

DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This educational professional services agreement (this “Agreement”) is dated April 26, 2023 and is entered into between TEACH FOR AMERICA, INC. (“Teach For America”), a Connecticut non-profit with regional office located at 1311 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202 and Covington Independent Public Schools, a political subdivision of the state of Kentucky (“School District”) (each individually “a Party” and collectively “the Parties”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Teach For America is a national leader in recruiting, selecting, training and providing ongoing professional development to individuals committed to closing the achievement gap by serving as effective classroom teachers specifically equipped to enhance student achievement in under-resourced school systems.

WHEREAS, Covington Independent Public Schools seeks to recruit new teachers who are trained to lead students to academic achievement and to equip such teachers with ongoing professional development and support to further develop and sustain their professional practice.

NOW THEREFORE, School District and Teach For America agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

AGREEMENT

I. TEACHER CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT, SELECTION AND HIRING:

School District Responsibilities:

A. Hiring Commitment.

- i. Teach For America will use its reasonable efforts to provide the number of teacher candidates for employment with School District (“Teachers”) (the “Agreed Number”), but Teach For America cannot and does not guarantee its ability to provide the full Agreed Number of Teachers to School District. Failure to provide the Agreed Number of Teachers for any academic year shall

not constitute a breach of this agreement. In the event that Teach For America supplies the School District with any Teachers above the Agreed Number, School District agrees to pay the fee for each additional Teacher. Each cohort of Teachers employed pursuant to this clause is in addition to the Teachers from prior cohorts.

- a. 1-3 teachers for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 academic school years. 1-3 teachers for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 academic school years. For additional detail on the Agreed Number, please see **Exhibit A**.
- ii. Whether or not Teach For America is able to provide the full Agreed Number, School District shall consider for hire each Teacher provided by Teach For America who meets the district eligibility requirements.
- iii. Any Teach For America Teacher hired by the School District shall be hired as the classroom teacher of record and not for substitute, auxiliary, resource or teacher's aide positions.
- iv. Teach For America Teachers will be hired by School District for vacancies across the full range of grades and subject matters and not restricted or limited to so-called "critical" or "shortage" subjects or grade level vacancies. School District agrees that Teach For America Teachers will not provide any religious instruction.
- v. To the extent reasonably practicable, School District will employ two or more Teachers per individual Partner School.
- vi. School District and Teach For America shall collaborate in good faith to identify individual schools within School District appropriate for Teachers. School District agrees that it will not place Teach For America Teachers at any for-profit schools within its district.

B. Hiring Process.

- i. School District and Teach For America will collaborate in good faith to facilitate the efficient hiring of individual Teachers, in accordance with the School District's established District hiring practices.

- ii. School District shall use its reasonable efforts to hire Teachers in a timely manner throughout the preceding spring and summer. School District shall employ Teachers no later than 15 days before the first day of the academic school year. School District agrees that where possible, Teach For America shall be informed of individual Teacher's grade and subject level assignments prior to the start of their Pre-Service Training (as defined below).
- iii. Subject to its obligations under pre-existing collective bargaining agreements, contracts, or applicable law, School District will offer alternative employment to any Teacher who is not employed by the first day of the academic school year. "Alternative employment" includes, but is not limited to substitute teaching positions, "pool" teaching positions, classroom aides or other temporary category of employment available within School to individuals with teaching credentials. The purpose of an alternative employment placement is to provide a salary until such time as School District can secure permanent employment as a full-time classroom teacher of record.

II. TEACHER CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT, SELECTION AND HIRING:

Teach For America Responsibilities:

- A. Candidate Recruitment and Selection. Teach For America will utilize its reasonable efforts to recruit, select for participation in the Teach For America program, and present to the School District for employment Teachers from a broad range of academic majors and career fields. Teach For America will use reasonable efforts to recruit Teachers from diverse backgrounds. In connection with the foregoing, Teach For America will not knowingly engage in any unlawful acts of discrimination in its recruiting or selection of candidates.
- B. Pre-Service Training. Prior to entering the classroom, all Teachers will undergo pre-service training with Teach For America ("Pre-Service Training), in order to prepare Teachers for this work.

C. Certification Status. Teach For America will provide the Pre-Service Training to Teachers presented to School District for the purpose of ensuring that such Teachers meet applicable federal, state and/or local educational standards or requirements such as those set forth in the federal Every Student Succeeds Act and other applicable state certification regulations (together, the “Requirements”). For purposes of this Section, only those Requirements in effect at the time that the Teacher is offered employment by School District will be applicable.

III. TEACHER PLACEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITMENTS:
School District Responsibilities

A. Employment Status.

- i. Every Teacher employed by School District as described in this Agreement shall be a full-time employee of School District with all of the rights, responsibilities and legal protections attendant to that status and not an employee of Teach For America. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to grant additional employment rights to individual Teachers.
- ii. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to make Teach For America party to any Teacher employment agreement, permit Teach For America to interfere in the employment relationship between School District and an employed Teacher, or permit Teach For America to function as the representative of any Teacher absent an express agreement among the parties and the Teacher that Teach For America may operate in such capacity in a particular circumstance.
- iii. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to imply that an employer-employee relationship exists between Teach For America and any individual Teacher.
- iv. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to imply that any Teacher employed by the School District is an agent of Teach For America or has any right or authority to create or assume any obligation of any kind, express or implied, on behalf of Teach For America.

- v. Notwithstanding the foregoing, School District may continue to employ individual Teacher(s) beyond the two-year commitment by mutual agreement between School District and such Teacher(s).

B. Compensation of Teachers. School District shall provide to every Teacher employed by School District pursuant to this Agreement the same salary and benefits as are provided to other teachers employed by School District who are similarly situated under factors routinely used by School District in making such decisions. Notwithstanding the above, Teach For America acknowledges it exercises no control of the salary and benefits offered to Teachers per this Agreement.

C. Reductions in Force. Subject to its obligations under pre-existing labor agreements and applicable municipal and state laws and regulations, School District shall use reasonable efforts not to terminate any employed Teacher from their teaching position in the event of a reduction in force (RIF), layoffs, “leveling” or other elimination or consolidation of teaching positions within School District. School District shall treat any Teacher employed in connection with this Agreement whose teaching position is eliminated at least as favorably as other teachers with the same job classification, certification status, and/or seniority rights.

D. Compliance with Anti-Harassment and Non-Discrimination Regulations. Teach For America believes all Teachers should be able to work in a safe, inclusive and equitable environments free from all forms of unlawful discrimination based on characteristics or protected status. To that end, School District will provide a copy of their internal harassment policies and/or procedures prior to signing this Agreement. School District acknowledges that not consistently enforcing their policies and procedures constitutes a breach of this Agreement, and that such judgment is at the sole discretion of Teach For America.

E. Prohibited Activities and AmeriCorps Service Requirements. School District acknowledges that Teachers serving at district schools may be serving as members of AmeriCorps, and as such, are subject to the rules and requirements of AmeriCorps and the

Serve America Act and are required to refrain from engaging, directly or indirectly in certain activities while teaching, accumulating service hours towards an education award or otherwise engaging in activities supported by the AmeriCorps program (45 CFR § 2520.65). These restrictions pertain to when Teachers are enrolled in the AmeriCorps program and are on the clock at their school, including teaching time, passing and planning periods and professional development sessions. A full list of prohibited activities can be found in attached **Attachment A** but in general, Teachers may not (1) attempt to influence legislation or (2) participate in or endorse political events or activities.

- i. School District will not require Teachers to engage in any Prohibited Activities and shall post a list of Prohibited Activities in all locations where Teachers serve, when possible.
- ii. School District acknowledges they may be asked to complete AmeriCorps Service Verification forms for Teachers.
- iii. For the avoidance of doubt, Teachers may exercise their rights as private citizens and may participate in the activities listed above on their initiative, on non-AmeriCorps time, and using non- CNCS funds.

IV. TEACHER PLACEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITMENTS: Teach For America Responsibilities

A. Professional Development and On-Line Data Storage Services.

- i. Teach For America shall provide on behalf of School District various professional development services and activities for participating Teachers as well as on-line data storage services to facilitate such professional development services during the Teachers first two years in the classroom (the “Professional Development Services”). If professional development services must be provided virtually, at Teach For America’s discretion, Teach For America shall provide equivalent services to the extent possible. To facilitate provision of these professional development services, Teach For America may provide on-

line data storage services, including transfer and storage of identifiable student information on Teach For America's software and servers.

- ii. To facilitate provision of the Professional Development Services, School District may disclose to Teach For America student-related records and personally identifiable information contained in such records (collectively, "Student Records"). Pursuant to its obligations under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC §1232g, and its implementing regulations, 34 CFR pt. 99, as each may be amended from time to time ("FERPA"), in the course of providing the Professional Development Services, Teach For America is a school official with legitimate educational interests in the Student Records disclosed to Teach For America, pursuant to 34 CFR §99.31(a)(1).
- iii. Teach For America agrees to use, maintain, and redisclose Student Records only in accordance with the requirements of FERPA, as permitted by this Agreement and/or otherwise authorized by the School District or by law, and in compliance with the student data privacy requirements contained in the Data Sharing Agreement, a form of which is attached and incorporated hereto as, **Attachment B** to this Agreement, and only for the purposes for which disclosure was made.
- iv. Teach For America may re-disclose Student Records to third parties pursuant to Teach For America's provision of the Professional Development and Data Storage Services, as provided in 34 C.F.R. § 99.33(b), provided that Teach For America shall, in advance, provide the names of such parties and a brief description of such parties' legitimate educational interest in receiving such information.
- v. Pursuant to 34 CFR § 99.7(a)(3)(iii), School District shall include, in its annual notification of rights under FERPA, criteria that qualify Teach For America, in its capacity as a provider of professional development and data storage services, as a school official with a legitimate educational interest.

B. Certification and Credentialing Services.

- i. Teach For America shall facilitate the enrollment of individual Teachers in an alternative certification/licensure program that will enable the individual Teacher to obtain appropriate credentials to be a classroom teacher of record according to the requirements of the Every Student Succeed Act and applicable state regulations in existence at the time of signature of this agreement..
- ii. Teach For America shall not be responsible for, and shall not be in breach of any provision of this Agreement, in the event of any failure by an individual Teacher to fulfill their obligations to maintain their teaching credentials or obtain necessary waiver(s) to remain a classroom teacher of record.

V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Fees-for-Service.

- i. School District shall pay Teach For America an annual fee for each Teacher employed under this Agreement to defray expenses Teach For America incurred in recruiting, selecting, providing Pre-Service Training and continuing professional development services to the Teachers employed by School District under this agreement. All payments for fees shall be in the form of check delivered to Teach For America or wire transfer to an account designated by Teach For America in writing.
- ii. With respect to each Teacher whose employment by School District is to commence in the 2023-2024 academic year, School District shall pay Teach For America an annual amount of \$5,000 for each year in which such Teacher is employed by School District, up to two years from the date such employment is to commence.
- iii. With respect to each Teacher whose employment by School District is to commence in the 2024-2025 academic year, School District shall pay Teach For America an annual amount of \$5,000 for each year in which such Teacher is employed by School District, up to two years from the date such employment is to commence.

- iv. With respect to each Teacher whose employment by School District is to commence in the 2025-2026 academic year, School District shall pay Teach For America an annual amount of \$5,000 for each year in which such Teacher is employed by School District, up to two years from the date such employment is to commence.
- B. Non-refund. Teach For America shall have no obligation to refund to School District any amount paid by School District in respect of any Teacher for any reason whatsoever.
- C. Invoicing and Payment. Teach For America will invoice School District for all amounts due hereunder with respect to any academic year within thirty (30) days of the start of the academic school year, provided that Teach For America's failure to timely do so, will not constitute a waiver of any of Teach For America's rights or constitute a breach by Teach For America.
- D. Term. The term of this Agreement will cover all Teachers whose employment begins with the School District during the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 academic years. This Agreement will expire on the last school day of the 2025-2026 academic year.
- E. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated as follows:
- i. at any time by mutual written agreement of the Parties;
 - ii. by either Party, upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other Party, provided that the terminating Party provides that notice no later than 120 days prior to the end of the current academic year; or
 - iii. by either Party upon written notice to the other Party in the event of a material breach of this Agreement that is incapable of being cured or, if capable of being cured, is not cured within thirty (30) days following receipt by the breaching Party of written notice of such breach from the non-breaching Party.

- F. Survivability and Effect of Termination. In the event of the expiration or termination of this Agreement, this agreement shall become void, with the exceptions that Section IIIA-E (School District placement and professional development responsibilities) shall survive and will remain in effect until such time as there are no Teachers employed under this contract. In addition, Sections VG (No Warranty), V.H (Mutual Indemnification), and V.I (Limitation of Liability) shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement indefinitely. Additionally, Teach For America will be entitled to all outstanding amounts due up to the date of expiration or termination.
- G. No Warranty. School District hereby agrees and acknowledges that Teach For America does not make and has not made any representation and warranty (express or implied) as to the fitness of any Teacher presented or provided by Teach For America and School District shall indemnify and hold harmless the TFA Indemnities (as defined below in the Section related to Mutual Indemnification) from and against any Losses (also defined below in the same Section below) resulting from any claim related to the services provided by Teach For America, including, but not limited to, claims that any Teacher presented or provided by Teach For America was unfit for the position for which he or she was hired by School District.
- H. Mutual Indemnification. Each Party shall indemnify and hold harmless the other party and its officers, directors, employees and agents (the " Indemnitees") from and against any and all losses, liabilities, claims, damages, costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) ("Losses") to which such Indemnatee may become subject arising out of a breach of this Agreement by the indemnifying party, except to the extent such Losses result from the willful misconduct or gross negligence of such Indemnatee.
- I. Limitation of Liability. Neither Party nor any of its officers, directors, employees or agents shall be liable to the other Party in connection to this Agreement, except for a Loss resulting from willful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of such Party; provided that in no event any such liability be in excess of the aggregate amount of the value of this Agreement. To the extent permitted by applicable state laws and

- regulations, neither Party shall have any liability to the other Party with respect to Losses asserted after 6 months of the expiration or termination of this Agreement, whichever is earliest.
- J. Surveys. School District acknowledges that Teach For America may survey individual constituents, teachers, etc. at the partner school sites regarding its programming and professional development of Teachers in the classroom.
- K. Amendment/Modification/Extension. Any amendment, modification, extension must be in writing and signed by each Party.
- L. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts (including by electronic transmission).
- M. Governing Law. This Agreement and all matters relating hereto shall be governed by, construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Kentucky.
- N. Severability. If any term or provision of this Agreement is determined to be illegal, unenforceable or invalid in whole or in part for any reason, such provisions or part thereof shall be stricken from this Agreement, and such provision shall not affect the legality, enforceability or validity of the remainder of this Agreement. Such stricken provision shall be replaced, to the extent possible, with a legal, enforceable and valid provision that is as similar in tenor to the stricken provision as is legally possible.
- O. Notices. Any notices to either Party under this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered by hand or sent by nationally recognized messenger service, or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the addresses set forth below or to such other address as that Party may hereafter designate by notice.

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Email: g
**Send only notices related to breach of
contract and indemnity.*

- P. Waiver. A waiver or a breach or default under this Agreement shall not be a waiver of any other subsequent breach or default. The failure or delay in enforcing compliance with any term or condition of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver unless expressly waived in writing .
- Q. Authority. This Agreement supersedes all communications between the parties related to the subject matter of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of School District and Teach For America has caused its duly authorized representative to sign this Agreement in the space provided below.

Covington Independent Public Schools

By: _____
Name: Alvin Garrison
Title: Superintendent
Address: 25 E 7th St, Covington,
: KY 41011

Teach For America

By: _____
Name: Jennifer Howard
Title: Executive Director
Address: 1311 Vine Street
: Cincinnati, OH 45202

Teach For America

Contract Owner Attestation:

This contract required legal changes to the required terms and was reviewed/approved by TFA Legal Affairs in this final form.

This contract did not require legal changes and was not reviewed by TFA Legal Affairs.

Name: _____
Title: _____

EXHIBIT A

Certification (subject) Area	Grade Level	Agreed Number of Teachers	Academic Year of Employment
Special Education, Math, Science, Elementary	All	1-3	2023-2024 and 2024-2025
Special Education, Math, Science, Elementary	All	1-3	2024-2025 and 2025-2026

ATTACHMENT A
AMERICORS PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Citations:

45CFR § 2520.65 -

While charging time to the AmeriCorps program, accumulating service or training hours, or otherwise performing activities supported by the AmeriCorps program or CNCS, staff and members may not engage in the following activities:

- a. Attempting to influence legislation;
- b. Organizing or engaging in protests, petitions, boycotts, or strikes;
- c. Assisting, promoting, or deterring union organizing;
- d. Impairing existing contracts for services or collective bargaining agreements;
- e. Engaging in partisan political activities, or other activities designed to influence the outcome of an election to any public office;
- f. 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;
- g. 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;
- h. Providing a direct benefit to—
 - i. A business organized for profit;
 - ii. A labor union;
 - iii. partisan political organization;
 - iv. A nonprofit organization that fails to comply with the restrictions contained in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 related to engaging in political activities or substantial amount of lobbying except that nothing in these 9 provisions shall be construed to prevent participants from engaging in advocacy activities undertaken at their own initiative; and
 - v. An organization engaged in the religious activities described in paragraph 3.g. above, unless CNCS assistance is not used to support those religious activities;
- i. Conducting a voter registration drive or using CNCS funds to conduct a voter registration drive;
- j. Providing abortion services or referrals for receipt of such services; and
- k. Such other activities as CNCS may prohibit.

Individuals may exercise their rights as private citizens and may participate in the activities listed above on their initiative, on non-AmeriCorps time, and using non- CNCS funds. Individuals should not wear the AmeriCorps logo while doing so.