

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made and entered this ___ day of _____, 2025, by and between the Board of Education of Christian County, Kentucky, 200 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240 (“Board”) and Murray State University, 1375 Chestnut Street, Murray, Kentucky 42071 (“MSU”).

RECITALS

A. Board and MSU mutually desire to create a vibrant higher education environment on the MSU/Hopkinsville campus to meet the needs of the Board’s high school as they pursue 2 and 4-year degrees.

B. Board and MSU mutually desire to create a rigorous academic curriculum for the Board’s college-bound students by providing an atmosphere where rigorous dual credit courses and rigorous Advanced Placement courses.

C. To these ends, Board and MSU desire to partner to design and implement a model for higher education that expands and enriches the current programs for the Board’s current and future high school student, which involves ensuring the Board’s high school students have meaningful exclusive access to MSU coursework in core subjects (including without limitation Math, Natural Sciences, Foreign Languages, English, Engineering, and Agriculture) in-person on the MSU Hopkinsville Regional Campus.

D. To these ends, MSU desires to grant Board administrators, faculty, and college bound students use of the MSU Hopkinsville Regional Campus beginning with the 2025-2026 calendar year for MSU dual credit college courses and rigorous

Advance Placement courses in what will be known as the Christian County High School Racer Academy.

TERMS

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board and MSU agree as follows:

1. **Christian County High School Racer Academy.** By the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Board and MSU are establishing the Christian County High School Racer Academy (“Racer Academy”), which shall endeavor to provide a robust and rigorous MSU college and Advanced Placement curriculum for the Board’s high school students. The Racer Academy will provide an academic focused curriculum and program of instruction for the Board’s college bound students. Signage will be prominently placed near US Highway 41-A identifying “Christian County High School Racer Academy.”

2. **In-Person Instruction at MSU.** In consultation with the Superintendent or designee, MSU shall determine its college course offerings for each semester but will offer at least 12 hours of in-person dual credit courses at the MSU Hopkinsville Regional Campus to approximately 120 of the Board’s eligible junior and senior students each school year. Students/parents will be financially responsible for coursework beyond scholarships and grants.

3. **Governance:**

3.1. MSU’s Director of the Hopkinsville Regional Campus and the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate to ensure that the Christian County High School Racer Academy students have meaningful access to MSU coursework in-person in Hopkinsville in multiple core subjects (including without limitation Math, Natural

Sciences, Foreign Languages, English, Engineering, Education, and Agriculture) on the MSU Hopkinsville Regional Campus.

3.2. MSU will collaborate with Hopkinsville Community College with respect to dual credit course offerings to minimize the duplications of such course offerings.

3.3. There will be quarterly meetings between the Superintendent or designee, and the Director of MSU's Regional Campuses to discuss progress and quality of the programs.

3.4. MSU shall provide office space suitable for high school administrators and guidance counselors to use as needed. MSU will provided classroom space for the Board to offer and implement a robust and rigorous Advanced Placement curriculum to the Board's students. The Board will not be charged or financially responsible for rent or other charges for use of the MSU Hopkinsville Regional Campus, including the building.

4. Instructional Issues:

4.1. MSU shall provide instruction in-person on the Hopkinsville campus of MSU exclusively to Board students as stipulated above.

4.2. Each semester MSU shall collaborate and cooperate with the Superintendent or designee to determine what courses will be offered and when those courses will be offered to maximize the benefit, to the extent practicable, to the Board's high school students.

4.3. MSU and the Board shall collaborate to ensure that the MSU class schedule is coordinated with the master class schedule of the Board's high schools.

5. **Term.** The initial term of this agreement shall be from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027. Unless either party gives written notice to the other party 120 days prior the end of any term, this memorandum shall automatically be renewed for an unlimited number of successive two-year terms.

Dated, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY:

Tom Bell, Board Chair

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY:

Authorized Representative.