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Issue Paper

DATE:

May 5, 2025

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve the software renewal for Newsela/Formative and Ryland Heights Elementary and Dixie Heights High School for the 2025-2026 school year.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.1 - Legal Status of the Board

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

Formative is a web based tool that allows teachers to create tasks or assignments that are easily accessible for students through a device. Formative gives students the opportunity to interact with the tasks in real time, allowing the teacher to quickly and efficiently formatively assess student attainment of skills and adjust instruction as needed.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:


\$12,600 - Instructional Funds, Title I

RECOMMENDATION:


Approve the contract terms with Newsela/Formative and Ryland Heights Elementary and Dixie Heights High School for the 2025-2026 school year.

CONTACT PERSON:

Jena Smiddy


Principal/Administrator


District Administrator


Superintendent

Use this form to submit your request to the Superintendent for items to be added to the Board Meeting Agenda.

Principal –complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director –if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.

Order Form

Billing Information:

Billing Frequency: Upfront in full

Payment Terms: Net 30

Billing Schedule: Upon license start date

Order Form No. Q-161685
Newsela Sales Rep: Emily Hagan
Contact Email: emily.hagan@newsela.com
Offer Date: May 8, 2025
Expiration Date: June 30, 2025

To:
Jena Smiddy
Kenton County Schools
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Ft Wright, KY 41017-9655

Qty	Products/Services	Line Total
1	Newsela	\$12,600.00
Contract Total		\$12,600.00

***See table above or Appendix for Product/Services details and License Dates.**

This Order Form, the Terms of Service [available here](#), and the terms of any Statement of Work provided for the order of any Custom Collection, if applicable, which are hereby incorporated by this reference, is entered into by and between Newsela, Inc., and its parents, subsidiaries and affiliates, having an office at 169 Madison Ave., #2770, New York, NY 10016 (together "Newsela") and the customer named above, having an office at the address set forth above ("Customer"). All capitalized terms used in this Order Form and not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Terms of Service linked above. This Order Form is subject to the Terms of Service linked above, Newsela's Privacy Policy and, where applicable, any additional Terms and Conditions, or other binding RFP or binding bid signed by and between the Parties (together the "Customer Agreement").

The Customer Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with regards to this subject matter, and supersedes all written or oral understandings, proposals, bids, offers, purchase or delivery orders, negotiations, agreements or communications of every kind. Additionally, the Customer Agreement specifically supersedes the terms and conditions of any Purchase Order delivered to Newsela after this Customer Agreement is executed and any such terms and conditions shall not be applicable or considered a part of the terms and conditions that govern this engagement. The Customer's internal requirements for Purchase Orders does not relieve Customer of its obligation to pay Newsela for all years included herein. This Customer Agreement and the terms contained therein are intended only for the Customer and should be kept confidential.

Term: The subscription for the above-identified Newsela Products will commence and end as defined above, or in the License Dates Section of the Appendix in this Customer Agreement. By signing this Order Form, the Customer agrees to the pricing per product and quantity breakdowns underlying this Order Form, which will be provided by Newsela upon request at any time and will also be provided on the invoice unless requested otherwise. Failure of the Customer to make

use of the Products during their respective License Dates specified herein will not extend Newsela's obligation to deliver those Products/Services beyond those dates.

Following the Subscription End Date, unless prohibited by law, this Customer Agreement will renew for the Products/Services licensed hereunder for successive periods equal in length to the greater of the Term or 12 months (a 'Renewal Term'). If this Customer Agreement is so renewed, Customer agrees the prices payable for such Renewal Term shall be the prevailing rates then offered by Newsela for the licensed products stated above.

Fees: The Customer agrees to pay the Contract Grand Total set forth above per the Billing Terms noted above upon execution of this Customer Agreement. If a Purchase Order is required, Customer shall submit the Purchase Order to Newsela in accordance with the Billing Information set forth hereinabove by emailing it to billing@newsela.com and including "Customer Agreement No. Q-161685" in the subject line, otherwise a purchase order shall not be required for payment. Service will be suspended at Newsela's discretion if payment is not received by Newsela in accordance with the Billing Terms noted above. Failure of the Customer to use the Products/Services will not relieve Customer of its obligation to pay hereunder.

Notes:

School Costs:

Dixie Heights: \$10,400

Ryland Heights Elementary School: \$2,200

The individual executing this Customer Agreement has the authority to execute this agreement and bind the Customer, and Newsela has the right to rely on that authorization. The individual executing this Customer Agreement also certifies that there is funding in place for years included herein.

1. Purchase Order Information

If you need a Purchase Order, please fill out the following information.

PO Required:

PO Number:

PO Amount:

2. Billing Information

Provide the billing service representative to whom the invoice should be addressed.

Bill-To Name:

Bill-To Email:

By initialing here, I agree that the billing details stated above are current and accurate. ____

Prices shown above do not include any state and local taxes that may apply. Any such taxes are the responsibility of the Customer and will appear on the final invoice (if applicable). If the contracting entity is exempt from sales tax, please send the required tax exemption documents along with the order form number (Q-161685) to salestax@newsela.com.

3. Is your organization exempt from sales tax?

Please enter **Yes** or **No**:

Authorized Signature:

Date of Signature:

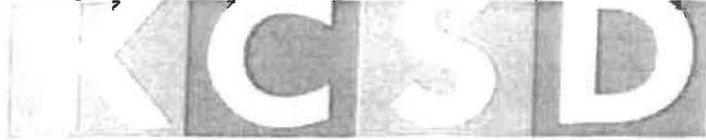
Appendix

Products Breakdown

Sites	Product Code	Products Names	License Dates
2	ATG124	Formative	07/01/25 - 06/30/26
1	ATG126	Formative Locked Browser	07/01/25 - 06/30/26

Product/Service Breakdown Per School

Line#	Schools	Products/Services	License Dates
1	DIXIE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL	Formative	07/01/25 - 06/30/26
2	RYLAND HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Formative	07/01/25 - 06/30/26
3	RYLAND HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Formative Locked Browser	07/01/25 - 06/30/26



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 Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

VENDOR ASSURANCES REGARDING PROTECTION OF PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION Data Security and Breach Protocols

Vendors that receive Personal Information from Kenton County Board of Education (herein referred to as "KCBOE") as defined by and in accordance with Kentucky's Personal Information Security and Breach Investigation Procedures and Practices Act, KRS 61.931, et seq., (the "Act"), shall secure and protect the Personal Information by, without limitation, complying with all requirements applicable to non-affiliated third parties set forth in the Act.

"Personal Information" is defined in accordance with KRS 61.931(6) as "an individual's first name or first initial and last name; personal mark; or unique biometric or genetic print or image, in combination with one (1) or more of the following data elements:

- a) An account number, credit card number, or debit card number that, in combination with any required security code, access code or password, would permit access to an account; b) A Social Security number;
- c) A taxpayer identification number that incorporates a Social Security number;
- d) A driver's license number, state identification card number or other individual identification number issued by any agency as defined under the Act;
- e) A passport number or other identification number issued by the United States government; or
- f) Individually Identifiable Information as defined in 45 C.F.R. sec. 160.013 (of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), except for education records covered by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, as amended 20 U.S.C. sec 1232g."

As provided in KRS 61.931(5), a "non-affiliated third party" includes any person or entity that has a contract or agreement with the KCBOE and receives (accesses, collects or maintains) personal information from the KCBOE pursuant to the contract or agreement.

The vendor hereby agrees to cooperate with the KCBOE in complying with the response, mitigation, correction, investigation, and notification requirements of the Act.

The vendor shall notify as soon as possible, but not to exceed seventy-two (72) hours, KCBOE, the Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police, the Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts, the Commonwealth (Kentucky) Office of Technology, and the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education of a determination of or knowledge of a breach, unless the exception set forth in KRS 61.932(2)(b)(2) applies and the vendor abides by the requirements set forth in that exception. Notification shall be in writing on a form developed by the Commonwealth (Kentucky) Office of Technology.

The vendor hereby agrees to report to the KCBOE, immediately and within seventy-two (72) hours, any known reasonably believed instances of missing data, data that has been inappropriately shared, or data taken off site.

The vendor hereby agrees that the KCBOE may withhold payment(s) owed to the vendor for any violation of the Act's notification requirements.

The vendor hereby agrees to undertake a prompt and reasonable investigation of any security breach as defined under the Act in accordance with KRS 61.933.

Upon conclusion of an investigation of a security breach as defined under the Act as required by KRS 61.933, the vendor hereby agrees to an apportionment of the costs of the notification, investigation, and mitigation of the security breach.

In accordance with KRS 61.932(2)(a), the vendor shall implement, maintain, and update security and breach investigation procedures that are appropriate to the nature of the information disclosed, that are at least as stringent as the security and breach investigation procedures and practices established by the Commonwealth (Kentucky) Office of Technology and that are reasonably designed to protect the Personal Information from unauthorized access, use, modification, disclosure, manipulation, or destruction.

Student Data Security

Pursuant to KRS 365.734, if the vendor is a cloud computing service provider (which is defined pursuant to KRS 365.734(1)(b) as any person or entity other than an educational institution that operates cloud computing services) or, through service to the KCBOE, becomes the equivalent of a cloud computing service provider, the vendor further hereby agrees that:

- The vendor shall not process student data as defined pursuant to KRS 365.734 for any purpose other than providing, improving, developing, or maintaining the integrity of its cloud computing services, unless the vendor receives express permission from the student's parent. The vendor shall work with the KCBOE to determine the best method of collecting parental permission.
- With a written agreement for educational research, the vendor may assist the KCBOE to conduct educational research as permitted by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 20 U.S.C. sec. 1232g.
- Pursuant to KRS 365.734, the vendor shall not in any case process student data to advertise or facilitate advertising or to create or correct an individual or household profile for any advertisement purposes.
- Pursuant to KRS 365.734, the vendor shall not sell, disclose, or otherwise process student data for any commercial purpose.
- Pursuant to KRS 365.734, the vendor shall certify in writing to the agency that it will comply with KRS 365.734(2).

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, National School Lunch Act and Child Nutrition Act

If during the course of this agreement, the KCBOE discloses to the vendor any data protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), as amended (20 U.S.C. sec. 1232g, *et seq.*), and its regulations, and data protected by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) (42 U.S.C. sec. 1751 *et seq.*; and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (CNA) (42 U.S.C. sec. 1771 *et seq.*), the vendor agrees that it is bound by and will comply with the confidentiality, security and redisclosure requirements and restrictions stated in FERPA, NSLA and CNA.

The vendor hereby agrees to report to the KCBOE, immediately and within seventy-two (72) hours, any known reasonably believed instances of missing data, data that has been inappropriately shared, or data taken off site.

The vendor agrees that FERPA-protected information is confidential information. FERPA-protected information includes, but is not limited to the student's name, the name of the student's parent or other family members, the address of the student or student's family, a personal identifier, such as the student's social security number, student number, or biometric record, other indirect identifiers, such as the student's date of birth, place of birth, and mother's maiden name, and other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific

student that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with reasonable certainty.

The vendor understands and acknowledges that any unauthorized disclosure of confidential information is illegal as provided in FERPA and in the implementing federal regulations found in 34 CFR, Part 99. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of not more than \$250,000 (under 18 U.S.C. sec. 3571) or imprisonment for not more than five years (under 18 U.S.C. sec. 3559), or both.

The vendor understands and acknowledges that children's free and reduced price meal and free milk eligibility information or information from the family's application for eligibility, obtained under provisions of the NSLA or the CNA is confidential information and that any unauthorized disclosure of confidential free and reduced price lunch information or information from an application for this benefit is illegal. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 (under 7 C.F.R. 245.6) or imprisonment for up to one year (under 7 C.F.R. 245.6), or both.

In the event there is a conflict between this agreement and any other agreement between KCBOE and Vendor, the terms of this agreement shall apply.

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by Vendor's Authorized Representative

Chris Mezzatesta Print
Name

10/23/2023 Date

Newsela Terms of Use

Newsela — Terms of Use *[Updated: May 2, 2024]*

PLEASE READ THIS TERMS OF USE AGREEMENT (THE "TERMS") CAREFULLY. BY ACCESSING OR USING WWW.NEWSLA.COM (THE "WEBSITE"), THE NEWSLA MOBILE APPLICATION ("APP") OR ANY OTHER WEBSITES OR APPLICATIONS OF NEWSLA, INC. ("NEWSLA" "WE" OR "US") THAT LINK TO THESE TERMS, OR ANY OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED OR OTHERWISE MADE AVAILABLE VIA THE WEBSITE OR APP (COLLECTIVELY, THE "SERVICES") YOU ("YOU" OR "USER") REPRESENT THAT YOU HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS.

1. General.

1.1. Acceptance; Authority. By registering for and/or using the Services in any manner, including but not limited to visiting or browsing the Website or App, you agree to these Terms. If you do not agree, or do not have all requisite authority and consent to be bound by the Terms (as further described below), you may not access or use the Website, App or Services in any way.

1.2. Types of Users. The Services are available to several different types of Users, who will have different types of accounts with different tools, functionalities and restrictions. For example, the Services may be accessed by educators and instructors (collectively, "Teachers") teaching a class ("Class") in which the Services are a part of the curriculum, the students enrolled in such classes ("Students") or by individuals working within an educational institution, such as a school or school district (collectively "Schools") who will use the Services to monitor the progress of Students across several Classes.

1.3. Additional Terms. Certain of the Services may be subject to additional terms and conditions specified by us from time to time; your use of such Services is subject to those additional terms and conditions, which are incorporated into these Terms by this reference.

1.4. Eligibility. By registering for or using the Services in any way, you represent and warrant that you meet all eligibility criteria set forth in these Terms, including all age and authorization requirements listed below. We may, in our sole discretion, refuse to offer the Services to any person or entity and change the eligibility criteria at any time. You are solely responsible for ensuring that these Terms are in compliance with all laws, rules and regulations applicable to you and the right to access the Services is revoked where these Terms or use of the Services is prohibited or to the extent offering, sale or provision of the Services conflicts with any applicable law, rule or regulation.

1.5. Modifications. Please regularly check the Website or App, as applicable, to view the then-current Terms. When changes are made, Newsela will make a new copy of the Terms available on the Website and/or through the App, as applicable, and we will update the "Last Updated" date at the top of the Terms. If we make any changes to the way Student Data is collected, used or shared by the Services, we will also send an e-mail to the applicable account holder using the contact information we have on file with additional information regarding the collection of such data and available options regarding data collection and use, before the data is used in any manner inconsistent with the terms initially provided to Users. For other changes, the Terms are subject to change by Newsela in its sole discretion at any time. If you do not agree to any change(s) after receiving a notice of such change(s), please stop using the Website and/or the Services and please contact us to have your account deleted. Otherwise, your continued use of

the Website, App and/or Services constitutes your acceptance of such change(s). Any changes to the Terms will be effective immediately for new Users of the Services.

1.6. ARBITRATION. THESE TERMS REQUIRE THE USE OF ARBITRATION ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS TO RESOLVE DISPUTES, RATHER THAN JURY TRIALS OR CLASS ACTIONS, AND ALSO LIMITS THE REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO YOU IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ARBITRATION IS INCLUDED BELOW.

2. Services.

2.1 Use of the Services. The Website, App and Services, and the information, data and content made available on the Website, App or Services ("Content") are protected by copyright and other intellectual property and proprietary rights laws throughout the world. Subject to the Terms, Newsela grants you a limited license to access, view, download, print or reproduce certain portions of the Services, as designated by Newsela, for the sole purpose of using the Services for your (or your Students' or School's) educational, non-commercial purposes.

2.2. Restrictions. The rights granted to you in the Terms are subject to the following restrictions: (a) you shall not license, sell, rent, lease, transfer, assign, reproduce, distribute, host or otherwise commercially exploit the Website, App or Services; (b) you shall not use framing techniques to enclose any trademark or logo on the Website, App or Services; (c) you shall not modify, translate, adapt, merge, make derivative works of, disassemble, decompile, reverse compile or reverse engineer any part of the Website, App or Services except to the extent the foregoing restrictions are expressly prohibited by applicable statutory law; (d) you shall not use any manual or automated software, devices, or other processes (including but not limited to spiders, robots, scrapers, crawlers, avatars, data mining tools, or the like) to "scrape" or download data from any web pages contained in the Website, App or Services; (e) except as expressly stated herein, no part of the Website, App or Services may be copied, reproduced, distributed, republished, downloaded, displayed, posted or transmitted in any form or by any means, provided that you may reproduce or print certain Content made available through the Website, App or Services, as designated by Newsela, on behalf of your Students who have existing Accounts; and (f) you shall not remove or destroy any copyright notices or other proprietary markings contained on or in the Website, App or Services. Any future release, update or other addition to the Website, App or Services shall be subject to the Terms. Newsela, its licensors, suppliers and service providers reserve all rights not granted in the Terms. Any unauthorized use of the Website, App or Services terminates the licenses granted by Newsela pursuant to the Terms.

3. Registration.

In order to access certain features of the Services, you must have a registered account for the Services ("Account"). Accounts are categorized as "Student," "Learner," "Teacher" and "Administrator."

3.1. Eligibility. If you are under age 18, you may only register for and use the Services under the supervision of an adult, in which case the adult shall be deemed the User and shall be responsible for any and all activities.

3.2. Registration Data. In registering for the Services, you (a) agree to provide all necessary information about yourself and your School ("Registration Data"); (b) represent and warrant that all Registration Data is true, current, and complete; and (c) agree to maintain and promptly update the Registration Data to keep it true, current, and complete.

3.3. Responsibility. You are responsible for all activities that occur under your Account. You may not share your Account or password with anyone, and you agree to notify Newsela immediately of any unauthorized use of your password or any other breach of security. You agree not to create or access an Account using a false identity or any false or inaccurate information, or on behalf of someone other than yourself. You agree that you shall not have more than one

Account at any given time. You agree not to create an Account or use the Services if you have been previously removed by Newsela, or if you have been previously banned from any of the Services.

3.4. Accounts for Educational Institutions and Educators (Teachers and Administrators).

3.4.1. Teacher and Administrator Accounts. Currently, Newsela offers two different types of Accounts on the Services for educational professionals receiving the Services on behalf of a School: "Teacher" Accounts and "Administrator" Accounts. Authority to create either of these Account types shall be determined by the appropriate individual at a School.

3.4.2. Authority; Consent.

3.4.2.1. Individual Users. By accessing or using the Services in any way, you are representing that you have the authority and permission to enter into the Terms on your own behalf and to use the Services as contemplated hereunder, including without limitation any consent necessary to use the Services in connection with any Student with whom you use the Services.

3.4.2.2. Use By or on Behalf of an Entity. If you are using or accessing the Services on behalf of a School, in addition to being an eligible individual user (as set forth above), you must also have the authority and permission to enter into the Terms on behalf of the School and to use the Services on such School's behalf as contemplated hereunder, including without limitation any consent necessary to use the Services in connection with any particular Students. In such cases, the term "you" as used herein shall also refer to such School. Your School also be responsible for any activities, including any violation of the Terms, that occur under your Account and any Accounts created using your Account.

3.4.3. Changes in Eligibility. In the event that you are no longer (a) employed by your School (or another School through which you receive Services) or (b) otherwise authorized to view or use Student records, you (i) must notify Newsela immediately of such change and (ii) are not permitted to continue to view or use your Account.

3.4.4. Creating Student Accounts from an Educator Account. Using your Administrator or Teacher Account, you may create individual Student Accounts following the instructions on the Services or otherwise as directed by Newsela, as permitted by Newsela in its sole discretion. You may only create an Account for Students you have consent and authority for. By entering a Student's information into the Services, you represent and warrant that you have all necessary consent and authority, including from the Student's legal guardian, to create an Account on such Student's behalf. You can only give invite codes ("Class Codes") to those Students who meet all of the foregoing requirements and all other requirements specified by Newsela.

3.4.5. Students Under 13. If you use the Services with students under 13, you represent and warrant that (a) you are a Teacher, Parent or Administrator at a School and (b) if you are a Teacher or Administrator, that you have accurately identified such School in your Registration Data.

3.5. Accounts for Students and Learners.

3.5.1. Student Accounts. "Student" Accounts are for use by Students with Account Class Codes, who are receiving the Services through a specific School in connection with a Class taught by a Teacher. To create a Student Account, a Student must be provided with a Class Code by a Teacher, Parent or Administrator.

3.5.2. Learner Accounts. "Learner" Accounts are for Students without Class Codes who register for Accounts on the Newsela Website at [<https://www.newsela.com/signup>]. By registering for a Learner Account, you represent and warrant that you are at least 13 years of age. If you are under age 13, you may not register for a Learner Account and can only use the Services if a Teacher, Parent or Administrator provides you with a Class Code or Student Account.

4. User Code of Conduct.

As a condition of use, you agree not to use the Services for any purpose that is prohibited by the Terms or by applicable law. Do not post, or permit others to post, Content on the Services or

on your profile that (a) encourages illegal activities, is fraudulent or tortious or is unlawful; (b) insults, defames, harasses or threatens others; (c) violates the copyright or intellectual property or privacy rights of others; (d) contains obscene material; (e) harms or impersonates others; or (f) advertises or sells a product or service. Do not submit the work of others as your own work or otherwise attempt to cheat on assignments. Do not attempt or engage in any potentially harmful acts that are directed against the Services, including but not limited to violating or attempting to violate any security features of the Services, introducing viruses, worms, or similar harmful code into the Services or interfering or attempting to interfere with use of the Services by any other user, host or network, including by means of overloading, "flooding," "spamming," "mail bombing" or "crashing" the Services.

5. User Content.

5.1. License to User Content. Except with respect to Student Data, which shall be governed by the license set forth in Section 5 of these Terms, by submitting, providing, uploading, posting, e-mailing, transmitting or otherwise making available ("Make Available") any Content to Newsela, including on or through the Services, (such Content, your "User Content"), you grant to Newsela a nonexclusive license to view, download, reproduce, modify, create derivative works of, distribute and display such User Content in connection with the Services.

5.2. Responsibility. You acknowledge that you, and not Newsela, are entirely responsible for all User Content you Make Available through the Services, and that other Users of the Services, and not Newsela, are similarly responsible for all User Content they Make Available through the Services. You are solely responsible for your interactions with other Users of the Services and any other parties with whom you interact through the Services. You agree that Newsela will not be responsible for any liabilities incurred as the result of such interaction. You use all User Content and interact with other Users at your own risk.

5.3. No Obligation to Monitor Content. You acknowledge that Newsela has no obligation to review, monitor or pre-screen Content on the Services, although Newsela reserves the right in its sole discretion to review, monitor, pre-screen, refuse, modify, or remove any Content (a) that violates any law or regulation; (b) that violates these Terms; (c) that otherwise creates or may create liability for Newsela; or (d) for any other reason Newsela determines in its sole discretion. Except as expressly set forth in these Terms, Newsela does not approve, endorse or make any representations or warranties with respect to User Content or Student Data.

5.4. Security. Although Newsela takes security very seriously and works very hard on behalf of Student, Teacher and School privacy, including by using various industry standard measures to protect Content on the Services, no method of transmission or electronic storage on the internet is 100% secure. Therefore, Newsela cannot guarantee the security of any User Content. Except as expressly set forth herein or otherwise agreed to by Newsela in writing, (a) Newsela has no obligation to store any User Content and (b) Newsela has no responsibility or liability for (i) the deletion or accuracy of any Content, including User Content, (ii) the failure to store, transmit or receive transmission of Content, including User Content, or (iii) the security, privacy, storage or transmission of other communications originating with or involving use of the Services.

6. Student Data.

6.1. General. "Student Data" includes all data that personally identifies a student, such as name, address, username, and password, or any other non-public information about a Student, such as a Student's educational records and performance, but does not include De-Identified Data (as defined below). Newsela will only collect and use Student Data as necessary to fulfill its duties and provide and improve the Services.

6.2. De-Identified Data. Newsela may create and use De-Identified Data from data Made Available through the Services, in accordance with these Terms and Newsela's Privacy Policy available at <https://www.newsela.com/pages/privacy-policy/>. "De-identified Data" means data

with all direct and indirect personal identifiers removed such as name, school ID numbers, date of birth, demographic information and location information, to the extent any is collected. Newsela agrees not to attempt to re-identify De-Identified Data and not to transfer De-Identified Data to any party unless that party agrees not to attempt re-identification. More detailed information on Newsela's privacy practices can be found in the Newsela privacy policy available at <https://www.newsela.com/pages/privacy-policy/>.

6.3. Disclosure of Student Data by Schools, Teachers and Administrators. Teachers and Administrators using Newsela are solely responsible for ensuring that you and your School are compliant with all applicable laws and regulations related to your disclosure of Student Data and other Student information ("Student Records") to Newsela in connection with the Services, including, but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, for all Student Records disclosed to Newsela, you represent and warrant, to the extent required by applicable law such as FERPA, that your School has (a) notified such Students' parents or legal guardians of your use of third party services, including Newsela, and the potential disclosure of Student Records in connection with such use and (b) obtained the appropriate consent(s) from the parents or legal guardians of such Students. If such Student is 18 years old or older, the notice and consent requirements of (a) and (b) shall apply to the Student instead of such Student's parent or legal guardian.

6.4. License to Student Data. By making available any Student Data to Newsela, including on or through the Services, you grant to Newsela a nonexclusive license to view, download, reproduce, modify, create derivative works of, distribute and display Student Data solely for the purposes of (a) providing the Services and (b) creating, using, and disclosing De-Identified Data about Students for product development, research, or other purposes.

6.5. Storage and Processing of Data. Newsela will store and process all Student Data in accordance with industry standard practices. This includes appropriate administrative, physical and technical safeguards to secure Student Data from unauthorized access, disclosure and use. Newsela shall conduct periodic risk assessments and use commercially reasonable efforts to remediate identified security vulnerabilities. Newsela will also have an incident response plan and will promptly notify the relevant School in the event of a security or privacy incident or breach of personal information involving such School's Users.

6.6. Protection of Student Data by Newsela.

6.6.1. No Sale or Trade of Student Data. Newsela will not (a) sell or trade Student Data; (b) use any Student Data to advertise or market to Students or their parents or legal guardians; or (c) use Student Data except as expressly stated herein. From time to time, Newsela may direct advertising or marketing to Schools but shall de-identify any Student Data used in connection with such marketing efforts.

6.6.2. School Requests. Newsela will make Student Data available upon a verified request by the School, Teacher, Parent or Administrator who provided such Student Data or who would otherwise have verified authority to receive such Student Data.

6.6.3. Data Mining. Newsela does not scan Student Data for the purpose of advertising or marketing to Students or their parents or legal guardian (also known as "Data Mining").

6.6.4. Return/Destruction of Student Data. When Student Data is no longer needed for the provision of the Services, at the request of the School, Student or Student's parent or legal guardian, as applicable, Newsela will destroy all Student Data in its possession, and in the possession of any subcontractors or agents to which Newsela transferred Student Data, or transfer such Student Data to the requesting School, if legally permitted.

6.6.5. Subcontractors. Newsela may rely on one or more subcontractors to perform the Services. Upon request, Newsela agrees to share with you the names of subcontractors that have direct access to Student Data Made Available by you. All subcontractors and successor entities of Newsela will be subject to the protections for Student Data set forth in these Terms.

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7.2. Payment Terms. If you order Premium Features, you agree to pay the then-current applicable fee listed on the Website or the App or otherwise agreed to in writing by Newsela. Newsela will automatically bill your payment method submitted in ordering Premium Features on the date of activation. Except as otherwise stated herein, all payments are non-refundable. You hereby authorize Newsela to bill your payment method as described above, which may include automatic renewal and automatic payment if you select a subscription option. Fees are exclusive of all taxes, levies, or duties imposed by taxing authorities, and you are responsible for payment of all such taxes, levies or duties. If any fee cannot be charged to your payment method for any reason, Newsela may provide you, via email, notice of such non-payment and a link for you to update your payment information. If such non-payment is not remedied within seven (7) days after receiving such notice of non-payment, then Newsela may suspend the applicable Premium Features.

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16. General Provisions.

16.1. Release. Except to the extent prohibited by applicable law, you hereby release Newsela Parties and their successors from claims, demands, any and all losses, damages, rights, and actions of any kind, including personal injuries, death, and property damage, that is either directly or indirectly related to or arises from any interactions with or conduct of other Users or Third-Party Websites of any kind, arising in connection with or as a result of the Terms or your use of the Services. You hereby waive California Civil Code Section 1542, or any similar law of another jurisdiction, which states in substance, "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which, if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

16.2. Dispute Resolution. PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY. IT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS.

(a) Arbitration shall be subject to the Federal Arbitration Act and not any state arbitration law. The arbitration shall be conducted before one commercial arbitrator with substantial experience in resolving commercial contract disputes from JAMS. As modified by these Terms, and unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties in writing, the arbitration will be governed by JAMS's rules for commercial arbitration and, if the arbitrator deems them applicable, the procedures for consumer-related disputes.

(b) You are thus GIVING UP YOUR RIGHT TO GO TO COURT to assert or defend your rights EXCEPT for matters that may be taken to small claims court. Your rights will be determined by a NEUTRAL ARBITRATOR and NOT a judge or jury. You are entitled to a FAIR HEARING, BUT the arbitration procedures are SIMPLER AND MORE LIMITED THAN RULES APPLICABLE IN COURT. Arbitrator decisions are as enforceable as any court order and are subject to VERY LIMITED REVIEW BY A COURT.

(c) You and we must abide by the following rules: (1) ANY CLAIMS BROUGHT BY YOU OR US MUST BE BROUGHT IN THE PARTIES' INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, AND NOT AS A PLAINTIFF OR CLASS MEMBER IN ANY PURPORTED CLASS OR REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDING; (2) THE ARBITRATOR MAY NOT CONSOLIDATE MORE THAN ONE PERSON'S CLAIMS, MAY NOT OTHERWISE PRESIDE OVER ANY FORM OF A REPRESENTATIVE OR CLASS PROCEEDING, AND MAY NOT AWARD CLASS-WIDE RELIEF, (3) in the event that you are able to demonstrate that the costs of arbitration will be prohibitive as compared to costs of litigation, we will pay as much of your filing and hearing fees in connection with the arbitration as the arbitrator deems necessary to prevent the arbitration from being cost-prohibitive as compared to the cost of litigation; (4) we also reserve the right in our sole and exclusive discretion to assume responsibility for all of the costs of the arbitration; (5) the arbitrator shall honor claims of privilege and privacy recognized at law; (6) the arbitrator's award shall be final and may be enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction; (7) the arbitrator may award any individual relief or individual remedies that are permitted by applicable law; and (8) each side pays its own attorneys' fees and expenses unless there is a statutory provision that requires the prevailing party to be paid its fees' and litigation expenses, and then in such instance, the fees and costs awarded shall be determined by the applicable law.

(d) Any and all controversies, disputes, demands, counts, claims or causes of action (including the interpretation and scope of this clause, and the arbitrability of the controversy, dispute, demand, count, claim or cause of action) between you and Newsela and our employees, agents, successors or assigns, regarding or relating to these the Services or these Terms, shall exclusively be settled through binding and confidential arbitration.

(e) Notwithstanding the foregoing, either you or we may bring an individual action in small claims court. Further, claims of infringement or misappropriation of the other party's patent, copyright, trademark or trade secret shall not be subject to this arbitration agreement. Such claims shall be exclusively brought in the state or federal courts located in Kentucky (Kenton County). Additionally, notwithstanding this agreement to arbitrate, either party may seek emergency equitable relief before the state or federal courts located in Kenton County, Kentucky in order to maintain the status quo pending arbitration, and hereby agree to submit to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of the courts located within Kenton County, Kentucky for such purpose. A request for interim measures shall not be deemed a waiver of the right to arbitrate.

(f) With the exception of subparts (1) and (2) in the paragraph 16.2(c) above (prohibiting arbitration on a class or collective basis), if any part of this arbitration provision is deemed to be invalid, unenforceable or illegal, or otherwise conflicts with these Terms, then the balance of this arbitration provision shall remain in effect and shall be construed in accordance with its terms as if the invalid, unenforceable, illegal or conflicting provision were not contained herein. If, however, either subparts (1) and (2) in the paragraph 16.2(c) (prohibiting arbitration on a class or collective basis) is found to be invalid, unenforceable or illegal, then the entirety of this arbitration provision shall be null and void, and neither you nor we shall be entitled to arbitration. If for any reason a claim proceeds in court rather than in arbitration, the dispute shall be exclusively brought in state or federal court in Kenton County, Kentucky.

(g) Notwithstanding any provision in these Terms to the contrary, if we seek to terminate the Dispute Resolution section as included in these Terms, any such termination shall not be effective until 30 days after the version of these Terms not containing the agreement to arbitrate

is posted to the Website, and shall not be effective as to any claim of which you provided Newsela with written notice prior to the date of termination.

(h) For more information on JAMS, its Rules and Procedures, and how to file an arbitration claim, you may call JAMS at 800-352-5267 or visit the JAMS website at <http://www.jamsadr.com>.

(i) Any and all controversies, disputes, demands, counts, claims or causes of action between you and Newsela and our employees, agents, successors, or assigns, regarding or relating to these the Services or these Terms, shall exclusively be governed by the internal laws of the State of Kentucky, without regard to its choice of law rules and without regard to conflicts of laws principles except that the arbitration provision shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act.

16.3. Miscellaneous. The Terms, and your rights and obligations hereunder, may not be assigned, subcontracted, delegated or otherwise transferred by you without Newsela's prior written consent, and any attempted assignment, subcontract, delegation or transfer in violation of the foregoing will be null and void. Newsela may assign this Agreement without your consent. Newsela shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform resulting from causes outside its reasonable control, including, but not limited to, acts of God, war, terrorism, riots, embargos, acts of civil or military authorities, fire, floods, accidents, strikes or shortages of transportation facilities, fuel, energy, labor or materials. Where Newsela requires that you provide an e-mail address, you are responsible for providing Newsela with your most current e-mail address. In the event that the last e-mail address you provided to Newsela is not valid, or for any reason is not capable of delivering to you any notices required permitted by the Terms, Newsela's dispatch of the e-mail containing such notice will nonetheless constitute effective notice. You may give notice to Newsela at the following address: 169 Madison Ave., #2770 New York, NY 10016. Such notice shall be deemed given when received by Newsela by letter delivered by nationally recognized overnight delivery service or first class postage prepaid mail at the above address. Any waiver or failure to enforce any provision of the Terms on one occasion will not be deemed a waiver of any other provision or of such provision on any other occasion. If any provision of the Terms is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unenforceable, the other provisions of the Terms will remain enforceable, and the invalid or unenforceable provision will be deemed modified so that it is valid and enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by law. Unless you have entered into a separate School Agreement, the Terms are the final, complete and exclusive agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes and merges all prior discussions between the parties with respect to such subject matter.

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