California. We tailor our approach to master planning for each Community. For example, we started working on the Soquel Unified School District Master Plan before the \$42M Bond measure was placed. Through workshops with the Board, staff and Community we were able to build support and develop shovel ready projects. At Santa Cruz City Schools we inherited a \$208M Master Plan that was severely flawed as it did not accurately account for conditions on the ground. We revised a portion of the Master Plan and developed revised scopes of work with aligned budgets.

TAB 2 | FIRM ORGANIZATION & TEAM

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
RFQ/P for Facilities Master Plan Services



INTRODUCTION TO 19SIX ARCHITECTS

OFFICE LOCATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

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Mariana Alvarez-Parga, AIA, LEED AP | Principal-In-Charge
 Architectural License #: C 36107 | E: Mariana@19six.com | C: (408) 660-5660

Kim Johnson, Associate AIA | Senior Project Manager (Main Contact)
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BUSINESS STRUCTURE

Years In Business: 117 Years

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California Registration #CO458149

Federal Tax ID #95-2273845

FIRM HISTORY

CELEBRATING A 117-YEAR DESIGN LEGACY

19six Architects is a full service architectural planning and design firm dedicated to projects that enrich the community - our schools. The people of our firm are passionate about K-12 design and construction. 19six's experience designing K-12 facilities dates back to the 1930's with the construction of Cold Spring School in Santa Barbara. We have a wealth of experience and intellectual capital to bring to Galt Joint Union Elementary School District pertaining to cost effective design solutions, planning for future growth, campus organization for maximum utilization of the site, modernization, State funding sources, managing a local bond program and communicating to the Board and the public. We have tremendous expertise in dealing with local agencies and understanding DSA, OPSC & CDE regulations and approval processes. We have an in-depth understanding of the unique relationship between architecture and the spaces where learning occurs.

CURRENT EMPLOYEES: 125 Full-Time Employees

Licensed Architects **33**

Civil Engineer **1**

LEED Accredited Professionals **14**

Project Managers/Drafters **63**

Interior Designers **8**

CASp Certified Professionals **2**

Structural Engineers **3**

Administrative/Graphics **20**

DBIA Certified Professional **1**

SERVICES PROVIDED

ARCHITECTURAL

- | | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Programming Development & Site Planning Assessments | Bid Preparation |
| Architectural Building Design | Construction Administration |
| Agency Approvals | LEED Certification Processing |
| Project Management | DSA Closeout |
| Construction Documents / Specifications | Jurisdictional Approval Processing |
| Building Renovation and Rehabilitation | Signage and Wayfinding |

PLANNING

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| Facilities Master Planning | Phasing and Scheduling |
| Facilities Assessments | Program Management |
| Education Specifications | Sustainability Studies |
| Coordination with State Funding Sources | Feasibility Studies |
| | Accessibility Studies |

INTERIOR

- | | |
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| Space Planning | Interior Finishes |
| FF&E Selection, Estimating, Solicitation and Bid Support | Flexible Furniture Room Layouts |
| Furniture Design, Specification and Procurement | Standard Specifications |

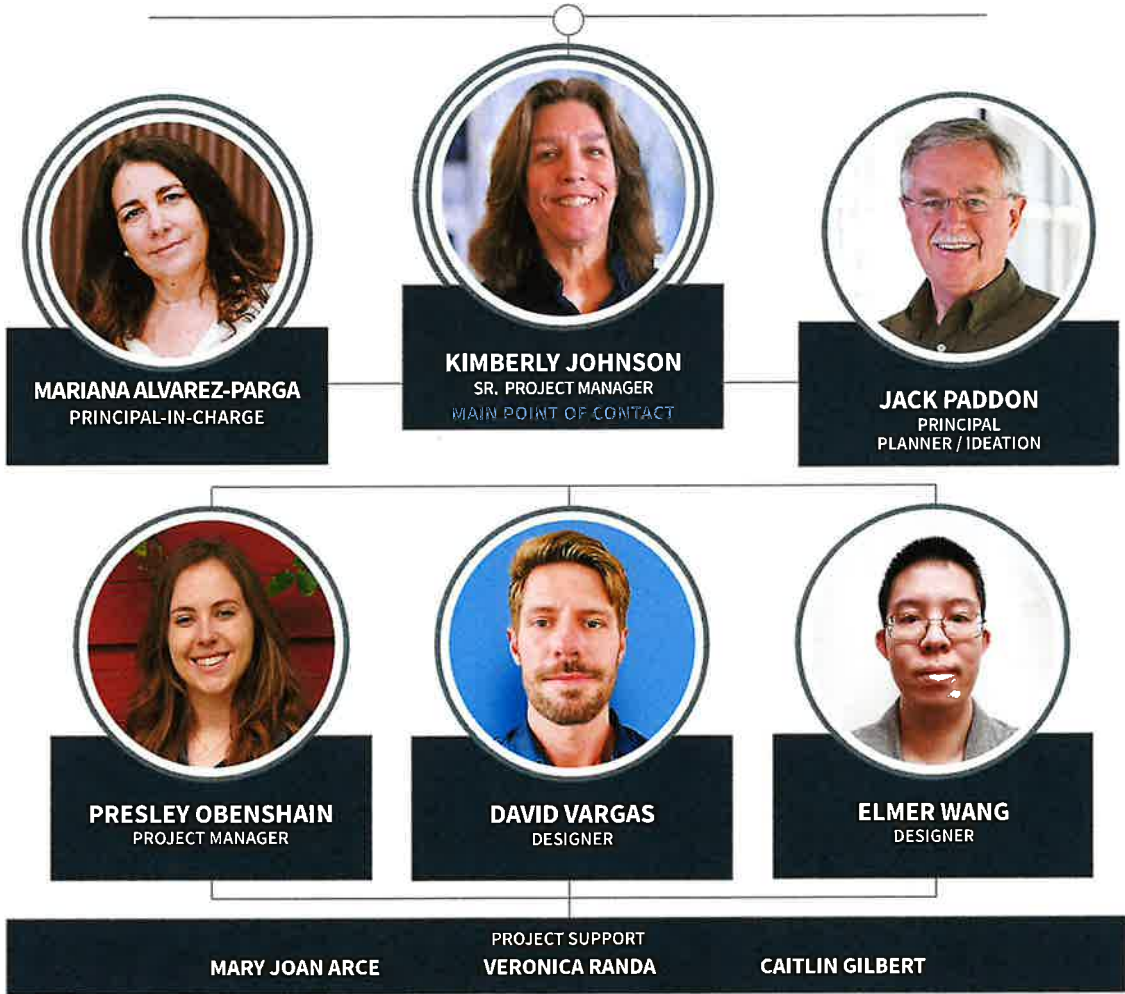
ENGINEERING

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| Structural | Civil |
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PROVEN TEAM



Administration & Board of Trustees
 Business Services | Facilities Department | Maintenance & Operations



SUB-CONSULTANTS

19six Architects proposes to use the following consultants if further expertise is needed. We have an established working relationship with each consultant firm listed below and are confident in their ability to contribute valuable input for MSD's Facilities Master Plan.

STRUCTURAL MATHEWSON & ASSOCIATES INC. OR DEGENKOLB ENGINEERS	CIVIL IN-HOUSE OR WARREN CONSULTING ENGINEERS	MECHANICAL / PLUMBING WESTON & ASSOCIATES MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, INC. OR CYPRESS ENGINEERING GROUP	ELECTRICAL / TECHNOLOGY THE ENGINEERING ENTERPRISE OR CAPITAL ENGINEERING
TECHNOLOGY & SECURITY KMM SERVICES	FOOD SERVICE DESIGN AMD, INC.	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT YAMASAKI	COST ESTIMATOR SIERRA WEST GROUP



TAB 3 | REFERENCES & EXPERIENCE

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
RFQ/P for Facilities Master Plan Services



EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Reference for Mariana: Julio Lucas, Bond Program Director

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Address: 830 North Capitol Avenue, San Jose, CA 95133

Project(s):

- » ESUSD Master Plan



FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Reference for Mariana: Kim Van Gundy, Asst. Director of Facilities & Ops.

Phone: (707) 399.5149 | **Email:** KimVa@fsusd.org

Address: 2490 Hilborn Road, Fairfield, CA 94534

Project(s):

- » New Public Safety Academy Gym Locker Rooms & Library
- » New Suisun Valley K-8 School Library & Administration Building



SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS

Reference for Mariana: Trevor Miller, Director of Facilities

Phone: (831) 429.3904 | **Email:** trevormiller@sccs.net

Address: 133 Mission Street, Suite 100, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Project(s):

- » Bay View Elementary School Master Plan
- » Delaveaga Elementary School Master Plan
- » Soquel High School Master Plan
- » Branciforte Small Schools Master Plan
- » Natural Bridges Master Plan



PLACER COUNTY

Reference for Jack: Paul Breckenridge, Capital Improvements Mgr.

Phone: (530) 889.6892 | **Email:** PBrecken@placer.ca.gov

Address: 2855 2nd Street, Auburn, CA 95603

Project(s):

- » Government Center Master Plan (212 acres)



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Reference for Alan: Dan Troy, Asst. Superintendent / VP Admin. Services

Phone: (805) 546.3120 | **Email:** daniel_troy1@cuesta.edu

Address: CA-1, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Project(s):

- » Cuesta College Bond Implementation Plan
- » District-Wide Facilities Master Plan
- » SLO & NCC Facilities Needs Assessment
- » SLO & NCC ADA Assessment Plan
- » Cuesta College NCC Facilities Master Plan Update

MASTER PLANNING EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

K-12 PLANNING EXPERIENCE

NATOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL

Star Academy Master Plan

ROSEVILLE JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Antelope High School Master Plan

SOQUEL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-wide Facilities Master Plan

SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bay View Elementary School Master Plan
Delaveaga Elementary School Master Plan
Soquel High School Master Plan
Branciforte Small Schools Master Plan
Natural Bridges Master Plan

MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-wide Facilities Master Plan

SAN LORENZO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Masterplan for New Kipp King Collegiate High School & Middle School

PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-Wide Facilities Master Plan

LIVE OAK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Facilities Master Plan

SAN LORENZO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Kipp King Collegiate High School Master Plan

FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Armijo High School Master Plan

GILROY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Facilities Master Plan & Bond Management

SOUTH MONTEREY COUNTY JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-Wide Facilities Master Plan

SAN ARDO UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Facilities Master Plan

SAN MIGUEL JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-Wide Facilities Master Plan

SHANDON JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Facilities Master Plan

PASO ROBLES JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-Wide Facilities Master Plan

TEMPLETON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Facilities Master Plan

SAN LUIS COASTAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

San Luis Obispo High School Site Concept Plan
District-Wide Facilities Master Plan

SANTA MARIA-BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Facilities Master Plan & Modernization

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Santa Ynez Valley Union High School Master Plan & Bond Plan

GOLETA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-Wide Facilities Master Plan

HOPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-Wide Facilities Master Plan
Bond Program Management, Master Budget & Schedule

OXNARD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

District-Wide Facilities Master Plan

HIGHER EDUCATION & CIVIC PLANNING EXPERIENCE

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SLO

Dairy Products Technology Center Master Plan

SAN LUIS OBISPO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Bond Implementation Plan
District-Wide Facilities Master Plan
ADA Accessibility Survey - SLO & NCC
Facilities Assessment - SLO & NCC
North County Campus Facilities Master Plan Update

MT. SAN JACINTO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Secondary Effects Planning

DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

College of the Desert Signage & Wayfinding Master Plan

MUSIC ACADEMY OF THE WEST

Master Planning & Phased Implementation

ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Allan Hancock College Facilities Master Plan

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

El Chorro Regional Park's Programmatic Study & Conceptual Master Plan
County Operations Center Conceptual Master Plan Update

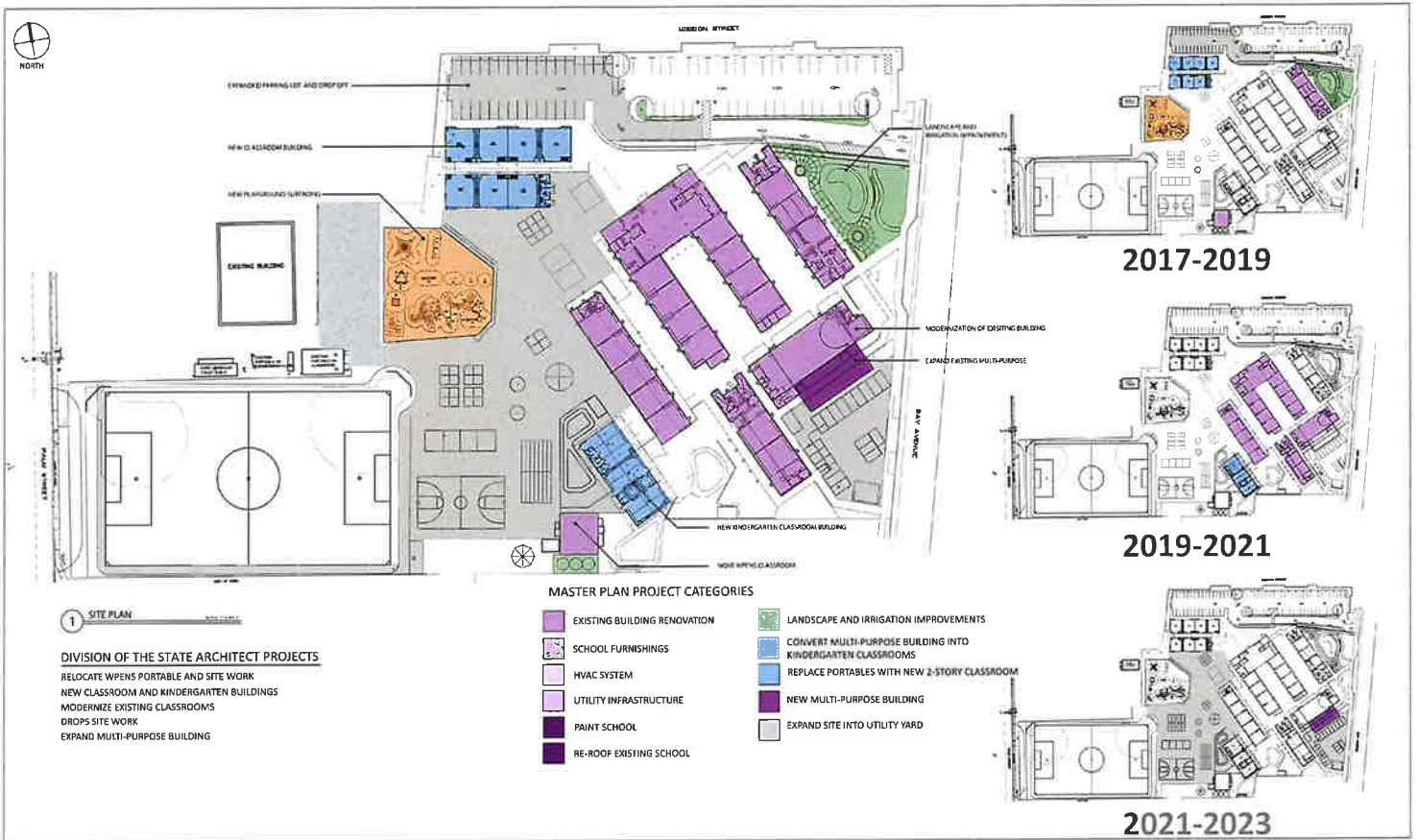
STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Fresno City College Bond Implementation Plan
West Fresno Center Master Plan
Reedley College Master Plan & Needs Assessment
Southeast Center Master Plan & Phase I Implementation

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Pierce College South Campus Needs Assessment





SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

MEASURE A & B

Bond passed in November 2016

LOCATION: Santa Cruz, CA

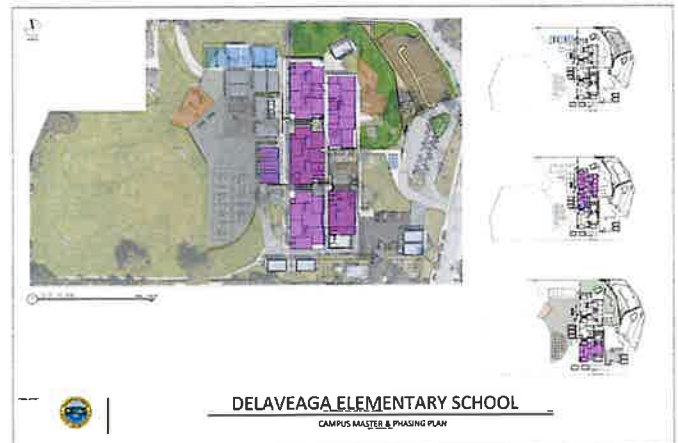
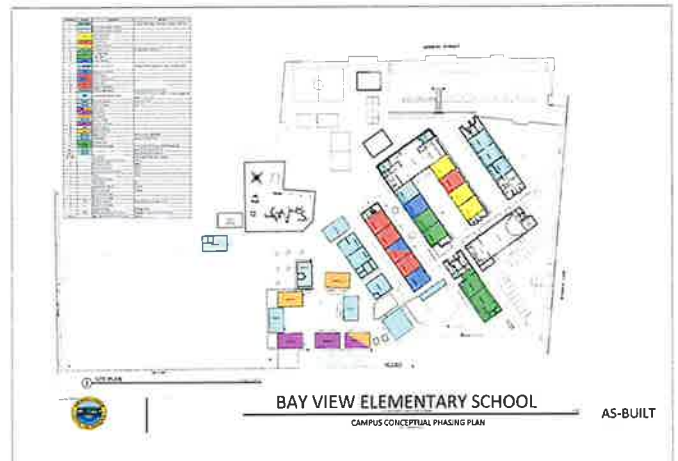
SIZE: 10 Campuses | 6,660 Students

COMPLETION: May 2016 - Current

PROJECT TEAM: Mariana Alvarez-Parga, Principal Architect
 Ralph le Roux, Principal / Designer
 Daniel Villarreal, Project Manager

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

- Facilities master planning, campus modernization, site programming, utilization reporting, cost estimating, and new construction





NATOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL STAR ACADEMY MASTER PLAN

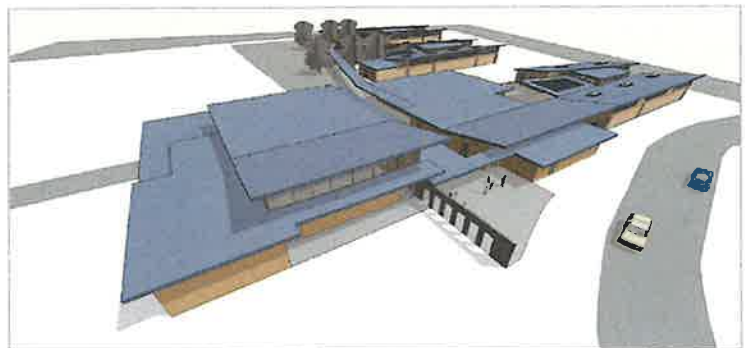
LOCATION: Sacramento, CA

SIZE: 1 campus | 600 students | 45,539 sf | 9 acres

COMPLETION: 2016

PROJECT TEAM: Jack Paddon, Senior Principal Architect
 Greg Tonello, Principal-in-Charge
 Regina Soucek, Sustainability

The Natomas Charter Star Academy is a new K-5 campus in the Natomas area. The project includes regular and transitional kindergarten classrooms, standard classrooms, multi-purpose room, administration, library and media center, totaling 45,539 sf as well as parking, hard court play area, and play field. Design of the campus included concepts in modularity for cost efficiency and sustainability for energy efficiency.





PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT-WIDE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

LOCATION: Watsonville, CA

SIZE: 25 Campuses | 20,400 Students

COMPLETION: June 2021

PROJECT TEAM: Mariana Alvarez-Parga, Principal Architect
Ralph le Roux, Designer
Andrew Fullerton, Project Manager

SCOPE

- Facility Wide District Master planning for the next 10 years in preparation for future facility bonds, reviewing all campus building systems, preparing deferred maintenance plan, education specifications.

APTOS JR HIGH SCHOOL PROPOSED SITE MASTER PLAN



E A HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL PROPOSED SITE MASTER PLAN



An aerial architectural rendering of a school building. The building features a prominent green roof with several rows of solar panels. A large, curved section of the building has a wooden facade and large windows. In the foreground, there is an outdoor courtyard with several tables and chairs, surrounded by trees and landscaping. The overall scene is set in a lush, green environment with other buildings and trees visible in the background.

TAB 4 | PLANNING PHILOSOPHY, APPROACH & WORK PLAN

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
RFQ/P for Facilities Master Plan Services

MEETING THE DISTRICT'S GOALS

19six has a long-standing reputation for our work on facilities master plans throughout the State. We understand our local dynamics and will bring our State-wide expertise to the table to create a forward-looking facilities master plan that is grounded in a deep understanding of Galt Joint Union Elementary School District and the community.

Central to the success of your plan are the concepts of stewardship and efficiency. We have a proven, solutions-driven process that emphasizes accountability and transparency.

Our team is currently serving districts effectively with digital tools and a boots-on-the-ground, immersive approach. Our FMP leader, Mariana Alvarez-Parga, and Sr. Project Manager, Kim Johnson, will be physically present at the district office weekly to gather information and coordinate our approach. Kim will be the central point of contact and will lead the FMP consultant team throughout the process.

Each planning effort is distinctly unique and is driven by academic goals and the culture of the district. 19six is particularly eager to work with this size district as we will have the opportunity to become intimately familiar with the challenges and opportunities at each site.

We are extremely proud of our master planning expertise. We have completed master plans for the Gilroy USD, Live Oak School District, Soquel Elementary SD, Hope Elementary SD, Goleta Union SD, Oxnard Union High SD, Santa Maria-Bonita School District, Simi Valley Unified School District, Lucia Mar Unified School District, Templeton Unified School District, Paso Robles Joint Union School District, and San Miguel Joint Union School District. In fact, these Master Plans were instrumental in helping to pass over \$560 million in local bonds over the past ten years.

PLANNING PHILOSOPHY & APPROACH

Commitment to a collaborative process is the cornerstone of 19six's philosophy to the planning of and provision of our services to clients. We believe that the resolution of planning and design issues is best achieved through the collaboration of professionals, owners, community, and users.

Throughout the master planning process, we employ a proven process that starts with the team and stakeholders' FMP Initiation and Orientation. This is followed by a Discovery and Analysis of sites and the District's data. A successful Facilities Master planning process must be an inclusive process. It is imperative that Administrators, Faculty, Staff, Students, Parents, and Facilities Department representatives actively participate in the Facilities Master Plan. They have first-hand knowledge of the district's educational mission and objectives as well as how this mission has evolved and changed to fit the current community needs and the facility's operational/maintenance needs. This group of individuals can provide keen insight that forms the basis of design for the campus now and into the future.

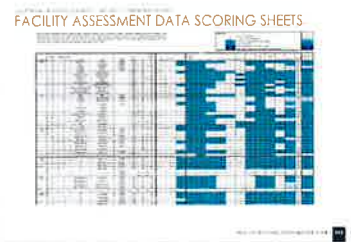
We then start a phase of exploration of concepts with on-campus planning workshops. These workshops provide the opportunity for collaboration and interaction among the planning team and the client and user groups.

THE WORKSHOPS ARE FOCUSED ON VISION, DESIGN & PLANNING EFFORTS WITH THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

- » They provide an excellent venue to engage users and decision-makers in face-to-face discussions and problem resolution.
- » They provide a time to effectively analyze a variety of planning iterations and solutions.
- » Workshops take place for an entire day at a time to provide scheduling flexibility and participation opportunities for members of the team. Meetings, forums, individual and group interviews, and mini-workshops are employed for the campus and community constituencies as needed.
- » The District's website, or a parallel structure, is used to publicize meetings and workshops and to document the sessions and materials.

Each workshop ends with an Meeting involving the Facilities Department and the designated leadership for the master planning process, such as a Facilities Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Meeting is to summarize the workshop activities and decisions and to plan the agenda, products, and decision expectations for the next workshop.

Lastly, the FMP is developed and documented.



PLANNING PHILOSOPHY & APPROACH

WORK PLAN OUTLINE



* Depending on availability during work hours and summer months, these meetings can either take place during Phase 1 or 2.

FACILITY ASSESSMENT

- Perform a site reconnaissance to review the existing facilities and utilities. The site visit will start with meeting each School Principal in person and get his/her initial input on the existing conditions. The second part of the meeting will be with the head custodian and maintenance staff. We will end the day with a walk of the facilities, recording the conditions of this per a rating key that will help assist in the project prioritization. Our team will split so that an ADA survey can be done as well.
- Confirm and finalize utilization plans and develop the Facility Assessment Scoring Data Sheet

Sample Facilities Assessment Scoring Data Sheet

**OXNARD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADOLFO CAMARILLO HIGH SCHOOL**

FACILITY ASSESSMENT

This worksheet establishes data for determination of priority projects across a campus or district wide level. Please note that the findings in this spreadsheet are based on the architect's field observations only. In the event any hazardous, structural, or fire and life safety discrepancies are witnessed by the architect, the district may be required to conduct additional testing or research to ensure the safety of the students, staff, and community. The architect will report any findings of this nature to the district.

Rating Key		1-5
1=	no repair necessary	1-10
2=	cosmetic repair necessary	11-20
3=	preventative maintenance necessary	21-30
4=	repair necessary	31-40
5=	repair necessary for use past 2 years	41-50
6=	major repair needed for immediate continued use	51-60

BUILDING	RELO (Y/N)	MODULAR (Y/N)	ROOM	USE	DSA #	YEAR BUILT	AGE	AGE SINCE MOD	HAZ	STRUCT	PLS	BLDG ADA	ROOF	ENVL	GLAZING	ACOUS	DAYLITE	HVAC	SITE ADA	SITE UTIL	SECURITY	AESTH.	SUM	PRIORITY FACTORY
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	N	N	Special Education	Special Education	03-103015	1960	57	15	4	1	1	4	4	2	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	4	49	7.4
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	N	N	Office	Office	03-103015	1955	62	15	4	1	1	4	4	2	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	4	47	7.1
H	N	N	Classrooms	Classrooms	12761	1955	62	15	4	1	1	4	4	2	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	4	47	7.1
	N	N	Restrooms	Restrooms	03-103015	1955	62	15	4	1	1	4	4	2	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	4	47	7.1
	N	N	Office	Office	1955	62	15		4	1	1	4	4	2	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	4	47	7.1
	N	N	Electrical	Electrical	1955	62	15		4	1	1	4	4	2	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	4	47	7.1
	N	N	Work Room	Work Room	1955	62	15		4	1	1	4	4	2	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	4	47	7.1

- Conduct community virtual outreach forums and/or surveys to solicit feedback on facilities needs.
- Hold progress meetings with the Director of Facilities, key stakeholders and FMP committee/Advisory Group to review initial findings.

“I worked with Mariana Álvarez-Parga from 2003-2018 in various schools districts in the San Francisco Bay Area. Mariana demonstrated over the years an ability to design schools that work well for students and teachers. Her approach was always inclusive listening to all stakeholders to incorporate their ideas into designs. Her biggest strength is that Mariana is bi-literate and can communicate in Spanish architectural information which is extremely valuable given California’s diversity in school district communities.”

- Enrique E. Palacios, Retired Superintendent & CEO
PITTSBURG USD



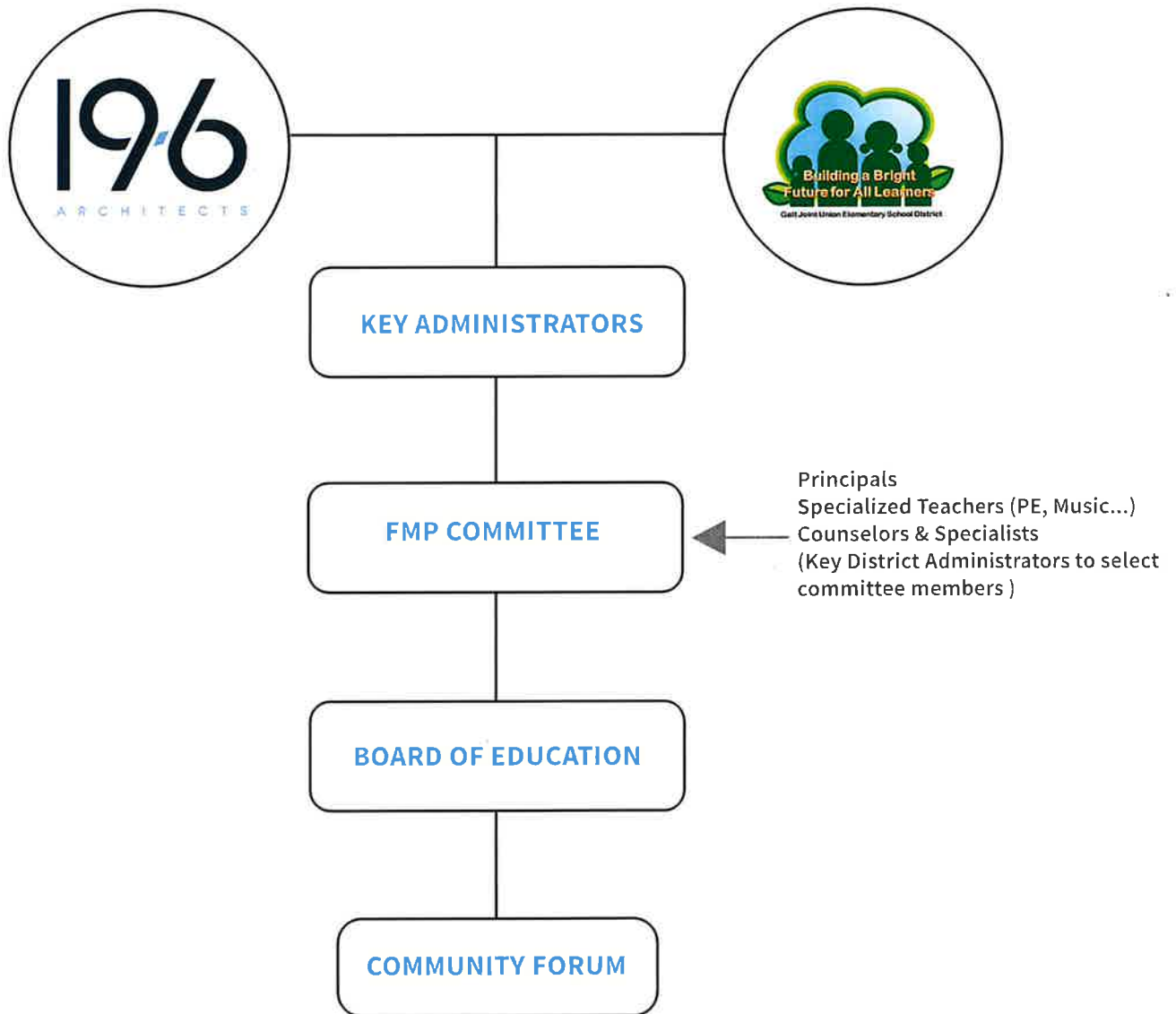
WORK PLAN

Our team has studied the tasks and prepared a work plan with the District’s goals in mind. Stakeholder participation and community involvement through public hearings, work sessions, and committees will be an important component of the planning and preparation of the Master Plan.

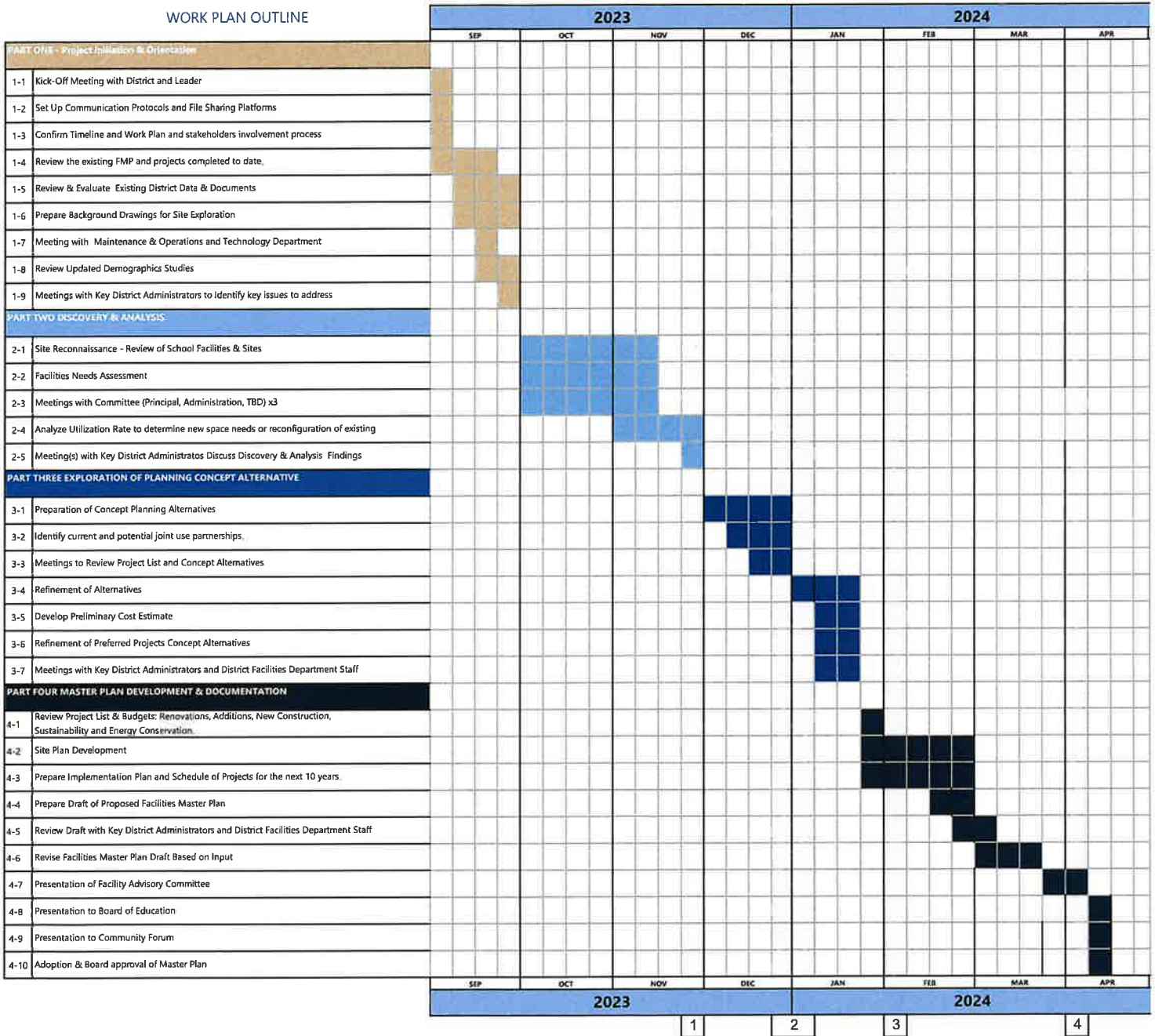
With the preliminary evaluation of existing data and meetings with Facilities staff and the Maintenance and Operations Department, the meetings with District Officials, and Specialized Programmatic Instructors.

For these reasons, and to account for holidays at the end of the year, the schedule we present on the next page shows the Facilities Master Plan being completed with Board approval by April 17, 2024.

Below is a suggested preliminary format for the meeting with stakeholders during Phase 1 and 2:



PROPOSED FMP WORK PLAN SCHEDULE



Notes:

- 1 Thanksgiving Week
- 2 Winter Holidays
- 3 Presidents Day Holiday
- 4 Spring Break

Total Meetings = 8
 8 Meetings with Key District Administrators
 5 Meetings will include FMP Committee

STREET A (PUBLIC)

LEARNING GARDEN

TAB 5 | FEE PROPOSAL

Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
RFQ/P for Facilities Master Plan Services





July 20, 2023

Revised August 7, 2023

Lois Yount, Superintendent
 Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
 1018 C Street, Suite 210
 Galt, CA 95932

Project: Galt Joint Union Elementary School District
 Facilities Master Plan
 19six #: 23310

Dear Mrs. Yount:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with a proposal to prepare the district’s Facilities Master Plan. We will create a dynamic Plan that reflects the importance you place on education. Working collaboratively with you, we will review and analyze existing conditions, explore multiple concepts, and deliver an action plan to resolve your various facilities and infrastructure challenges. This study will provide a road map for facilities needs for the next 10+ years and be a key component in preparing the district for a potential facilities bond.

We have based this fee proposal on the following information as well as certain assumptions. We are open to further refinement and tailoring the scope and fees to the district’s exact needs.

BACKGROUND

The Galt Joint Union Elementary School District (GJUESD) is a TK-8 District comprised of seven (7) schools, five (5) K-6 elementary schools, one (1) middle school, and one (1) preschool site. GJUESD serves more than 3,550 students from the City of Galt. A previous masterplan, created in 2016, identified the need to reconfigure kindergarten classrooms, upgrades to building systems such as HVAC, lighting, electrical, and plumbing as well as toilet modernization. It also listed the need for new construction of classrooms (to replace aging portables), improvements to food services, Multipurpose buildings, and Physical Education facilities.

SCHOOL NAME	ESTIMATED SITE ACREAGE	BUILDING COUNT	ESTIMATED BUILDINGS SF
GREER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	7.9	28	~58,369
LAKE CANYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	10.4	9	~46,075
MARENGO RANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	11	18	~57,105
RIVER OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	10.1	22	~53,935
VALLEY OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	9.9	25	~57,831
McCAFFREY MIDDLE SCHOOL	34.6	13	~85,065
FAIRSITE ELEMENTARY AND EARLY LEARNING CENTER	9	22	~35,836

SCOPE OF SERVICES AND FEES

Services shall include professional architectural services. A breakdown of the services is as follows:

A. PROJECT INITIATION, SITES DISCOVERY & ANALYSIS

1. One (1) Kick-off meeting with GJUESD Key Administrators. Confirm District's educational vision and how it relates to facilities. Discuss teaching methodologies and determine how they affect facilities. Review the scope of work, schedule and budget expectations
2. Review and confirmation of existing data (As-Builts, HVAC reports, M&O reports and assessments, 2016 Facilities Master Plan).
3. Review Updated Demographics Study
4. Site Reconnaissance – Review of school facilities. Compile data sheets on all district facilities. Shall include the year built, year modernized, and DSA application number. We may gather input from site administrators, maintenance, and/or janitorial staff during these site visits. Our site Observation will focus on the following:
 - a. Accessibility (ADA)
 - b. Building envelope and Roof system
 - c. Acoustics and Daylighting
 - d. Playfields / athletic facilities
 - e. Parking, drop-off areas, and safe routes to school
 - f. Utility infrastructure
 - g. Security
 - h. AestheticsWe will walk all buildings with a district facility's representative and use our professional judgment as well as the input from the district's representative to document the condition of the factors listed above. We do not anticipate the need to include consulting engineers in the site assessments. These will be available on a case-by-case basis. Refer to Enhance Services.
5. Analyze each site's student capacity regarding the land area and CDE standards. The student population of many school sites has grown incrementally over the years. We will review each site's enrollment and compare that to CDE's recommendations.
6. Analyze parking and drop-off (both bus and car) capacity.
7. One (1) meeting with GJUESD Key Administrators to discuss findings
Fee \$ 40,250

B. CONCEPT EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Preparation of concept planning alternatives. Organizational concepts, pedestrian circulation, vehicular circulation, building orientation, adjacencies, safety and security, and growth will all be considered. Shall include community and joint use needs as well as deferred maintenance needs.
2. One (1) meeting with GJUESD Key Administrators. to review analysis findings and site plan alternates.
3. One (1) meeting with GJUESD Steering Committee to review analysis findings and site plan alternates.
4. Refinement of site plans based on staff input

- 5. One (1) meeting with GJUESD Administrators and Steering Committee to further review site plan alternates.
 - 6. Further refinement of site plans based on staff input
 - 7. One (1) meeting with GJUESD Administrators and Steering Committee to select the preferred option.
- Fee \$ 25,950

C. MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. Maintenance & Operations Standards. Develop District technical standards (Architectural) and sustainable construction guidelines.
- Fee \$ 9,775

D. FACILITIES MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- 1. Develop a project list for each campus
 - 2. Prioritize the list of projects. This shall be done objectively using a stakeholder group and based on the group's consensus.
 - 3. Develop concept-level cost estimates based on areas and usage to determine individual project costs and overall budgets
 - 4. One (1) meeting with GJUESD Key Administrators and Steering Committee to review the project list, prioritization of projects, and concept-level budgets
 - 5. Update the project list and budgets based on GJUESD input
 - 6. Site Plan Development. Shall show existing facilities, facilities to be altered, and new facilities.
 - 7. Prepare draft Facilities Master Plan
 - 8. Present draft Facilities Master Plan to the Board of Education
 - 9. Revise Facilities Master Plan based on Board input
 - 10. Community Forum to present FMP.
 - 11. Prepare Final Facilities Master Plan. Deliverable – three (3) full-color copies and an electronic copy that can be uploaded to the District's web page and additional copies can be made from.
- Fee \$ 60,825

Total Fixed Fee \$ 136,800

OPTIONAL SERVICES

- 1. Site Meetings
Additional stakeholder meetings if desired
Fee \$ 2,200 (each)
- 2. Additional Community Meetings.
Includes three 19six team members, all preparation and expenses
Fee \$ 3,100 (each)

ENHANCED SERVICES

- 3. **Consultants Facilities Assessment**
 - a. Structural \$ 1,100 / building
 - b. Mechanical (HVAC & Plumbing) \$ 9,400 / site
 - c. Electrical, Fire Alarm, Telecom \$ 5,400 / site
 - d. Civil \$ 2,000 / site
 - e. Landscape \$ 1,500 / site
 - f. IT Assessment \$ 5,400 / site
 - g. IT Standards (includes one meeting with IT Department) \$ 3,500

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service. We look forward to helping out with these much-needed improvements.

Sincerely,



Mariana Alvarez-Parga, AIA, LEED AP,
Vice-President
19six Architects



Board Meeting Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: August 16, 2023	Agenda Item: 232.408 Board Consideration of Approval of 2023-24 Consolidated Application
Presenter: Kuljeet Nijjar	Action Item: XX Information Item:
<p>The Consolidated Application (ConApp) is used by the California Department of Education (CDE) to distribute categorical funds from various state and federal programs to county offices, school districts, and direct-funded charter schools throughout California.</p> <p>Annually, in May, each local educational agency (LEA) submits the spring release of the application to document participation in these programs and provide assurances that the district will comply with the legal requirements of each program (again this year, because of Covid-19 conditions, the spring release was postponed until August). Program entitlements are determined by formulas contained in the laws that created the programs.</p> <p>The winter release of the application is submitted in January of each year and contains the district entitlements for each funded program. Out of each state and federal program entitlement, districts allocate funds for indirect administration costs, programs operated by the district office, and programs operated at schools.</p> <p>Application for funding for the following programs:</p> <p>Title I: To improve the academic achievement of disadvantaged students. GJUESD qualifies as a district-wide Title I program. (2022-2023 funding \$769,342)</p> <p>Title II: To prepare, train, and recruit High-Quality Teachers and Principals and Assistant Principals (2022-23 funding \$117,022)</p> <p>Title III: To provide language instruction for Limited English Proficient and immigrant students (2022-23 funding \$99,506) (2023-24 funding \$93,324)</p> <p>Title IV: To provide a well-rounded education, improve student learning conditions and improve the use of technology for students (2022-23 funding- \$68,465)</p>	

2023–24 Certification of Assurances


Submission of Certification of Assurances is required every fiscal year. A complete list of legal and program assurances for the fiscal year can be found at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/co/ca21assurancetoc.asp>.

CDE Program Contact:

Consolidated Application Support Desk, Education Data Office, ConAppSupport@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-0297

Consolidated Application Certification Statement

I hereby certify that all of the applicable state and federal rules and regulations will be observed by this applicant; that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application is correct and complete; and I agree to participate in the monitoring process regarding the use of these funds according to the standards and criteria set forth by the California Department of Education Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) Office. Legal assurances for all programs are accepted as the basic legal condition for the operation of selected projects and programs and copies of assurances are retained on site. I certify that we accept all assurances except for those for which a waiver has been obtained or requested. A copy of all waivers or requests is on file. I certify that actual ink signatures for this form are on file.

Authorized Representative's Full Name	Lois Yount
Authorized Representative's Signature	
Authorized Representative's Title	Superintendent
Authorized Representative's Signature Date	08/09/2023

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2023–24 Protected Prayer Certification

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Section 8524 specifies federal requirements regarding constitutionally protected prayer in public elementary and secondary schools. This form meets the annual requirement and provides written certification.

CDE Program Contact:

Miguel Cordova, Title I Policy, Program, and Support Office, MCordova@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-0381

Protected Prayer Certification Statement

The local educational agency (LEA) hereby assures and certifies to the California State Board of Education that the LEA has no policy that prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in public schools as set forth in the "Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools."

The LEA hereby assures that this page has been printed and contains an ink signature. The ink signature copy shall be made available to the California Department of Education upon request or as part of an audit, a compliance review, or a complaint investigation.

The authorized representative agrees to the above statement	Yes
Authorized Representative's Full Name	Lois Youn!
Authorized Representative's Title	Superintendent
Authorized Representative's Signature Date	08/09/2023
Comment If the LEA is not able to certify at this time, then an explanation must be provided in the comment field. (Maximum 500 characters)	

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2023–24 LCAP Federal Addendum Certification

CDE Program Contact:

Local Agency Systems Support Office, LCAPAddendum@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-5233

Initial Application

To receive initial funding under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), a local educational agency (LEA) must have a plan approved by the State Educational Agency on file with the State. Within California, LEAs that apply for ESSA funds for the first time are required to complete the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), the LCAP Federal Addendum Template (Addendum), and the Consolidated Application (ConApp). The LCAP, in conjunction with the Addendum and the ConApp, serve to meet the requirements of the ESSA LEA Plan.

In order to initially apply for funds, the LEA must certify that the current LCAP has been approved by the local governing board or governing body of the LEA. As part of this certification, the LEA agrees to submit the LCAP Federal Addendum, that has been approved by the local governing board or governing body of the LEA, to the California Department of Education (CDE) and acknowledges that the LEA agrees to work with the CDE to ensure that the Addendum addresses all required provisions of the ESSA programs for which they are applying for federal education funds.

Returning Application

If the LEA certified a prior year LCAP Federal Addendum Certification data collection form in the Consolidated Application and Reporting System, then the LEA may use in this form the same original approval or adoption date used in the prior year form.

County Office of Education (COE) or District	06/21/2023
For a COE, enter the original approval date as the day the CDE approved the current LCAP. For a district, enter the original approval date as the day the COE approved the current LCAP	
Direct Funded Charter	
Enter the adoption date of the current LCAP	
Authorized Representative's Full Name	Lois Younl
Authorized Representative's Title	Superintendent

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2023–24 Application for Funding

CDE Program Contact:

Consolidated Application Support Desk, Education Data Office, ConAppSupport@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-0297

Local Governing Board Approval

The local educational agency (LEA) is required to review and receive approval of their Application for Funding selections with their local governing board.

By checking this box the LEA certifies that the Local Board has approved the Application for Funding for the listed fiscal year	Yes
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District English Learner Advisory Committee Review

Per Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Section 11308, if your LEA has more than 50 English learners, then the LEA must establish a District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) which shall review and advise on the development of the application for funding programs that serve English learners.

By checking this box the LEA certifies that parent input has been received from the District English Learner Committee (if applicable) regarding the spending of Title III funds for the listed fiscal year	Yes
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Application for Categorical Programs

To receive specific categorical funds for a school year, the LEA must apply for the funds by selecting Yes below. Only the categorical funds that the LEA is eligible to receive are displayed.

Title I, Part A (Basic Grant) ESSA Sec. 1111et seq. SACS 3010	Yes
Title II, Part A (Supporting Effective Instruction) ESEA Sec. 2104 SACS 4035	Yes
Title III English Learner ESEA Sec. 3102 SACS 4203	Yes
Title III Immigrant ESEA Sec. 3102 SACS 4201	Yes
Title IV, Part A (Student and School Support) ESSA Sec. 4101 SACS 4127	Yes

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Galt Joint Union Elementary (34 67348 0000000)

Consolidated Application

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2023–24 Nonprofit Private School Consultation

The local educational agency shall provide, on an equitable basis, special education services or other benefits to address the needs of eligible children and staff enrolled in nonprofit private elementary and secondary schools under the programs listed below.

CDE Program Contact:

Sylvia Hanna, Title I Policy, Program, and Support Office, SHanna@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-0948
Rina DeRose, Title I Policy, Program, and Support Office, RDeRose@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-0472

In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) sections 1117 and 8501, a local educational agency shall consult annually with appropriate private school officials and both shall have the goal of reaching agreement on how to provide equitable and effective programs for eligible private school children, teachers, and families. This applies to programs under Title I, Part A; Title I, Part C; Title II, Part A; Title III, Part A; Title IV, Part B; and section 4631, with regard to the Project School Emergency Response to Violence Program (Project SERV).

The enrollment numbers are reported under penalty of perjury by each private school on its annual Private School Affidavit. The information in the Private School Affidavit is not verified, and the California Department of Education takes no position as to its accuracy. It is expected that districts engaged in private school consultation verify the accuracy of student enrollment data and the tax exempt status if it is being used for the purpose of providing equitable services.

Private School's Believed Results of Consultation Allowable Codes

- Y1: meaningful consultation occurred
 - Y2: timely and meaningful consultation did not occur
 - Y3: the program design is not equitable with respect to eligible private school children
 - Y4: timely and meaningful consultation did not occur and the program design is not equitable with respect to eligible private school children
- Add non-attendance area school(s)
- The local educational agency is electing to add nonprofit private schools outside of the district's attendance area.

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School Name	School Code	Enrollment	Consultation Occurred	Was Consultation Agreement Met	Signed Written Affirmation on File	Consultation Code	School Added
Galt Adventist Christian	6905251	34	Y	Y	Y	Y1	N

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2023–24 Title III English Learner Student Program Subgrant Budget

The purpose of this data collection form is to provide a proposed budget for English learner (EL) Student Program Subgrant funds only per the Title III English Learner Students Program requirements (ESSA, Sections 3114, 3115, & 3116).

CDE Program Contact:

Annie Abreu Park, Language Policy and Leadership Office, AAbreuPark@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-9620
 Geoffrey Ndirangu, Language Policy and Leadership Office, GNdirang@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-5831

Estimated Allocation Calculation

Estimated English learner per student allocation	\$125.15
Estimated English learner student count	715
Estimated English learner student program allocation	\$89,482

Note: \$10,000 minimum program eligibility criteria

If the local educational agency's estimated English learner student program allocation is less than \$10,000, then it does not meet the minimum program eligibility criteria for direct funding status and requires further action. To receive instructions regarding the consortium application process, please go to the California Department of Education Title III EL Consortium Details web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/t3/elconsortium.asp>.

Budget

Professional development activities	\$8,121
Program and other authorized activities	\$76,954
English Proficiency and Academic Achievement	\$0
Parent, family, and community engagement	\$0
Direct administrative costs (Amount cannot exceed 2% of the estimated English learner student program allocation)	\$0
Indirect costs (LEA can apply its approved indirect rate to the portion of the subgrant that is not reserved for direct administrative costs)	\$4,407
Total budget	\$89,482

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2023–24 Title III Immigrant Student Program Subgrant Budget

The purpose of this data collection form is to provide a proposed budget for Immigrant Student Program Subgrant funds only per the Title III Immigrant Student Program requirements (ESSA, Sections 3114, 3115, & 3116).

CDE Program Contact:

Annie Abreu Park, Language Policy and Leadership Office, AAbreuPark@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-9620
 Geoffrey Ndirangu, Language Policy and Leadership Office, GNdirang@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-5831

Estimated Allocation Calculation

Estimated immigrant per student allocation	\$120.05
Estimated immigrant student count	32
Estimated immigrant student program allocation	\$3,842

Note: Eligibility criteria

A local educational agency which has 5 or more eligible immigrant students and has experienced a significant increase of one half of 1 percent or more in eligible immigrant students enrollment in the current year, compared with the average of the two preceding fiscal years, is eligible to apply.

Budget

Authorized activities	\$3,653
Direct administrative costs (Amount should not exceed 2% of the estimated immigrant student program allocation)	\$0
Indirect costs (LEA can apply its approved indirect rate to the portion of the subgrant that is not reserved for direct administrative costs)	\$189
Total budget	\$3,842

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2023–24 Substitute System for Time Accounting

This certification may be used by auditors and by California Department of Education oversight personnel when conducting audits and sub-recipient monitoring of the substitute time-and-effort system. Approval is automatically granted when the local educational agency (LEA) submits and certifies this data collection.

CDE Program Contact:

Hilary Thomson, Fiscal Oversight and Support Office, HThomson@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-0765

The LEA certifies that only eligible employees will participate in the substitute system and that the system used to document employee work schedules includes sufficient controls to ensure that the schedules are accurate.

Detailed information on documenting salaries and wages, including both substitute systems of time accounting, are described in Procedure 905 of the California School Accounting Manual posted on the web at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/ac/sa/>.

2022–23 Request for authorization	No
LEA certifies that the following is a full disclosure of any known deficiencies with the substitute system or known challenges with implementing the system (Maximum 500 characters)	

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2021–22 Title II, Part A Fiscal Year Expenditure Report, 24 Months

A report of year-to-date expenditures by activity. Activity period covered is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

CDE Program Contact:

Alice Ng (Fiscal), Division Support Office, ANg@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-4636

Lisa Fassett (Program), Professional Learning Support & Monitoring Office, LFassett@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-4963

2021–22 Title II, Part A allocation	\$95,248
Transferred–in amount	\$0
Transferred–out amount	\$0
2021–22 Total allocation	\$95,248

Professional Development Expenditures

Professional development for teachers	\$60,164
Professional development for administrators	\$0
Consulting/Professional services	\$0
Induction programs	\$30,628
Books and other supplies	\$0
Dues and membership	\$0
Travel and conferences	\$0

Personnel and Other Authorized Activities

Certificated personnel salaries	\$0
Classified personnel salaries	\$0
Employee benefits	\$0
Developing or improving an evaluation system	\$0
Recruitment activities	\$0
Retention activities	\$0
Class size reduction	\$0

Program Expenditures

Direct administrative costs	\$0
Indirect costs	\$4,456
Equitable services for nonprofit private schools	\$0
Total expenditures	\$95,248
2021–22 Unspent funds	\$0

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2021–22 Title III English Learner YTD Expenditure Report, 24 Months

A report of year-to-date (YTD) expenditures by activity. Activity period covered is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

CDE Program Contact:

Annie Abreu Park, Language Policy and Leadership Office, AAbreuPark@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-9620
 Geoffrey Ndirangu, Language Policy and Leadership Office, GNdirang@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-5831

Required and authorized Title III English Learner (EL) student program activities

An eligible entity receiving funds under the Every Student Succeeds Act section 3115 (c)-(d) shall use the funds for the supplementary services as part of the language instruction program for EL students.

2021–22 Title III EL student program allocation	\$96,452
Transferred-in amount	\$0
2021–22 Total allocation	\$96,452
Object Code - Activity	
1000–1999 Certificated personnel salaries	\$0
2000–2999 Classified personnel salaries	\$57,755
3000–3999 Employee benefits	\$17,950
4000–4999 Books and supplies	\$240
5000–5999 Services and other operating expenditures	\$15,699
Direct administrative costs (amount cannot exceed 2% of the student program allocation plus transferred-in amount)	\$0
Indirect costs (LEA can apply its approved indirect rate to the portion of the subgrant that is not reserved for direct administrative costs)	\$4,808
Total year-to-date expenditures	\$96,452
2021–22 Unspent funds	\$0

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2022–23 Homeless Education Policy, Requirements, and Implementation

The purpose of this data collection is to meet federal requirements specified in 42 United States Code 11431 et seq. (Education for Homeless Children and Youths Act) and some federal requirements in Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This collection includes monitoring local educational agencies (LEAs) and their compliance with key provisions of the Education for Homeless Children and Youths Act including the collection of contact information for each required designated LEA’s homeless liaison.

CDE Program Contact:

Leanne Wheeler, Integrated Student Support and Programs Office, LWheeler@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-0383
 Karmina Barrales, Integrated Student Support and Programs Office, KBarrales@cde.ca.gov, 916-327-9692

Homeless Liaison Training Information

Has the homeless liaison attended and/or participated in a homeless education liaison training within the last two years	Yes
Has the homeless liaison provided training to the following personnel:	
Principals and other school leaders	Yes
Attendance officers and registrars	Yes
Teachers and instructional assistants	Yes
School counselors	Yes

Homeless Education Policy and Requirements

Does the LEA have a written homeless education policy	Yes
No policy comment	
Provide an explanation why the LEA does not have a homeless education policy. (Maximum 500 characters)	
Date LEA's board approved the homeless education policy	02/24/2021
Does the LEA meet the above federal requirements	Yes
Compliance comment	
Provide an explanation why the LEA does not comply with federal requirements. (Maximum 500 characters)	

Housing Questionnaire Identifying Homeless Children

Does your LEA use a housing questionnaire to assist with the identification of homeless children and youth	Yes
Does the housing questionnaire include best practices, rights, and protections afforded to homeless children and youth	Yes
Is the housing questionnaire made available in paper form	Yes
Did your LEA administer the housing questionnaire to all student body during the school year	Yes

Title I, Part A Homeless Expenditures

2022–23 Title I, Part A LEA allocation	\$769,342
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2022–23 Homeless Education Policy, Requirements, and Implementation

The purpose of this data collection is to meet federal requirements specified in 42 United States Code 11431 et seq. (Education for Homeless Children and Youths Act) and some federal requirements in Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This collection includes monitoring local educational agencies (LEAs) and their compliance with key provisions of the Education for Homeless Children and Youths Act including the collection of contact information for each required designated LEA’s homeless liaison.

CDE Program Contact:

Leanne Wheeler, Integrated Student Support and Programs Office, LWheeler@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-0383
 Karmina Barrales, Integrated Student Support and Programs Office, KBarrales@cde.ca.gov, 916-327-9692

Homeless Education Certification

The LEA hereby assures that the LEA has met the following requirements:

1. Designated a staff person as the liaison for homeless children and youths;
2. Developed a written policy that supports the enrollment and retention of homeless children and youths in schools of the LEA which:
 - a) Includes policies and practices to ensure that homeless children and youths are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless;
 - b) Includes a dispute resolution process;
 - c) Ensures that transportation is provided for a homeless child or youth to and from the school of origin if requested by the parent, guardian or homeless liaison;
3. Disseminated public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths where such children and youths receive services under the provisions of the Education for Homeless Children and Youths Act.

Homeless Liaison Contact Information

Homeless liaison first name	Jane
Homeless liaison last name	Kinner
Homeless liaison title	School Social Worker/LEA Foster Youth and Homeless Education Liaison,
Homeless liaison email address (Format: abc@xyz.zyx)	jkinner@galt.k12.ca.us
Homeless liaison telephone number (Format: 999-999-9999)	209-744-5200
Homeless liaison telephone extension	1501
Enter the full-time equivalent (FTE) for all personnel directly responsible for the implementation of homeless education (Format: 0.00)	1.00

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2022–23 Title III English Learner Nonprofit Private School Reimbursement

The purpose of this data collection form is to capture the actual documentable number of nonprofit private school English learner students who received Title III English learner services during the reported fiscal year.

CDE Program Contact:

Annie Abreu Park, Language Policy and Leadership Office, AAbreuPark@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-9620
Geoffrey Ndirangu, Language Policy and Leadership Office, GNdirang@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-5831

Total English learner students served	0
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2022–23 Title III English Learner YTD Expenditure Report, 12 Months

A report of year-to-date (YTD) expenditures by activity. Activity period covered is July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

CDE Program Contact:

Annie Abreu Park, Language Policy and Leadership Office, AAbreuPark@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-9620
 Geoffrey Ndirangu, Language Policy and Leadership Office, GNdirang@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-5831

Required and authorized Title III English Learner (EL) student program activities

An eligible entity receiving funds under the Every Student Succeeds Act section 3115 (c)-(d) shall use the funds for the supplementary services as part of the language instruction program for EL students.

2022–23 Title III EL student program allocation	\$99,506
Transferred-in amount	\$0
2022–23 Total allocation	\$99,506
Object Code - Activity	
1000–1999 Certificated personnel salaries	\$0
2000–2999 Classified personnel salaries	\$60,434
3000–3999 Employee benefits	\$21,930
4000–4999 Books and supplies	\$247
5000–5999 Services and other operating expenditures	\$13,765
Direct administrative costs (amount cannot exceed 2% of the student program allocation plus transferred-in amount)	\$0
Indirect costs (LEA can apply its approved indirect rate to the portion of the subgrant that is not reserved for direct administrative costs)	\$3,130
Total year-to-date expenditures	\$99,506
2022–23 Unspent funds	\$0

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2022–23 Title II, Part A Fiscal Year Expenditure Report, 12 Months

A report of year-to-date expenditures by activity. Activity period covered is July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

CDE Program Contact:

Alice Ng (Fiscal), Division Support Office, ANg@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-4636

Lisa Fassett (Program), Professional Learning Support & Monitoring Office, LFassett@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-4963

2022–23 Title II, Part A allocation	\$117,022
Transferred–in amount	\$0
Transferred–out amount	\$0
2022–23 Total allocation	\$117,022

Professional Development Expenditures

Professional development for teachers	\$74,837
Professional development for administrators	\$0
Consulting/Professional services	\$0
Induction programs	\$39,600
Books and other supplies	\$0
Dues and membership	\$0
Travel and conferences	\$0

Personnel and Other Authorized Activities

Certificated personnel salaries	\$0
Classified personnel salaries	\$0
Employee benefits	\$0
Developing or improving an evaluation system	\$0
Recruitment activities	\$0
Retention activities	\$0
Class size reduction	\$0

Program Expenditures

Direct administrative costs	\$0
Indirect costs	\$2,585
Equitable services for nonprofit private schools	\$0
Total expenditures	\$117,022
2022–23 Unspent funds	\$0

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Board Meeting Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: August 16, 2023	Agenda Item: 232.409 Board Consideration of Approval to Increase Adult School Lunch Prices for the 2023-24 School Year
Presenter: Lois Yount	Action Item: XX Information Item:

Effective August 1, 2023, Food & Nutrition Services must reassess meal prices to meet the difference between a full-price and paid reimbursement. The price increase must reflect a minimum of \$0.10 per year to meet the national average meal rates. Over the last four years, GJUESD has increased rates by \$0.30.

GJUESD proposes increasing meal prices as follows:

Current Adult Lunch Meal Price	2023-24 Adult Lunch Price
\$4.25	\$4.75

Current Adult Breakfast Meal Price	2023-24 Adult Breakfast Price
\$3.00	\$3.25

Board approval is recommended.



Board Meeting Agenda Item Information

Meeting Date: August 16, 2023	Agenda Item: 232.410 Board Consideration to Nominate California School Boards Association (CSBA) Directors-at-Large African American, American Indian, and County
Presenter: Lois Yount	Action Item: XX Information Item:

Nominations for CSBA Directors-at-Large African American, American Indian, and County are currently being accepted through Friday, September 29, 2023. Directors-at-Large play an important role at CSBA, helping shape policy and set organizational direction.

The nominations for Directors-at-Large must be made by a CSBA member board and the nominee must be a board member from a CSBA member district or county office of education. It is important to note [Standing Rules 108 and 109](#) prior to making a nomination. SR 108 prohibits Directors from serving on state-wide boards whose organization focuses on labor, parents, special interests, or other segments of the school governance community as it is seen as a conflict of interest. SR 109 prohibits employees of CSBA from serving on the Board of Directors and Delegate Assembly.

The elections will take place at CSBA’s Delegate Assembly meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at the San Francisco Hilton Union Square. Directors-at-Large serve two-year terms and take office immediately upon the close of the Association’s Annual Education Conference, December 2, 2023.



Board Meeting Agenda Item Information

<p>Meeting Date: August 16, 2023</p>	<p>Agenda Item: 232.411 First Reading of the Following Board Policies (BP), Administrative Regulations (AR) and Bylaw (BB):</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><u>Superintendent</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BP 1113 - District and School Websites AR 1113 - District and School Websites 2. BP 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units 3. BB 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><u>Curriculum</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. BP 4112.2 – Certification AR 4112.2 – Certification 5. BP 6174 - Education for English Learners AR 6174 - Education for English Learners <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><u>Educational Services</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. BP 5141.5 - Mental Health 7. BP 5148 - Child Care and Development AR 5148 - Child Care and Development 8. BP 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities 9. BP 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education AR 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education
<p>Presenter: Cabinet</p>	<p>First Reading: XX Information Item:</p>

The Board Policies (BP), Administrative Regulations (Ars), and Bylaw (BB) above are being presented for a first reading.

CSBA June 2023 POLICY GUIDE

First Reading: August 16, 2023

SUPERINTENDENT

1. **Board Policy 1113 - District and School Websites**

Policy updated to incorporate concepts from **NEW LAW (AB 2273, 2022)** which, although not necessarily applicable to districts, requires a business that provides an online service, product, or feature likely to be accessed by children to comply with specified requirements and provides good guidance for districts seeking to create a safe online space for students.

Administrative Regulation 1113 – District and School Websites

Regulation last updated by GJUESD on 2/27/08. CSBA updated on 10/1/17.

2. **Board Policy 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units**

Policy updated to align the definition of "management employee" with code language and to reference **NEW LAW (SB 931, 2022)** which provides that any district found by the Public Employment Relations Board to be in violation of the prohibition against deterring or discouraging district employees or job applicants from becoming or remaining members of an employee organization, authorizing representation by an employee organization, or authorizing dues or fee deductions to an employee organization, may be subject to civil penalties of \$1,000 for each affected employee, up to a maximum of \$100,000 in total, and may be ordered to pay attorney's fees and costs to the employee organization. Policy also updated to specify that the Superintendent or designee may communicate with district employees regarding their rights to join and/or support an officially recognized employee organization or to refrain from joining or supporting an officially recognized employee organization, add applicable number of days for compulsory interest arbitration related to access to new employee orientation, expand the material regarding district requirements for new employee orientations that are applicable until June 30, 2025, reference **NEW LAW (SB 1131, 2022)** which extends the Safe at Home address confidentiality program to employees who face threats of violence, or violence or harassment from the public because of the employee's work for the district, and clarify language regarding information that should not be disclosed when an employee submits a written request to keep specified information private.

3. **Board Bylaw 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials**

Bylaw updated to move material regarding public comments to be with content related language, amend language to be more closely aligned with code language, add material regarding the means for in-person and remote public comments, and reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2449, 2022)**, which requires boards to maintain and implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation to board meetings for individuals with disabilities. Bylaw also updated to provide that each agenda for a regular meeting is required to list the address designated by the Superintendent or designee for public inspection of documents related to records of a statement threatening litigation against the district to be discussed in closed session, in addition to documents related to open session, when such documents have been distributed to the Governing Board less than 72 hours before a Board meeting, clarify that the Board president and Superintendent decide when an item is placed on

the agenda, include that public records under the Public Records Act and which relate to an agenda item which contain a claim or written threat of litigation which will be discussed in closed session are required to be made available to the public, in addition to documents which relate to an agenda item scheduled for the open session of a regular meeting, and **NEW LAW (AB 2647, 2022)** which clarifies how districts can, without opening their offices after normal business hours, comply with the portion of the Brown Act that requires writings or documents distributed to a majority of a local legislative body less than 72 hours before a meeting to also be distributed to the public.

CURRICULUM

4. Board Policy 4112.2 – Certification

Policy updated to reference that the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) has adopted regulations to implement statutory changes to the subject matter competence requirements, add, to the first philosophical paragraph, demonstration of competency in the subject matter to be taught to the attributes of certificated staff, provide that the Governing Board is required to adopt an annual resolution that it has made reasonable efforts to recruit a fully prepared teacher before hiring, in accordance with a specified hiring hierarchy, a candidate who is not fully credentialed, clarify that the Board's obligation to take action to approve a notice of intent to employ a provisional internship permit does not require that the item be an action item, and add that the Declaration of Need specify each subject to be listed on the General Education Limited Assignment Single Subject Teaching Permits and the target language on Emergency Bilingual Permits.

Administrative Regulation 4112.2 – Certification

Regulation updated to clarify that the district may charge a fee to persons being tested to cover the cost of developing, administering, and grading the district proficiency test, include administrative leave related to dismissal and suspension proceedings and military leave as types of leaves for which the Superintendent or designee may request the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to issue a Teaching Permit for Statutory Leave, and add a new section "Early Childhood Education Emergency Specialist Permit/Emergency Transitional Kindergarten Permit" (ETK) which reflects **NEW LAW (AB 210, 2022)** authorizing the district to request a one-year early childhood education emergency specialist permit which allows the teaching of all subjects in a self-contained transitional kindergarten general education classroom. Regulation also updated to reference **NEW LAW (SB 1397, 2022)** which requires CTC, until July 1, 2024, to waive the basic skills proficiency requirement for the issuance of an emergency 30-day substitute permit and **NEW LAW (AB 1876, 2022)** which requires CTC to accept an alternative verification of substitute teaching as part of the requirements for initial issuance of an emergency career substitute teaching permit.

5. Board Policy 6174 - Education for English Learners

Policy updated to remove outdated material and reflect **NEW LAW (SB 941, 2022)** which permits a district to enter into an instruction collaboration agreement with another school district, county office of education, or charter school to offer the same or similar courses and coursework to students who have been impacted by teacher shortages, disruptions, or cancellations to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics classes, or dual language immersion programs.

Administrative Regulation 6174 - Education for English Learners

Regulation updated to remove outdated material and reflect updated information from the California Department of Education's (CDE) English Learner Federal Program Monitoring 2022-23 Instrument, CDE's Reclassification Criteria website, and letters from CDE which provide updated reclassification guidance regarding the criteria used to determine whether an English learner should be reclassified, including a review of the student's curriculum mastery and academic performance, the provision of an interpreter for parents/guardians, when necessary, as part of the parent/guardian involvement, comparison of student performance on an objective assessment of basic skills in English against an empirically established range of performance in basic skills, based on the performance of English proficient students of the same age, which demonstrates whether the student is sufficiently proficient in English to participate effectively in a curriculum designed for students of the same age whose native language is English. Regulation also updated to include that the four years of post-reclassification monitoring should be utilized to ensure that students have not prematurely exited, any academic deficit incurred through participation in the English learner program has been remedied, and the students are meaningfully participating in the standard instructional program compared to students who had never participated in an English learner program. Additionally, regulation updated to clarify that the LCAP advisory committee provides input regarding exiting language acquisition programs and the possible establishment of other programs.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

6. Board Policy 5141.5 - Mental Health

Policy updated to expand the first philosophical paragraph and reflect the U.S. Surgeon General's **NEW GUIDANCE** regarding the importance of social connection and the impact of social media on health and well-being. Policy also updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 14, 2021)** which requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to recommend best practices and identify training programs to address student behavioral and mental health, including common psychiatric conditions and substance use disorders, safely deescalating crisis situations involving students with a behavioral health disorder, linking students with referrals, and providing instruction on how to maintain student privacy and confidentiality. Policy also updated to reflect that districts are required to notify students and parents/guardians twice a year about how to access mental health services, **NEW LAW (AB 748, 2022)** which requires each school site serving students in any of grades 6-12 to create a mental health poster, and **NEW LAW (AB 167, 2021)** which requires CDE to develop guidelines for the use of telehealth technology in schools.

7. Board Policy 5148 - Child Care and Development

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 210, 2022)** which (1) provides grant funding until June 30, 2027 for the purpose of increasing access to inclusive early care and education programs, (2) extends the date by which the California Department of Education and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) are required to adopt implementing regulations related to early childhood development, and (3) specifies as one of the indicators for the implementation of quality child care and development programs that staff have the appropriate and required training, or any combination of qualifications, experience, or training. Policy also updated to delete material specific to COVID-19 and reflect a district's obligation to provide distance learning when a child care program is physically closed by a local or state public

health order, reference that the Commission on Teacher Credentialing has adopted regulations pertaining to the prekindergarten-grade 3 early childhood education specialist credential that include requirements, and accelerated pathways to meet the requirements, in an effort to increase the number of early childhood education teachers, and reference **NEW LAW (AB 2827, 2022)** which requires CDSS to revise its regulations to permit children with disabilities to use outdoor play spaces simultaneously with children who do not have disabilities without having to first seek a regulatory waiver and to specify any health and safety requirements that are required to be met when simultaneous play occurs.

Administrative Regulation 5148 - Child Care and Development

Regulation updated to reference **NEW LAW (AB 2131, 2022)** which authorizes the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to implement and administer the creation of a single child care center license through all-county or similar written instruction until regulations are adopted and to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 210, 2022)** which (1) specifies as one of the indicators for the implementation of quality child care and development program activities that meet the needs of dual language learners, and (2) provides that when eligibility for child care and development services are based on an adjusted monthly family income at or below 85 percent of the state median income, adjusted for family size, that calculation does not include foster care payments made on behalf of a child or guaranteed income payments. Regulation also updated to delete outdated material regarding the requirement to test for lead contamination in drinking water for buildings constructed before January 1, 2010, reference **NEW LAW (AB 185, 2022)** which requires CDSS to adopt regulations regarding the exclusion from family income of foster care payments made on behalf of a child or income guaranteed income payments, as described above, and reflect **NEW LAW (SB 1047, 2022)** which (1) extends eligibility for child care and development programs to families in which a member of the family has been certified as eligible to receive benefits from specified means tested government programs and that priority for enrollment must be based on the income declared on the application of the government program, and (2) provides that upon establishing initial eligibility or ongoing ability for child care and development services, a family is considered to meet eligibility and need requirements for services for not less than 24 months before having eligibility or need recertified, unless an exceptions exists. In addition, regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 321, 2022)** which provides that in the second priority category for enrollment, when there are two or more families with the same income ranking, children who reside in homes in which the primary language is not English are required to be admitted first, add material regarding a family establishing eligibility for child care and development services on the basis of receiving services under a CalWORKs Stage 1,2, or 3 program since this differs from the 24 month eligibility period as described above, delete material applicable only to the 2021-22 school year, add that licensed child care centers are required to post their rates, and discounts or scholarship policies, if any, in a prominent location adjacent to the license at the child care facility, add a new section entitled "Expulsion/Unenrollment and Suspension Based on Behavior" which reflects **NEW LAW (AB 2806, 2022)** establishing requirements for expulsion, unenrollment, or suspension of a child from a child care and development program and reflects a joint statement by the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in regard to ensuring that children with disabilities are not suspended or expelled because of disability-related behaviors. Additionally, regulation updated to more closely align with law the order of disenrollment when necessary due to a reduction in state reimbursements, delete material related to the personal belief exemption as this exemption no longer exists, clarify that medical exemptions are required to specify how long the exemption is expected to be needed and that

it may not extend beyond the current grade span, reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1797, 2022)** which requires child care centers to disclose specified immunization information to local health departments operating countywide or regional immunization information and reminder systems and the California Department of Public Health, clarify that verification of an excused absence be signed by the district's authorized representative if verification is made by telephone, include procedures districts are required to follow when a child has been absent and the family has not been in communication with the district's child care and development services program coordinator or site supervisor for seven consecutive calendar days, specify that any appeal from a hearing requested by a parent/guardian regarding a Notice of Action be appealed to the Child Development Division, and add a new section entitled "Coordinating Transitions" which includes material regarding the district's obligations when a child in the district's child care and development program transfers to a local public school and reflects **NEW LAW (SB 188, 2022)** which requires districts to designate a main point of contact for coordinating and completing the transition of a child and family from Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), infant/toddler programs, to Part B of IDEA, preschool.

8. Board Policy 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 181, 2022)** which (1) requires districts to exempt an eligible student with a disability from all coursework and other requirements adopted by the Board that are in addition to the statewide course requirements and award such student a high school diploma, and (2) provides that any such exempted student is eligible to participate in any graduation ceremony and school activity in which a student of similar age without a disability would be eligible to participate.

9. Board Policy 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education

Policy updated to reflect a December 2022 Davis Joint Unified School District Resolution Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, regarding the use of seclusion and restraint as it relates to a free appropriate public education for students with disabilities placed in nonpublic schools.

Administrative Regulation 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education

Regulation last updated by GJUESD on 2/27/08. CSBA updated on 7/1/20.

Policy 1113: District And School Websites

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: 02/27/2008

To enhance communication with students, parents/guardians, staff, and community members, the Governing Board encourages the Superintendent or designee to develop and maintain district and school websites. The use of district and school websites shall support the district's vision and goals and shall be coordinated with other district communications strategies.

Design Standards

The Superintendent or designee shall establish design standards for district and school websites in order to maintain a consistent identity, professional appearance, and ease of use.

District design standards shall require an evaluation of products, features, and content accessible to students on district and school websites to prevent access to harmful or potentially harmful material.

The district's design standards shall address the accessibility of district and school websites to individuals with disabilities, including compatibility with commonly used assistive technologies.

Website Content

The Superintendent or designee shall develop content guidelines for district and school websites and assign staff to review and approve content prior to posting.

Board policy pertaining to advertising in district and school publications, as specified in BP 1325 - Advertising and Promotion, shall also apply to advertising on district and school websites.

Privacy Rights

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the privacy rights of students, parents/guardians, staff, Board members, and other individuals are protected on district and school websites.

Telephone numbers and home and email addresses of students and/or their parents/guardians shall not be published on district or school websites.

OPTION 1: The district regards photographs as a category of directory information that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Therefore, a student's photograph, together with the student's name, may be published on district or school websites unless the student's parent/guardian has notified the district in writing to not release the student's photograph without prior written consent, in accordance with BP/AR 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information.
END OF OPTION 1

~~OPTION 2: Photographs of individual students shall not be published on district or school websites accompanied by the student's name or other personally identifiable information without the prior written consent of the student's parent/guardian.~~END OF OPTION 2

If students' names are not included, photographs of individual students or groups of students, such as at a school event, may be published on school or district websites.

Employees' home addresses, personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses shall not be posted on district or school websites.

The home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official including, but not limited to, a Board member or public safety official, shall not be posted on district or school websites without the prior written permission of that individual. (Government Code 3307.5, 7928.205, 7920.535)

No public safety official shall be required to consent to the posting on the Internet of the public safety official's photograph or identity as a public safety officer for any purpose if that officer reasonably believes that the disclosure may result in a threat, harassment, intimidation, or harm to the officer or the officer's family. (Government Code 3307.5)

Policy 1113: District And School Websites

Status: ADOPTED

Original Adopted Date: 02/27/2008 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 02/27/2008

To enhance communication with students, parents/guardians, staff, and community members, the Governing Board encourages the development and ongoing maintenance of district and school web sites. Web sites shall be aligned with the district's plans for communications and media relations.

The Superintendent or designee may establish design standards for district and school web sites in order to maintain a consistent identity, professional appearance, and ease of use.

Content

The Superintendent or designee shall develop content guidelines for district and school web sites. These guidelines shall be consistent with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

Staff, students, or other persons may submit materials for web publication to the district or school webmaster who shall ensure that the content adheres to district guidelines and policies.

District and school web sites shall not include content that is obscene, libelous, or slanderous, or which creates a clear and present danger of inciting students to commit unlawful acts, violate school rules, or substantially disrupt the school's orderly operation.

The Superintendent or designee should ensure that copyright laws are not violated in the use of material on district or school web sites.

Any links to external web sites shall support the educational mission and shall include a disclaimer that the district is not responsible for the content of external web sites.

The district shall not accept advertising of commercial products and services on district or school web sites.

Privacy Rights

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that web site content protects the privacy rights of students, parents/guardians, staff, Board members, and other individuals.

Phone numbers, home addresses, and email addresses of students or their parents/guardians shall not be published on a district or school web page.

Because of the wide accessibility of the Internet and potential risk to students, photograph(s) of a student shall not be published with his/her name or other personally identifiable information without the prior written consent of the student's parent/guardian. Photographs of groups of students, such as at a school event, may be published provided that students' names are not included.

Home addresses or telephone numbers of staff members shall not be posted.

No public safety official shall be required as a condition of employment to consent to the posting on the Internet of his/her photograph or identity as a public safety officer for any purpose if that officer reasonably believes that the disclosure may result in a threat, harassment, intimidation, or harm to the officer or his/her family. (Government Code 3307.5)

District and school web sites shall not post the home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official including, but not limited to, a Board member or public safety official, without the prior written permission of that individual. (Government Code 3307.5, 6254.21, 6254.24)

Regulation 1113: District And School Websites

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: 02/27/2008

Design Standards

The Superintendent or designee shall develop design standards for district and school websites that include, but are not limited to, guidelines to ensure the clear organization of the material, readability of the font type and size, and simplicity of the navigation structure linking the content on the website. Such standards shall take into consideration the ease of use on a wide range of devices.

In accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, district and school websites shall contain features that ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities, which may include, but are not limited to, captions for videos and multimedia presentations, text alternatives to images, provision of sufficient time to use the content, avoidance of flashing images, adequate contrast in visual presentations, and/or other features that meet applicable standards for website accessibility. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review district and school websites and modify them as needed to ensure legal compliance with accessibility standards.

Website Content

As applicable, district and school websites shall provide current information regarding the district's mission and goals, district/school programs and operations, district/school news, agendas and minutes of Governing Board meetings, School Accountability Report Cards, school calendars, links to educational resources.

With approval of the principal, individual teachers may create web pages linked to the district or school website to provide information pertaining to class assignments, expectations, and activities.

Student work may be published on district or school websites provided that both the student and the student's parent/guardian provide written permission or the work is part of an existing publication such as a school newspaper.

Any copyrighted material to be posted on a district or school website shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee together with the permission of the copyright owner to reprint the material. Any copyrighted material submitted without the copyright owner's permission shall only be posted on a district or school website if the Superintendent or designee determines that the material is in the public domain or that the intended use meets the criteria for fair use or another exception pursuant to 17 USC 107-122. When any copyrighted material is posted, the website shall include a notice crediting the copyright owner and, as necessary, shall note that permission to reprint the material was granted.

Whenever a district or school website includes links to external websites, it shall include a disclaimer that the district is not responsible for the content of external websites.

Roles and Responsibilities

Any employee assigned as a district or school webmaster shall be responsible for the uploading of material to the website(s) upon approval of the Superintendent or designee. The employee shall review district and school websites to ensure consistency with district standards, regularly check links for accuracy and appropriateness, keep the web server free of outdated or unused files, and provide technical assistance as needed.

The Superintendent or designee may assign additional staff members to conduct editorial reviews of all materials submitted for publication on district or school websites and to make corrections as needed in spelling, grammar, or accuracy of content.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff development opportunities related to district content guidelines, design standards, and accessibility laws and standards to district communications and technology staff, district and

school webmasters, and/or other appropriate staff.

Security

The Superintendent or designee shall establish security procedures for the district's computer network to prevent unauthorized access and changes to district and school websites. To the extent possible, the host computer(s) shall be in a lockable room with restricted access.

Regulation 1113: District And School Websites

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Content

District and school web sites shall provide current and useful information regarding district programs, activities and operations. Such information shall be appropriate for both internal and external audiences.

The content of web sites may include, but not be limited to, district or school news, district mission and goals, agendas and minutes of Governing Board meetings, policy information, messages from the Board or administrators, information about curriculum and instruction, school calendars, student projects, school clubs and activities, lunch menus, transportation schedules, school map, school handbook, parent conferences, educational resources, links to other educational sites and contacts for further information.

The Superintendent or designee shall make the information contained in the School Accountability Report Card accessible on the Internet and shall ensure that such information is updated annually. (Education Code 35258)

Student work may be published on a web site provided that both the student and his/her parent/guardian provide written permission or the work is part of an existing publication such as a newspaper or school newsletter.

Students, staff or other individuals may not use district or school web sites to provide access to their personal web pages or online services.

If any copyrighted material is posted on a district or school web site, the web site shall include a notice crediting the original producer of the material and noting how and when permission to reprint the material was granted.

Roles and Responsibilities

The district webmaster shall be responsible for the content and publication of the district web site upon approval of the Superintendent or designee. He/she shall review all content before publication, upload content to the district web server, regularly check links for accuracy and appropriateness, keep the web server free of outdated or unused files, and provide technical assistance as needed to school webmasters.

The school webmaster shall perform similar duties related to the content and maintenance of the school's web site upon approval of the school principal. The principal or school webmaster shall notify the Superintendent or designee regarding the creating and updating of a school web site.

Security

The web site host computer shall have security procedures that prohibit unauthorized persons from accessing system-level controls or making changes to web site content. To the extent possible, the host computer shall be in a lockable room with restricted access.

Policy 4140/4240/4340: Bargaining Units

Status: DRAFT

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The Governing Board recognizes the right of district employees to form a bargaining unit and to select an employee organization as the exclusive representative to represent the employees in the employees' employment relationship with the district. The Board is committed to negotiating in good faith with recognized employee organizations and respecting the rights of employees and employee organizations.

The district shall not dominate or interfere with the formation or administration of any employee organization or contribute financial or other support to it. (Government Code 3543.5)

Employees shall not be prohibited from wearing union buttons or other items that favor or oppose the formation of a bargaining unit or any matter that is the subject of negotiations.

Formation of Bargaining Units

Certificated and classified employees shall not be included in the same bargaining unit. (Government Code 3545)

A bargaining unit of supervisory employees may be recognized if the bargaining unit includes all supervisory employees and is not represented by an employee organization that represents district employees who are supervised by the supervisory employees. (Government Code 3545)

For this purpose, supervisory employee means any employee, regardless of job description, having authority, in the interest of the district, to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or the responsibility to assign work to, direct, or adjust grievance of other employees, or effectively recommend that action, when the exercise of that authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgment. (Government Code 3540.1)

Employees serving in management, senior management, or confidential positions shall not be represented by an exclusive representative. In the employment relationship with the district, such employees may represent themselves or be represented by an employee organization whose membership is composed entirely of employees designated as holding those positions. An employee organization representing management or confidential employees shall not be permitted to meet and negotiate with the district on behalf of the employees. (Government Code 3543.4)

Management employee means an employee in a position having significant responsibilities for formulating district policies or administering district programs. Management positions shall be designated by the Board which may be subject to review by the Public Employment Relations Board. (Government Code 3540.1)

Confidential employee means any employee who is required to develop or present management positions with respect to employer-employee relations or whose duties normally require access to confidential information that is used to contribute significantly to the development of management positions. (Government Code 3540.1)

Membership

The district shall not deter or discourage employees or job applicants from becoming or remaining members of an employee organization, authorizing representation by an employee organization, or authorizing dues or fee deductions to an employee organization. In addition, the district shall not impose or threaten to impose reprisals on employees, discriminate or threaten to discriminate against employees, or otherwise interfere with, restrain, or coerce employees because of their membership or nonmembership in an employee organization. (Government Code 3543.5, 3550, 3551.5)

The Superintendent or designee may communicate with district employees regarding their rights to join and/or support an officially recognized employee organization or to refrain from joining or supporting an officially

recognized employee organization. Such communications shall be factual and accurate, and may not promise a benefit, threaten a reprisal, or in any way deter or discourage employees from joining an employee organization or paying dues.

However, before disseminating to multiple employees any mass communication concerning employees' rights under the law, such as a written document or script for oral or recorded presentation or message, the Superintendent or designee shall meet and confer with the employees' exclusive representative regarding the content of the communication. If the district and exclusive representative do not come to agreement on the content of the mass communication, the Superintendent or designee may disseminate the district's mass communication, provided that at the same time, copies of the exclusive representative's communication, which shall be of reasonable length, are also distributed. (Government Code 3553)

Access to New Employee Orientations

The district shall permit employee organizations access to new employee orientation or onboarding process where newly hired employees are advised, whether in person, online, or through other means or mediums, of their employment status, rights, benefits, duties, responsibilities, or any other employment-related matters. The district shall provide employee organizations at least 10 days' notice in advance of an orientation, except that a shorter notice may be provided if an unforeseeable, urgent need critical to the district's operation prevents the required 10 days' notice. (Government Code 3555.5, 3556)

Following a request to negotiate by either party, the structure, time, and manner of access to new employee orientations shall be determined by mutual agreement of the district and the exclusive representative. If the district and exclusive representative fail to reach an agreement, matters related to access to the new employee orientation shall be subject to compulsory interest arbitration. The district and employee organization may mutually agree to submit any dispute to compulsory interest arbitration at any time. In addition, if any dispute arises during negotiations and is not resolved within 45 days after the first meeting or within 60 days after the initial request to negotiate, whichever is earlier, either party may make a demand for compulsory interest arbitration. The arbitrator selection process shall commence within 14 days of a party's demand for compulsory interest arbitration. When any such dispute arises during the summer when the district's administrative office is closed, the timeline shall commence on the first day the administrative office reopens. The decision of the arbitrator shall be issued within 10 days and shall be final and binding on the parties. (Government Code 3556, 3557)

The date, time, and place of a new employee orientation shall not be disclosed to anyone other than employees, the exclusive representative, or a vendor that is contracted to provide a service for purposes of the orientation. (Government Code 3556)

Until June 30, 2025, in addition to above provisions regarding new employee orientations, the district shall ensure the following: (Government Code 3556)

1. When an inperson new employee orientation has not been conducted within 30 days of hiring any new employee who is working in person, the Superintendent or designee shall permit the exclusive representative to schedule an inperson meeting which newly hired employees shall have an opportunity to attend, at the employee's worksite and during employment hours. Each newly hired employee within the bargaining unit shall be provided at least 30 minutes of paid time to attend the meeting, during which the exclusive representative shall be permitted to communicate directly with the newly hired employees.

Within seven days of an exclusive representative's request to schedule such an inperson meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall provide an appropriate on-site meeting space.

2. When, by reason of a state or local public health order limiting the size of gatherings, the district is prohibited from organizing a new employee orientation, an exclusive representative may schedule multiple meetings to ensure that newly hired employees have an opportunity to attend without exceeding the maximum allowable number of people. If such an order prohibits all gatherings, the exclusive representative may schedule a meeting(s) once the order is lifted or modified to permit gatherings.

Alternative access to these meetings shall be determined through mutual agreement between the district and the exclusive representative.

Access to Employee Contact Information

The Superintendent or designee shall provide an exclusive representative with the name, job title, department, work location, telephone numbers (work, home, and personal cell phone), personal email address(es) on file with the district, and home address of any newly hired employee within 30 days of hire or by the first pay period of the month following hire, unless the exclusive representative has agreed to a different interval for the provision of the information. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the exclusive representative the same information in regard to all employees in the bargaining unit at least every 120 days, unless more frequent or detailed lists are required by agreement with the exclusive representative. (Government Code 3558, 7928.300)

However, the Superintendent or designee shall not disclose: (Government Code 3558, 6207, 6215, 6215.2, 7928.300)

1. The home address and any phone numbers on file for employees performing law enforcement-related functions
2. The home address, home telephone or personal cell phone number(s), or personal email address(es) of any employee who is a participant in the Safe at Home address confidentiality program pursuant to Government Code 6207
3. The employee's home address, home telephone and personal cell phone numbers, and personal email address of an employee not performing law enforcement related functions if the employee has submitted a written request to keep such information private. In such instances, the Superintendent or designee shall also remove the employee's home address, and home telephone and personal cell phone numbers from any mailing list maintained by the district unless the list is only used by the district to contact the employee.

Within 20 calendar days after an exclusive representative notifies the Superintendent or designee that a list of employees provided by the district is inaccurate or incomplete, the Superintendent or designee shall take steps to correct the list and provide a new list of employees to the exclusive representative. (Government Code 3558)

To provide accurate information, the Superintendent or designee shall review the list of contact information for district employees at the beginning of each school year, or more often as appropriate.

Communications with Employees

Employee organizations may have access at reasonable times to areas in which employees work and may use district facilities at reasonable times for the purpose of meetings. Subject to reasonable regulation, employee organizations may also use institutional bulletin boards, mailboxes, and other means of communication to communicate with employees. (Government Code 3543.1)

Access to district means of communication shall be limited in cases where such access would be disruptive to district operations.

Membership Dues or Other Payments to an Employee Organization

When drawing an order for the salary or wage payment of a bargaining unit employee of an employee organization, the district shall deduct any amount which has been requested by the employee in a revocable written authorization for the purpose of paying dues or other payments for any service, program, or committee provided or sponsored by the employee organization. (Education Code 45060, 45168)

An employee organization that certifies that it has and will maintain individual employee authorizations shall handle and process employee written authorizations for payroll deductions. When an employee organization provides such a certification to the district, the district shall rely on information from the employee organization regarding the amounts of such payroll deductions and from which employees. The employee organization shall not be required to submit to the district a copy of the written authorization in order for the payroll deductions to be effective. However, when there is a dispute about the existence or terms of the written authorization, a copy of the employee's written authorization shall be submitted to the district. The employee organization shall indemnify the district for any employee claims regarding payroll deductions made by the district in reliance on notification from the employee organization. (Education Code 45060, 45168)

When an employee organization which has declined to certify that it will handle and process employee written authorizations makes a request for payroll deductions, the district shall request a copy of the employee's written authorization before making the payroll deductions. (Education Code 45060, 45168)

A written authorization shall remain in effect until expressly revoked in writing by the employee and pursuant to the terms of the written authorization. Employee requests to cancel or change authorizations for payroll deductions for employee organizations shall be directed to the employee organization rather than the district. The employee organization shall be responsible for processing these requests. The district shall rely on the information provided by the employee organization regarding whether deductions for an employee organization were properly canceled or changed. The employee organization shall be required to indemnify the district for any claims made by an employee for deductions made by the district in reliance on information from the employee organization. (Education Code 45060, 45168)

Policy 4140: Bargaining Units

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Formation of Bargaining Units

Certificated and classified employees shall not be included in the same bargaining unit. (Government Code 3545)

A bargaining unit of supervisory employees may be recognized if the bargaining unit includes all supervisory employees and is not represented by an employee organization that represents district employees who are supervised by the supervisory employees. (Government Code 3545)

For this purpose, supervisory employee means any employee, regardless of job description, having authority, in the interest of the district, to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or the responsibility to assign work to, direct, or adjust grievance of other employees, or effectively recommend that action, when the exercise of that authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgment. (Government Code 3540.1)

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Management employee means any employee who has significant responsibilities for formulating district policies or administering district programs, and whose position is designated as a management position by the Board. (Government Code 3540.1)

Confidential employee means any employee who is required to develop or present management positions with respect to employer-employee relations or whose duties normally require access to confidential information that is used to contribute significantly to the development of management positions. (Government Code 3540.1)

Membership

The district shall not deter or discourage employees or job applicants from becoming or remaining members of an employee organization, authorizing representation by an employee organization, or authorizing dues or fee deductions to an employee organization. In addition, the district shall not impose or threaten to impose reprisals on employees, discriminate or threaten to discriminate against employees, or otherwise interfere with, restrain, or coerce employees because of their membership or nonmembership in an employee organization. (Government Code 3543.5, 3550)

The Superintendent or designee may communicate with district employees regarding their rights under the law. Such communications shall be factual and accurate, and may not promise a benefit, threaten a reprisal, or in any way deter or discourage employees from joining an employee organization or paying dues.

However, before disseminating to multiple employees any mass communication concerning employees' right to join or support an employee organization or to refrain from joining or supporting an employee organization, such as a written document or script for oral or recorded presentation or message, the Superintendent or designee shall meet and confer with the employees' exclusive representative regarding the content of the communication. If the district and exclusive representative do not come to agreement on the content of the mass communication, the Superintendent or designee may disseminate the district's mass communication, provided that at the same time, copies of the exclusive representative's communication, which shall be of reasonable length, are also distributed. (Government Code 3553)

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Following a request to negotiate by either party, the structure, time, and manner of access to new employee orientations shall be determined by mutual agreement of the district and the exclusive representative. If the district and exclusive representative fail to reach an agreement, matters related to access to the new employee orientation shall be subject to compulsory interest arbitration. The district and employee organization may mutually agree to submit any dispute to compulsory interest arbitration at any time. In addition, if any dispute arises during negotiations and is not resolved within 45 days after the first meeting or within 60 days after the initial request to negotiate, whichever is earlier, either party may make a demand for compulsory interest arbitration. When any such dispute arises during the summer when the district's administrative office is closed, the timeline shall commence on the first day the administrative office reopens. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties. (Government Code 3556, 3557)

The date, time, and place of a new employee orientation shall not be disclosed to anyone other than employees, the exclusive representative, or a vendor that is contracted to provide a service for purposes of the orientation. (Government Code 3556)

Until June 30, 2025, in addition to above provisions regarding new employee orientations, the district shall ensure the following: (Government Code 3556)

1. When an inperson new employee orientation has not been conducted within 30 days of hiring any new employee who is working in person, the Superintendent or designee shall permit the exclusive representative to schedule an inperson meeting which newly hired employees shall have an opportunity to attend, at the employee's worksite and during employment hours. Each newly hired employee within the bargaining unit shall be provided at least 30 minutes of paid time to attend the meeting.

Upon the request of an exclusive representative scheduling such an inperson meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall provide an appropriate on-site meeting space within seven days of receiving the exclusive representative's request.

2. When, by reason of a state or local public health order limiting the size of gatherings, the district is prohibited from organizing a new employee orientation, an exclusive representative may schedule multiple meetings to ensure that newly hired employees have an opportunity to attend without exceeding the maximum allowable number of people.

Access to Employee Contact Information

The Superintendent or designee shall provide an exclusive representative with the name, job title, department, work location, telephone numbers (work, home, and personal cell phone), personal email address(es) on file with the district, and home address of any newly hired employee in the bargaining unit, within 30 days of hire or by the first pay period of the month following hire, unless the exclusive representative has agreed to a different interval for the provision of the information. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the exclusive representative the same information in regard to all employees in the bargaining unit at least every 120 days, unless more frequent

or detailed lists are required by agreement with the exclusive representative. (Government Code 3558, 6254.3)

However, the Superintendent or designee shall not disclose the home address and any phone numbers on file for employees performing law enforcement-related functions, nor disclose the home address, home or personal cell phone number(s), or personal email address(es) of any employee who is a participant in the Safe at Home address confidentiality program pursuant to Government Code 6207 or of any employee who provides a written request that the information not be disclosed to the exclusive representative. Following receipt of a written request, the district shall remove the employee's home address, home and personal cell phone numbers, and personal email address from any mailing list maintained by the district unless the list is only used by the district to contact the employee. (Government Code 3558, 6207, 6254.3)

Within 20 calendar days after an exclusive representative notifies the Superintendent or designee that a list of employees provided by the district is inaccurate or incomplete, the Superintendent or designee shall take steps to correct the list and provide a new list of employees to the exclusive representative. (Government Code 3558)

At least, at the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall review the list of district employees to ensure that the list is complete and contains accurate information.

Communications with Employees

Employee organizations may have access at reasonable times to areas in which employees work and may use district facilities at reasonable times for the purpose of meetings. Subject to reasonable regulation, employee organizations may also use institutional bulletin boards, mailboxes, and other means of communication to communicate with employees. (Government Code 3543.1)

Access to district means of communication shall be limited in cases where such access would be disruptive to district operations.

Membership Dues or Other Payments to an Employee Organization

When drawing an order for the salary or wage payment of a bargaining unit employee of an employee organization, the district shall deduct any amount which has been requested by the employee in a revocable written authorization for the purpose of paying dues or other payments for any service, program, or committee provided or sponsored by the employee organization. (Education Code 45060, 45168)

An employee organization that certifies that it has and will maintain individual employee authorizations shall handle and process employee written authorizations for payroll deductions. When an employee organization provides such a certification to the district, the district shall rely on information from the employee organization regarding the amounts of such payroll deductions and from which employees. The employee organization shall not be required to submit to the district a copy of the written authorization in order for the payroll deductions to be effective. However, when there is a dispute about the existence or terms of the written authorization, a copy of the employee's written authorization shall be submitted to the district. The employee organization shall indemnify the district for any employee claims regarding payroll deductions made by the district in reliance on notification from the employee organization. (Education Code 45060, 45168)

When an employee organization which has declined to certify that it will handle and process employee written authorizations makes a request for payroll deductions, the district shall request a copy of the employee's written authorization before making the payroll deductions. (Education Code 45060, 45168)

A written authorization shall remain in effect until expressly revoked in writing by the employee and pursuant to the terms of the written authorization. Employee requests to cancel or change authorizations for payroll deductions for employee organizations shall be directed to the employee organization rather than the district. The employee organization shall be responsible for processing these requests. The district shall rely on the information provided by the employee organization regarding whether deductions for an employee organization were properly canceled or changed. The employee organization shall be required to indemnify the district for any claims made by an employee for deductions made by the district in reliance on information from the employee organization. (Education Code 45060, 45168)

Bylaw 9322: Agenda/Meeting Materials

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Agenda Content

Governing Board meeting agendas shall reflect the district's vision and goals and the Board's focus on student learning and well-being.

Each agenda shall state the meeting time and location and shall briefly describe each item to be transacted or discussed, including items to be discussed in closed session. (Government Code 54954.2)

The agenda shall provide members of the public the opportunity to address the Board on any agenda item before or during the Board's consideration of the item. The agenda for a regular meeting shall also provide members of the public an opportunity to address the Board regarding matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board which are not on the agenda. (Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54954.3)

The agenda does not need to provide an opportunity for public comment on an item that has previously been considered at an open meeting by a committee comprised exclusively of Board members, provided that members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the item, before or during the committee's consideration of the item, and the item has not been substantially changed since the committee considered it. (Government Code 54954.3)

The notice and agenda shall describe the means available for the public to access the meeting and provide public comment in-person and, if a Board member is appearing remotely due to an emergency circumstance or for just cause pursuant to Government Code 54953, through an internet-based service or call-in option. (Government Code 54953)

The agenda shall include information regarding how, when, and to whom a request for disability-related accommodations or modifications, including auxiliary aids and services, may be made by an individual who requires accommodations or modifications in order to participate in the Board meeting, as well as the procedure for receiving and resolving such requests as required by law. (Government Code 54954.2, 54953)

Each agenda for a regular meeting shall list the address designated by the Superintendent or designee for public inspection of documents related to an open session item, or for records of a statement threatening litigation against the district to be discussed in closed session, when such documents have been distributed to the Board less than 72 hours before the meeting. (Government Code 54956.9, 54957.5)

Each agenda shall include a statement regarding the option for students and parents/guardians to request that directory information or personal information of the student or parent/guardian, as defined in Education Code 49061 and/or 49073.2, be excluded from the minutes. The agenda shall also state that the request must be made in writing to the secretary or clerk of the Board.

Agenda Preparation

The Board president and the Superintendent, as secretary to the Board, shall work together to develop the agenda for each regular and special meeting.

Any Board member or member of the public may request that a matter within the jurisdiction of the Board be placed on the agenda of a regular meeting. The request shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent or designee with supporting documents and information.

The Board president and Superintendent shall decide whether a request from a member of the public is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Items not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board may not be placed on the agenda. In addition, before placing the item on the agenda, the Board president and Superintendent

shall determine if the item is merely a request for information, and if so, respond accordingly.

If the Board president and Superintendent deny a request from a Board member to place an item on the agenda, the Board member may request the Board take action during a Board meeting to determine whether the item shall be placed on the agenda.

The Board president and Superintendent shall also decide whether an agenda item is appropriate for discussion in open or closed session, whether the item should be an action item subject to Board vote or an information item, and when the item is placed on the agenda.

In order to promote efficient meetings, the Board may bundle a number of items and act upon them together by a single vote through the use of a consent agenda. Consent items shall be items of a routine nature and items for which Board discussion is not anticipated and for which the Superintendent recommends approval. When any Board member requests the removal of an item from the consent agenda, the item shall be removed and given individual consideration for action as a separate agenda item.

The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to comment on any consent agenda item unless such item has been previously considered at an open meeting of a committee comprised exclusively of Board members. (Government Code 54954.3)

Any Board action that involves borrowing \$100,000 or more shall be discussed, considered, and deliberated upon as a separate item of business on the meeting agenda. (Government Code 53635.7)

All public communications with the Board are subject to requirements of relevant Board policies and administrative regulations.

Agenda Dissemination to Board Members

At least 72 hours before each regular meeting, each Board member shall be provided a copy of the agenda and agenda packet, including the Superintendent or designee's report; minutes to be approved; copies of communications; reports from committees, staff, and others; and other available supporting documents pertinent to the meeting.

When special meetings are called, Board members shall receive, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, notice of the business to be transacted. (Government Code 54956)

Board members shall review agenda materials before each meeting. Individual members may confer directly with the Superintendent or designee to ask questions and/or request additional information on agenda items. However, a majority of Board members shall not, outside of a noticed meeting, directly or through intermediaries or electronic means discuss, deliberate, or take action on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

Agenda Dissemination to Members of the Public

Agenda and related materials distributed to the Board shall be made available to the public upon request without delay. However, only those documents which are disclosable public records under the Public Records Act (PRA) and which relate to an agenda item scheduled for the open session portion of a regular meeting or which contain a claim or written threat of litigation which will be discussed in closed session shall be made available to the public. (Government Code 54956.9, 54957.5)

At least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting, the agenda shall be posted at one or more locations freely accessible to members of the public. (Government Code 54954.2)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall post the agenda on the homepage of the district website. The posted agenda shall be accessible through a prominent direct link to the current agenda or to the district's agenda management platform in accordance with Government Code 54954.2. When the district utilizes an integrated agenda management platform, the link to that platform shall take the user directly to the website with the district's

agendas, and the current agenda shall be the first available. (Government Code 54954.2)

If a writing which relates to an open session agenda item or which contains a claim or written threat of litigation which will be discussed in closed session during a regular Board meeting is distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to a meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall make the writing available for public inspection at a designated location at the same time the document is distributed to all or a majority of the Board. However, if the writing is distributed to at least a majority of the Board at a time when the designated location is closed to the public, this requirement may be satisfied by posting the writing on the district website if the following conditions are met: (Government Code 54957.5)

1. An initial staff report or similar document containing an executive summary and any staff recommendations related to the agenda item is made available for public inspection at the designated location at least 72 hours before the meeting
2. The writing is immediately posted on the district's website in a position and manner that makes it clear that the writing relates to an agenda item for the upcoming meeting
3. The district lists the website address where such writings may be accessed on all Board meeting agendas
4. A physical copy of the document is made available for public inspection at the designated location at the beginning of the next regular business hours, but not less than 24 hours before the relevant Board meeting

The Superintendent or designee shall mail a copy of the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet to any person who requests the items. The materials shall be mailed at the time the agenda is posted or upon distribution of the agenda to a majority of the Board, whichever occurs first. (Government Code 54954.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall email a copy of, or a website link to, the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet to any person who requests such items to be delivered by email. If the Superintendent or designee determines that it is technologically infeasible to do so, a copy of the agenda or a website link to the agenda and a copy of all other documents constituting the agenda packet shall be sent to the person who has made the request in accordance with mailing requirements specified in law. (Government Code 54954.1)

Any request for mailed copies of agendas or agenda packets shall be in writing and shall be valid for the calendar year in which it is filed. Written requests must be renewed following January 1 of each year. (Government Code 54954.1)

Persons requesting mailing of the agenda or agenda packet shall pay an annual fee, as determined by the Superintendent or designee, not to exceed the cost of providing the service.

Any document prepared by the district or Board and distributed during a public meeting shall be made available for public inspection at the meeting. Any document prepared by another person shall be made available for public inspection after the meeting. These requirements shall not apply to a document that is exempt from public disclosure under the PRA. (Government Code 54957.5)

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall make the agenda, agenda packet, and/or any writings distributed at the meeting available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. (Government Code 54954.1)

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The agenda for a regular Board meeting shall also provide members of the public an opportunity to provide comment on matters which are not on the agenda but which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54954.3)

Each agenda for a regular meeting shall list the address designated by the Superintendent or designee for public inspection of documents related to an open session item that have been distributed to the Board less than 72 hours before the meeting. (Government Code 54957.5)

The agenda shall include information regarding how, when, and to whom a request for disability-related accommodations or modifications, including auxiliary aids and services, may be made by an individual who requires accommodations or modifications in order to participate in the Board meeting. (Government Code 54954.2)

Agenda Preparation

The Board president and the Superintendent, as secretary to the Board, shall work together to develop the agenda for each regular and special meeting.

Any Board member or member of the public may request that a matter within the jurisdiction of the Board be placed on the agenda of a regular meeting. The request shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent or designee with supporting documents and information, if any, at least one week before the scheduled meeting date. Items submitted less than a week before the scheduled meeting date may be postponed to a later meeting in order to allow sufficient time for consideration and research of the issue.

The Board president and Superintendent shall decide whether a request from a member of the public is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Items not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board may not be placed on the agenda. In addition, before placing the item on the agenda, the Board president and Superintendent shall determine if the item is merely a request for information, and if so, respond accordingly.

If the Board president and Superintendent deny a request from a Board member to place an item on the agenda, the Board member may request the Board to take action to determine whether the item shall be placed on the agenda.

The Board president and Superintendent shall also decide whether an agenda item is appropriate for discussion in open or closed session, and whether the item should be an action item subject to Board vote or an information item that does not require immediate action.

In order to promote efficient meetings, the Board may bundle a number of items and act upon them together by a single vote through the use of a consent agenda. Consent items shall be items of a routine nature and items for which Board discussion is not anticipated and for which the Superintendent recommends approval. When any Board member requests the removal of an item from the consent agenda, the item shall be removed and given individual consideration for action as a regular agenda item.

The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to comment on any consent agenda item unless such item has been previously considered at an open meeting of a committee comprised exclusively of Board members. (Government Code 54954.3)

Any Board action that involves borrowing \$100,000 or more shall be discussed, considered, and deliberated upon as a separate item of business on the meeting agenda. (Government Code 53635.7)

All public communications with the Board are subject to requirements of relevant Board policies and administrative regulations.

Agenda Dissemination to Board Members

At least 72 hours before each regular meeting, each Board member shall be provided a copy of the agenda and agenda packet, including the Superintendent or designee's report; minutes to be approved; copies of communications; reports from committees, staff, and others; and other available supporting documents pertinent to the meeting.

When special meetings are called, Board members shall receive, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, notice of the business to be transacted. (Government Code 54956)

Board members shall review agenda materials before each meeting. Individual members may confer directly with the Superintendent or designee to ask questions and/or request additional information on agenda items. However, a majority of Board members shall not, outside of a noticed meeting, directly or through intermediaries or electronic means discuss, deliberate, or take action on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

Agenda Dissemination to Members of the Public

Any agenda and related materials distributed to the Board shall be made available to the public upon request without delay. Only those documents which are disclosable public records under the Public Records Act (PRA) and which relate to an agenda item scheduled for the open session portion of a regular meeting shall be made available to the public. (Government Code 54957.5)

At least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting, the agenda shall be posted at one or more locations freely accessible to members of the public. (Government Code 54954.2)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall post the agenda on the homepage of the district web site. The posted agenda shall be accessible through a prominent direct link to the current agenda or to the district's agenda management platform in accordance with Government Code 54954.2. When the district utilizes an integrated agenda management platform, the link to that platform shall take the user directly to the web site with the district's agendas, and the current agenda shall be the first available. (Government Code 54954.2)

If a document which relates to an open session agenda item of a regular Board meeting is distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to a meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall make the document available for public inspection at a designated location at the same time the document is distributed to all or a majority of the Board. (Government Code 54957.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall mail a copy of the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet to any person who requests the items. The materials shall be mailed at the time the agenda is posted or upon distribution of the agenda to a majority of the Board, whichever occurs first. (Government Code 54954.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall email a copy of, or a web site link to, the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet to any person who requests such items to be delivered by email. If the Superintendent or designee determines that it is technologically infeasible to do so, a copy of the agenda or a web site link to the agenda and a copy of all other documents constituting the agenda packet shall be sent to the person who has made the request in accordance with mailing requirements specified in law. (Government Code 54954.1)

Any request for mailed copies of agendas or agenda packets shall be in writing and shall be valid for the calendar year in which it is filed. Written requests must be renewed following January 1 of each year. (Government Code 54954.1)

Persons requesting mailing of the agenda or agenda packet shall pay an annual fee, as determined by the Superintendent or designee, not to exceed the cost of providing the service.

Any document prepared by the district or Board and distributed during a public meeting shall be made available for public inspection at the meeting. Any document prepared by another person shall be made available for public inspection after the meeting. These requirements shall not apply to a document that is exempt from public disclosure under the PRA. (Government Code 54957.5)

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall make the agenda, agenda packet, and/or any writings distributed at the meeting available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. (Government Code 54954.1)

Policy 4112.2: Certification

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The Governing Board recognizes that the district's ability to provide a high-quality educational program is dependent upon the employment of certificated staff who are adequately prepared and have demonstrated proficiency in basic skills and competency in the subject matter to be taught. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that persons employed to fill positions requiring certification qualifications possess the appropriate credential, permit, or other certification document from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and fulfill any additional state, federal, or district requirements for the position.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide assistance and support to teachers holding preliminary credentials to enable them to meet the qualifications required for the clear credential.

Priorities for Hiring Based on Unavailability of Credentialed Teacher

The Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to recruit a fully prepared teacher who is authorized in the subject or setting for each assignment or, when necessary, a fully prepared teacher serving on a local assignment option. Whenever a teacher with a clear or preliminary credential is not available, and the Board adopts a resolution that it has made reasonable efforts to recruit a fully prepared teacher for the assignment, the Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to recruit an individual for the assignment in the following order: (Education Code 44225.7)

1. A candidate who enrolls in an approved internship program in the region of the district and possesses an intern credential
2. A candidate who is scheduled to complete preliminary credential requirements within six months and who is granted a provisional internship permit (PIP) or short-term staff permit issued by CTC

The Board shall take action to approve, at an open Board meeting, a notice of its intent to employ a PIP applicant for a specific position. (5 CCR 80021.1)

3. An individual who has been granted a credential waiver by CTC

Annually, the Board shall, prior to requesting that CTC issue an emergency permit or limited assignment permit, approve a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. The Declaration of Need shall be approved by the Board as an action item at a regularly scheduled open Board meeting, with the entire Declaration of Need being included in the Board agenda (Education Code 44225, 44225.7; 5 CCR 80023.2, 80026, 80027, 80027.1)

The Declaration of Need shall certify that there is an insufficient number of certificated persons who meet the district's specified employment criteria for the position(s) and that the district has made reasonable efforts to recruit individuals who meet the qualifications specified in Items #1-2 above. The Declaration of Need shall also indicate the number and type of emergency permits and limited assigned permits that the district estimates it will need during the valid period of the Declaration of Need, based on the previous year's actual needs and projections of enrollment. It shall also specify each subject to be listed on the General Education Limited Assignment Single Subject Teaching Permits and the target language on Emergency Bilingual Permits. Whenever the actual number of permits needed exceeds the estimate by 10 percent, the Board shall revise and resubmit the Declaration of Need. (5 CCR 80026)

Whenever it is necessary to employ noncredentialed teachers to fill a position requiring certification qualifications, the Superintendent or designee shall provide support and guidance in accordance with law to ensure the quality of the instructional program.

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The Superintendent or designee shall promote a career continuum that includes participation of district teachers in professional learning that supports their completion of advanced certification awarded by the National Board for

Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). The Superintendent or designee may coordinate a cohort of teachers through school or district programs or other available networks.

With Board approval and funding, and consistent with the collective bargaining agreement and applicable law, the Superintendent may provide an incentive program for teacher participation in NBPTS certification, which may include:

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2. Providing bonuses, step increases, or differential pay for teachers who maintain their certification and continue to teach in the district, with priority given to teachers at Title I schools and schools serving a majority of low-income students
3. Providing substitute teachers to provide release time for participating teachers
4. Providing stipends for teacher participation that match other professional development stipends
5. Compensating mentor teachers who support other teachers' professional learning aligned to NBPTS standards

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At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of each student attending a school receiving Title I funds that they may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher including, but not limited to, whether the teacher: (20 USC 6312)

1. Has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction
2. Is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived
3. Is teaching in the field of discipline of the teacher's certification

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians in a timely manner whenever their child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who does not meet applicable state certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area to which the teacher has been assigned. (20 USC 6312)

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The Superintendent or designee shall verify that each employee in a position requiring certification qualifications possesses a valid certification document issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). Such verification shall occur not later than 60 days after the commencement of employment or the renewal of a credential. (Education Code 44857)

The Superintendent or designee shall verify that any person who is employed by the district while CTC is processing the application for certification possesses a temporary certificate based on a demonstration of basic skills and completion of a criminal background check. (Education Code 44332, 44332.5, 44332.6)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of the appropriate certification of all employees serving in certificated positions.

Basic Skills Proficiency

The district shall not initially hire a person in a position requiring certification, on a permanent, temporary, or substitute basis, unless that person has demonstrated basic skills proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics or is specifically exempted from the requirement by law. (Education Code 44252, 44252.6, 44830)

A person may demonstrate basic skills proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics by:

1. Passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) (Education Code 44252.5)
2. Passage of the California Subject Examinations for Teachers: Multiple Subjects plus Writing Skills Examination
3. Passage of the California State University (CSU) Early Assessment Program or the CSU Placement Examinations (Education Code 44252)
4. Achieving a qualifying score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test or the American College Test (Education Code 44252)
5. Achieving a qualifying score on College Board Advanced Placement Examinations
6. Passage of a basic skills examination from another state
7. Qualifying coursework (Education Code 44252)
8. Qualifying coursework and exams (Education Code 44252)

The district may hire a certificated employee who has not taken a test of basic skills proficiency if the employee has not yet been afforded the opportunity to take the test, provided that the employee takes the test at the earliest opportunity. The employee may remain employed by the district pending the receipt of the test results. (Education Code 44830)

An out-of-state prepared teacher shall meet the basic skills requirement within one year of being issued a California preliminary credential by CTC unless the teacher has completed a basic skills proficiency test in another state, passed a basic skills proficiency test developed and administered by the district, by cooperating districts or by the county office of education (COE), or is otherwise exempted by law. The district shall develop a basic skills proficiency test, which shall be at least equivalent to the district test required for high school graduation, for purposes of assessing out-of-state prepared teachers pending completion of the basic skills requirement. (Education Code 44252, 44274.2; 5 CCR 80071.4, 80413.3)

Any person holding or applying for a "designated subjects special subjects" credential which does not require possession of a bachelor's degree shall pass a district proficiency test in lieu of meeting the state basic skills proficiency requirement. (Education Code 44252, 44830)

The district may charge a fee to persons being tested to cover the costs of developing, administering, and grading the district proficiency test. (Education Code 44252, 44830)

Short-Term Staff Permit

The district may request that CTC issue a short-term staff permit (STSP) to a qualified applicant whenever there is a need to immediately fill a classroom based on unforeseen circumstances, including, but not limited to: (5 CCR 80021)

1. Enrollment adjustments requiring the addition of another teacher
2. Inability of the teacher of record to finish the school year due to approved leave or illness
3. The applicant's need for additional time to complete preservice requirements for enrollment into an approved internship program
4. Inability of the applicant to enroll in an approved internship program due to timelines or lack of space in the program
5. Unavailability of a third-year extension of an internship program or the applicant's withdrawal from an internship program

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the applicant possesses a bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university, has met the basic skills proficiency requirement unless exempted by state law or regulations, and has satisfied the coursework/experience requirements specified in 5 CCR 80021 for the multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist STSP as appropriate. (5 CCR 80021)

When requesting issuance of an STSP, the Superintendent or designee shall submit to CTC: (5 CCR 80021)

1. Verification that the district has conducted a local recruitment for the permit being requested
2. Verification that the district has provided the permit holder with orientation to the curriculum and to instruction and classroom management techniques and has assigned a mentor teacher for the term of the permit
3. Written justification for the permit signed by the Superintendent or designee

The holder of an STSP may be assigned to provide the same service as a holder of a multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist credential in accordance with the authorizations specified on the permit. (5 CCR 80021)

Provisional Internship Permit

Before requesting that CTC issue a provisional internship permit (PIP), the district shall conduct a diligent search for a suitable credentialed teacher or intern, including, but not limited to, distributing job announcements, contacting college and university placement centers, and advertising in print or electronic media. (5 CCR 80021.1)

Whenever a suitable credentialed teacher cannot be found after a diligent search, the Superintendent or designee may request that CTC issue a PIP to an applicant who possesses a bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university, has met the basic skills proficiency requirement unless exempted by state law or regulations, and has satisfied the coursework/experience requirements specified in 5 CCR 80021.1 for the multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist PIP as appropriate. (5 CCR 80021.1)

When submitting the request for a PIP, the district shall provide verification of all of the following: (5 CCR 80021.1, 80026.5)

1. A diligent search has been conducted for a suitable credentialed teacher or suitable qualified intern as evidenced by documentation of the search.
2. Orientation, guidance, and assistance will be provided to the permit holder as specified in 5 CCR 80026.5. The orientation shall include, but not be limited to, an overview of the curriculum the permit holder is expected to teach and effective instruction and classroom management techniques at the permit holder's assigned level. The permit holder also shall receive guidance and assistance from an experienced educator who is a certificated district employee or a certificated retiree from a California district or COE and who has completed at least three years of full-time classroom teaching experience.
3. The district will assist the permit holder in developing a personalized plan through a district-selected assessment that would lead to subject-matter competence related to the permit.
4. The district will assist the permit holder to seek and enroll in subject-matter training, such as workshops or seminars and site-based courses, along with training in test-taking strategies, and shall assist the permit holder in meeting the credential subject-matter competence requirement related to the permit.
5. A notice of intent to employ the applicant in the identified position has been made public. The district shall submit a copy of the agenda item presented at an open Governing Board meeting which states the name of the applicant, the assignment in which the applicant will be employed including the name of the school, subject(s), and grade(s) that the applicant will be teaching, and that the applicant will be employed on the basis of a PIP. The district also shall submit a signed statement from the Superintendent or designee that the agenda item was acted upon favorably.
6. The candidate has been apprised of steps to earn a credential and enroll in an internship program.

The holder of a PIP may be assigned to provide the same service as a holder of a multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist credential in accordance with the authorizations specified on the permit. (5 CCR 80021.1)

Teaching Permit for Statutory Leave

Whenever there is an anticipated need for the district to temporarily fill the teaching assignment of a teacher of record who will be on sick leave, differential sick leave, industrial accident or illness leave, pregnancy disability leave, administrative leave related to dismissal and suspension proceedings, military leave, or family care and medical leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act or California Family Rights Act, the Superintendent or designee may request that CTC issue a Teaching Permit for Statutory Leave (TPSL) to a qualified individual who will be serving as the interim teacher of record. Prior to submitting an application to CTC, the district shall provide the applicant with 45 hours of preparation in the content areas listed in 5 CCR 80022. (5 CCR 80022)

A request for the TPSL shall only be submitted if the district has made reasonable efforts to hire a substitute with a full teaching credential that matches the setting and/or subject for the statutory leave position and no such candidate is available. (5 CCR 80022)

The district shall verify to CTC that it will provide the interim teacher: (5 CCR 80022)

1. An orientation to the assignment before or during the first month of service in the statutory leave assignment
2. An average of two hours of mentoring, support, and/or coaching per week through a system of support coordinated and/or provided by a mentor who possesses a valid life or clear credential that would also authorize service in the statutory leave assignment
3. Lesson plans for the first four weeks of the assignment as well as continued assistance in the development of curriculum, lesson planning, and individualized education programs

The holder of the TPSL may serve as the interim teacher of record for up to the full length of the leave(s) during the school year. (5 CCR 80022)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain documentation on the assignment in accordance with 5 CCR 80022 and annually report data on the use of the TPSL to the County Superintendent of Schools for assignment monitoring

pursuant to Education Code 44258.9. (5 CCR 80022)

The Superintendent or designee may annually request renewal of the TPSL, provided that no substitute with a full teaching credential is available for the assignment. The application for each reissuance shall include verification that the interim teacher has completed an additional 45 hours of preparation and the district is continuing to provide mentoring in accordance with Items #2-3 above. (5 CCR 80022)

Long-Term Emergency Permits

As necessary, the Superintendent or designee may request that CTC issue an emergency resource specialist permit, emergency teacher librarian services permit, emergency crosscultural language and academic development permit (CLAD), or emergency bilingual authorization permit. (5 CCR 80024.3.1, 80024.6, 80024.7, 80024.8)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide any first-time recipient of an emergency teaching permit with an orientation which, to the extent reasonably feasible, shall occur before beginning a teaching assignment. The Superintendent or designee may vary the nature, content, and duration of the orientation to match the amount of training and experience previously completed by the emergency permit teacher. The orientation shall include, but not be limited to, the curriculum the teacher is expected to teach and effective techniques of classroom instruction and classroom management at the assigned grade-level span. The emergency permit holder also shall receive guidance and assistance from an experienced educator who is a certificated district employee or a certificated retiree from a California district or COE and who has completed at least three years of full-time classroom teaching experience. (5 CCR 80026.5)

Early Childhood Education Emergency Specialist Permit/Emergency Transitional Kindergarten Permit (ETK)

If, after conducting a diligent search, the district has been unable to recruit a sufficient number of certificated teachers, including teacher candidates pursuing full certification through internship, district internship, or other alternative routes established by CTC, the Superintendent or designee may request CTC to issue a one-year early childhood education (ECE) emergency specialist permit that authorizes the teacher to teach all subjects in a self-contained transitional kindergarten (TK) general education classroom. (Education Code 44300)

The request to CTC shall include the following justifications for the need for the ECE emergency specialist permit: (Education Code 44300)

1. Annual documentation that the district has adopted in policy and practice a process for conducting a diligent search as defined in Education Code 44300
2. A Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators based on the documentation set forth in Item #1, and adopted by the Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting
3. Verification that the district will provide the required orientation, mentoring, and support
4. The Board's receipt, at a regularly scheduled Board meeting, of a report on the orientation, mentoring, and support described in Item #3

The district may request CTC to renew the ECE emergency specialist permit for one additional year provided the following occurs: (Education Code 44300)

1. The applicant verifies current enrollment in a commission-approved teacher preparation program that will result in a credential authorizing teaching TK
2. The district submits a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators in the same manner as described in Item #2, above
3. The district verifies that the applicant continues to successfully serve in the assignment on the basis of the ECE emergency specialist permit
4. The district verifies continued orientation, mentoring, and support, with reporting to the Board in the same manner as described in Item #3, above

Substitute Teaching Permits

The district may employ a person whose credential or permit authorizes substitute teaching services, provided that:

1. A person holding an emergency 30-day substitute teaching permit, STSP, PIP, TPSL, or any valid teaching or services credential that requires at least a bachelor's degree and completion of the CBEST, shall not serve as a substitute for more than 30 days for any one teacher during the school year or as a substitute in a special education classroom for more than 20 days for any one teacher during the school year. (5 CCR 80025, 80025.3, 80025.4)
2. A person with an emergency career substitute teaching permit shall not serve as a substitute for more than 60 days for any one teacher during the school year. (5 CCR 80025.1)
3. A person with an emergency substitute teaching permit for prospective teachers shall not serve as a substitute for more than 30 days for any one teacher during the school year and not more than 90 days total during the school year. (5 CCR 80025.2)
4. A person with an emergency designated subjects 30-day substitute teaching permit for career technical education shall teach only in a program of technical, trade, or vocational education and shall not serve as a substitute for more than 30 days for any one teacher during the school year. (5 CCR 80025.5)

Before employing a person with an emergency substitute permit pursuant to Item #1 or 4 above, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare and keep on file a signed Statement of Need for the school year. The Statement of Need shall describe the situation or circumstances that necessitate the use of a 30-day substitute permit holder and state either that a credentialed person is not available or that the available credentialed person does not meet the district's specified employment criteria. (5 CCR 80025, 80025.5)

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4. Inability of the applicant to enroll in an approved internship program due to timelines or lack of space in the program
5. Unavailability of a third-year extension of an internship program or the applicant's withdrawal from an internship program

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the applicant possesses a bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university, has met the basic skills proficiency requirement unless exempted by state law or regulations, and has satisfied the coursework/experience requirements specified in 5 CCR 80021 for the multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist STSP as appropriate. (5 CCR 80021)

When requesting issuance of an STSP, the Superintendent or designee shall submit to CTC: (5 CCR 80021)

1. Verification that the district has conducted a local recruitment for the permit being requested
2. Verification that the district has provided the permit holder with orientation to the curriculum and to instruction and classroom management techniques and has assigned a mentor teacher for the term of the permit
3. Written justification for the permit signed by the Superintendent or designee

The holder of an STSP may be assigned to provide the same service as a holder of a multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist credential in accordance with the authorizations specified on the permit. (5 CCR 80021)

Provisional Internship Permit

Before requesting that CTC issue a provisional internship permit (PIP), the district shall conduct a diligent search for a suitable credentialed teacher or intern, including, but not limited to, distributing job announcements, contacting college and university placement centers, and advertising in print or electronic media. (5 CCR 80021.1)

Whenever a suitable credentialed teacher cannot be found after a diligent search, the Superintendent or designee may request that CTC issue a PIP to an applicant who possesses a bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university, has met the basic skills proficiency requirement unless exempted by state law or regulations, and has satisfied the coursework/experience requirements specified in 5 CCR 80021.1 for the multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist PIP as appropriate. (5 CCR 80021.1)

When submitting the request for a PIP, the district shall provide verification of all of the following: (5 CCR 80021.1, 80026.5)

1. A diligent search has been conducted for a suitable credentialed teacher or suitable qualified intern as evidenced by documentation of the search.
2. Orientation, guidance, and assistance shall be provided to the permit holder as specified in 5 CCR 80026.5.

The orientation shall include, but not be limited to, an overview of the curriculum the permit holder is expected to teach and effective instruction and classroom management techniques at the permit holder's assigned level. The permit holder also shall receive guidance and assistance from an experienced educator who is a certificated district employee or a certificated retiree from a California district or COE and who has completed at least three years of full-time classroom teaching experience.

3. The district shall assist the permit holder in developing a personalized plan through a district-selected assessment that would lead to subject-matter competence related to the permit.
4. The district shall assist the permit holder to seek and enroll in subject-matter training, such as workshops or seminars and site-based courses, along with training in test-taking strategies, and shall assist the permit holder in meeting the credential subject-matter competence requirement related to the permit.
5. A notice of intent to employ the applicant in the identified position has been made public.

The district shall submit a copy of the agenda item presented at an open Governing Board meeting which shall state the name of the applicant, the assignment in which the applicant will be employed including the name of the school, subject(s), and grade(s) that the applicant will be teaching, and that the applicant will be employed on the basis of a PIP. The district also shall submit a signed statement from the Superintendent or designee that the agenda item was acted upon favorably.

6. The candidate has been apprised of steps to earn a credential and enroll in an intern program.

The holder of a PIP may be assigned to provide the same service as a holder of a multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist credential in accordance with the authorizations specified on the permit. (5 CCR 80021.1)

Teaching Permit for Statutory Leave

Whenever there is an anticipated need for the district to temporarily fill the teaching assignment of a teacher of record who will be on sick leave, differential sick leave, industrial accident or illness leave, pregnancy disability leave, or family care and medical leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act or California Family Rights Act, the Superintendent or designee may request that CTC issue a Teaching Permit for Statutory Leave (TPSL) to a qualified individual who will be serving as the interim teacher of record. Prior to submitting an application to CTC, the district shall provide the applicant with 45 hours of preparation in the content areas listed in 5 CCR 80022. (5 CCR 80022)

A request for the TPSL shall only be submitted if the district has made reasonable efforts to hire a substitute with a full teaching credential that matches the setting and/or subject for the statutory leave position and no such candidate is available. (5 CCR 80022)

The district shall verify to CTC that it will provide the interim teacher: (5 CCR 80022)

1. An orientation to the assignment before or during the first month of service in the statutory leave assignment
2. An average of two hours of mentoring, support, and/or coaching per week through a system of support coordinated and/or provided by a mentor who possesses a valid life or clear credential that would also authorize service in the statutory leave assignment
3. Lesson plans for the first four weeks of the assignment as well as continued assistance in the development of curriculum, lesson planning, and individualized education programs

The holder of the TPSL may serve as the interim teacher of record for up to the full length of the leave(s) during the school year. (5 CCR 80022)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain documentation on the assignment in accordance with 5 CCR 80022 and annually report data on the use of the TPSL to the County Superintendent of Schools for assignment monitoring pursuant to Education Code 44258.9. (5 CCR 80022)

The Superintendent or designee may annually request renewal of the TPSL, provided that no substitute with a full teaching credential is available for the assignment. The application for each reissuance shall include verification that the interim teacher has completed an additional 45 hours of preparation and the district is continuing to provide mentoring in accordance with items #2-3 above. (5 CCR 80022)

Long-Term Emergency Permits

As necessary, the Superintendent or designee may request that CTC issue an emergency resource specialist permit, emergency teacher librarian services permit, emergency crosscultural language and academic development permit (CLAD), or emergency bilingual authorization permit. (5 CCR 80024.3.1, 80024.6, 80024.7, 80024.8)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide any first-time recipient of an emergency teaching permit with an orientation which, to the extent reasonably feasible, shall occur before beginning a teaching assignment. The Superintendent or designee may vary the nature, content, and duration of the orientation to match the amount of training and experience previously completed by the emergency permit teacher. The orientation shall include, but not be limited to, the curriculum the teacher is expected to teach and effective techniques of classroom instruction and classroom management at the assigned grade-level span. The emergency permit holder also shall receive guidance and assistance from an experienced educator who is a certificated district employee or a certificated retiree from a California district or COE and who has completed at least three years of full-time classroom teaching experience. (5 CCR 80026.5)

Substitute Teaching Permits

The district may employ a person whose credential or permit authorizes substitute teaching services, provided that:

1. A person holding an emergency 30-day substitute teaching permit, STSP, PIP, TPSL, or any valid teaching or services credential that requires at least a bachelor's degree and completion of basic skills, shall not serve as a substitute for more than 30 days for any one teacher during the school year or as a substitute in a special education classroom for more than 20 days for any one teacher during the school year. (5 CCR 80025, 80025.3, 80025.4)
2. A person with an emergency career substitute teaching permit shall not serve as a substitute for more than 60 days for any one teacher during the school year. (5 CCR 80025.1)
3. A person with an emergency substitute teaching permit for prospective teachers shall not serve as a substitute for more than 30 days for any one teacher during the school year and not more than 90 days total during the school year. (5 CCR 80025.2)
4. A person with an emergency designated subjects 30-day substitute teaching permit for career technical education shall teach only in a program of technical, trade, or vocational education and shall not serve as a substitute for more than 30 days for any one teacher during the school year. (5 CCR 80025.5)

Before employing a person with an emergency substitute permit pursuant to item #1 or 4 above, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare and keep on file a signed Statement of Need for the school year. The Statement of Need shall describe the situation or circumstances that necessitate the use of a 30-day substitute permit holder and state either that a credentialed person is not available or that the available credentialed person does not meet the district's specified employment criteria. (5 CCR 80025, 80025.5)

Policy 6174: Education For English Learners

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The Governing Board intends to provide English learners with challenging curriculum and instruction that maximize the attainment of high levels of proficiency in English, advance multilingual capabilities, and facilitate student achievement in the district's regular course of study.

English learners shall be provided differentiated English language development instruction which is targeted to their English proficiency level. Such instruction shall be based on sound instructional theory, be aligned with state content standards, emphasize inquiry-based learning and critical thinking skills, and be integrated across all subject areas.

No middle or high school student who is an English learner shall be denied enrollment in any of the following: (Education Code 60811.8)

1. Courses in the core curriculum areas of reading/language arts, mathematics, science, and history/social science, courses required to meet state and local high school graduation requirements, or courses required for middle school grade promotion

However, an English learner who has been enrolled in a school in the United States for less than 12 months or is enrolled in a program designed to develop the basic English skills of newly arrived immigrant students may be denied participation in any such course, if the course of study provided to the student is designed to remedy academic deficits incurred during participation and reasonably calculated to enable the student to attain parity of participation in the standard instructional program within a reasonable length of time after the student enters the school system.

2. A full course load of courses specified in Item #1 above
3. Other courses that meet the "A-G" course requirements for college admission or are advanced courses such as honors or Advanced Placement courses, on the sole basis of the student's classification as an English learner

The district shall identify in its local control and accountability plan (LCAP) goals and specific actions and services to enhance student engagement, academic achievement, and other outcomes for English learners.

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage parent/guardian and community involvement in the development and evaluation of programs for English learners. The Superintendent or designee may also provide an English development literacy training program for parents/guardians and community members so that they may better support students' English language development.

Staff Qualifications and Training

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all staff employed to teach English learners possess the appropriate authorization from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

The district shall provide effective professional development to teachers (including teachers in classroom settings that are not the settings of language instruction educational programs), administrators, and other school or community-based organization personnel to improve the instruction and assessment of English learners and enhance staff's ability to understand and use curricula, assessment, and instructional strategies for English learners. Such professional development shall be of sufficient intensity and duration to produce a positive and lasting impact on teachers' performance in the classroom. (20 USC 6825)

Staff development shall also address the sociocultural needs of English learners and provide opportunities for teachers to engage in supportive, collaborative learning communities.

Identification and Assessment

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain procedures for the early identification of English learners and an assessment of their proficiency using the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC). To oversee test administration, the Superintendent or designee shall annually designate a district ELPAC coordinator and a site coordinator for each test site in accordance with 5 CCR 11518.40-11518.45.

Once identified as an English learner, a student shall be annually assessed for language proficiency until the student is reclassified based on criteria specified in the accompanying administrative regulation.

In addition, English learners' academic achievement in English language arts, mathematics, science, and any additional subject required by law shall be assessed using the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress. As necessary, the test shall be administered with testing variations in accordance with 5 CCR 853. English learners who are in their first 12 months of attending a school in the United States shall be exempted from taking the English language arts assessment to the extent allowed by federal law. (Education Code 60603, 60640; 5 CCR 853)

Formative assessments may be utilized to analyze student performance and appropriately adapt teaching methodologies and instructions.

Language Acquisition Programs

The district shall offer research-based language acquisition programs that are designed to ensure English acquisition as rapidly and as effectively as possible and that provide instruction to students on the state-adopted academic content standards, including the English language development standards. (Education Code 306; 5 CCR 11300)

At a minimum, the district shall offer a structured English immersion program which includes designated and integrated English language development. In the structured English immersion program, nearly all of the classroom instruction shall be provided in English, but with the curriculum and presentation designed for students who are learning English. (Education Code 305-306; 5 CCR 11309)

For the purpose of determining the amount of instruction to be conducted in English in the structured English immersion program, "nearly all" means that all classroom instruction shall be conducted in English except for clarification, explanation, and support as needed.

In addition, language acquisition programs offered by the district may include, but are not limited to, the following: (Education Code 305-306)

1. A dual-language immersion program that provides integrated language learning and academic instruction for native speakers of English and native speakers of another language, with the goals of high academic achievement, first and second language proficiency, and cross-cultural understanding
2. A transitional or developmental program for English learners that provides literacy and academic instruction in English and a student's native language and that enables an English learner to achieve English proficiency and academic mastery of subject matter content and higher order thinking skills, including critical thinking, in order to meet state academic content standards

The district's language acquisition programs for grades K-3 shall comply with class size requirements specified in Education Code 42238.02. (Education Code 310)

In establishing the district's language acquisition programs, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with parents/guardians and the community during the LCAP development process. The Superintendent or designee shall also consult with administrators, teachers, and other personnel with appropriate authorizations and experience in establishing a language acquisition program. (Education Code 305)

At the beginning of each school year or upon a student's enrollment, parents/guardians shall be provided information on the types of language acquisition programs available to students enrolled in the district, including, but not limited to, a description of each program, the process to be followed in making a program selection, identification of any language to be taught in addition to English when the program includes instruction in another language, and the process to request establishment of a language acquisition program. (Education Code 310; 5 CCR 11310)

Whenever a student is identified as an English learner based on the results of the ELPAC, the student's parents/guardians may choose a language acquisition program that best suits their child. To the extent possible, any language acquisition program requested by the parents/guardians of 30 or more students at the school or by the parents/guardians of 20 or more students at any grade level shall be offered by the school. (Education Code 310; 5 CCR 11311)

Until July 1, 2029, the Superintendent or designee may, with Board approval, and as specified in BP 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance, enter into an instruction collaboration agreement (ICA) with another school district, county office of education, or charter school to offer the same or similar courses and coursework to students who have been impacted by teacher shortages, disruptions, or cancellations, or teacher shortages to dual language immersion programs. (Education Code 48345)

Reclassification

When an English learner is determined based on state and district reclassification criteria to have acquired a reasonable level of English proficiency pursuant to Education Code 313 and 52164.6, or upon request by the student's parent/guardian, the student shall be transferred from a language acquisition program into an English language mainstream classroom.

Program Evaluation

To evaluate the effectiveness of the district's educational program for English learners, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board, at least annually, regarding:

1. Progress of English learners towards proficiency in English
2. The number and percentage of English learners reclassified as fluent English proficient
3. The number and percentage of English learners who are or are at risk of being classified as long-term English learners in accordance with Education Code 313.1
4. The achievement of English learners on standards-based tests in core curricular areas
5. For any language acquisition program that includes instruction in a language other than English, student achievement in the non-English language in accordance with 5 CCR 11309
6. Progress toward any other goals for English learners identified in the district's LCAP
7. A comparison of current data with data from at least the previous year in regard to Items #1-6 above
8. A comparison of data between the different language acquisition programs offered by the district

The Superintendent or designee shall also provide the Board with regular reports from any district or schoolwide English learner advisory committees.

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The Governing Board intends to provide English language learners with challenging curriculum and instruction that develop proficiency in English as rapidly and effectively as possible in order to assist students in accessing the full educational program and achieving the district's academic standards. The district's program shall be based on sound instructional theory and shall be adequately supported so that English language learners can achieve results at the same academic level as their English-proficient peers in the regular course of study.

The Board encourages staff to exchange information with staff in other districts and the county office of education about programs, options and strategies for English language learners that succeed under various demographic conditions.

(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching Students of Limited English Proficiency)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain procedures which provide for the identification, assessment and placement of English language learners and for their redesignation based on criteria adopted by the Board and specified in administrative regulations.

To evaluate program effectiveness, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly examine program results, including reports of the English language learners' academic achievement, their progress towards proficiency in English and the progress of students who have been redesignated as fluent English proficient. The Superintendent or designee shall annually report these findings to the Board and shall also provide the Board with regular reports from any district or schoolwide English learner advisory committees.

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Type of Instruction

Students who are English language learners shall be educated through "sheltered English immersion" or "structured English immersion" during a temporary transition period not normally intended to exceed one year. "Nearly all" of the classroom instruction in the district's sheltered English immersion program shall be in English, but with the curriculum and presentation designed for students who are learning the language. (Education Code 305, 306)

The district has defined the term "nearly all" as follows:

For English Learner in English Language classrooms the term "nearly all" or "overwhelmingly" means all classroom instruction is in English except that clarification, explanation, and support, as needed, may be in the student's primary language. Support may be defined as textbooks, homework, translated tests, and intervention services provided in the primary language.

When an English language learner has acquired a reasonable level of English proficiency as measured by any of the state-designated assessments approved by the California Department of Education or any locally developed assessments and using other criteria developed by the district, he/she shall be transferred from a structured English immersion classroom to an English language mainstream classroom in which the instruction is "overwhelmingly" in English. (Education Code 305; 5 CCR 11301)

An English language learner has acquired a "reasonable level of English proficiency" when he/she has achieved an English language proficiency level of at least Intermediate on the Listening and Speaking portion of the CELDT.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

Upon the request of his/her parent/guardian, a student shall be placed in an English language mainstream classroom. (5 CCR 11301)

Parental Exception Waivers

At any time during the school year, the parent/guardian of an English language learner may have his/her child moved into an English language mainstream program.

Parent/guardian requests for waivers from Education Code 305 regarding placement in a sheltered English immersion program shall be granted in accordance with law and administrative regulation.

If the Superintendent or designee denies the waiver request, he/she shall provide a written justification to the parent/guardian describing the reasons for the denial. A parent/guardian may appeal the Superintendent's decision in writing to the Board. The Board may consider the matter at its next regular Board meeting. The Board may decide not to hear the appeal, in which case the Superintendent's decision shall be final. If the Board hears the appeal, the Superintendent shall send the Board's decision to the parent/guardian within seven working days.

Regulation 6174: Education For English Learners

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Definitions

English learner means a student who is age 3-21 years, who is enrolled or is preparing to enroll in an elementary or secondary school, and whose difficulties in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language may be sufficient to deny the student the ability to meet state academic standards, the ability to successfully achieve in classrooms where the language of instruction is English, or the opportunity to participate fully in society. An English learner may include a student who was not born in the United States or whose native language is a language other than English; a student who is Native American or Alaska Native, or a native resident of the outlying areas, who comes from an environment where a language other than English has had a significant impact on the individual's level of English language proficiency; or a student who is migratory, whose native language is a language other than English, and who comes from an environment where a language other than English is dominant. (Education Code 306; 20 USC 7801)

Designated English language development means instruction provided during a time set aside in the regular school day for focused instruction on the state-adopted English language development standards to assist English learners to develop critical English language skills necessary for academic content learning in English. (5 CCR 11300)

Integrated English language development means instruction in which the state-adopted English language development standards are used in tandem with the state-adopted academic content standards. Integrated English language development includes specially designed academic instruction in English. (5 CCR 11300)

Native speaker of English means a student who has learned and used English at home from early childhood and English has been the primary means of concept formation and communication. (Education Code 306)

Identification and Assessments

Upon enrollment in the district, each student's primary language shall be determined through the use of a home language survey. (Education Code 52164.1; 5 CCR 11307, 11518.5)

Any student who is identified as having a primary language other than English as determined by the home language survey, and who has not previously been identified as an English learner by a California public school or for whom there is no record of results from an administration of an English language proficiency test, shall be initially assessed for English proficiency using the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC). Prior to administering the ELPAC, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian in writing that the student will be administered the initial ELPAC. (Education Code 313, 52164.1; 5 CCR 11518.5)

Administration of the ELPAC, including the use of variations and accommodations in test administration when authorized, shall be conducted in accordance with test publisher instructions and 5 CCR 11518.5-11518.37.

Based on the initial assessment, the student shall be classified either as initially fluent in English proficient or as an English learner. The Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian, in writing, of the results of the ELPAC initial assessment within 30 calendar days after the student's date of initial enrollment, or, if administered prior to the student's initial date of enrollment, up to 60 calendar days prior to such enrollment, but not before July 1 of the school year of the student's initial enrollment. The notice shall indicate whether the student met the ELPAC initial assessment criterion for proficiency and include the district's contact information for use if the parent/guardian has questions or concerns regarding the student's classification. (5 CCR 11518.5)

Each year after a student is identified as an English learner and until the student is redesignated as English proficient, the summative assessment of the ELPAC shall be administered to the student during a four-month period after January 1 as determined by the California Department of Education. (Education Code 313)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of their child's results on the summative assessment of the ELPAC within 30 calendar days following receipt of the results from the test contractor or, if the results are

received from the test contractor after the last day of instruction for the school year, within 15 working days of the start of the next school year. (Education Code 52164.1; 5 CCR 11518.15)

The parent/guardian of a student participating in, or identified for participation in, a language instruction program supported by federal Title I or Title III funds shall receive notification of the assessment of the student's English proficiency. Such notice shall be provided no later than 30 calendar days after the beginning of the school year or, if the student is identified for program participation during the school year, within two weeks of the student's placement in the program. The notice shall include all of the following: (Education Code 313.2, 440; 20 USC 6312)

1. The reason for the identification of the student as an English learner and the need for placement in a language acquisition program
2. The level of English proficiency, how the level was assessed, and the status of the student's academic achievement
3. A description of the language acquisition program in which the student is, or will be, participating, including a description of all of the following:
 - a. The methods of instruction used in the program and in other available programs, including how such programs differ in content, instructional goals, and the use of English and a native language in instruction
 - b. The manner in which the program will meet the educational strengths and needs of the student
 - c. The manner in which the program will help the student develop English proficiency and meet age-appropriate academic standards for grade promotion and graduation
 - d. The specific exit requirements for the program, the expected rate of transition from the program into classes not tailored for English learners, and the expected rate of graduation from secondary school if applicable
 - e. When the student has been identified for special education, the manner in which the program meets the requirements of the student's IEP
4. As applicable, the identification of a student as a long-term English learner or at risk of becoming a long-term English learner, as defined in Education Code 313.1, and the manner in which the program for English language development instruction will meet the educational strengths and needs of such students and help such students develop English proficiency and meet age-appropriate academic standards
5. Information about the parent/guardian's right to have the student immediately removed from a program upon the parent/guardian's request
6. Information regarding a parent/guardian's option to decline to enroll the student in the program or to choose another program or method of instruction, if available
7. Information designed to assist a parent/guardian in selecting among available programs, if more than one program or method is offered

Language Acquisition Programs

Whenever parents/guardians of enrolled students, and those enrolled for attendance in the next school year, request that the district establish a specific language acquisition program in accordance with Education Code 310, such requests shall be addressed through the following process: (5 CCR 11311)

1. The school shall make a written record of each request, including any request submitted verbally, that includes the date of the request, the names of the parent/guardian and student making the request, a general description of the request, and the student's grade level on the date of the request. As needed, the school shall assist the parent/guardian in clarifying the request. All requests shall be maintained for at least three years from the date of the request.
2. The school shall monitor requests on a regular basis and notify the Superintendent or designee when the

parents/guardians of at least 30 students enrolled in the school, or at least 20 students in the same grade level, request the same or a substantially similar type of language acquisition program. If the requests are for a multilingual program model, the district shall consider requests from parents/guardians of students enrolled in the school who are native English speakers in determining whether this threshold is reached.

3. If the number of parents/guardians described in Item #2 is attained, the Superintendent or designee shall:
 - a. Within 10 days of reaching the threshold, notify the parents/guardians of students attending the school, the school's teachers, administrators, and the district's English learner parent advisory committee and parent advisory committee, in writing, of the requests for a language acquisition program
 - b. Identify costs and resources necessary to implement any new language acquisition program, including, but not limited to, certificated teachers with the appropriate authorizations, necessary instructional materials, pertinent professional development for the proposed program, and opportunities for parent/guardian and community engagement to support the proposed program goals
 - c. Within 60 calendar days of reaching the threshold number of parents/guardians described in Item #2 above, determine whether it is possible to implement the requested language acquisition program and provide written notice of the determination to parents/guardians of students attending the school, the school's teachers, and administrators
 - d. If a determination is made to implement the language acquisition program, create and publish a reasonable timeline of actions necessary to implement the program. If a determination is made that it is not possible to implement the program, provide a written explanation of the reason(s) the program cannot be provided.

The district shall notify parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year or upon the student's enrollment regarding the process to request a language acquisition program, including a dual-language immersion program, for their child. The notice shall also include the following: (5 CCR 11309, 11310)

1. A description of the programs provided, including structured English immersion
2. Identification of any language to be taught in addition to English when the program includes instruction in a language other than English
3. The manner in which the program is designed using evidence-based research and includes both designated and integrated English language development
4. The manner in which the district has allocated sufficient resources to effectively implement the program, including, but not limited to, certificated teachers with the appropriate authorizations, necessary instructional materials, pertinent professional development, and opportunities for parent/guardian and community engagement to support the program goals
5. The manner in which the program will, within a reasonable period of time, lead to language proficiency and achievement of the state-adopted content standards in English and, when the program includes instruction in another language, in that other language
6. The process to request establishment of a language acquisition program not offered at the school
7. For any dual-language immersion program offered, the specific languages to be taught. The notice also may include the program goals, methodology used, and evidence of the proposed program's effectiveness.

The district shall provide additional and appropriate educational services to English learners for the purposes of overcoming language barriers and academic deficits in other areas of the core curriculum. (5 CCR 11302)

Reclassification/Redesignation

English learners shall be reclassified as fluent English proficient when they are able to comprehend, speak, read, and write English well enough to receive instruction in an English language mainstream classroom and make academic progress at a level substantially equivalent to that of students of the same age or grade whose primary language is English and who are in the regular course of study. (Education Code 52164.6)

The criteria for determining whether an English learner shall be reclassified as fluent English proficient shall include, but not be limited to: (Education Code 313, 52164.6; 5 CCR 11303)

1. Assessment of English language proficiency using an objective assessment instrument, including, but not limited to, the ELPAC
2. Evaluation by the student's classroom teacher and any other certificated staff with direct responsibility for teaching or placement decisions related to the student, including, but not limited to, a review of the student's curriculum mastery and academic performance
3. Parent/guardian involvement, including:
 - a. Notice to parents/guardians of language reclassification and placement, including a description of the reclassification process and the parent/guardian's opportunity to participate
 - b. Encouragement of parent/guardian participation in the district's reclassification procedure, including seeking parent/guardian opinion and consultation during the reclassification process
 - c. Provision of an interpreter for the parent/guardian, when necessary
4. Comparison of student performance on an objective assessment of basic skills in English against an empirically established range of performance in basic skills, based on the performance of English proficient students of the same age, which demonstrates whether the student is sufficiently proficient in English to participate effectively in a curriculum designed for students of the same age whose native language is English

The student's language proficiency assessments, the participants in the reclassification process, and any decisions regarding reclassification shall be retained in the student's permanent record. (5 CCR 11305)

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor the progress of reclassified students to ensure their correct classification and placement. (5 CCR 11304)

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor students for at least four years following their reclassification to ensure the students have not prematurely exited, any academic deficit incurred through participation in the English learner program has been remedied, and the students are meaningfully participating in the standard instructional program compared to students who had never participated in an English learner program. (5 CCR 11304; 20 USC 6841)

Advisory Committees

A school-level English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) shall be established when there are more than 20 English learners at the school. Parents/guardians of English learners, elected by parents/guardians of English learners at the school, shall constitute committee membership in at least the same percentage as English learners represent of the total number of students in the school. The school may designate for this purpose an existing school-level advisory committee provided that it meets these criteria for committee membership. (Education Code 52176; 5 CCR 11308)

The ELAC shall be responsible for assisting in the development of a schoolwide needs assessment, recommending ways to make parents/guardians aware of the importance of regular school attendance, and advising the principal and school staff in the development of a detailed master plan for English learners for the individual school and submitting the plan to the Board for consideration for inclusion in the district master plan. (Education Code 52176)

When the district has more than 50 English learners, the Superintendent or designee shall establish a District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC), the majority of whose membership shall be composed of parents/guardians of English learners who are not employed by the district. Alternatively, the district may use a subcommittee of an existing districtwide advisory committee on which parents/guardians of English learners have membership in at least the same percentage as English learners represent of the total number of students in the district. (Education Code 52176)

The DELAC shall advise the Board on at least the following tasks: (5 CCR 11308)

1. Developing a district master plan for education programs and services for English learners, taking into consideration the school site plans for English learners
2. Conducting a districtwide needs assessment on a school-by-school basis
3. Establishing a district program, goals, and objectives for programs and services for English learners
4. Developing a plan to ensure compliance with applicable teacher or instructional aide requirements
5. Administering the annual language census
6. Reviewing and commenting on the district's reclassification procedures
7. Reviewing and commenting on the required written parental notifications

In order to assist the advisory committee in carrying out its responsibilities, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that DELAC and ELAC committee members receive appropriate training and materials. This training shall be planned in full consultation with the members. (5 CCR 11308)

LCAP Advisory Committee

When there are at least 15 percent English learners in the district, with at least 50 students who are English learners, a district-level English learner parent advisory committee shall be established to review and comment on the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP). Such advisory committee shall provide input regarding the district's existing language acquisition programs and language programs, and, where possible, the establishment of other such programs, in accordance with BP 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan. The committee shall be composed of a majority of parents/guardians of English learners. If the DELAC acts as the ELAC pursuant to Education Code 52063 and 52062, the DELAC shall also review and comment on the development or annual update of the LCAP. (Education Code 52062, 52063; 5 CCR 11301, 15495)

The DELAC may also serve as the LCAP English learner advisory committee.

Regulation 6174: Education For English Learners

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Definitions

English learner means a student who does not speak English or whose native language is not English and who is not currently able to perform ordinary classroom work in English, also known as a limited English proficient or LEP child. (Education Code 306)

English language classroom means a classroom in which the language of instruction used by the teaching personnel is overwhelmingly the English language, and in which such teaching personnel possess a good knowledge of the English language. (Education Code 306)

English language mainstream classroom means a classroom in which the students either are native English language speakers or already have acquired reasonable fluency in English. (Education Code 306)

Sheltered English immersion or structured English immersion means an English language acquisition process in which nearly all classroom instruction is in English but with the curriculum and presentation designed for students who are learning the language. (Education Code 306)

Bilingual education/native language instruction means a language acquisition process for students in which much or all instruction, textbooks, and teaching materials are in the student's native language. (Education Code 306)

Identification and Assessment

Upon enrollment, each student's primary language shall be determined through use of a home language survey. (5 CCR 11307)

Within 30 calendar days of their initial enrollment, students who are identified as having a primary language other than English, as determined by the home language survey, and for whom there is no record of results from an English language development test shall be assessed using the California English Language Development Test (CELDT). (5 CCR 11511)

All students shall have sufficient time to complete the CELDT as provided in the directions for test administration. (5 CCR 11516)

Any student with a disability shall take the CELDT with those accommodations for testing that the student has regularly used during instruction and classroom assessment as delineated in the student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan that are appropriate and necessary to address the student's individual needs. (5 CCR 11516.5)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

The district shall notify parents/guardians of their child's results on the CELDT within 30 calendar days. (5 CCR 11511.5)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Within 90 days of initial enrollment, students identified as having limited English proficiency shall be further assessed for primary language proficiency in comprehension, speaking, reading and writing. The Superintendent or designee shall develop criteria for determining student needs on the basis of these assessments. (former Education Code 52164.1, 62002)

Before students are enrolled in a program for English language learners, parents/guardians shall receive information about the program and their opportunities for parental involvement. This information shall include the fact that an individual student's participation in the program is voluntary on the part of the parent/guardian. (Education Code 52173)

Not later than 30 calendar days after the beginning of the school year, each parent/guardian of a student participating in, or identified for participation in, a language instruction program supported by federal Title III funds shall receive notification of the assessment of his/her child's English proficiency. The notice shall include all of the

following: (Education Code 440; 20 USC 6312)

1. The reason for the student's classification as English language learner
2. The level of English proficiency
3. A description of the program for English language development instruction, including a description of all of the following:
 - a. The manner in which the program will meet the educational strengths and needs of the student
 - b. The manner in which the program will help the student develop his/her English proficiency and meet age-appropriate academic standards
 - c. The specific exit requirements for the program, the expected rate of transition from the program into classrooms not tailored for English language learner students, and the expected rate of graduation from secondary school if Title I funds are used for students in secondary schools
 - d. Where the student has been identified for special education, the manner in which the program meets the requirements of the student's IEP
4. Information regarding a parent/guardian's option to decline to allow the student to become enrolled in the program or to choose to allow the student to become enrolled in an alternative program
5. Information designed to assist a parent/guardian in selecting among available programs, if more than one program is offered

Parent/guardians also shall be notified of the results of any reassessments. (Education Code 52164.3)

Parental Exception Waivers

At the beginning of each school year, parents/guardians shall be informed of the placement of their children in a structured English immersion program and shall be notified of an opportunity to apply for a parental exception waiver. (Education Code 310; 5 CCR 11309)

A parent/guardian may request that the district waive the requirements of Education Code 305, pertaining to the placement of a student in a structured English immersion program if the one of the following circumstances exists:

1. Students who already know English: The student already possesses good English language skills, as measured by standardized tests of English vocabulary comprehension, reading and writing, in which the student scores at or above the state average for his/her grade level or at or above the fifth-grade average, whichever is lower. (Education Code 311(a))
2. Older students: The student is age 10 years or older, and it is the informed belief of the school principal and educational staff that an alternate course of study would be better suited to the student's rapid acquisition of basic English skills. (Education Code 311(b))
3. Students with special needs: The student already has been placed, for a period of not less than 30 calendar days during that school year, in an English language classroom and it is subsequently the informed belief of the school principal and educational staff that the student has special physical, emotional, psychological or educational needs and that an alternate course of educational study would be better suited to the student's overall educational development. (Education Code 311(c))

The parent/guardian shall personally visit the school to apply for the waiver. (Education Code 310)

Upon request for a waiver, the Superintendent or designee shall provide to the parents/guardians: (Education Code 310, 311; 5 CCR 11309)

1. A full written description, and a spoken description upon request, of the intent and content of the structured English immersion program, any alternative courses of study and all educational opportunities offered by the district and available to the student, and the educational materials to be used in the different educational program choices
2. For a request for waiver pursuant to Education Code 311(c) for students with special needs, notification that the student must be placed for a period of not less than 30 calendar days in an English language classroom and that the Superintendent must approve the waiver pursuant to Governing Board guidelines

Pursuant to Education Code 311(b) and 311(c), the principal and educational staff may recommend a waiver to a parent/guardian for a student 10 years or older and a student with special needs. Parents/guardians shall be informed in writing of any recommendation for an alternative program made by the principal and staff and shall be given notice of their right to refuse to accept the recommendation. The notice shall include a full description of the recommended alternative program and the educational materials to be used for the alternative program as well as a description of all other programs available to the student. If the parent/guardian elects to request the alternative program recommended by the principal and educational staff, the parent/guardian shall comply with district procedures and requirements otherwise applicable to a parental exception waiver, including Education Code 310. (5 CCR 11309)

When evaluating waiver requests pursuant to Education Code 311(a) for students who already know English and other waiver requests for those students for whom standardized assessment data are not available, other equivalent assessment measures may be used. These equivalent measures may include local assessments, local standards and teacher evaluations.

Parental exception waivers pursuant to Education Code 311(b) for students 10 years or older shall be granted if it is the informed belief of the principal and educational staff that an alternate course of educational study would be better suited to the student's rapid acquisition of basic English language skills. (Education Code 311)

Parental exception waivers pursuant to Education Code 311(c) for students with special needs shall be granted if it is the informed belief of the principal and educational staff that, due to the student's special physical, emotional, psychological or educational needs, an alternate course of educational study would be better suited to the student's overall educational development. (Education Code 311)

The principal shall consider all waiver requests made pursuant to Education Code 311(c) for students with special needs and shall submit a rationale of the decision regarding the waiver to the Superintendent or designee. When determining whether or not to recommend the approval of the waiver request, the principal shall assume that the facts justifying the request attested by the parent/guardian are a true representation of the child's condition.

Each waiver shall be considered on its individual merits with great deference given to parental preference for student placement.

The principal or designee shall act upon all parental exception waivers within 20 instructional days of submission to the principal. However, parental waiver requests pursuant to Education Code 311(c) for students with special needs shall not be acted upon during the 30-day placement in an English language classroom. These waivers shall be acted upon no later than 10 calendar days after the expiration of that 30-day English language classroom placement or within 20 instructional days of submission of the waiver to the principal, whichever is later. (5 CCR 11309)

All parental exception waivers shall be granted unless the principal and educational staff have determined that an alternative program offered at the school would not be better suited for the overall educational development of the student. (5 CCR 11309)

Individual schools in which 20 students or more of a given grade level receive a waiver shall be required to offer such a class; otherwise they must allow the students to transfer to a public school in which such a class is offered. (Education Code 310)

Students requesting an intradistrict transfer to attend an Alternative Bilingual Program shall also be granted a "School of Choice" waiver upon admission to the school in which the Alternative Bilingual Program is offered. Students wishing to transfer to another district shall be subject to the receiving district's interdistrict attendance policies and administrative regulations.

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

In cases where a parental exception waiver pursuant to Education Code 311(b) or (c) is denied, the parent/guardian shall be informed in writing of the reason(s) for the denial and advised that he/she may appeal the decision to the Board if the Board authorizes such an appeal, or to the court. (5 CCR 11309)

Waiver requests shall be renewed annually by the parent/guardian. (Education Code 310)

Reclassification/Redesignation

The district shall continue to provide additional and appropriate educational services to English language learners for

the purposes of overcoming language barriers until the English language learners have: (5 CCR 11302)

1. Demonstrated English language proficiency comparable to that of the district's average native English language speakers
2. Recouped any academic deficits which may have been incurred in other areas of the core curriculum as a result of language barriers

English language learners shall be redesignated as fluent English proficient when they are able to comprehend, speak, read and write English well enough to receive instruction in the regular program and make academic progress at a level substantially equivalent to that of students of the same age or grade whose primary language is English and who are in the regular course of study. (Education Code 52164.6)

The following measures shall be used to determine whether an English language learner shall be reclassified as fluent English proficient: (5 CCR 11303)

1. Assessment of English language proficiency utilizing the CELDT as the primary criterion, and objective assessment of the student's English reading and writing skills
2. Participation of the student's classroom teacher and any other certificated staff with direct responsibility for teaching or placement decisions
3. Parent/guardian opinion and consultation during a redesignation interview

Parents/guardians shall receive notice and a description of the redesignation process, including notice of their right to participate in the process. Parent/guardian participation in the process shall be encouraged.

4. Comparison of performance in basic skills, including performance on the English-Language Arts section of the California Standards Test
5. Objective data on the student's academic performance in English

The Superintendent or designee shall provide subsequent monitoring and support for redesignated students, including but not limited to monitoring the performance of redesignated students in the core curriculum in comparison with their native-English speaking peers, monitoring the rate of redesignation, and ensuring correct classification and placement.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a process to monitor the effectiveness of the district's program for English language learners. The district's program shall be modified as needed to help ensure language and academic success for each English language learner.

Advisory Committees

At the district level when there are more than 50 English language learners in the district and at each school with more than 20 English language learners, parent/guardian advisory committees shall be maintained to serve the advisory functions specified in law. (5 CCR 11308)

Parents/guardians of English language learners shall constitute committee membership in at least the same percentage as their children represent of the total number of students in the school. (Education Code 52176)

The district's English language advisory committee shall advise the Board on at least the following tasks: (5 CCR 11308)

1. The development of a district master plan of education programs and services for English learners, taking into consideration the school site plans for English learners
2. The districtwide needs assessment on a school-by-school basis
3. Establishment of a district program, goals and objectives for programs and services for English learners
4. Development of a plan to ensure compliance with applicable teacher or aide requirements
5. Administration of the annual language census
6. Review of and comment on the district's reclassification procedures

7. Review of and comments on the written notification required to be sent to parents/guardians pursuant to 5 CCR 11300-11316

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

In order to assist advisory members in carrying out their responsibilities, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that committee members receive appropriate training and materials. This training shall be planned in full consultation with the members. (5 CCR 11308)

Policy 5141.5: Mental Health

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The Governing Board recognizes that students' emotional well-being and mental health are critical to their ability to perform to their full academic and personal potential. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies and services to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, facilitate access to mental health services, and help students build resiliency skills, including digital resilience, increase social connections, and cope with life challenges.

The Superintendent or designee shall consult and collaborate with school-employed mental health professionals, the county mental health department, psychologists and other health professionals, social workers, and/or community organizations to strengthen local mental health services and develop and implement an integrated plan to support student mental health.

To the extent possible, the district shall focus on preventive strategies which increase students' connectedness to school, create a support network of peers and trusted adults, and provide techniques for conflict resolution. The district shall investigate and resolve any complaint of bullying, intimidation, harassment, or discrimination in accordance with law and district policy.

The district shall provide instruction to students that promotes their healthy mental, emotional, and social development. Health education courses shall be aligned with the state content standards and curriculum framework and shall include, but not be limited to, instruction related to identifying signs of depression and self-destructive behaviors, developing coping skills, and identifying resources that may provide assistance.

Information and Training

The Superintendent or designee shall provide school staff with information and training to recognize the early signs and symptoms of an emerging mental health condition or behavioral health disorder, including common psychiatric conditions and substance use disorders such as opioid and alcohol abuse, identify risk factors and warning signs of suicidal intent, respond to students who have been impacted by traumatic stress, safely deescalate crisis situations involving students with a behavioral health disorder, and link students with effective services, referrals, and supports. Such training shall also provide instruction on how to maintain student privacy and confidentiality. Behavioral health information and training may also be provided to parents/guardians, students, and families. (Education Code 49428.15)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a protocol for identifying and assessing students who may be suffering from an anxiety disorder, depression, eating disorder, or other severe or disabling mental illness. The Superintendent or designee may establish districtwide or school-site crisis intervention team(s) to respond to mental health concerns in the school setting.

At least twice per school year, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school provides notice regarding how to initiate access to student mental health services on campus and/or in the community. The notification shall be in at least two of the following methods: (Education Code 49428)

1. Distributing the information, electronically or in hardcopy, in a letter to parents/guardians, and in a school publication or other document to students
2. Including the information, at the beginning of the school year, in the parent handbook for parents/guardians and in student orientation materials or a student handbook
3. Posting the information on the school's website or social media

Parents/guardians and students shall each receive two notices on how to initiate access to student mental health services, which may be delivered by different methods. (Education Code 494280)

Each school site that serves students in any of grades 6-12 shall create an age appropriate and culturally relevant

poster that identifies approaches and shares resources about student mental health, and that includes the following information: (Education Code 49428.5)

1. Identification of common behaviors of those struggling with mental health or who are in a mental health crisis, including, but not limited to, anxiety, depression, eating disorders, emotional dysregulation, bipolar episodes, and schizophrenic episodes
2. A list of, and contact information for, school site-specific resources, including, but not limited to, counselors, wellness centers, and peer counselors
3. A list of, and contact information for, community resources, including, but not limited to, suicide prevention, substance abuse, child crisis, nonpolice mental health hotlines, public behavioral health services, and community mental health centers
4. A list of positive coping strategies to use when dealing with mental health, including, but not limited to, meditation, mindfulness, yoga, breathing exercises, grounding skills, journaling, acceptance, and seeking therapy
5. A list of negative coping strategies to avoid, including, but not limited to, substance abuse or self-medication, violence and abuse, self-harm, compulsivity, dissociation, catastrophizing, and isolating

The poster shall be displayed in English and any primary language spoken by 15 percent or more of the students at the school site and be no smaller than 8.5 by 11 inches and at least 12-point font. The poster shall be prominently and conspicuously displayed in public areas that are accessible to, and commonly frequented by, students at each school site such as bathrooms, locker rooms, classrooms, classroom hallways, gymnasiums, auditoriums, cafeterias, wellness centers, and offices. Additionally, at the beginning of each school year the poster shall be distributed online to students through social media, websites, portals, and learning platforms. (Education Code 49428.5)

Mental Health Counseling and Referrals

A school counselor, school psychologist, or school social worker may provide mental health counseling to students in accordance with the specialization(s) authorized on the individual's credential. As needed, students and their parents/guardians may be provided referrals to mental health services in the community and/or to mental health services at or near district schools.

Mental health and behavioral health services for students on campus may be provided by way of telehealth technology. (Education Code 49429)

If a student has an emotional or mental illness that limits a major life activity, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such impairment, or may need special education and related services, the student shall be referred for an evaluation for purposes of determining whether any educational or related services are required in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as applicable. (Education Code 56301-56302; 29 USC 794; 28 CFR 35.108)

Funding Resources

The Superintendent or designee shall explore potential funding sources for district programs and services that support student's mental health. In accordance with local plans and priorities, the district may apply to the county for grants for prevention and early intervention activities that are designed to prevent mental illness from becoming severe and disabling and to improve timely access for underserved populations.

Policy 5148: Child Care And Development

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The Governing Board desires to provide child care and development services which meet the developmental needs of children and offer a convenient child care alternative for parents/guardians in the community.

The Board shall enter into a contract with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for the provision of child care and development services by the district.

The district shall work cooperatively with the local child care and development planning council, public and private agencies, parents/guardians, and other community members to assess child care needs in the community, establish program priorities, obtain ongoing feedback on program quality, and supply information about child care options.

The Board shall approve for the district's child care and development program a written philosophical statement, goals, and objectives that reflect the cultural and linguistic characteristics of the families to be served and address the program components specified in 5 CCR 18272-18281 and the accompanying administrative regulation. (5 CCR 18271)

When a district child care program is physically closed by local or state public health order, the district shall provide distance learning when required to do so as a condition of funding or when required by law.

Eligibility and Enrollment

Child care admissions policies and procedures shall be in writing and available to the public. Such policies and procedures shall include criteria designating those children whose needs can be met by the child care center's program and services, the ages of children who will be accepted, program activities, any supplementary services provided, any field trip provisions, any transportation arrangements, food service provisions, and health examination requirements. (5 CCR 18105; 22 CCR 101218)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that subsidized child care services are provided to eligible families to the extent that state and/or federal funding is available and in accordance with enrollment priorities specified in Welfare and Institutions Code 10271 and 5 CCR 18106.

To the extent that space is available after the enrollment of children who are eligible for subsidized services, priority for admissions shall be given to district students, children of district students, and children of district employees.

A child's eligibility for transitional kindergarten enrollment shall not impact family eligibility for a childcare or preschool program. (Education Code 48000)

Staffing

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that individuals working in child care and development programs have the necessary qualifications, experience, and training, and have satisfied all legal requirements.

Facilities

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, the Board may approve any of the following for the provision of child care and development services:

1. The use of existing district facilities that have capacity
2. Renovation or improvement of district facilities to make them suitable for such services

3. Purchase of relocatable child care facilities
4. Inclusion of child care facilities in any new construction
5. Agreement with a public agency or community organization for the use of community facilities

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that facilities used for child care services meet all applicable health and safety standards. (5 CCR 18020; 22 CCR 101238-101239.2)

Complaints

For a licensed child care center, any complaint alleging health and safety violations shall be referred to CDSS. (5 CCR 4611)

Any other alleged violation of state or federal laws governing child care and development programs shall be investigated and resolved using the district's procedures in BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Program Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall annually conduct an evaluation of the district's child care and development services in accordance with state requirements. The results of the evaluation shall be used to develop an action plan which establishes program goals and objectives for the coming year and addresses any areas identified as needing improvement. (5 CCR 18279-18281)

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Licensing

All district child care and development services shall be licensed by the California Department of Social Services, unless exempted pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.792 or 22 CCR 101158.

The license shall be posted in a prominent, publicly accessible location in the facility. (Health and Safety Code 1596.8555)

Licensed child care centers shall be subject to the requirements of Health and Safety Code 1596.70-1597.21, 22 CCR 101151-101239.2, and, when applicable, 22 CCR 101451-101539.

Program Components

The district's child care and development program shall include the following components:

1. The use of a developmental profile reflecting each child's physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development to plan and conduct developmentally and age appropriate activities (Welfare and Institutions Code 10209.5; 5 CCR 18272)

Program staff shall complete the developmental profile for each child who is enrolled in the program for at least 10 hours per week and for any child with disabilities regardless of the number of hours enrolled. The profile shall be completed within 60 days of enrollment and at least once every six months thereafter for children of all ages. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10209.5; 5 CCR 18270.5, 18272)

2. An educational program that complies with 5 CCR 18273, including the provision of services that are developmentally, linguistically, and culturally appropriate and inclusive of children with special needs
3. A staff development program which complies with 5 CCR 18274
4. Parent/guardian involvement and education that comply with 5 CCR 18275 and includes an orientation, at least two individual conferences per year, meetings with program staff, an advisory committee, participation in daily activities, and information regarding their child's progress
5. A health and social services component that complies with 5 CCR 18276 and includes referrals to appropriate community agencies as needed
6. A community involvement component that complies with 5 CCR 18277
7. As applicable, a nutrition component that ensures children in the program are provided nutritious meals, beverages, and snacks that meet state and federal standards and have access to drinking water throughout the day, including meal times (Health and Safety Code 1596.808; 5 CCR 18278; 42 USC 1766)
8. Programs that promote age-appropriate structured and unstructured opportunities for physical activity and that limit the amount of time spent in sedentary activities to an appropriate level
9. An annual plan for program evaluation which conforms with the state's system and includes a self-evaluation, parent/guardian survey, and environment rating scale (5 CCR 18270.5, 18279, 18280, 18281)

Health and Safety

When a child enrolls or reenrolls in a licensed child care program, the center shall provide the child's parent/guardian with written information on the risks and effects of lead exposure, blood lead testing recommendations and requirements, and options for obtaining blood lead testing, including any state or federally funded programs that

offer free or discounted tests. (Health and Safety Code 1596.7996)

If a licensed child care center is located in a building that was constructed before January 1, 2010, the center shall have its drinking water tested for lead contamination levels every five years. The center shall notify the parents/guardians of enrolled children of the requirement to test a facility's drinking water and of the test results. If notified of elevated lead levels, the center shall immediately make inoperable and cease using the fountains and faucets where elevated lead levels may exist and shall obtain a potable source of water for children and staff at that location. (Health and Safety Code 1597.16)

Staffing

The district's child care and development program shall maintain at least the minimum adult-child and teacher-child ratios specified in Welfare and Institutions Code 10275.5 and 5 CCR 18290-18292 based on the ages of the children served.

All persons employed at a licensed district child care center and all volunteers who provide care and supervision to children at such a center shall be immunized against influenza, pertussis, and measles. If a person meets all other requirements for employment or volunteering, as applicable, but needs additional time to obtain and provide immunization records, the person may be employed or volunteer conditionally for a maximum of 30 days upon signing and submitting a written statement attesting that the person has received the required immunizations. Employees and volunteers shall be immunized against influenza between August 1 and December 1 of each year. (Health and Safety Code 1596.7995)

A person shall be exempt from the above immunization requirements only under any of the following circumstances: (Health and Safety Code 1596.7995)

1. The person submits a written statement from a licensed physician declaring either that immunization is not safe because of the person's physical condition or medical circumstances or that the person has evidence of current immunity to influenza, pertussis, and measles.
2. In the case of the influenza vaccine, the person submits a written declaration declining the vaccination.
3. In the case of the influenza vaccine required during the first year of employment or volunteering, the vaccine is not timely because the person was hired after December 1 of the previous year and before August 1 of the current year.

Documentation of the required immunizations or exemptions from immunization shall be maintained in the employee's personnel file. (Health and Safety Code 1596.7995)

In addition to the above immunization requirements, teachers employed in a licensed child care center shall present evidence of a current tuberculosis clearance and meet other requirements specified in Health and Safety Code 1597.055. (Health and Safety Code 1597.055)

Eligibility and Enrollment

The district's subsidized child care and development services may be available to infants and children through 12 years of age and to individuals with disabilities through 21 years of age in accordance with their individualized education program and Welfare and Institutions Code 10213.5. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10213.5, 10273; 5 CCR 18089, 18407, 18422)

To participate in the district's subsidized child care program, families shall document both an eligibility basis and need for care as follows: (Welfare and Institutions Code 10271 and 10271.5)

1. The family is eligible for subsidized services on the basis of being:
 - a. A current aid recipient
 - b. Income eligible

- c. Homeless
 - d. The family's children are recipients of child protective services or have been identified as being or at risk of being abused, neglected, or exploited
 - e. A member of the household is certified to receive benefits from Medi-Cal, CalFresh, the California Food Assistance Program, the California Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, the federal Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, Head Start, Early Head Start, or any other means-tested government program as determined by the California Department of Social Services.
2. The family has a need for child care based on either of the following:
- a. The parents/guardians are participating in vocational training leading directly to a recognized trade, paraprofession, or profession; are engaged in an educational program for English language learners or to attain a high school diploma or general educational development certificate; are employed or seeking employment; are seeking permanent housing for family stability; or are incapacitated
 - b. The child is identified by a legal, medical, or social services agency, the district liaison for homeless students, a Head Start program, or an emergency or transitional shelter as being a recipient of protective services, as being or at risk of being neglected, abused, or exploited, or as experiencing homelessness

The Superintendent or designee shall consult the county's centralized eligibility list, when available, or shall maintain a district waiting list in accordance with admission priorities. As vacancies occur, applicants shall be contacted in order of their priority. (5 CCR 18106)

First priority for enrollment shall be given to neglected or abused children who are recipients of child protective services, or children who are at risk of being neglected or abused, upon written referral from a legal, medical, or social services agency. If unable to enroll a child in this category, the district shall refer the child's parent/guardian to local resource and referral services so that services for the child can be located. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10271)

Second priority for enrollment shall be given to families, regardless of the number of parents in the home, who are income eligible, as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code 10271.5. Families with the lowest gross monthly income in relation to family size shall be admitted first. If two or more families are in the same priority in relation to income, the family that has a child with disabilities shall be admitted first or, if there is no child with disabilities, the family in which the primary home language is a language other than English shall be admitted first. If there is no family of the same priority in which the primary home language is a language other than English, the family of the same priority that has been on the waiting list for the longest time shall be admitted first. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10271 and 10271.5)

~~The district shall allow eligible children 11-12 years of age to combine enrollment in a before-school or after-school program with subsidized child care services during the time that the before-school or after-school program does not operate. Children 11-12 years of age, except for children with disabilities, shall be eligible for subsidized child care services only for the portion of care needed that is not available in a before-school or after-school program. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10273)~~

After all children eligible for subsidized services have been enrolled, the district may enroll other children in accordance with the priorities established by the Governing Board.

The district's decision to approve or deny services shall be communicated to the parent/guardian through a written Notice of Action mailed or delivered within 30 days from the date the application is signed by the parent/guardian. (5 CCR 18094, 18118)

Upon establishing eligibility for services, a family shall be eligible for and shall receive services for not less than 24 months before having the family's eligibility or need recertified and shall not be required to report changes to income or other changes for at least 24 months. If such eligibility ends before the end of the child care and services program

year, eligibility shall be extended until the end of the program year as long as applicable age-eligibility requirements specified in Welfare and Institutions Code 10213.5 are met. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10271)

However, a family establishing eligibility on the basis of income shall report any increases in income that exceed the threshold for ongoing income eligibility specified in Welfare and Institutions Code 10271.5, and the family's ongoing eligibility shall be recertified at that time. At any time, a family may voluntarily report income or other changes which shall be used, as applicable, to reduce the family's fees, increase the family's services, or extend the period of eligibility before recertification. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10271)

Additionally, a family establishing eligibility for services on the basis of receiving services under a CalWORKs Stage 1, 2, or 3 program shall be eligible for and shall receive services for not less than 12 months before having the family's eligibility or need recertified and shall not be required to report changes to income or other changes for at least 12 months. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10271)

The Superintendent or designee shall mail or deliver a Notice of Action to a parent/guardian at least 14 calendar days before any intended change in services, including, but not limited to, an increase or decrease in fees, an increase or decrease in the amount of services, or termination of services, due to any of the following circumstances: (5 CCR 18095, 18119)

1. A determination made during recertification or the update of the application that the need or eligibility requirements are no longer being met or the fee or amount of service needs to be modified
2. Failure of the parent/guardian to document the family's need or eligibility after the district requested such documentation in writing
3. An indication by the parent/guardian that the service is no longer wanted
4. The death of a parent/guardian or child
5. The conclusion of a limited-term agreement, provided that the parent/guardian has been informed in writing of the date that the services would terminate

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and maintain a basic data file for each family receiving child care and development services including, but not limited to, the completed and signed application for services, documentation used to determine the child's eligibility and need, and copies of all Notices of Action. (5 CCR 18081, 18095)

Fees and Charges

Except when offering a program that is prohibited by law from charging any fees, the Superintendent or designee may charge fees for services according to the state fee schedule, the actual cost of services, or the maximum daily/hourly rate specified in the contract, whichever is least. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10260, 10271, 10290, 10291, 10436; 5 CCR 18078, 18108-18110)

No fee shall be charged to a family that is receiving CalWORKS cash aid, an income-eligible family whose child is enrolled in a part-day California State Preschool Program, or a family whose income level, in relation to family size, is less than the first entry in the fee schedule. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10291; 5 CCR 18110)

In addition, any family receiving child care on the basis of having neglected or abused children who are recipients of child protective services, or children who are at risk of being neglected or abused, upon written referral from a legal, medical, or social services agency, may be exempt from these fees for up to 12 months. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10271 and 10291)

Fees shall be assessed at initial enrollment and reassessed when a family is recertified or experiences a change in status. Fees shall be considered delinquent after seven days from the date that fees are due. Parents/guardians shall be notified in the event that fees are delinquent. If a reasonable plan for payment of the delinquent fees has not been provided by the parents/guardians, services shall be terminated if all delinquent fees are not paid within two weeks of such notification. Parents/guardians shall receive a copy of the district's regulations regarding fee collection at the time of initial enrollment into the program. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10290; 5 CCR 18082, 18114, 18115)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a process that involves parents/guardians in determining whether to require parents/guardians to provide diapers. This process shall also be used to determine whether and how much to charge parents/guardians for field trip expenses, within the limit specified in law. A child shall not be denied participation in a field trip due to the parent/guardian's inability or refusal to pay the fee, and no adverse action shall be taken against a parent/guardian for that inability or refusal. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10292)

District child care centers shall post in a prominent location adjacent to the license at the child care facility the rates, and discounts or scholarship policies if any. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10288)

Expulsion/Unenrollment and Suspension Based on Behavior

The district's child care and development program shall not expel or unenroll a child or persuade or encourage a child's parents/guardians to voluntarily unenroll from the program based on the child's behavior, unless the district first takes the following actions to address the child's behavior: (Welfare and Institutions Code 10491)

1. In writing, inform the parents/guardians of the child's persistent and serious challenging behaviors and consult with the parents/guardians and teacher, and if available engage an early childhood mental health consultant, in an effort to maintain the child's safe participation in the program
2. If the child has an individualized family service plan (IFSP) or individualized education program (IEP), contact, with written parent/guardian consent, the agency or district employee responsible for such plan or program to seek consultation in regard to serving the child
3. If appropriate, consider completing a comprehensive screening to identify the needs of the child, including, but not limited to, screening the child's social and emotional development, referring the parents/guardians to community resources, and implementing behavior supports within the program

If the district has taken the actions specified in Items #1-3 above and the child's continued enrollment would present a serious safety threat to the child or other enrolled children, the district shall refer the parents/guardians to other potentially appropriate placements, the local child care resource and referral agency, or any other referral service available in the local community. The district shall, to the greatest extent possible, support direct transition to a more appropriate placement. The district may then unenroll the child. The district shall have up to 180 days to complete the actions described above. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10491.1)

A child shall not be suspended from the district's child care and development program, nor shall a child's parent/guardian be encouraged or persuaded to prematurely pick up a child before the program day ends, except as a last resort in extraordinary circumstances, when a safety threat exists that cannot be eliminated or reduced without the removal of the child. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10491.1)

Before determining that a suspension is necessary, the district shall collaborate with the child's parents/guardians and, as needed, shall use appropriate community resources to determine that no other reasonable option is appropriate. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10491.1)

When suspension is deemed necessary, the district shall help the child return to full participation in the program as soon as possible while ensuring safety, by doing all of the following: (Welfare and Institutions Code 10491.1)

1. Continuing to engage with the child's parents/guardians and continuing to use appropriate community resources
2. Developing a written plan to document the action and supports needed
3. Providing referrals to appropriate community resources
4. If the child has an IFSP or IEP, contacting, with written parent/guardian consent, the agency responsible for the child's IFSP or IEP, to seek consultation on servicing the child

Upon enrollment, the parents/guardians of each child shall be notified, in writing, of the limitations on expulsion, suspension, or any form of disenrollment and how the parents/guardians may file an appeal to CDSS in the event of expulsion or suspension. If the district suspends or expels a child from the child care and development program, the

district shall, at least 24 hours before the effective date of the suspension or expulsion, issue the child's parents/guardians a written "Notice of Action, Recipient of Services," as described in 5 CCR 18095, informing the parents/guardians of the right to file an appeal of the action directly with CDSS no later than 14 calendar days after receiving the notice. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10491.1)

If a child is suspected of having a developmental delay, disability, or mental health issue, the child's parent/guardian shall be referred, if appropriate, to the mental health system, the state's early intervention program, or the district's special education program regarding evaluation for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Children identified as having exceptional needs may only be suspended or expelled in conformance with the procedures and limitations of the IDEA.

Disenrollment

When necessary due to a reduction in state reimbursements, families shall be disenrolled from subsidized child care and development services in the following order: (Welfare and Institutions Code 10272.5)

1. Families with the highest income in relation to family size shall be disenrolled first.
2. If two or more families have the same income ranking, children who have been enrolled in child care services the longest shall be disenrolled first.
3. If two or more families have the same income, children without disabilities shall be disenrolled first.
4. Families whose children are receiving child protective services or are at risk of neglect or abuse, regardless of family income, shall be disenrolled last.

Health Examination and Immunizations

Prior to or within six weeks of enrollment, a child enrolling in a child care center shall obtain a physical examination and evaluation and receive age-appropriate immunizations. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10271)

A child may be exempted from the immunization requirements only if a licensed physician indicates that immunization should not be given and specifies how long this exemption is expected to be needed. (22 CCR 101220.1)

A medical exemption shall be submitted using the standardized medical exemption certification form developed by California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and transmitted using the California Immunization Registry. The request shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the medical basis for which the exemption for each individual immunization is sought and whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary, including the date upon which a temporary medical exemption will expire. All medical exemptions shall not extend beyond the current grade span of the student, and a temporary exemption shall not exceed one year. (Health and Safety Code 120372)

If there is good cause to believe that a child is suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease, the child shall be temporarily excluded from the child care and development program until it is determined that the child is not suffering from that contagious or infectious disease. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10271)

District child care centers shall disclose immunization information to the local health department and CDPH in accordance with Health and Safety Code 120440, and maintain the confidentiality of such information in the same manner as other students records in accordance with law and as specified in Administrative Regulation 5125 - Student Records. (Health and Safety Code 120440)

Attendance

Sign-in and sign-out sheets shall be used daily for all children for attendance accounting purposes. Attendance records shall include verification of excused absences, including the child's name, date(s) of absence, specific reason for absence, and signature of parent/guardian or the district's authorized representative if verification is made by telephone. (5 CCR 18065, 18066)

Absences shall be excused for the following reasons:

1. Illness or quarantine of the child or of the parent/guardian (Welfare and Institutions Code 10213.5)
2. Family emergency (Welfare and Institutions Code 10213.5)

A family emergency shall be considered to exist when unforeseen circumstances cause the need for immediate action, such as may occur in the event of a natural disaster or when a member of the child's immediate family dies, has an accident, or is required to appear in court.

3. Time spent with a parent/guardian or other relative as required by a court of law (Welfare and Institutions Code 10213.5)
4. Time spent with a parent/guardian or other relative which is clearly in the best interest of the child (Welfare and Institutions Code 10213.5)

An absence shall be considered to be in the best interest of the child when the time is spent with the child's parent/guardian or other relative for reasons deemed justifiable by the program coordinator or site supervisor.

Except for children who are recipients of child protective services or are at risk of abuse or neglect, excused absences in the best interest of the child shall be limited to 10 days during the contract period. (5 CCR 18066)

When a child has been absent and the family has not been in communication with the program coordinator or site supervisor for seven consecutive calendar days, the district shall attempt to contact the parent/guardian through a variety of communication methods, including one attempt in writing which may be through electronic means, informing the parent/guardian that failure to communicate with the district may result in termination of child care services. The district shall keep documentation of all such communication attempts in the family's data file, and, if there has been no communication for a total of 30 consecutive calendar days, issue a Notice of Action to disenroll the family on the basis of abandonment of care. (5 CCR 18066.5)

Parents/guardians shall be notified of the policies and procedures related to excused absences for child care and development services. (5 CCR 18066)

Rights of Parents/Guardians

At the time a child is accepted into a licensed child care and development center, the child's parent/guardian or authorized representative shall be notified of the rights specified in 22 CCR 101218.1, including, but not limited to, the right to enter and inspect the child care facility and the right to be informed, upon request, of the name and type of association to the center of any adult who has been granted a criminal record exemption. (Health and Safety Code 1596.857; 22 CCR 101218.1)

The written notice of parent/guardian rights also shall be permanently posted within the facility in a location accessible to parents/guardians. Notwithstanding these rights, access to the facility may be denied to an adult whose behavior presents a risk to children present in the facility or to noncustodial parents/guardians when so requested by the responsible parent/guardian. (Health and Safety Code 1596.857)

In addition, if a parent/guardian disagrees with any district action to deny a child's eligibility for subsidized child care services, disenroll the child due to a funding shortage, increase or decrease fees, increase or decrease the amount of services, terminate services, or otherwise change the level of services, the parent/guardian may file a request for a hearing with the Superintendent or designee within 14 calendar days of the date the Notice of Action was received. Within 10 calendar days of receiving the request for a hearing, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of the time and place of the hearing, which, to the extent possible, shall be convenient for the parent/guardian. (5 CCR 18120)

The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures specified in 5 CCR 18120 by a district administrator who is at a staff level higher in authority than the staff person who made the contested decision.

Within 10 calendar days after the hearing, the district administrator shall mail or deliver a written decision to the parent/guardian. If the parent/guardian disagrees with the written decision, the parent/guardian may, within 14 calendar days, appeal the decision to the Child Development Division. (5 CCR 18120-18122)

Coordinating Transitions

When a child in the district's child care and development program transfers to a local public school, the district's child care and development program administrator shall provide the child's parent/guardian with information from the previous year which is beneficial to the student and the student's teacher, including, but not limited to, developmental issues, social interaction abilities, health background, and diagnostic assessments, if any. The program administrator shall transfer this information to the student's elementary school, with permission of the student's parent/guardian. (Welfare and Institutions Code 10315)

To facilitate the transition of a child with a disability, the district designates the individual listed below as the main point of contact for coordinating and completing, with other agencies and persons, the transition of a child and family from infant/toddler programs to preschool (Part C to Part B of IDEA), including establishing practices to educate and support families during the transition: (Government Code 95008)

Educational Services Director [REDACTED]
(title or position)
1018 C Street, Suite 210 [REDACTED]
(address)
209-744-4545 ext. 303 [REDACTED]
(telephone number)
knijjar@galt.k12.ca.us [REDACTED]
(email)

Records

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of enrollment, attendance, types of families served, income received from all families participating in the district's child care and development program, and any other records required under the state contract.

Policy 6146.4: Differential Graduation And Competency Standards For Students With Disabilities

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The Individualized Education Program (IEP) team shall determine the appropriate standards and assessments, as well as the accommodations, that may be required for students with disabilities.

No student shall be classified as eligible for differential standards of proficiency for the purpose of circumventing the legal requirement to maintain academic eligibility for extracurricular or cocurricular activities. (Education Code 35160.5)

Policy 6159.2: Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School And Agency Services For Special Education

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The Governing Board recognizes its responsibility to provide a free appropriate public education to students with disabilities in accordance with law. When the district is unable to provide direct special education and/or related services to students with disabilities, the Board may enter into a contract with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency (NPS/A) to meet student needs consistent with the comprehensive local plan of the Special Education Local Plan Area.

Prior to entering into a contract to place any student in an NPS/A, the Superintendent or designee shall verify that the school or agency is certified to provide special education and related services to individuals with disabilities and complies with staff training requirements in accordance with Education Code 56366 and 56366.1. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall monitor, on an ongoing basis, the certification of any NPS/A with which the district has a contract to ensure that the certification has not expired.

No district student with a disability shall be referred to, or placed in, an NPS/A unless the student's individualized education program (IEP) team has determined that the placement is appropriate for the student. (Education Code 56342.1)

The district shall pay to the NPS/A the full amount of the tuition or fees, as applicable, for students with disabilities who are enrolled in programs or receiving services provided by the NPS/A pursuant to the contract. (Education Code 56365)

In accordance with law, any student with disabilities placed in an NPS/A shall have all the rights and protections to which students with disabilities are generally entitled, including, but not limited to, procedural safeguards, due process rights, and periodic review of the student's IEP.

During the period when any student with disabilities is placed in an NPS/A, the student's IEP team shall retain responsibility for monitoring the student's progress towards meeting the goals identified in the IEP.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any contract with an NPS/A contains a requirement for the NPS/A to comply with district policy, procedures, and practices related to student rights, health, and safety, including the use of seclusion and restraint. All NPS/A staff that serve district students shall be made aware of, and trained in such policies, procedures, and practices.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the Board prior to approving an out-of-state placement for any district student.

The Superintendent or designee may apply to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to waive any of the requirements of Education Code 56365, 56366, and 56366.6. (Education Code 56366.2)

Policy 6159.2: Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School And Agency Services For Special Education

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The Governing Board may contract with state-certified nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies to provide special education services or facilities when an appropriate public education program is not available.

When entering into agreements with nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies, the Board shall consider the needs of the individual student and the recommendations of the individualized education program (IEP) team. The IEP team shall remain accountable for monitoring the progress of students placed in nonpublic, nonsectarian programs towards the goals identified in each student's IEP.

Regulation 6159.2: Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School And Agency Services For Special Education

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Master Contract

Every master contract between the district and a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency (NPS/A) shall specify the general administrative and financial agreements for providing special education and designated instruction and services. The master contract shall be for a term not to exceed one year and shall be renegotiated prior to June 30. Provisions of the contract shall include, but not be limited to: (Education Code 56366; 5 CCR 3062)

1. Student-teacher ratios
2. Transportation specified in a student's individualized education program (IEP)

The contract shall not include special education transportation provided through the use of services or equipment owned, leased, or contracted by the district for students enrolled in the NPS/A unless provided directly or subcontracted by that NPS/A.
3. Procedures for recordkeeping and documentation
4. The maintenance of school records by the district to ensure that appropriate high school graduation credit is received by any participating student
5. An individual services agreement for each student, which will be negotiated for the length of time for which NPS/A special education and designated instruction and services are specified in the student's IEP
6. A description of the process to be utilized by the district to oversee and evaluate placements in the NPS/A, including a method for evaluating whether each student is making appropriate educational progress
7. Procedures and responsibilities for attendance and unexcused absences
8. General provisions related to modifications and amendments to the contract, waivers, disputes, contractor's status, conflicts of interest, termination, inspection and audits, compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and indemnification and insurance requirements
9. Payment schedules, including, but not limited to, payment amounts, payment demand, right to withhold, and audit exceptions

The contract may allow for partial or full-time attendance at the NPS/A. (Education Code 56366)

With mutual agreement of the district and NPS/A, changes may be made to the administrative and financial agreements in the master contract at any time, provided the change does not alter a student's educational instruction, services, or placement as outlined in the student's individual services agreement. (Education Code 56366)

The master contract or individual services agreement may be terminated for cause if either party gives 20 days' notice. However, the availability of a public education program initiated during the period of the contract shall not give cause for termination unless the parent/guardian agrees to transfer the student to the program. (Education Code 56366)

Placement and Services

For any student to be placed in an NPS/A, the Superintendent or designee shall develop an individual services agreement based on the student's IEP. Each individual services agreement shall specify the length of time authorized in the student's IEP for the NPS/A services, not to exceed one year. Changes in a student's educational instruction, services, or placement shall be made only on the basis of revisions to the student's IEP. (Education Code 56366)

At least once each year, the district shall: (Education Code 56366)

1. Evaluate the educational progress of each student placed in an NPS/A, including a review of state assessment results
2. During the annual meeting held to review the student's IEP pursuant to Education Code 56343, consider whether the student's needs continue to be best met at the NPS/A and whether changes to the student's IEP are necessary, including whether the student may be transitioned to a public school setting

Prior to the annual review of a student's IEP, the Superintendent or designee shall notify any high school district to which the student may transfer of the student's enrollment in an NPS/A. (5 CCR 3069)

When a special education student meets the district requirements for completion of the prescribed course of study as designated in the student's IEP, the district shall award the student a diploma of graduation. (5 CCR 3070)

Out-of-State Placements

Before contracting with an NPS/A outside California, the Superintendent or designee shall document the district's efforts to use public schools and/or to find an appropriate program offered by an NPS/A within California. (Education Code 56365)

Within 15 days of any decision for an out-of-state placement, the student's IEP team shall submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction a report with information about the services provided by the out-of-state program, the costs of the special education and related services provided, and the district's efforts to locate an appropriate public school or NPS/A within California. (Education Code 56365)

If the district decides to place a student with an NPS/A outside the state, the district shall indicate the anticipated date of the student's return to a placement within California and shall document efforts during the previous year to return the student to California. (Education Code 56365)

On-Site Visits

The Superintendent or designee shall conduct an on-site visit to an NPS/A before the placement of a student at the school or agency, if the district does not have any other students currently enrolled at the NPS/A. (Education Code 56366.1)

At least once per year, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct an on-site monitoring visit to each NPS/A at which the district has a student attending and with which it maintains a master contract. The monitoring visit shall include, but is not limited to: (Education Code 56366.1)

1. A review of services provided to the student through the individual services agreement
2. A review of progress the student is making toward the goals set forth in the student's IEP
3. A review of progress the student is making toward the goals set forth in the student's behavioral intervention plan, if applicable
4. An observation of the student during instruction
5. A walkthrough of the facility

The district shall report the findings resulting from the monitoring visit to CDE within 60 calendar days of the on-site visit. (Education Code 56366.1)

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Placement and Services

Procedures specified in law shall govern the selection of appropriate nonpublic school or agency services.

Contracts with a nonpublic school or agency shall be made on forms provided by the California Department of Education and shall include an individual services agreement negotiated for each student. Individual services agreements shall be for the length of time for which nonpublic, nonsectarian school services are specified in the student's individualized education program (IEP), not to exceed one year. Changes in educational instruction, services or placement shall be made only on the basis of revisions to the student's IEP. (Education Code 56366)

The master contract shall specify the general administrative and financial agreements between the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency and the district to provide the special education and designated instruction and services, as well as transportation specified in the student's IEP. The administrative provisions of the contract shall also include procedures for recordkeeping and documentation, and the maintenance of school records by the contracting district to ensure that appropriate high school graduation credit is received by the student. The contract may allow for partial or full-time attendance at the nonpublic, nonsectarian school. (Education Code 56366)

The master contract shall include a description of the process being utilized by the district to oversee and evaluate placements in nonpublic, nonsectarian schools. This description shall include a method for evaluating whether the student is making appropriate educational progress. (Education Code 56366)

The district IEP team shall annually review the IEP of a student placed in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency. The student's IEP and contract shall specify the review schedules. (5 CCR 3068)

The Superintendent or designee of an elementary school district shall notify a high school district of all students placed in nonpublic school or agency programs prior to the annual review of the IEP for each student who may transfer to the high school district. (5 CCR 3068)

When a special education student meets the district requirements for completion of prescribed course of study and adopted differential proficiency standards as designated in the student's IEP, the district which developed the IEP shall award the diploma. (5 CCR 3069)

Out-of-State Placements

Before contracting with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency outside California, the Superintendent or designee shall document the district's efforts to find an appropriate program offered by a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency within California. (Education Code 56365)

Within 15 days of any decision for an out-of-state placement, the student's IEP team shall submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction a report with information about the services provided by the out-of-state program, the related costs, and the district's efforts to locate an appropriate public school or nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency within California. (Education Code 56365)

If the district decides to place a student with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency outside the state, the district shall indicate the anticipated date of the student's return to a placement within California and shall document efforts during the previous year to return the student to California. (Education Code 56365)
