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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

KCSD ISSUE PAPER

DATE:

11/20/19

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Northern Kentucky University (NKU) and Kenton County School District (KCSD) on behalf of River Ridge Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.1 Legal Status of the Board

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

The Kenton County School District (KCSD) and Northern Kentucky University (NKU) would like to partner in order for students of NKU to serve as practicum students for a school-based residency program for pre-service future elementary educators within River Ridge Elementary classrooms. Not only will the partnership grow the education profession but it will also serve to recruit and retain high quality educators who have specific training in the expectations of quality instruction in the KCSD.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

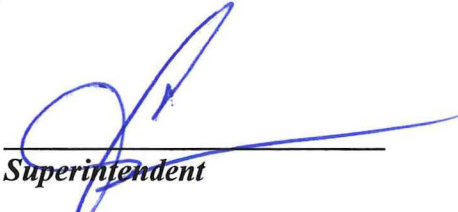
Approval of the MOA between NKU and KCSD on behalf of River Ridge Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year.

CONTACT PERSON:

Karen Hendrix/ Malina Owens


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Superintendent

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To: Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent, Kenton County Schools
Mrs. Malina Owens, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Jena Smiddy, Principal, River Ridge Elementary
From: Dr. Tammie Sherry, Associate Professor of Literacy Education
RE: Partnership between River Ridge Elementary and NKU
Date: November 1, 2019

**Memorandum of Agreement
NKU Partnership with Kenton County Schools/River Ridge Elementary**

The Northern Kentucky University Department of Teacher Education desires to establish a partnership with River Ridge Elementary in the Kenton County School District (KCSO). The partnership agreement will begin our embedded presence in the school for one academic year with a pilot semester beginning in January (spring 2020; fall 2020-spring 2021). NKU teacher candidates will work in the classrooms to assist teachers/p-5 students and gain 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) and EDU 388 (Elementary Field Experience I) will meet on site at River Ridge Elementary and include time each day for students to work alongside teachers in the classroom. Our hope is that the consistent and more frequent presence working in classrooms provides a positive way to closely monitor teacher candidate progress through frequent feedback and evaluation between the university faculty and River Ridge faculty.

Additionally, I will work with the leadership team at River Ridge Elementary and Kenton County School district level personnel to provide literacy professional development, serve on literacy committees and in other capacities that are agreed upon by both parties. This will be negotiated as specific school and district needs arise that are in accordance with district curriculum directives.

A draft of our agreed responsibilities is included below and was generated through informal discussions with the principal of River Ridge Elementary, Jena Smiddy, Malina Owens, Assistant Superintendent, Karen Hendrix, Director of Districtwide Programs, as well as Jim Allen, Interim Dean NKU College of 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 River Ridge Elementary.
- e) University supervisor, Tammie Sherry, will aid in the literacy professional development needs of River Ridge 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 River Ridge 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.
- i) If NKU needs to end the embedded programs at RRES, we will provide one semester of notice.

Responsibilities of School District (River Ridge Elementary):

- a) Secure a physical space in River Ridge Elementary for a minimum of 1 year (2020-21 school year), fall and spring semester.
- b) River Ridge Elementary administration/faculty agree to provide a classroom placement for EDU 302/310/388 students. The total number of students will typically range from 25-30.
- c) River Ridge Elementary administration will aid in the selection and recruitment of cooperating teachers deemed 'effective' by the district.
- d) River Ridge Elementary teachers will provide feedback regarding the elementary program with the university supervisor as members of the Elementary Program Advisory Committee.
- e) River Ridge Elementary administration/faculty will share expertise on special topics during course time (arranged individually).
- f) If KCSD needs to end the embedded program with NKU at RRES, KCSD will provide one semester of notice.

Mutual Responsibilities:

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

Sue Ott Rowlands Date

Dr. Henry Webb Date

Dr. Jim Allen Date

Malina Owens Date _____

Karen Hendrix Date

Jena Smiddy Date

Tammie Sherry Date