

### 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

District	AGREEMENT is made this 23rd day of April, 2025, by and between the Mt. Diablo Unified School (hereinafter "District") and Nichols Strategies  after "Contractor").
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principa Contrac Agreem	WHEREAS, District is a school district in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, and has its al place of business at 1936 Carlotta Drive, Concord, CA 94519. District desires to engage the services of stor and to have said Contractor render services in accordance with the terms and conditions provided in this nent.
or <i>Publ</i>	WHEREAS, District is authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to Government Code Section 53060 ic Contract Code Section 20111, or both, as set forth below.
of this &	NOW, THEREFORE, District hereby engages Contractor to render services under the terms and conditions Agreement.
	<u>AGREEMENT</u>
1.	Performance of Services.
	(a) Contractor agrees to perform the services described on <b>Exhibit A</b> (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 <b>NOT TO EXCEED \$</b> 124,800.00
	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 - 0930 - 1110 - 1000 - 09300 - 000 - 504 - 004 - 5800 \$ 124,800.00  (b) \$

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.

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Contractor shall submit invoices in accordance with the following schedule:

	District staff to check 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.
<b>V</b>	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.
Teri	n and Termination.  Term. This Agreement will become effective on July 1, 2025 and shall expire or June 30, 2026 or when terminated as set forth below.
(b)	<b>Termination for Cause</b> . Should either party default in the performance of this Agreement of 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 receip 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 or receipt of said notice. Upon termination of this Agreement, District will compensate Contractor only for services satisfactorily rendered to the date of termination.

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.

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- Fingerprinting and Criminal Records Check of Contractor's Employees. Contractor shall comply with 6. 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.
- Rules and Regulations. All rules, policies, and regulations of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board 7. 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.
- Indemnification. Contractor shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify District and its officers, elected and 8. 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.
- Insurance. Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement insurance against claims 9. 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.

Coverage Minimums shall be at least as broad as:

#### District staff to check the appropriate boxes.

(a) (	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).
(b) <u>A</u>	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.
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(c)	Workers' Compensation.
	As required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and <b>Employer</b> '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 <i>California Labor Code Section 3700</i> .
	If the Contractor is a sole proprietor with <u>no employees</u> , it may be exempt from this requirement provided the Contractor is self-insured as certified in <b>Exhibit C</b> . 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.
(d)	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
(e)	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.
(f)	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.
(g)	<b>Primary Coverage</b> . 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.
(h)	Notice of Cancellation. Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be cancelled, except with notice to the District.
	INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
insurance	will be granted to eliminate the insurance requirements outlined in this contract. However, in special circumstances, cert requirements may be modified or waived. The following items in Insurance, Section 9, are hereby waived or modified ote, a waiver for one type of insurance does not constitute waiver for all):
Limits: _	
Other:	
Initials of	the Superintendent, or designee, are <u>required</u> to waive or modify any Insurance requirements in this Agreement:
Superinter	ndent or Designee Date

- 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.
- Disputes. In the event of a dispute between the parties as to performance of the Services, the interpretation 11. 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**

Bus. Name:
Attn:
Address:
Phone:
Fax:
Email:
Nichols Strategies
Melissa Burgoon
621 Capitol Mall Suite 2075, Sacramento
916-476-3471
melissa@nicholsstrategies.com

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- 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 <u>insurance</u> coverages as set forth above, a <u>W-9 Form</u>, 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.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have	executed th	is Agreement on the date la	st written below.
MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT		Nichols Stra	ategies
	Compa	any/Organization Name or Independen	t Contractor/Consultant
By: 4/23/2	<b>10</b> By: _	Stephew Nichols ignature of Contractor/Consultant	4/23/2025
Signature of Principal/Budget Administrator Date	S	ignature of Contractor/Consultant	
Title: Samantha Allen, Chief of Ed. Services  Print Name and Title	Title:	Stephen K Nicl	hols, CEO
Print Name and Title		Print Name and Title	
By: Signature of District Administrator (if applicable) Date			
Title:  Print Name and Title			
By: Signature of Superintendent or Designee	Date	:	
Title: Adam Clark, Ed.D, Superintend	lent	ē.	
Print Name and Title			
AGREEMENT ORIGINATOR. Prior to commenoriginal contract packet to Purchasing.  By:	ncement of	the Services, sign and forv	vard completed
Originator's Signature Date		Site/Department Originating thi	is Contract
Print Name of Originator and Title	6		
Billing Address if reimbursed by outside agency—i.	e. ASB, PT	A, PFC:	

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# EXHIBIT A DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES, TIMELINES, AND PARTIAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE (if applicable)

(Note that all payments are generated from an invoice.)

Situation Analysis & Issues Management

On-boarding discussion with superintendent and/or designated administrator to clarify objectives and needs.

Analyze documents, emails, reports, and surveys impacting communication objectives.

Communication Support

Plan and deliver workshops, one-on-one coaching for administrators designated by superintendent. Develop and conduct professional developments for district administrators on effective communication strategies for implementation at the local school level.

Prepare and instruct staff on use of templates and protocols, as required.

If requested, meet with the leadership team and Board of Education in a stay session to provide communication training and orientation to the communication plan as designed by superintendent.

#### Contact Management & Evaluation

Monitor Progress and manage timelines for projected tasks and deliverables. Regular progress reports on achieving the scope of work.

Professional services will commence July 1, 2025 and continue to June 30, 2026.

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### **EXHIBIT B**

### FINGERPRINTING AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK CERTIFICATION

(Contractor REQUIRED to complete.)

	boxes below <u>must</u> be checked, and an executed copy of this form must be attached to the Independent Agreement ("Agreement"). Contractor certifies that:						
immed that th Code emplo Distric detern	actor's employees or subcontractors will have CONTACT or interaction with District pupils outside of the diate supervision and control of the pupil's parent or guardian or a school employee. "Contractor certifies it has complied with the fingerprinting and criminal background investigation requirements of Education Section 45125.1 with respect to all Contractor's employees, subcontractors, agents, and subcontractors' yees or agents regardless of whether those Employees are paid or unpaid, concurrently employed by the ct, or acting as independent contractors of the Contractor, and the California Department of Justice has a fined that none of those Employees has been convicted of a felony, as that term is defined in Education section 45122.1.						
List o backg	r attach, all Employee name(s) that have successfully completed the fingerprinting and criminal round check clearance in accordance with law:						
-	OR						
the im	actor's employees or subcontractors will have NO CONTACT or interaction with District pupils outside of mediate supervision and control of the pupil's parent or guardian or a school employee. Accordingly, the printing and criminal background investigation requirements of <i>Education Code section 45125.1</i> shall not to Contractor's services under this Agreement.						
PROV Loca	WHEN CONTRACTOR PERFORMS A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK, IT SHALL IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE ANY SUBSEQUENT ARREST AND CONVICTION INFORMATION IT RECEIVES TO ANY LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY THAT IT IS CONTRACTING WITH PURSUANT TO THE SUBSEQUENT ARREST SERVICE.						
be on the p	Law (Sex Offenders). Contractor shall verify and continue to verify that the employees of Contractor that will roject site and the employees of the subcontractor(s) that will be on the project site are <b>not</b> listed on California's Law'' Website (http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/).						
By signing attached e and provide	E COMPLETED BY CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: g below I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained on this certification form and imployee list(s) is accurate. I understand that it is the Contractor's sole responsibility to maintain, update, the District with current "Fingerprint and Criminal Background Check Certification," along with the list, throughout the duration of Contractor provided services.						
CONTR	ACTOR						
Ву:							
Name:	Stephen Nichols						
Title:	Chief Executive Officer						
Data	4/23/25						

#### **EXHIBIT C**

### **WORKERS' COMPENSATION CERTIFICATION**

(Contractor REQUIRED to complete.)

Labor Code Section 3700 (workers' compensation and insurance) in relevant part provides:

Every employer except the State shall secure the payment of compensation in one or more of the following ways:

- a) By being insured against liability to pay compensation by one or more insurers duly authorized to write compensation insurance in this state.
- b) By securing from the Director of Industrial Relations a certificate of consent to self-insure, which may be given upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the Director of Industrial Relations of ability to self-insure and to pay any compensation that may become due to his employees.

I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code.

■ I certify I will comply with all California workers' compensation insurance requirements before commencing the performance of the Services of this Contract.

#### \_OR--

☐ I certify that I am a sole proprietor, have no employees, and am self-insured.

I understand the District will not obtain workers' compensation insurance on my behalf or on behalf of my employees or subcontractors.

### MUST BE COMPLETED BY CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

I am a representative of the Contractor entering into this Agreement with the District and I am familiar with the facts herein certified and am authorized and qualified to execute this certificate on behalf of Contractor.

### **CONTRACTOR**

Ву:	Nichols Strategies	_
Name:	Stephen Nichols	
Title:	Chief Executive Officer	
Date:	4/23/25	

In accordance with Article 5 - commencing at section 1860, chapter 1, part 7, division 2 of the Labor Code, the above certificate must be signed and filed with the District prior to performing any Services under this Contract.

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### **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.
- 5. Security. Contractor shall maintain adequate administrative, physical, and technical data security measures, consistent with industry standards and technology best practices, to protect Student Data from unauthorized access, disclosure or acquisition by unauthorized persons, and shall not copy, reproduce or transmit data

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "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.

obtained pursuant to the Agreement except as necessary to fulfill the purpose of the Agreement. Where applicable, the Contractor will require unique account identifiers, usernames and passwords that must be entered each time a client or user signs on.

- 6. Prohibited Use. Contractor shall not use Student Data, or any data derived from Student Data, to perform or deliver targeted advertising to students, and is prohibited from selling or providing Student Data to third parties for any purpose without District's written consent.
- 7. Breach Protocol. Upon becoming aware of any unlawful or unauthorized access to Student Data stored on equipment used by Contractor or in facilities used by Contractor, Contractor will take the following measures:
  - (a) promptly notify the District of the suspected or actual incident within a reasonable amount of time of the incident, not to exceed forty-eight hours, and shall present the information under the following headings: "What Happened," "What Information was Involved," "What We are Doing," What You Can Do," and "Persons to Contact for More Information"; and
  - (b) promptly investigate the incident and provide District with detailed information regarding the incident, including the identity of affected users; and
  - (c) assist the District in notifying affected users, affected parents, legal guardians of commercially reasonable steps to mitigate the effects and to minimize any damage resulting from the incident. Upon request from District, Contractor shall notify affected parties or reimburse District for actual costs associated with notifying affected parties.
- 8. Entire Agreement. This Data Privacy Addendum constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter herein. It supersedes, and the terms of this Data Privacy Addendum govern, any and all previous oral and written communications between the parties, their Affiliates, and their respective employees and representatives regarding these matters.
- 9. Successors Bound. This Data Privacy Addendum is and shall be binding upon the respective successors in interest to Contractor in the event of a merger, acquisition, consolidation or other business reorganization or sale of all or substantially all of the assets of such business.

#### MUST BE COMPLETED BY CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

I am a representative of the Contractor entering into this Agreement with the District and I am familiar with the facts herein certified and am authorized and qualified to execute this Data Privacy Addendum on behalf of Contractor.

#### CONTRACTOR

Ву:	Nichols Strategies	
Name:	Stephen Nichols	
Title:	Chief Executive Officer	
Date:	4/23/25	



### CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 04/14/2025

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT. If the contificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policylies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed.

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### THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

### COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY EXTENSION

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

### COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

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With respect to coverage afforded by this endorsement, the provisions of the policy apply unless modified by the endorsement.

### A. NON-OWNED AIRCRAFT

Under Paragraph 2. Exclusions of Section I – Coverage A - Bodily Injury And Property Damage Liability, exclusion g. Aircraft, Auto Or Watercraft does not apply to an aircraft provided:

- 1. It is not owned by any insured;
- 2. It is hired, chartered or loaned with a trained paid crew;
- The pilot in command holds a currently effective certificate, issued by the duly constituted authority of the United States of America or Canada, designating her or him a commercial or airline pilot; and
- 4. It is not being used to carry persons or property for a charge.

However, the insurance afforded by this provision does not apply if there is available to the insured other valid and collectible insurance, whether primary, excess (other than insurance written to apply specifically in excess of this policy), contingent or on any other basis, that would also apply to the loss covered under this provision.

### B. NON-OWNED WATERCRAFT

Under Paragraph 2. Exclusions of Section I – Coverage A – Bodily Injury And Property Damage Liability,

Subparagraph (2) of exclusion g. Aircraft, Auto Or Watercraft is replaced by the following:

This exclusion does not apply to:

- (2) A watercraft you do not own that is:
  - (a) Less than 52 feet long; and
  - (b) Not being used to carry persons or property for a charge.

### C. PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY – ELEVATORS

- 1. Under Paragraph 2. Exclusions of Section I Coverage A Bodily Injury And Property Damage Liability, Subparagraphs (3), (4) and (6) of exclusion j. Damage To Property do not apply if such "property damage" results from the use of elevators. For the purpose of this provision, elevators do not include vehicle lifts. Vehicle lifts are lifts or hoists used in automobile service or repair operations.
- The following is added to Section IV Commercial General Liability Conditions, Condition 4. Other Insurance, Paragraph b. Excess Insurance:

The insurance afforded by this provision of this endorsement is excess over any property insurance, whether primary, excess, contingent or on any other basis.

### D. EXTENDED DAMAGE TO PROPERTY RENTED TO YOU (Tenant's Property Damage)

If Damage To Premises Rented To You is not otherwise excluded from this Coverage Part:

- Under Paragraph 2. Exclusions of Section I Coverage A Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability:
  - The fourth from the last paragraph of exclusion j. Damage To Property is replaced by the following:

Paragraphs (1), (3) and (4) of this exclusion do not apply to "property damage" (other than damage by fire, lightning, explosion, smoke, or leakage from an automatic fire protection system) to:

- (i) Premises rented to you for a period of 7 or fewer consecutive days; or
- (ii) Contents that you rent or lease as part of a premises rental or lease agreement for a period of more than 7 days.

Paragraphs (1), (3) and (4) of this exclusion do not apply to "property damage" to contents of premises rented to you for a period of 7 or fewer consecutive days.

A separate limit of insurance applies to this coverage as described in **Section III – Limits of Insurance**.

- b. The last paragraph of subsection 2. Exclusions is replaced by the following:
  - Exclusions c. through n. do not apply to damage by fire, lightning, explosion, smoke or leakage from automatic fire protection systems to premises while rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with permission of the owner. A separate limit of insurance applies to Damage To Premises Rented To You as described in Section III Limits Of Insurance.
- Paragraph 6. under Section III Limits Of Insurance is replaced by the following:
  - 6. Subject to Paragraph 5. above, the Damage To Premises Rented To You Limit is the most we will pay under Coverage A for damages because of "property damage" to:
    - a. Any one premise:
      - (1) While rented to you; or
      - While rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with permission of the owner for damage by fire, lightning, explosion, smoke or leakage from automatic protection systems; or
    - b. Contents that you rent or lease as part of a premises rental or lease agreement.
- As regards coverage provided by this provision D. EXTENDED DAMAGE TO PROPERTY RENTED TO YOU (Tenant's Property Damage) - Paragraph 9.a. of Definitions is replaced with the following:
  - 9.a. A contract for a lease of premises. However, that portion of the contract for a lease of premises that indemnifies any person or organization for damage by fire, lightning, explosion, smoke, or leakage from automatic fire protection systems to premises while rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with the permission of the owner, or for damage to contents of such premises that are included in your premises rental or lease agreement, is not an "insured contract".

### E. MEDICAL PAYMENTS EXTENSION

If **Coverage C Medical Payments** is not otherwise excluded, the Medical Payments provided by this policy are amended as follows:

Under Paragraph 1. Insuring Agreement of Section I – Coverage C – Medical Payments, Subparagraph (b) of Paragraph a. is replaced by the following:

(b) The expenses are incurred and reported within three years of the date of the accident; and

### F. EXTENSION OF SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS - COVERAGES A AND B

- Under Supplementary Payments Coverages A and B, Paragraph 1.b. is replaced by the following:
  - b. Up to \$3,000 for cost of bail bonds required because of accidents or traffic law violations arising out of the use of any vehicle to which the Bodily Injury Liability Coverage applies. We do not have to furnish these bonds.
- Paragraph 1.d. is replaced by the following:
  - d. All reasonable expenses incurred by the insured at our request to assist us in the investigation or defense of the claim or "suit", including actual loss of earnings up to \$500 a day because of time off from work.

### G. ADDITIONAL INSUREDS - BY CONTRACT, AGREEMENT OR PERMIT

- Paragraph 2. under Section II Who Is An Insured is amended to include as an insured any person or
  organization whom you have agreed to add as an additional insured in a written contract, written
  agreement or permit. Such person or organization is an additional insured but only with respect to liability
  for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused in whole or in part by:
  - a. Your acts or omissions, or the acts or omissions of those acting on your behalf, in the performance of your on going operations for the additional insured that are the subject of the written contract or written agreement provided that the "bodily injury" or "property damage" occurs, or the "personal and advertising injury" is committed, subsequent to the signing of such written contract or written agreement; or

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- b. Premises or facilities rented by you or used by you; or
- The maintenance, operation or use by you of equipment rented or leased to you by such person or organization; or
- d. Operations performed by you or on your behalf for which the state or political subdivision has issued a permit subject to the following additional provisions:
  - (1) This insurance does not apply to "bodily injury", "property damage", or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of the operations performed for the state or political subdivision:
  - (2) This insurance does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" included within the "completed operations hazard".
  - (3) Insurance applies to premises you own, rent, or control but only with respect to the following hazards:
    - a) The existence, maintenance, repair, construction, erection, or removal of advertising signs, awnings, canopies, cellar entrances, coal holes, driveways, manholes, marquees, hoist away openings, sidewalk vaults, street banners, or decorations and similar exposures; or
    - (b) The construction, erection, or removal of elevators; or
    - (c) The ownership, maintenance, or use of any elevators covered by this insurance.

#### However:

- 1. The insurance afforded to such additional insured only applies to the extent permitted by law; and
- 2. If coverage provided to the additional insured is required by a contract or agreement, the insurance afforded to such additional insured will not be broader than that which you are required by the contract or agreement to provide for such additional insured.

With respect to Paragraph 1.a. above, a person's or organization's status as an additional insured under this endorsement ends when:

- (1) All work, including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work, on the project (other than service, maintenance or repairs) to be performed by or on behalf of the additional insured(s) at the location of the covered operations has been completed; or
- (2) That portion of "your work" out of which the injury or damage arises has been put to its intended use by any person or organization other than another contractor or subcontractor engaged in performing operations for a principal as a part of the same project.

With respect to Paragraph 1.b. above, a person's or organization's status as an additional insured under this endorsement ends when their written contract or written agreement with you for such premises or facilities ends.

With respects to Paragraph 1.c. above, this insurance does not apply to any "occurrence" which takes place after the equipment rental or lease agreement has expired or you have returned such equipment to the lessor.

The insurance provided by this endorsement applies only if the written contract or written agreement is signed prior to the "bodily injury" or "property damage".

We have no duty to defend an additional insured under this endorsement until we receive written notice of a "suit" by the additional insured as required in Paragraph b. of Condition 2. Duties In the Event Of Occurrence, Offense, Claim Or Suit under Section IV – Commercial General Liability Conditions.

With respect to the insurance provided by this endorsement, the following are added to Paragraph 2.
 Exclusions under Section I - Coverage A - Bodily Injury And Property Damage Liability:

This insurance does not apply to:

- a. "Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising from the sole negligence of the additional insured.
- b. "Bodily injury" or "property damage" that occurs prior to you commencing operations at the location where such "bodily injury" or "property damage" occurs.
- c. "Bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of the rendering of, or the failure to render, any professional architectural, engineering or surveying services, including:
  - (1) The preparing, approving, or failing to prepare or approve, maps, shop drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, field orders, change orders or drawings and specifications; or
  - (2) Supervisory, inspection, architectural or engineering activities.

This exclusion applies even if the claims against any insured allege negligence or other wrongdoing in the supervision, hiring, employment, training or monitoring of others by that insured, if the "occurrence" which caused the "bodily injury" or "property damage", or the offense which caused the "personal and advertising injury", involved the rendering of, or the failure to render, any professional architectural, engineering or surveying services.

- d. "Bodily injury" or "property damage" occurring after:
  - (1) All work, including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work, on the project (other than service, maintenance or repairs) to be performed by or on behalf of the additional insured(s) at the location of the covered operations has been completed; or
  - (2) That portion of "your work" out of which the injury or damage arises has been put to its intended use by any person or organization other than another contractor or subcontractor engaged in performing operations for a principal as a part of the same project.
- Any person or organization specifically designated as an additional insured for ongoing operations by a separate ADDITIONAL INSURED – OWNERS, LESSEES OR CONTRACTORS endorsement issued by us and made a part of this policy.
- With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, the following is added to Section III Limits Of Insurance:

If coverage provided to the additional insured is required by a contract or agreement, the most we will pay on behalf of the additional insured is the amount of insurance:

- a. Required by the contract or agreement; or
- Available under the applicable Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations;

whichever is less.

This endorsement shall not increase the applicable Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations.

### H. PRIMARY AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY ADDITIONAL INSURED EXTENSION

This provision applies to any person or organization who qualifies as an additional insured under any form or endorsement under this policy.

Condition 4. Other Insurance of SECTION IV – COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS is amended as follows:

a. The following is added to Paragraph a. Primary Insurance:

If an additional insured's policy has an Other Insurance provision making its policy excess, and you have agreed in a written contract or written agreement to provide the additional insured coverage on a primary and noncontributory basis, this policy shall be primary and we will not seek contribution from the additional insured's policy for damages we cover.

b. The following is added to Paragraph b. Excess Insurance:

When a written contract or written agreement, other than a premises lease, facilities rental contract or agreement, an equipment rental or lease contract or agreement, or permit issued by a state or political subdivision between you and an additional insured does not require this insurance to be primary or primary and non-contributory, this insurance is excess over any other insurance for which the additional insured is designated as a Named Insured.

Regardless of the written agreement between you and an additional insured, this insurance is excess over any other insurance whether primary, excess, contingent or on any other basis for which the additional insured has been added as an additional insured on other policies.

### 1. ADDITIONAL INSUREDS - EXTENDED PROTECTION OF YOUR "LIMITS OF INSURANCE"

This provision applies to any person or organization who qualifies as an additional insured under any form or endorsement under this policy.

The following is added to Condition 2. Duties In The Event Of Occurrence, Offense, Claim or Suit:

An additional insured under this endorsement will as soon as practicable:

- a. Give written notice of an "occurrence" or an offense that may result in a claim or "suit" under this insurance to us;
- b. Tender the defense and indemnity of any claim or "suit" to all insurers whom also have insurance available to the additional insured; and
- c. Agree to make available any other insurance which the additional insured has for a loss we cover under this Coverage Part.
- d. We have no duty to defend or indemnify an additional insured under this endorsement until we receive written notice of a "suit" by the additional insured.
- 2. The limits of insurance applicable to the additional insured are those specified in a written contract or written agreement or the limits of insurance as stated in the Declarations of this policy and defined in Section III Limits of Insurance of this policy, whichever are less. These limits are inclusive of and not in addition to the limits of insurance available under this policy.
- J. WHO IS AN INSURED INCIDENTAL MEDICAL ERRORS / MALPRACTICE WHO IS AN INSURED FELLOW EMPLOYEE EXTENSION MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

Paragraph 2.a.(1) of Section II - Who Is An Insured is replaced with the following:

- (1) "Bodily injury" or "personal and advertising injury":
  - (a) To you, to your partners or members (if you are a partnership or joint venture), to your members (if you are a limited liability company), to a co-"employee" while in the course of his or her employment or performing duties related to the conduct of your business, or to your other "volunteer workers" while performing duties related to the conduct of your business;
  - (b) To the spouse, child, parent, brother or sister of that co-"employee" or "volunteer worker" as a consequence of Paragraph (1) (a) above;
  - (c) For which there is any obligation to share damages with or repay someone else who must pay damages because of the injury described in Paragraphs (1) (a) or (b) above; or
  - (d) Arising out of his or her providing or failing to provide professional health care services. However, if you are not in the business of providing professional health care services or providing professional health care personnel to others, or if coverage for providing professional health care services is not otherwise excluded by separate endorsement, this provision (Paragraph (d)) does not apply.

Paragraphs (a) and (b) above do not apply to "bodily injury" or "personal and advertising injury" caused by an "employee" who is acting in a supervisory capacity for you. Supervisory capacity as used herein means the "employee's" job responsibilities assigned by you, includes the direct supervision of other "employees" of yours. However, none of these "employees" are insureds for "bodily injury" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of their willful conduct, which is defined as the purposeful or willful intent to cause "bodily injury" or "personal and advertising injury", or caused in whole or in part by their intoxication by liquor or controlled substances.

The coverage provided by provision **J.** is excess over any other valid and collectable insurance available to your "employee".

### K. NEWLY FORMED OR ADDITIONALLY ACQUIRED ENTITIES

Paragraph 3. of Section II - Who Is An Insured is replaced by the following:

- 3. Any organization you newly acquire or form and over which you maintain ownership or majority interest, will qualify as a Named Insured if there is no other similar insurance available to that organization. However:
  - Coverage under this provision is afforded only until the expiration of the policy period in which the entity was acquired or formed by you;
  - Coverage A does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" that occurred before you
    acquired or formed the organization; and
  - c. Coverage B does not apply to "personal and advertising injury" arising out of an offense committed before you acquired or formed the organization.
  - d. Records and descriptions of operations must be maintained by the first Named Insured.

No person or organization is an insured with respect to the conduct of any current or past partnership, joint venture or limited liability company that is not shown as a Named Insured in the Declarations or qualifies as an insured under this provision.

### L. FAILURE TO DISCLOSE HAZARDS AND PRIOR OCCURRENCES

Under Section IV – Commercial General Liability Conditions, the following is added to Condition 6. Representations:

Your failure to disclose all hazards or prior "occurrences" existing as of the inception date of the policy shall not prejudice the coverage afforded by this policy provided such failure to disclose all hazards or prior "occurrences" is not intentional.

### M. KNOWLEDGE OF OCCURRENCE, OFFENSE, CLAIM OR SUIT

Under Section IV – Commercial General Liability Conditions, the following is added to Condition 2. Duties In The Event of Occurrence, Offense, Claim Or Suit:

Knowledge of an "occurrence", offense, claim or "suit" by an agent, servant or "employee" of any insured shall not in itself constitute knowledge of the insured unless an insured listed under Paragraph 1. of Section II – Who is An Insured or a person who has been designated by them to receive reports of "occurrences", offenses, claims or "suits" shall have received such notice from the agent, servant or "employee".

### N. LIBERALIZATION CLAUSE

If we revise this Commercial General Liability Extension Endorsement to provide more coverage without additional premium charge, your policy will automatically provide the coverage as of the day the revision is effective in your state.

### O. BODILY INJURY REDEFINED

Under Section V - Definitions, Definition 3. is replaced by the following:

3. "Bodily Injury" means physical injury, sickness or disease sustained by a person. This includes mental anguish, mental injury, shock, fright or death that results from such physical injury, sickness or disease.