



Memorandum of Understanding

National Performance for Education (NPE)
1096 Woods Road
Nicholasville, KY 40356

NPE and Garrard County Schools

Purpose: In support of this MOU, NPE and **Garrard County Schools (GCS)**, located in Lancaster, KY, will demonstrate a collaborative working relationship in building capacity to prevent and reduce school violence in support of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) **STOP** grant for FY 2024. This agreement will officially be effective on 10/1/2024 and will continue for 36 months ending on 9/30/2027.

Partner roles and responsibilities: NPE will dedicate resources and services to support developing and expanding strategies that increase school safety by preventing and reducing school violence. NPE, serving as the fiscal agent, will provide GCS with an innovative design to assist and support the following goals for this BJA STOP Grant:

- implement evidence-based strategies that will improve the school climate at each school through a multi-tiered approach and resilience training
- provide evidence-based strategies in building school-wide PBIS/MTSS response teams that will support both the behavior and academics of all students
- address the negative impacts of substance use disorder through building assets and reducing risks to our student population, families, and our community
- provide schools with an evidence-based approach to a therapeutic program to provide cognitive behavior, reality, and solution-focused therapies
- provide explicit instruction for the skills students need for life in and beyond school
- build a district-wide social and emotional learning community to develop students' social skills and SEL competencies

NPE and GCS will protect school and student privacy and ensure that students, project site grantee staff, and multidisciplinary team members are not discriminated against based on race, national origin, disability, religion, or sex.

Funding: Funding shall exist for contractual needs to support training and implementation toward this BJA STOP Grant for 36 months, in support of Campus Community Leaders for each school.

This MOU has been read and agreed upon by the following representatives of both organizations.

GCS Representative / Title

Date

NPE Representative / Title

Date