## Memorandum of Understanding Between

**Western Kentucky University And**

## Warren County School District

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into by and between the Western Kentucky University, an agency and instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Kentucky (“Western Kentucky University”), and Warren County School District, effective as of the last date signed below.

WHEREAS, there currently exists a teacher workforce shortage throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky but most acutely in the rural areas of the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth also has a shortage of teachers from underrepresented backgrounds;

WHEREAS, it has been established through the training paradigms of several universities throughout the country that teachers who are from and train in rural areas are more likely to remain in those areas to teach;

WHEREAS, to address this teacher workforce shortage, Western Kentucky University is partnering with area school districts and their communities to support students who are recognized by their school districts as being future certified teachers in high need areas;

NOW THEREFORE, Western Kentucky University and The Warren County School District agree as follows:

1. Western Kentucky University will match tuition funds provided by the district for district- selected students accepted and completing WKU Teacher Preparation Programs *up to the cost of tuition.*
2. Scholarship funds will be 1/3 from Western Kentucky University, 1/3 from the school district and 1/3 from the community.
3. Scholarship recipients are from underrepresented backgrounds, pursuing teacher certification
4. *Students need to apply for the program every year to ensure continued funding.*
5. To the extent possible, the culminating student teaching experience will take place in the district.
6. Students pursuing a licensure at the undergraduate or graduate level are eligible for the scholarship.
7. WKU will provide opportunities for students to access on-campus (Bowling Green) education activities remotely through distance technology on a case-by-case basis.
8. Funds from the district will flow to the College Heights Foundation as a third party scholarship.
9. Should funds from the district need to be held for subsequent years with possible distribution to outside entities, those funds will be held by the College Heights Foundation in an account in the individual school district’s name.

Rob Clayton, Superintendent Date Warren County School District

# \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John C. Lee, Representative Date GameChangers BG

\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Timothy C. Caboni, President Date Western Kentucky University