

MEMORANDUM

**TO: RANDY POE, SUPERINTENDENT
KAREN BYRD, CHAIRPERSON
BOARD MEMBERS**

FROM: KATHLEEN G. REUTMAN

DATE: JULY 8, 2019

**RE: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN
THE BOONE COUNTY ALTERNATIVE CENTER FOR
EDUCATION AND TRI-STATE CANINE OBEDIENCE**

The dog therapy program is designed to aid at-risk students at ACE with behavioral awareness in order to divert behaviors classified in the Safe Schools Report as “unsafe;” in partnership with Tri-State Canine Obedience. Tri-State C.O. will create a personalized curriculum that will allow students to create a self-sustaining program that rescues dogs and trains them to become certified therapy dog trainers.

Students will have the ability to exhibit the Boone County School Districts 10 C’s; specifically: Compassion- The objective is for the students to own community needs by rescuing dogs then training to adopt out to other schools for therapy assistance; Collaboration—Students will partner with an outside consultant expert dog training and then engage among other students by working together to train a therapy dog; Community; Connections—Working with other schools to determine their needs for a more Safe School by utilizing a therapy dog; and Critical Thinking—The students will guide other schools stakeholders how to obtain funds through a self-created fundraising program within the school to have a therapy dog.

Tri-State Canine Obedience has provided a copy of its Animal Care Services Insurance Policy for our records.

I have attached copy of the Memorandum of Understanding and Dr. Hibbett’s justification for your reference.

I recommend the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Between ACE and Tri-State Canine Obedience, as presented

