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Date: March 8, 2023

<u>Consent Agenda Item (Action Item):</u> Consider/approve the participation in Digital Promise/ National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant, Drawing on Kinship Initiative

Applicable State or Regulations: BOE Policy 0.11 Powers and Duties of the Local Board of Education.

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact: Reimbursement of up to \$108,400

<u>History/Background:</u> The three-year NSF CSforAll project will support small teams of teacher-leaders at Floyd County Schools and Pikeville Independent School District to create, implement, study, and refine computational thinking (CT) lessons that are connected to their local cultural heritage of problem-solving. The project will also support the districts to host parent nights and a student project showcase that reinforces connections between CT education, local needs, and heritage.

Recommended Action: Approve the participation in NSF/Digital Promise grant, Drawing on Kinship.

## **Contact Person(s):**

Denise Isaac, Chief High School Instructional Officer

**Chief Information Officer** 

Superintendent

# MOU #002807

# Memorandum of Understanding

Between

**Digital Promise** 

And

Floyd County Schools

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding for Digital Promise and Floyd County Schools ("The District") to work together on the National Science Foundation project, "Drawing on Kinship: Rurally Sustaining Computational Thinking Pathways."

### Background

This three-year, NSF CSforALL project will support small teams of teacher-leaders at Floyd County Schools and Pikeville Independent School District to create, implement, study and refine computational thinking (CT) lessons that are connected to their local cultural heritage of problem-solving. The project will also support the districts to host parent nights and a student project showcase that reinforce connections between CT education, local needs and heritage.

## Participant Support

This MOU provides an outline of District participation in the Drawing on Kinship project.

Each district will have a lead representative as well as a wider CT Pathways Team consisting of a mixture of K-12 teachers and school/district administrators.

Participant supports will cover the following activities for partnering districts:

- Have a consistent core group of at least two teachers per middle school to fully attend
  the Eastern KY Summer Institute in summer 2023 and summer 2024 to design projectbased learning units
- In Spring of 2023, have the same core group of teachers attend approximately one day
  of professional development related to Appalachian Ingenuity stories, and provide
  support for any school/district parent nights and student showcase opportunities.
- In SY 2023-24 and SY 2024-25, have the same core group of teachers implement their lessons, and feature their students' learning at their school/district parent nights and student innovation summit.
- At least three teachers per district to teach as instructors at summer institute 2023, 2024 and 2025.
- Participating in surveys, interviews, focus groups, and dissemination activities, as requested by the project leaders

## **Participant Support Costs**

Digital Promise will reimburse the District for up to \$108,400 of participant support costs, as outlined above, over the life of the project. The United States Code of Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200.1) defines participant support costs as, "direct costs for items such as stipends or subsistence allowances, travel allowances, and registration fees paid to or on behalf of participants or trainees (but not employees) in connection with conferences, or training projects."

The following additional terms and conditions also apply to participant support costs:

- Stipends may only be paid for work and time outside of a district employee's normal hours or contract.
- Alcohol is not an allowable participant support cost.
- Travel via a privately operated vehicle, if required, will be at the current <u>GSA Rate</u>, said rate is inclusive of gas expenses.
- Coach or economy class airfare only,
- Hotels must be at or below the allowable per diem rate unless otherwise identified by Digital Promise.

## **Other Direct Expenses**

Digital Promise will also reimburse the District for up to \$3,600 (\$1200/year) for consumables for *Parent Inspire Night*.

#### Reimbursement Terms and Conditions.

To receive reimbursement of allowable participant support costs or other direct expenses, the District must submit periodic, no more frequently than monthly and no less frequently than quarterly, invoices to Digital Promise. All invoices must reference "MOU #2807, Drawing on Kinship: Rurally Sustaining Computational Thinking Pathways" and itemize the participant support costs and other direct expenses for which it is requesting reimbursement. Itemized original receipts must be included with the reimbursement requests. Only the participant support costs and other direct costs outlined in the MOU will be eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursements should be submitted to <a href="mailto:payables@digitalpromise.org">payables@digitalpromise.org</a> with <a href="mailto:eiwatani@digitalpromise.org">eiwatani@digitalpromise.org</a> cc'd. Digital Promise is a net-30 organization. The District may be asked to submit a W9 before submitting its first invoice.

#### Termination

Either the District or Digital Promise may terminate this MOU by giving at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other. In the event the MOU is terminated, the District may submit for reimbursement for all approved participant support costs up to the date of termination. Digital Promise will end all services connected to the agreement and educators from the District will no longer be able to participate in the Drawing on Kinship project. In the event of termination, the District also agrees to participate in an exit interview if requested by Digital Promise.

# **Billing and Invoicing Contacts**

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