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**Amendment #1 for Years 3-4
To Memorandum of Understanding #00002190
Between Jefferson County Public Schools and Digital Promise Global (dba Digital Promise)**

Purpose

This amendment to the MOU for the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools extends the current agreement through June 30, 2026.

A summary of how Digital Promise and Jefferson County Public Schools will work together to create innovative learning environments and document the third and fourth years in the program that extends through the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years is included below. The following schools will continue to participate in the third and fourth years of the program: Highland Middle School and Ramsey Middle School.

The third and fourth years of the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools program will provide much of what was provided in the first two years. Please see the summary below including the exceptions.

In years 3 and 4, Digital Promise will provide:

- Coach stipend (\$25k per school) for Year 3 only; no stipend for Year 4
- Each device provided through the VILS program will be equipped with a 4G LTE cellular data plan of at least 30GB/month for access to educational resources on the Internet when the user is away from school
- Device gap orders through Fall of Year 4 for increases in student enrollment to ensure that each student has a device to use for the fourth year
- Cases for new devices provided through gap orders
- Limited device protection coverage for up to 20% of repairs caused by accidental damage, as well as MDM and filter licenses (if provided in years 1 and 2)
- Opportunities to participate in working groups, virtual convenings, and STEM-related events
- At least one on-site visit to each VILS school per year
- Access to the VILS Single Sign-On (SSO) dashboard, which the District Points of Contact for VILS and coaches/teachers at participating schools must use to access learning experiences, a community of practice, and a dedicated website with resources to support professional learning and design of classroom activities as well as a help desk to assist with access to these systems and device connectivity

In year 3, Digital Promise will NOT provide:

- Customized, synchronous professional development
- Repairs for intentional damage or device failure
- Replacement devices

In year 4, Digital Promise will NOT provide:

- Coach stipends
- Customized, synchronous professional development
- Repairs for intentional damage or device failure
- Replacement devices

In years 3 and 4, Jefferson County Public Schools will provide:

- VILS Coaches
 - Year 3: a full-time Coach at each VILS school to support the ongoing VILS work.
 - Year 4: A full-time Coach, or a high-functioning Teacher Leader Corps team, at each VILS school to support the ongoing VILS work. If the support will be a Teacher Leader Corps, a main point of contact is required and a detailed plan is required in the school's Sustainability Plan.
- Documentation for implementation of sustainability plans, policies, and procedures submitted in the extension application
- Continued participation in the research activities led by Digital Promise's Center for Inclusive Innovation research and evaluation team, including fall and spring surveys for teachers, coaches, and principals, and case study research at schools that volunteer (in the latter case, a separate research approval process will be undertaken with the district for case study activities as in previous years)
- Device reports on inventory, including lost, stolen, and broken devices
- Documented stories of impact
- Participation from District and IT Leads, School Leaders, Coaches, and School-based IT with monthly professional learning opportunities and the VILS community (e.g. Monthly syncs, Extension School Calls, National Calls, etc.)
- Device repairs caused by intentional damage or device failure
- Replacement devices

This amendment also updates the existing MOU for the following:

- Verizon may choose to make 5G services available under the MOU in its sole discretion. Any 5G service made available under the MOU requires 5G equipment and 5G coverage.
- Any references in the MOU to the Verizon Wireless "4G" or "4G LTE" network shall be deemed to be references to the "Verizon Wireless mobile network" to permit connectivity to any 5G networks provided by Verizon Wireless
- All references to devices in the MOU shall be deemed to include wireless smartphones, tablets, laptops and any other devices provided with connectivity to the Verizon Wireless mobile network
- End-users, parent(s)/guardian(s) and students are permitted to download any billable or paid applications (apps) that are provided by their schools or districts

Research requirements for years 3 and 4

In the years 3 and 4, teachers, coaches, and principals in every participating VILS district and school are expected to assist Digital Promise's research by completing 15-minute surveys twice per year; and district IT and professional learning leads once per year. The goal of the surveys is to explore the extent to which the program is implemented as promised and outcomes are achieved, with all findings shared back with the program team confidentially and in the aggregate for their continuous improvement of the program. Individual participation in a survey is always voluntary even though schools and districts, as a whole, are expected to participate in research. If a school is invited by the research team and agrees to participate as a research case study school, the research team will acquire separate research approval through district processes. The data collected by the research team will include, but is not limited to, data from virtual interviews 1-2 times per year with 3-4 participating teachers, the coach, and the principal at each school, in addition to an annual in-person visit that includes 3-4 classroom observations, student focus groups with up to 10 students, shadowing of the coach, and a 5-minute student survey for students associated with the participating teachers.

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