Northern Kentucky Public School Districts

Mutual Aid within the following public-school districts: Beechwood Independent, Bellevue Independent, Boone County, Bracken County, Campbell County, Covington Independent, Dayton Independent, Erlanger-Elsmere Independent, Fort Thomas Independent, Kenton County, Ludlow Independent, Newport Independent, Pendleton County, Southgate Independent, Walton-Verona Independent, Williamstown Independent

Subject: Public School District Mutual Aid Agreement Annual Automatic Renewal with Opt-Out Option.

Amends or Supersedes: Mutual Aid Agreement for 2019/2020 School Year.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR UNUSUAL INCIDENTS FOR MEMBER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY COOPERATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

I. Purpose

A. Occasionally, and especially as a result of a specific school tragedy, weather event, or mass casualty incident, schools have exceptional demands placed upon their personnel resources. Although there is always a spirit of cooperation between the member schools of the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services (NKCES), assistance could be sporadic depending upon available resources.

1. There is a strong need for an agreement of mutual aid which will commit resources of personnel and/or buses, according to each school's ability to assist.
2. While each district's circumstances may allow more/less support, this agreement should reflect a minimum good faith effort, which can be committed at any time in case of a real emergency.

B. This agreement is intended to assist any of the participating schools by providing a systematic approach to personnel/asset mobilization (including, but not limited to School Counselors, School Psychologists, School Social Workers, School Nurses, Bus Drivers, School Buses and/or School Administrators who serve their districts as emergency management supervisors).

C. It should be noted that this agreement is not intended to provide long range staffing solutions; rather, it can provide immediate resources to meet immediate needs.

II. Authority

A. If an emergency occurs within a district, the Superintendent of that district (or designee), in consultation with the Incident Commander of that emergency (if applicable), will begin contacting the NKCES Superintendents as needed to request resources. Possible resource requests will be limited to 'Crisis Counseling' personnel (including, but not limited to personnel listed under section I, subsection B of this agreement), schools' buses, school bus drivers, and school administrators who serve their districts as emergency management supervisors.

B. Administrators from supporting schools may be assigned to support the requesting school in Command Post functions, especially if requesting district's Leadership is unable to perform these duties due to lockdown, injury, death, and/or reasons not specifically designated here.

III. Procedure

A. When a Superintendent/Designee of any participating school learns of an unusual incident

which has occurred, and which has the potential to not only be dangerous, but overwhelm the resources of the requesting district, he/she, in consultation with the Incident Commander of that emergency (if applicable), may begin contacting Superintendents to request assistance.

B. The requesting Superintendent should provide the following in their request (Details provided will be as thorough as possible without impeding any ongoing investigations or confidentiality requirements:)

1. Details of the emergency/situation.
2. Number of buses, staff being requested.
3. Location to stage/report, point of contact for their operational duties and phone number for that point of contact.

IV. Continuing Requirement

A. If a Superintendent leaves one of the participating districts during the pendency of this mutual aid agreement, then the interim or a designee shall be assigned to carry out the intent of this agreement.

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School	Authorizing Signature	School	Authorizing Signature
Beechwood Ind.	_____	Bellevue Ind.	_____
Boone County	_____	Bracken County	_____
Campbell County	_____	Covington Ind.	_____
Dayton Ind.	_____	Erlanger/Elsmere Ind.	_____
Fort Thomas Ind.	_____	Kenton County	_____
Ludlow Ind.	_____	Newport Ind.	_____
Pendleton County	_____	Southgate Ind.	_____
Walton-Verona Ind.	_____	Williamstown Ind.	_____