



MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
1936 Carlotta Drive - Concord, CA 94519 - Phone (925) 682-8000
**AGREEMENT BETWEEN MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

THIS AGREEMENT is made this 9th day of May 2023, by and between the Mt. Diablo Unified School District (hereinafter "District") and Sherry Burke dba Burke Educational Consulting hereinafter "Contractor").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, District is a school district in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, and has its principal place of business at 1936 Carlotta Drive, Concord, CA 94519. District desires to engage the services of Contractor and to have said Contractor render services in accordance with the terms and conditions provided in this Agreement.

WHEREAS, District is authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to Government Code section 53060 or Public Contract Code section 20111, or both, as further set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, District hereby engages Contractor to render services under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

AGREEMENT

1. **Performance of Services.**

- (a) Contractor agrees to perform the services described on **Exhibit A** (hereinafter "Services"), attached hereto and incorporated herein, as an independent contractor. Contractor will determine the means, manner, method, and details of performing the Services. Contractor shall be responsible for providing the materials, tools and transportation necessary for the performance of the Services. Contractor may, at Contractor's own expense, use non-District employees to perform the Services under this Agreement. Subcontractors may be used only with the written approval of the District.
- (b) Contractor represents that Contractor has the qualifications and ability to perform the Services in a professional manner, without the advice, control, or supervision of the District. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the professional performance of the Services, and shall receive no assistance, direction, or control from District. Contractor shall have sole discretion and control of Contractor's Services and the manner in which they are performed.

2. **Compensation.** District agrees to compensate Contractor for the performance of the Services on the basis set forth below. Contractor shall be responsible for all expenses incurred in association with the performance of the Services. This Agreement is **NOT TO EXCEED \$ 75,000.00**.
The basis of the fee for Services shall be as follows:

District staff to check the applicable box.

\$ _____ per hour \$ _____ per day \$ _____ per engagement

District Staff to enter the complete Budget Code(s).

(a) 01 - 6500 - 5760 - 3120 - 16640 - 000 - 505 - 005 - 5800 \$ 25,000.00

(b) 01 - 6500 - 5760 - 3120 - 16640 - 000 - 505 - 005 - 5100 \$ 50,000.00

(c) _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ \$ _____

3. **Payment Schedule.** The Contractor shall submit to the District an invoice as further set forth below. The District shall review the payment request and, as soon as practical, shall: (i) pay the requested amount; or (ii) inform the Contractor that all or some part of the request is disputed.

Contractor shall submit invoices in accordance with the following schedule:

District staff to check the applicable box.

- Partial Payments.** Contractor shall invoice District on a monthly basis for work performed in the preceding month pursuant to this Agreement. A District Administrator will verify the invoice to ensure that all required Services have been satisfactorily performed.
- Scheduled Payments.** District shall submit payment to the Contractor per the schedule detailed in “Exhibit A” see page 8 of this Agreement. A District Administrator will verify the invoice to ensure that all required Services have been satisfactorily performed in accordance with the relevant timeline.
- Payment in Full.** Contractor shall invoice District on completion of the Services. A District Administrator will verify the invoice to ensure that all required Services have been satisfactorily performed.

4. **Term and Termination.**

- (a) **Term.** This Agreement will become effective on July 1, 2023. This Agreement will terminate upon the completion of the Services or when terminated as set forth below.
- (b) **Termination for Cause.** Should either party default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, the non-breaching party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the breaching party. Termination shall be effective immediately on receipt of said notice. Upon termination of this Agreement, District will compensate Contractor only for services satisfactorily rendered to the date of termination.
- (c) **Termination for Convenience.** The District may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor. Termination shall be effective immediately on receipt of said notice. Upon termination of this Agreement, District will compensate Contractor only for services satisfactorily rendered to the date of termination.

5. **Relationship of the Parties.** Contractor enters into this Agreement as, and shall continue to be, an independent contractor. Under no circumstances shall Contractor be considered an employee of District within the meaning of any federal, state, or local law or regulation including, but not limited to, laws or regulations governing unemployment insurance, old age benefits, workers’ compensation, industrial illness or accident coverage, taxes, or labor and employment in general. Under no circumstances shall Contractor look to District as his/her employer, or as a partner, agent, or principal. Contractor shall not be entitled to any benefits accorded to District’s employees, including, without limitation, workers’ compensation, disability insurance, vacation, or sick pay. Contractor shall be responsible for providing, at Contractor’s expense, and in the Contractor’s name, disability, workers’ compensation or other insurance, as well as licenses and permits usual or necessary for conducting the Services hereunder.

Contractor shall pay, when and as due, any and all local, state and federal income or other taxes incurred as a result of Contractor’s compensation hereunder, including estimated taxes, and shall provide District with proof of said payments upon demand.

The parties agree that: (1) Contractor shall be responsible for the control and direction of its own employees and personnel in the performance of the Services under this Agreement; (2) the Contractor’s personnel shall only perform work that is outside the usual course of the District’s business; and (3) Contractor’s personnel

shall be engaged in business independent of the District. Contractor shall defend and indemnify the District against any claim by any worker that it is actually an employee of the District.

6. **Fingerprinting and Criminal Records Check of Contractor's Employees.** Contractor shall comply with the provisions of California Education Code section 45125.1 regarding the submission of fingerprints to the California Department of Justice and the completion of criminal background investigations of the Contractor and/or its employees. To the extent, Section 45125.1 is applicable; Contractor shall not permit any employee to have any contact with District pupils until such time as Contractor has verified in writing to the Board of Education of the District that such employee has not been convicted of a felony, as defined in Section 45125.1. If required by District, Contractor shall provide to District the fingerprinting certification attached hereto as **Exhibit B** prior to commencing work under this Agreement.
7. **Rules and Regulations.** All rules, policies, and regulations of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Education, including any rules and regulations related to COVID-19 or other global pandemics, and all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations are to be observed strictly by Contractor during the performance of Services pursuant to this Agreement.
8. **Indemnification.** Contractor shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify District and its officers, elected and appointed officials, employees and volunteers from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, expense, costs (including without limitation costs and fees of litigation) of every nature arising out of or in connection with Contractor's performance of the Services hereunder or its failure to comply with any of its obligations contained in this Agreement, except such loss or damage which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the District.
9. **Insurance.** Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of that work by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A: VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the District.

(a) **Coverage minimums shall be at least as broad as:**

District staff to check the applicable box.

(b) **Commercial General Liability (CGL).**

Agreements under \$25,000. Insurance Services Office Form CG 0001 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit (with aggregate limit no less than **\$2,000,000**).

Agreements of \$25,000 or More. Insurance Services Office Form CG 0001 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit (with aggregate limit no less than **\$4,000,000**).

(c) **Automobile Liability.**

ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired, (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with a limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

For sole proprietors and small businesses using personal vehicles, evidence of personal auto insurance may be accepted by the District as an alternative provided that such personal auto insurance provides coverage for business uses of the insured vehicle

(d) **Workers' Compensation.**

- As required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and **Employer's Liability Insurance** with limit of no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury or disease. All California employers must provide workers' compensation benefits to their employees under California Labor Code Section 3700.
- If the Contractor is a sole proprietor with no employees**, it may be exempt from this requirement provided the Contractor is self-insured as certified in **Exhibit C**. If the Contractor employs one or more employees, it must provide this type of insurance coverage. The District shall not obtain workers' compensation insurance on behalf of Contractor or Contractor's employees.

(e) **Other Coverages When Applicable.** (District staff to check applicable box(es)).

- Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions Liability.** \$1,000,000/occurrence, \$2,000,000/aggregate. **Applicable for contractors with professional training providing a specialized advanced service, physicians, accountants, architects, engineers, and brokers**
- Sexual Abuse and Molestation Coverage.** \$3,000,000/occurrence. **Applicable if the Contractor will be alone with students**
- Cyber Insurance.** Not less than \$2,000,000 per claim to be maintained for the duration of the Agreement and three years following its termination. **Applicable if the Contractor will be using, storing, or accessing, the District's private, confidential, or protected information**

- (f) The District reserves the right to require that Contractor maintain and provide evidence of additional insurance coverages as may be necessary or desirable given the nature of the Services. If the Contractor maintains higher limits than the minimums shown above, the District requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by the Contractor.
- (g) **Additional Insured Status.** The District, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are to be named as additional insured by endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy and to the Sexual Abuse and Molestation policy, if applicable, with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations.
- (h) **Primary Coverage.** For any claims related to this Agreement, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as it respects the District, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the District, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- (i) **Notice of Cancellation.** Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be cancelled, except with notice to the District.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS			
No waiver will be granted to eliminate the insurance requirements out lined in this agreement. However, in special circumstances, certain insurance requirements may be modified or waived. The following items in Insurance Section 9 are hereby modified as follows. Note, a waiver for one (1) type of insurance does not constitute a waiver for all.			
Limits: Modify Commercial General Liability requirements to \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 aggregate.			
Other:			
Initials of the Superintendent or Designee and the General Counsel or Designee, are REQUIRED to waive or modify any insurance in this Agreement.			
Superintendent or Designee	Date	General Counsel or Designee	Date

- 10. **Originality; Ownership of Designs and Plans.** Except as to standard generic details, Contractor agrees that all technologies, formulae, procedures, processes, methods, writings, ideas, dialogue, compositions, recordings, teleplays and video productions prepared for, written for, or submitted to the District and/or used in connection with this Agreement, shall be wholly original to Contractor and shall not be copied in whole or in part from any other source, except that submitted to Contractor by District as a basis for such services. Contractor agrees that all designs, plans, reports, specifications, drawings, schematics, prototypes, models, inventions and all other information and items made during the course of this Agreement and arising from the Services shall be owned by and assigned to District as its sole and exclusive property.

- 11. **Disputes.** In the event of a dispute between the parties as to performance of the Services, the interpretation of this Agreement, or payment or nonpayment for work performed or not performed, the parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute in good faith. Pending resolution of the dispute, Contractor agrees it will neither rescind the Agreement nor stop the performance of the Services, but will allow determination by the court of the State of California, in the county in which the District's administration office is located, having competent jurisdiction of the dispute. Disputes may be determined by mediation if mutually agreeable, otherwise by litigation. Notice of the demand for mediation of a dispute shall be filed in writing with the other party to the Agreement. The demand for mediation shall be made within a reasonable time after written notice of the dispute has been provided to the other party, but in no case longer than ninety (90) days after initial written notice. If a claim, or any portion thereof, remains in dispute upon satisfaction of all applicable dispute resolution requirements, the Contractor shall comply with all claims presentation requirements as provided in Chapter 1 (commencing with section 900) and Chapter 2 (commencing with section 910) of Part 3 of Division 3.6 of Title 1 of Government Code as a condition precedent to the Contractor's right to bring a civil action against the District. For purposes of those provisions, the running of the time within which a claim must be presented to the District shall be tolled from the time the Contractor submits its written claim until the time the claim is denied, including any time utilized by any applicable meet and confer process.

- 12. **Limitation of District Liability.** Other than as provided in this Agreement, District's financial obligations under this Agreement shall be limited to the payment of the compensation provided in this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in no event, shall District be liable, regardless of whether any claim is based on Agreement or tort, for any special, consequential, indirect or incidental damages, including, but not limited to, lost profits or revenue, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement for the Services performed in connection with this Agreement.

- 13. **Notice.** Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given, served and received if given in writing and either personally delivered or deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt required, or sent by telegram, overnight delivery service, or facsimile transmission, addressed as follows:
 - i. Any notice personally given or sent by facsimile transmission shall be effective upon receipt. Any notice sent by overnight delivery service shall be effective the next business day following delivery thereof to the overnight delivery service. Any notice given by mail shall be effective three (3) days after deposit in the United States mail.

DISTRICT

Mt. Diablo Unified School District
1936 Carlotta Drive
Concord, CA 94519-1397
Attn: Superintendent

CONTRACTOR

Business Name: Sherry Burke dba Burke Educational Consulting
 Attn: Sherry Burke, Sole Proprietor
 Address: 4969 Bayleaf Court
 City/State/Zip: Martinez, CA 94553
 Phone: (925) 500-3435
 Fax: _____
 Email: iqchick@aol.com
 Tax ID #: _____

14. **Entire Agreement of Parties.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations and agreements, whether oral or written. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by both parties.
15. **California Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and the rights, duties and obligations of the parties shall be determined and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California. The parties further agree that any action or proceeding brought to enforce the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be maintained in Contra Costa County, California.
16. **Waiver.** The waiver by either party of any breach of any term, covenant, or condition herein contained shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term, covenant, condition, or any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant, or condition herein contained.
17. **Equal Employment Opportunity.** It is the policy of the District that, in connection with all work performed under District agreements, there shall be no discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religious creed, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability or medical condition and therefore the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable federal and state laws. In addition, the Contractor agrees to require like compliance by all subcontractors employed on the work.
18. **No Rights in Third Parties.** This Agreement does not create any rights in, or inure to the benefit of, any third party except as expressly provided herein. The obligations of the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall not be assigned by the Contractor.
19. **Severability.** If any term, condition or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force and effect, and shall not be affected, impaired or invalidated in any way.
20. **Incorporation of Recitals and Exhibits.** The recitals and exhibits attached hereto are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
21. **Provisions Required By Law Deemed Inserted.** Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be inserted in this Agreement shall be deemed to be inserted herein and this Agreement shall be read and enforced as though it were included therein.
22. **Conflicts of Interest.** Contractor covenants that it presently has no interest, and shall not have any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of the Services under this Agreement. Contractor is aware of Government Code section 1090 and the Political Reform Act and will disclose any potential conflicts and/or submit a Form 700 as applicable.
23. **Required Documents.** Prior to the commencement of the Services, Contractor shall provide to District evidence of the required insurance coverages as set forth above, a W-9 Form, and executed copies of the following Exhibits:
 - (a) Exhibit A – Description of Services, Timelines, and Partial Payment Schedule
 - (b) Exhibit B – Fingerprinting Certification
 - (c) Exhibit C – Workers’ Compensation Certification
 - (d) Exhibit D – Data Privacy Addendum (if applicable)

The District reserves the right to require the Contractor to provide additional documents that may be necessary or desirable in light of the nature of the Services.

PURCHASE REQUEST # _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date last written below.

MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sherry Burke dba Burke Educational Consulting

Name of Company/Organization or Independent Contractor/Consultant

By: _____
Signature of Principal/Budget Administrator Date

By: Sherry Burke 5-10-23
Signature of Contractor/Consultant Date

Title: Ivanna Huthman, Administrator, ADR
Print Name and Title

Title: Sherry Burke, Sole Proprietor
Print Name and Title

By: _____
Signature of District Administrator (if applicable) Date

Title: _____
Print Name and Title

THIS AGREEMENT IS AUTHORIZED AND APPROVED:

By: _____
Signature of Superintendent or Designee Date

Title: Wendi Aghily, Chief, Pupil Services & Special Ed.
Print Name and Title

AGREEMENT ORIGINATOR. Prior to commencement of the services, sign and forward completed original agreement packet to Purchasing.

By: _____
Signature of Originator Date

Title: Ivanna Huthman, Administrator, ADR
Print Name and Title

Special Education

Site/Department Originating this Agreement

Billing Address if reimbursed by outside agency—i.e. ASB, PTA, and PFC:

EXHIBIT A
**DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES, TIMELINES,
AND PARTIAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE (if applicable)**
(Note that all payments are generated from an invoice.)

Contractor to provide educational consulting and educational psychology services to Mt. Diablo Unified School District (MDUSD) student(s) as directed by district administrator at the following rates:

1. Hourly Rate: \$20000 per hour
2. Psychoeducational Assessment/Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) (in all areas of suspected disability & includes one IEP meeting; any additional meetings at hourly rate): \$6,000.00 each
3. Psychoeducational Assessment Out-of-State in RTC (in all areas of suspected disability & includes one IEP meeting; any additional meetings at hourly rate): \$7,500.00 plus travel costs
4. Psychoeducational Assessment Out-of-State in RTC w/full travel day: \$8,000.00 plus travel costs
5. Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) Assessment (includes one IEP meeting, any additional meetings at hourly rate): \$4,500.00
6. Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) Assessment Out-of-State in RTC (includes one IEP meeting, any additional meetings at hourly rate): \$6,500.00
7. Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) Assessment Out-of-State in RTC with full travel day (includes one IEP meeting, any additional meetings at hourly rate): \$7,000.00 plus travel costs
8. Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) includes one IEP meeting: \$5,500.00
9. Psychoeducational Assessment/IEE plus FBA \$10,000.00
10. Psychoeducational Assessment/IEE plus ERMHS: \$10,000.00
11. Psychoeducational Assessment/IEE and FBA and ERMHS: \$12,000.00
12. Threat Assessment (includes one school-based meeting): \$4,500.00
13. Educational Assessment (includes one school-based/IEP meeting): \$3,000.00
14. Vocational Assessment (includes one school-based/IEP meeting): \$3,500.00
15. In Services/Training - 1 day (<30 attendees): \$3,000.00; (>30 attendees): \$3,500.00
16. Individual Staff Training/Consultation (teachers, support staff, 1:1 support paraeducators, etc.): \$1,500.00 full day; \$700.00 half day

Invoices to be submitted for payment upon conclusion of each evaluation.

Total contract not to exceed \$75,000.00

2023-2024 Fiscal Year

EXHIBIT D

DATA PRIVACY ADDENDUM

(Contractor REQUIRED to Complete; Applicable when AGREEMENT involves access to Pupil/Employee Data)

This Data Privacy Addendum (“**Data Privacy Addendum**”) to the Agreement Between Mt. Diablo Unified School District and Independent Contractor (“**Independent Contractor Agreement**”) is entered into by and between Contractor and Mt. Diablo Unified School District (“**District**”). To the extent that any term or condition set forth in this Addendum conflicts with the Independent Contractor Agreement, the provisions of this Addendum will control.

WHEREAS, in order to provide the services described in the Agreement, the Contractor may receive or create, and the District may provide documents or data related to students (“**Student Data**”) that are covered by several state and federal privacy laws, including: the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), Education Code section 49073.1, and the Student Online Personal Information Protection Act (SOPIPA). The District and Contractor desire to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws, school policies, procedures and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, intending to be legally bound, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **Use.** Contractor shall not use any information in a Student Data¹ for any purpose other than those required or specifically permitted by the Independent Contractor Agreement, and shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws pertaining to Student Data privacy and security. Contractor shall require all employees and agents who have access to Student Data to comply with all applicable provisions of this Data Privacy Addendum. Contractor shall not sell or otherwise derive a benefit from sharing information in a Student Data with a third party. Contractor shall enter into written agreements with all subcontractors performing functions pursuant to the Independent Contractor Agreement, whereby the subcontractors agree to protect Student Data in manner consistent with the terms of this Data Privacy Addendum.
2. **Ownership.** All Student Data obtained by Contractor from District continues to be the property of and under the control of the District. The District retains exclusive control over student and staff data, including determining who may access data and how it may be used for legitimate authorized purposes.
3. **Export.** Contractor shall provide a means by which its employees, when so authorized, can search and export Student Data through reasonable procedures such that the District can respond to a parent, legal guardian or eligible student who seeks to review personally identifiable information on the pupil’s records or correct erroneous information.
4. **Disposition.** The Contractor agrees that upon expiration or termination of services under this Agreement, Contractor shall dispose or delete all Student Data obtained under the Independent Contractor Agreement. Disposition shall include (1) the shredding of any hard copies of any Student Data; (2) Erasing; or (3) Otherwise modifying the personal information in those records to make it unreadable or indecipherable by human or digital means. Nothing in the Independent Contractor Agreement authorizes Contractor to maintain Student Data obtained under the Independent Contractor Agreement beyond the time period reasonably needed to complete the disposition.

¹ “Student Data” includes any information directly related to a pupil that is maintained by the District or acquired directly from the pupil. Pupil Records do not include de-identified information (information that cannot be used to identify an individual pupil) used: (1) to improve educational products for adaptive learning purposes and for customized pupil learning; (2) to demonstrate the effectiveness of the operator’s products in the marketing of those products; or (3) for the development and improvement of educational sites, services, or applications.

