**District Commitment**

**For**

**Race to the Top - District Grant**

**5th Year Extension**

**Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative**

This District Commitment is made and effective as of this day of January, 2018, by and between Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative and all other member LEAs of the ARI Consortium that have also executed this Commitment.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** School District elects to continue participation for a 5th year in Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative’s USDE RTT-D grant (Appalachian Renaissance Initiative).

This District Commitment constitutes an understanding between the Consortium member LEAs to continue participation in the RTTD grant initiative. This document describes and defines the responsibilities of continued participation in the initiative.

1. **LEA Commitments and Assurances**

To support on-going RTT-D Grant approved goals and objectives, each signatory LEA that signs this District Commitment assures, certifies, and represents that the signatory LEA will continue to:

* 1. Assist in the development, design, and implementation of a personalized learning environment in accordance with the RTT-D application.
  2. Assist in the development, design and implementation of data-based strategies, technology, and 21st century tools in accordance with the RTT-D application.
  3. Participate with the consortium in applicable Professional Learning opportunities established through the application.
  4. Provide data from the member school district as outlined in the application or as requested by the US Department of Education or their evaluation contractor.
  5. Implement, monitor, and control all activities of the LEA as put forth in the RTT-D application.
  6. Participate in ongoing CQI and activity management of the RTT-D through the provision of a District Level Innovation Coordinator and their monthly attendance at ARI Meetings and liaison responsibilities between the LEA, KVEC, Rand, Inc. and the USDE. District will receive up to $75,000 for the 2018-19 school year to support this element of the work.

1. **Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative Assurances**

To support on-going RTT-D Grant approved goals and objectives the Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative will continue to:

* 1. Assist in leading the development, design, and implementation of a personalized learning environment in accordance with the RTT-D application.
  2. Assist in the development, design and implementation of data-based strategies, technology, and 21st century tools in accordance with the RTT-D application.
  3. Support the identification and development of Professional Learning opportunities established through the application and assist in creating systemic processes for implementation.
  4. Provide relevant and pertinent data as outlined in the application or as requested by the US Department of Education or their evaluation contractor.
  5. Implement, monitor, and control all activities of the Cooperative as put forth in the RTT-D application.
  6. Participate in ongoing CQI and activity management of the RTT-D and provide funding (up to $75,000) for a District Level Innovation Coordinator to support their monthly attendance at ARI Meetings and liaison responsibilities between the LEA, KVEC, Rand, Inc. and the USDE.
  7. The Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative will continue to coordinate the ARI National Advisory Board meetings and communications regarding decisions, policies, and procedures related to the grant goals and outcome. Any modification to the application and its subsequent contract with the US Department of Education will also need approval from the US Department of Education.
  8. The Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative will manage consortium funding as specified in their contract with the US Department of Education, General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), including the following provisions as applicable: 34 CFR Part 74–Administration of Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations; 34 CFR Part 75–Direct Grant Programs; 34 CFR Part 77– Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations; 34 CFR Part 80– Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, and Kentucky Administrative Regulation 702 KAR:3:130.
  9. The procurement process will comply with the procurement provisions; 34 CFR Part 81– General Education Provisions Act­–Enforcement; 34 CFR Part 82– New Restrictions on Lobbying; 34 CFR Part 84–Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance); 34 CFR Part 85–Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement) and Kentucky Administrative Regulation 702 KAR:3:130.
  10. The Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative will serve as the host LEA for purposes of the grant pursuant to the Application Requirements of the Notice and 34 C.F.R. 75.127-129.
  11. The Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative is legally responsible for:
      1. The use of all grant funds;
      2. Ensuring that the project is carried out by the Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative Consortium in accordance with Federal requirements; and
      3. Ensuring that the grant activities are carried out as identified within the grant guidelines and as required under 34 C.F.R. 75.564(e).
  12. The Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative will act as the fiscal agent for the grant and will comply with Kentucky’s statutes regarding procurement, accounting practices, and all other relevant areas of law, including but not limited to Kentucky Administrative Regulation 702 KAR:3:130.

1. **Modification**

This District Commitment may be amended only by written agreement signed by each of the parties involved, and in consultation with the U.S. Department of Education.

1. **Duration/Termination**

This District Commitment shall be effective, beginning with the date of the last signature hereon, and if the grant is received, ending upon the expiration of the grant project period, or upon mutual agreement of the parties, whichever occurs first.

1. **Signatures**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** School District hereby elects to continue participation for a 5th year in Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative’s USDE RTT-D grant (Appalachian Renaissance Initiative) and agrees to meet the commitments associated with the RTT-D grant goals, objectives and activities.

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| Superintendent (Printed Name): | Telephone: |
| Signature of Superintendent: | Date: |