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To: Dr. Randy Poe, Superintendent
Mrs. Lisa Resing, Principal
From: Dr. Tammie Sherry, Assistant Professor of Literacy Education
RE: Partnership between Florence Elementary and NKU
Date: March 1, 2019

Memorandum of Agreement
NKU Partnership with Boone County Schools/Florence Elementary

The Northern Kentucky University Department of Teacher Education desires to continue our partnership with Florence Elementary School in the Boone County Schools. The partnership agreement would continue our embedded presence in the school for an additional academic year (fall 2019-spring 2020). NKU teacher candidates will continue to be in the classrooms to assist teachers and provide a more in depth look at effective practices and models of teaching and learning. Specifically, NKU courses EDU 302 (Teaching Reading), EDU 310 (Teaching Language Arts), EDU 314 (Classroom Management), and EDU 390 (Elementary Field Experience I) will continue to meet on site at Florence Elementary and include time each day for students to work alongside teachers in the classroom. This approach has proven a positive way to monitor teacher candidate progress through frequent feedback and evaluation between the university faculty and Florence Elementary faculty.

Additionally, I will continue to work with the leadership team at Florence Elementary and Boone County Schools district level personnel to provide literacy professional development. This will continue to be negotiated as specific school and district needs arise that are in accordance with district curriculum directives. I will also continue to serve on school and district committees as an advisory member.

A draft of our agreed responsibilities is included below and was generated through informal discussions with the faculty and principal of Florence Elementary, as well as input from Dr. Alar Lipping, Interim Dean and Dr. Steve Crites, Interim Chair Dept. of Teacher Education.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,

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Responsibilities of NKU:

- a) Ensure all NKU students have completed PBIS, Volunteer training, and any other trainings deemed necessary by the school district.
- b) Ensure CERT training is completed by university supervisor housed in the school. (T. Sherry)
- c) Establish a daily time that NKU students are in the classrooms in accordance with the school's master schedule.
- d) Provide readings and coursework related to the unique demographic context of Florence Elementary.
- e) University supervisor, Tammie Sherry, will aid in the literacy professional development needs of Florence Elementary (not to exceed two faculty meetings per semester and/or one three hour session during a district PD day).
- f) University supervisor will maintain a consistent presence in the classrooms to support NKU students as well as Florence Elementary faculty and K-5 students.
- g) Provide opportunities during the field experience for NKU students to attend planning and work sessions with RtI and special education teachers.
- h) Encourage NKU students to become involved in a school community events to interact with families.

Responsibilities of School District (Florence Elementary):

- a) Secure a physical space in Florence Elementary for 2019 fall and 2020 spring.
- b) Florence Elementary administration/faculty agree to provide a classroom placement for EDU 302/310/314/390 students. The total number of students will typically range from 25-30.
- c) Florence Elementary administration will aid in the selection and recruitment of cooperating teachers deemed 'effective' by the district.
- d) Florence Elementary teachers will provide feedback regarding the elementary program with the university supervisor as members of the Elementary Advisory Committee.
- e) Florence Elementary administration/faculty will share expertise on special topics during course time (arranged individually).

Mutual Responsibilities:

- a) Data sharing on measurable impacts on K-5 learning.
- b) Collaborative research on school-university partnerships.

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Dr. Alar Lipping Date

Dr. Steve Crites Date

Dr. Randy Poe Date _____

Dr. Tammie Sherry Date

Lisa Resing 3/11/19 Date

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