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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

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July 22, 2020

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve Consider/Approve The MOU with FRYSC Corps for Simon Kenton YSC to host FRYSC YSC Youth AmeriCorps program during the 2020 – 2021 school year.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.1 Legal Status of the Board

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

This is an excellent opportunity for Simon Kenton students to complete service projects leading to scholarship money for college.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:


Approval for Simon Kenton YSC to sign the MOU with FRYSC Corps for Simon Kenton YSC to host FRYSC YSC Youth AmeriCorps program during the 2020 – 2021 school year.

CONTACT PERSON:

Melissa Cross , Simon Kenton High School


Principal


District Administrator


Superintendent

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"The Kenton County Board of Education provides Equal Education & Employment Opportunities."



May 8, 2020

Hello Mary Beth Huss,

The following FRYSC(s) in your district will be hosting the FRYSC YSC Youth AmeriCorps program during the 2020 – 2021 school year.

Simon Kenton Youth Service Center

Sites recruit high school students aged 17 and older who will have the opportunity to gain career experience and serve their community while earning an education award they may use at any institution that accepts federal financial aid. Selected students will be enrolled as AmeriCorps members with the task of supporting school, district or local food relief programs. FRYSC AmeriCorps will be working with coordinators this summer to get the foundations for the program in place.

FRYSC Corps requests some in-kind donation of supervision and workspace. An in kind verification is included with this letter and MOU. There is not a cash cost to this program.

Here are your next steps.

1. A Memorandum of Understanding is provided with this letter. It must be reviewed in your district and signed by the superintendent.
2. A copy of the signed MOU should be returned to FRYSC AmeriCorps before students may begin their service. Service may start no earlier than September 1, 2020. Please return the signed MOU and in kind verification by August 31, 2020.
3. The inkind verification should be completed by your finance officer.
4. Signed MOUs and completed in kind verifications should be returned by mail, fax or scanned and emailed.

FRYSC AmeriCorps, Att: Heather Musinski, 275 E. Main St., 3C-G, Frankfort, KY 40601
Fax: 502-564-6108 or email to heather.musinski@ky.gov

If you have questions, please contact Heather Musinski, FRYSC AmeriCorps program director.
Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Musinski".

Heather Musinski
AmeriCorps Grant Manager
Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Kenton County School System
and
FRYSC CORPS Youth Service Program

This agreement is entered into between Legal Applicant FRYSC CORPS and Kenton County School System for the 2020-2021 AmeriCorps program participation. The following is understood and agreed to by the parties:

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

FRYSC CORPS is the AmeriCorps project of Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative Studies in partnership with the Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSC). FRYSC CORPS is funded in part by the Corporation for National and Community Service (hereafter referred to as CNCS) through the Kentucky Commission on Community and Volunteer Service (hereafter referred to as KCCVS).

FRYSC CORPS offers the **YSC Corps**, a service organization that provides opportunities for U.S citizens (hereafter referred to as "member") from the age of 17 and up, to contribute service in his or her own community. YSC CORPS members serve in high schools providing support to Youth Services Centers, schools and community non-profit organizations. Members support school, district and community food insecurity projects and mobilize community volunteers. The program has three major objectives in areas of getting things done, strengthening communities, and member development, as outlined in the FRYSC CORPS grant.

FRYSC CORPS MISSION STATEMENT

FRYSC CORPS is an AmeriCorps project, with members committed to serving the children of Kentucky in partnership with caring families, supportive schools and resource centers, active communities and dedicated volunteers, providing literacy-rich opportunities to assist K-12 students in improving their reading skills, benefiting their entire lives.

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I. PARTNER DISTRICT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. **In Kind:** Provide financial support for in-kind match cost of members. Partner site contribution amount is identified on in-kind statement provided by FRYSC Corps. In-kind funds provided to the FRYSC Corps are intended as restricted donations to support all expenditures of FRYSC Corps programs, regardless of whether the expenses are deemed allowable under the provisions of 2 CFR 200, Subpart E. Examples of in-kind contribution include supervision for member(s) provided by the FRYSC Coordinator or approved delegate, work space, event or office supplies for member use, and mileage costs for member travel to orientation.
- B. **Site Supervision:** The partner site provides site supervision of the FRYSC YSC Corps member. The Family Resource or Youth Service Center Coordinator serves as the site supervisor. Site supervisors receive FRYSC CORPS orientation information and a site supervisor's guide as well as technical assistance from program staff. They are expected to adhere to the policies and procedures contained therein. The school principal may assume or appoint another school employee to site supervision of the FRYSC CORPS member if the FRYSC Coordinator is unable to fulfill that role. The partner site must immediately notify FRYSC Corps of all supervision changes. The FRYSC Corps program year begins September 1, 2020 and ends August 31, 2021.
- C. **Site Supervisor Criminal History:** The site supervisor must agree to complete the National Service Criminal History Check as outlined by CNCS. The cost of the NSCHC is payable by FRYSC AmeriCorps. The results of the check are maintained by the FRYSC Corps. If the site supervisor completed the NSCHC they are not required to renew the NSCHC unless more than 120 days have elapsed since the individual served as the site supervisor.
- D. **Recruiting:** Sites are responsible for recruiting potential AmeriCorps/FRYSC CORPS members. A FRYSC Youth Service Corps application is required as the first step in this process. Sites should interview applicants for the position(s). The site supervisor and/or applicable school & district staff will select the candidate they prefer for their site. Final approval must come from the FRYSC CORPS staff.
- E. **Civil Rights / Equal Opportunity Policy:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has zero tolerance for the harassment of any individual or group of individuals for any reason. CNCS is committed to treating all persons with dignity and respect. CNCS prohibits all forms of discrimination based upon race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender identity or expression, political affiliation, marital or parental status, or military service. Any such harassment, if found, will result in immediate corrective action, up to and including removal or termination of any CNCS employee or volunteer. Recipients of Federal financial assistance, be they individuals, partner sites, programs and/or projects are also subject to this zero tolerance policy. Where a violation is found, and subject to regulatory procedures, appropriate corrective action will be taken, up to and including termination of Federal financial assistance from all Federal sources.

Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in violation of civil rights laws, regulations, or this policy, or in retaliation for opposition to discrimination or participation in discrimination complaint proceedings (e.g., as a complainant or witness) in any CNCS program or project, may raise his or her concerns with our Office of Civil Rights and Inclusiveness (OCRI). Discrimination claims not brought to the attention of OCRI within 45 days of their occurrence may not be accepted in a formal complaint of discrimination. No one can be required to use a program, project or sponsor dispute resolution procedure before contacting OCRI. If another procedure is used, it does not affect the 45-day time limit. OCRI may be reached

at (202) 606-7503 (voice), (202) 606-3472 (TTY), eo@cns.gov, or through <http://www.nationalservice.gov/>.

CNCS civil rights / equal opportunity requirements at <https://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/civil-rights-eo-regs>

- F. **Member Criminal History:** FRYSC Corps has an expectation that students identified by their school or school district as a reasonable threat to other students absolutely may not serve as a FRYSC YSC Corps member. Additionally, all applicants for FRYSC YSC Corps positions must agree to a criminal history check in order to participate in the YSC Corps. Parents or legal guardians of students under the age of 18 must agree to the criminal history check for their student. The check is facilitated by Truescreen. It includes a search of the Department of Justice's Sex Offender database, a search of state of service criminal history repository and from the repository of the applicant's state of residence if different; a fingerprint based check submitted for a national search through Fieldprint or the Kentucky State Police. The FRYSC Corps bears the cost of the search. District initiated criminal history checks cannot substitute the NSCHC. FRYSC Corps will provide a clearance letter when the individual's results are adjudicated.
- G. **Member Terms of Service:** FRYSC CORPS members are contracted to serve through the Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative regardless of the district they serve. Therefore, THE FRYSC CORPS staff must work with site supervisors to hire, terminate, reprimand, etc. members. Any concerns about the member must be brought to the attention of THE FRYSC CORPS staff immediately. Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative provides a grievance protocol for the member.
- H. **Performance Goals:** FRYSC YSC members provide support for school, district or local food relief programs. They may fundraise (limited to 30 hours), research resources to supplement the program, organize, store and deliver food to recipients. Members will receive confidentiality training from FRYSC Corps. FRYSC Corps requires that partner FRYSCs share data related to the number of individuals receiving food from FRYSC programs or referrals.
- I. **Civic Engagement:** The host site must support and promote the efforts of FRYSC CORPS members to support their host FRYSC's components and to inspire local community members to volunteer in school activities, community service, and other FRYSC CORPS projects.
- J. **Reporting:** The site supervisor will review and approve member time records, complete service summaries and other reports, and surveys as required by FRYSC CORPS, KCCVS, and CNCS.
- K. **Meetings and Trainings:** Site supervisors should attend the program orientation presented by the program staff. They will also be required to participate in periodic teleconference meetings hosted by the program. The dates of those meetings will be arranged and announced to all site supervisors. Members should attend FRYSC meetings as required. FRYSC Corps will offer multiple meeting opportunities to accommodate schedules when possible.
- L. **Media Release:** The parties understand that partner school district may restrict the release of photographs, video and film identifying students. This is in keeping with school district policies relating to photographs, videos and student confidentiality. Media identifying students who are NOT under FRYSC Corps contract will not be shared without school district permission. Media identifying YSC Corps members who have agreed to our media policy may be shared.
- M. **Communication:** Site supervisors or principals must report any professional problems, extended absences or work-related accidents concerning the member to FRYSC CORPS program staff immediately. FRYSC, school or district staff may arrange for FRYSC CORPS staff to present AmeriCorps/FRYSC CORPS information at school board and other relevant meetings.

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N. Prohibited Activities: Ensure that FRYSC CORPS members will not engage or participate in any of the following while charging time to AmeriCorps service or representing themselves as an AmeriCorps participant:

1. Attempting to influence legislation;
2. Organizing or engaging in protests, petitions, boycotts, or strikes;
3. Assisting, promoting, or deterring union organizing;
4. Impairing existing contracts for services or collective bargaining agreements;
5. Engaging in partisan political activities, or other activities designed to influence the outcome of an election to any public office;
6. Participating in, or endorsing, events or activities that are likely to include advocacy for or against political parties, political platforms, political candidates, proposed legislation, or elected officials;
7. Engaging in religious instruction, conducting worship services, providing instruction as part of a program that includes mandatory religious instruction or worship, constructing or operating facilities devoted to religious instruction or worship, maintaining facilities primarily or inherently devoted to religious instruction or worship, or engaging in any form of religious proselytization;
8. Providing a direct benefit to—
 - a. A business organized for profit;
 - b. A labor union;
 - c. A partisan political organization;
 - d. A nonprofit organization that fails to comply with the restrictions contained in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 except that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent participants from engaging in advocacy activities undertaken at their own initiative; and
 - e. An organization engaged in the religious activities described in paragraph (7) of this section, unless Corporation assistance is not used to support those religious activities;
9. Conducting a voter registration drive or using Corporation funds to conduct a voter registration drive;
10. Providing abortion services or referrals for receipt of such services;
11. Supplantation- Corporation assistance may not be used to replace State and local public funds used to support programs eligible to receive CNCS support
12. Nonduplication - Corporation assistance may not be used to duplicate an activity already available in the locality of a program.
13. Nondisplacement – Service site may not displace an employee or position, including reduction in hours, wages or benefits
 - a. Displace a volunteer already providing service to the organization
 - b. Create a service opportunity that prevents promotion of an employed individual
 - c. Perform duties that are already assigned to another employee
 - d. Perform duties or engage in activities that supplant the hiring of employed workers or a recalled worker pursuant to personnel procedure or a bargaining agreement.
14. Participants may not perform duties or services that have been performed by or were assigned to any;

- a. Presently employed worker;
- b. Employee who recently resigned or was terminated
- c. Employee on leave (terminal, vacation, emergency or sick)
- d. Striking or locked out employees
- 15. Fundraising that supports;
 - a. Participant living allowance
 - b. An organization general operating expenses or endowments
 - c. Write a grant application to CNCS or other federal agency
- 16. Such other activities as the Corporation may prohibit.

II. FRYSC CORPS Roles and Responsibilities

- A. **Financial:** Provide additional financial support for the program and members as indicated by grant activities.
- B. **Site Supervision:** Provide programmatic supervision and management to ensure quality of service, program accountability and member support.
- C. **Member Terms of Service:** Members are not considered employees. The definition of "participant" in the National and Community Service Act includes AmeriCorps members. Under the law, "a participant (member) shall not be considered to be an employee of the organization receiving assistance under the national service laws through which the participant (member) is engaged in service" (42 U.S.C. 12511(30)(B)).

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Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative provides a grievance protocol for the member.

- D. **Performance Goals:** FRYSC CORPS staff is required to review site and member progress to ensure the performance goals in Part I, section H. and the civic engagement goals in section I. are on track for completion. FRYSC Corps staff will also review the reports required for submission by members and site supervisor to ensure accuracy and completeness.
- E. **Civic Engagement:** Support and promote the efforts of FRYSC CORPS and its partnership with the school district to support FRYSC core component programming and to inspire local community members to volunteer in school activities, community service, tutoring programs, and other FRYSC CORPS projects.
- F. **Reporting:** Complete requested reports, and surveys as required by FRYSC CORPS, KCCVS, and CNCS. Provide copies reports as requested to the Superintendent (or his/her designee) in order to communicate program information. FRYSC, school or district staff may arrange for FRYSC CORPS staff to present AmeriCorps/FRYSC CORPS information at school board and other relevant meetings.
- G. **Meetings and Trainings:** Sponsor partner meetings, to provide information regarding program policies and procedures, as well as an opportunity for an exchange of information between all FRYSC CORPS partners.
- H. **Media:** Develop, create and publish articles, videos, displays and other forms of publicity. Using variety of media outlets, promoting the mission of FRYSC CORPS and its partners.
- I. **Communication:** Report any problems or work-related accidents to partners immediately. Present information at school board and other relevant meetings as requested by partners.

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- J. **Prohibited Activities:** Ensure that FRYSC CORPS members will not engage or participate in any activity as outlined in Section I, Paragraph J of this agreement.
- K. **Confidentiality:** Ensure that FRYSC CORPS members maintain the confidentiality standards expected of all school district employees. Ensure that confidentiality of referred students is maintained. FRYSC Corps members shall receive confidentiality training required of other community volunteers.
- L. **Member Replacement:** If a minimum-time member leaves the program during the program year for any reason, that member MAY be replaced if they have served less than 30% of their commitment as stated in the Guidelines from the Corporation for National and Community Service.
- M. **Member Criminal History Check:** The FRYSC Corps is responsible for initiating a criminal history check for each service member prior to the service member's start of service. In compliance with the Corporation for National and Community Service provisions, the grantee (FRYSC Corps) which serves a vulnerable population must check the service member's name record in (1) the Department of Justice's Sex Offender Database and (2) the state repository for the service members place of residence, and (3) a fingerprint check with the FBI's national repository. A record of clearance decisions based on the results of these checks are considered grant documentation and are maintained with FRYSC Corps records at the Division of FRYSC at 275 E. Main St., Frankfort, KY.
However, Kentucky Revised Statutes 610.320(3) prevents criminal records of minors under the age of 18 from being released. KRS 610.345(1) provides that superintendents or principals be notified when a child is found guilty of an offense. FRYSC Corps has an expectation that students identified by their school or school district as a reasonable threat to other students absolutely may not serve as a FRYSC YSC Corps member. All applicants for FRYSC YSC Corps positions must agree to a criminal history check in order to participate in the YSC Corps. Parents or legal guardians of students under the age of 18 must agree to the criminal history check for their student. The criminal history check will include: a search of the Department of Justice's Sex Offender database, a search of state criminal history database from the applicant's state of residence and a fingerprint based check initiated and submitted for a national search through the Kentucky State Police. The FRYSC Corps bears the cost of the search.

III. Amendments to this Agreement

This agreement may be changed or revised with the written consent of both parties prior to signing the MoA.

IV. Authorization

Kenton County School System and FRYSC CORPS hereby acknowledge by their signatures that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms of this document. This agreement will remain in effect until the end of the current program year, which is August 31, 2020.

FISCAL AGENCY

Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative

Signature on file at OVEC

Dr. Leon Mooneyhan, CEO

5/8/2020

Date

FRYSC CORPS/AMERICORPS PROGRAM

Heather Musinski

Heather Musinski, Program Director

5/8/2020

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PARTNER DISTRICT

Kenton County School System

Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent

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