

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

**Between
Jefferson County Board of Education
And
Options Unlimited, Inc.**

This Memorandum of Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is entered into between the Jefferson County Board of Education (hereinafter "JCPS"), a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with its principal place of business at 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40218 and Options Unlimited, Inc., with its principal place of business at 205 Castlerock Drive, Shepherdsville, KY 40165.

WHEREAS The Exceptional Child Education (hereinafter "ECE") Department proposes to collaborate with Options Unlimited, Inc. to offer Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) to qualifying students with disabilities, ages 14-21. Pre-ETS encompasses five core areas as required by federal and state regulations. These include job exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, postsecondary counseling, workplace readiness training, and instruction in self-advocacy. The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation authorizes agencies as Community Rehabilitation Partners in order to provide Pre-ETS.

WHEREAS the ECE department seeks to increase postsecondary opportunities for our students through this opportunity.

WHEREAS JCPS desires to partner with Options Unlimited, Inc. to implement the Forever YES! program with qualifying students which teaches self-awareness and self-determination with a substantial focus on self-advocacy. Students will apply the knowledge and skills they learn to pursue employment and other post-secondary options. Forever YES! utilizes peer mentors with disabilities to assist students with disabilities in developing the skills they need to pursue successful postsecondary outcomes, including employment.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms, conditions, premises, and mutual agreements set forth herein, JCPS and Options Unlimited, Inc. agree as follows:

1. Duties of JCPS:

- a. Collaborate with Options Unlimited, Inc. to identify eligible students who may benefit from their services.
- b. Coordinate with teachers and school administration to identify a schedule of services for Options Unlimited, Inc. to provide Pre-ETS to students during the school day.

2. Duties of Options Unlimited, Inc.:

- a. Coordinate a schedule of services with JCPS

- b. Options Unlimited Inc. staff members are experienced in American Sign Language and Deaf culture. They will provide instruction in the 5 Pre-ETS areas to qualifying JCPS deaf and hard of hearing students. Participating students will learn how to apply the knowledge and skills they learn in order to pursue post-secondary options, with a primary focus on employment.

Examples of activities include: career assessment, direct instruction in workplace soft skills, direct instruction in knowing rights and responsibilities specific to communication access, job search techniques, and instruction requesting on-the-job accommodations specific to deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

- c. Options Unlimited, Inc. will provide group self-advocacy instruction through the Forever YES! Program.
- d. Options Unlimited, Inc. acknowledges if there is a conflict in billing for Pre-ETS services with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, JCPS will have priority over billing for such services.
- e. Not use the name or logo of JCPS or individual JCPS schools in printed materials, websites, videos or social media without prior approval from JCPS.
- f. For any projects involving program evaluation, monitoring activities, or data collection or research of any kind, JCPS student or staff participation is voluntary. As a federally authorized Institutional Review Board (IRB), JCPS complies with the federal definition for research, which includes sharing of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) for the purpose of answering a question or evaluating activities for effectiveness beyond standard educational or operational procedures. Thus, all research, program evaluation and data collection activities must be approved by the JCPS IRB and shall not begin before approval is secured from the JCPS IRB.
- g. If the performance of this Agreement involves the transfer by JCPS to Options Unlimited, Inc. of any data regarding any student that is subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. 1232g as amended, ("FERPA"), Options Unlimited, Inc. agrees to:
 - i. In all respects, comply with the provisions of FERPA, including any requirements of Chapter 99 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations and any other applicable state or federal law.
 - ii. Use any such data for no purpose other than to fulfill the purposes of this Agreement, and not share any such data with any person or entity other than Options Unlimited, Inc. and its employees, contractors, volunteers, and agents, without prior approval of JCPS. Disclosure shall be limited to only those employees, contractors, volunteers, or agents who are necessary for the fulfillment of this Agreement.

- iii. Require all employees, contractors, volunteers, and agents of Options Unlimited, Inc. to comply with all applicable provisions of FERPA with respect to any such data. Options Unlimited, Inc. shall require and maintain confidentiality Agreements with each employee, contractor, volunteer, or agent with access to data pursuant to this Agreement.
 - iv. Maintain any such data in a secure environment, whether physical or electronic, and not copy, reproduce, or transmit any such data except as necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Agreement. Options Unlimited, Inc. shall notify JCPS within 24 hours in the event of any data breach or disclosure of data to any person or entity other than the parties listed in this agreement.
 - v. Collect, store, and maintain data in a manner that does not permit the identification of an individual student by anyone other than employees, contractors, or agents of Options Unlimited, Inc. necessary for the fulfillment of this Agreement and having a legitimate interest related to the purposes of this Agreement in knowing such personal identification, and not disclose any such data in a manner that would permit the identification of an individual student in any form, including, but not limited to, published results of studies.
 - vi. Destroy or return to JCPS any such data obtained under this Agreement within thirty days (30) after the date by which Options Unlimited, Inc. no longer needs it for the purposes of this Agreement. Options Unlimited, Inc. will require all employees, contractors, volunteers, or agents of any kind to comply with this provision.
- h. JCPS retains the right to audit Options Unlimited, Inc.'s compliance with the confidentiality requirements of this provision. If the performance of this Agreement involves the transfer by JCPS to Options Unlimited, Inc. of any data regarding any student that is subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. 1232g as amended, ("FERPA"), Options Unlimited, Inc. agrees to:
- i. Options Unlimited, Inc. acknowledges that any violation of this Agreement and/or the provisions of FERPA or accompanying regulations related to the nondisclosure of protected student information constitutes just cause for JCPS to immediately terminate this Agreement pursuant to Article V of this Agreement.
 - j. Maintain an all-risk property and casualty insurance policy with respect to the facilities and a policy of commercial general liability in amounts no less than \$1,000,000/\$2,000,000 per policy and provide JCPS with a certificate of insurance upon request.
 - k. Require all Options Unlimited, Inc. employees/volunteers/contractors performing services under this Agreement to have on file a Criminal Records Check, per Kentucky law and JCPS requirements, completed no more than five years ago. Employees/contractors convicted of any of the following, per JCPS Board Policy 03.6, shall not be considered:

- i. Any conviction for sex-related offenses.
 - ii. Any conviction for offenses against minors.
 - iii. Any conviction for felony offenses, except as provided below.
 - iv. Any conviction for deadly weapon-related offenses.
 - v. Any conviction for drug-related offenses, including felony drug offenses, within the past seven years.
 - vi. Any conviction for violent, abusive, threatening or harassment related offenses.
 - vii. Other convictions determined by the Superintendent/designee to bear a reasonable relationship to the ability to perform services under this Agreement.
1. Options Unlimited, Inc. shall require all staff and volunteers performing services on JCPS school premises during JCPS school hours under this Agreement to submit per KRS 160.380 to a national and state criminal history background check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have a letter, provided by the individual, from The Cabinet for Health and Family Services stating no findings of substantiated child abuse and neglect records maintained by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
 - m. Options Unlimited, Inc. staff and volunteers will comply with all JCPS health safety guidelines including rules related to COVID-19 mitigation.
 - n. To the extent that JCPS facilities are closed to students, those facilities will also be unavailable to Options Unlimited, Inc. During any periods of the Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) or remote learning, JCPS facilities will not be available to Options Unlimited, Inc.

3. Mutual Duties:

- a. Each party shall not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital or parental status, political affiliations or beliefs, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, genetic information, disability, or limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.
- b. Each party shall comply with all federal and state laws and regulations and all JCPS policies applicable to the provision of the services described in this Agreement, including without limitation the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Kentucky Educational Rights and Privacy Act (KFERPA), the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

(HIPAA) and JCPS policies and procedures for volunteers and visitors entering JCPS facilities.

- c. The respective administrative offices of JCPS and Options Unlimited, Inc. who have responsibility for the implementation of this Agreement shall meet periodically during the term of this Agreement to evaluate the program and discuss issues of mutual concern.
4. **Term**: This Agreement shall be effective commencing October 25, 2022 and shall terminate on June 30, 2023. The Agreement may be extended by mutual written agreement of JCPS and Options Unlimited, Inc.
5. **Termination**: Either party may terminate this Agreement prior to the end of its term by giving sixty (60) days prior written notice to the other party. If JCPS terminates the Agreement, Options Unlimited, Inc. will be permitted in their discretion to continue to provide services during the period in which the sixty (60) day notice becomes effective.
6. **Amendment**: This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement signed by JCPS and Options Unlimited, Inc.
7. **Independent Parties**: JCPS and Options Unlimited, Inc. are independent parties, and neither shall be construed to be an agent or representative of the other, and therefore neither shall be liable for the acts or omissions of the other. Each party shall, however, be liable for any negligent or wrongful acts of its own employees, students and invitees.
8. **Captions**: Section titles or captions in this Agreement are inserted as a matter of convenience and reference, and in no way define, limit, extend, or describe the scope of this Agreement.
9. **Entire Agreement**: This Agreement contains the entire agreement between JCPS and Options Unlimited, Inc. concerning the Options Unlimited, Inc. and supersedes all prior agreements, either written or oral, regarding the same subject matter.
10. **Severability**: If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this Agreement unenforceable, such provision shall be modified to the extent required to make it enforceable, consistent with the spirit and intent of this Agreement. If such a provision cannot be so modified, the provision shall be deemed separable from the remaining provisions of this Agreement and shall not affect any other provision.
11. **Counterparts**: This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, in which case each executed counterpart shall be deemed an original, and all executed counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument.
12. **Applicable Law**: This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed.

Jefferson County Public Schools:

Options Unlimited, Inc.:

Marty Pollio, Ed.D, Superintendent



Brian Stinnett, Executive Director

Date: _____

Date: 10-3-22