



# Issue Paper

**DATE:**

May 20, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

Consider/Approve The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NorthKey to provide mental health services for KCS D students during the 2025-206 school year.

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

01.1 Legal Status of the Board

**HISTORY/BACKGROUND:**

The KCS D would like to continue partnering with NorthKey in order to provide mental health for all students who have an identified need in the Kenton County School District. The agency will work with school staff to provide school-based therapy to identified students who receive parent permission.

**FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) with NorthKey to provide mental health services during the 2025-2026 school year.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Janeal Mieczkowski, Director of District Wide Programs

  
Principal/Administrator

  
District Administrator

  
Superintendent

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## The Kenton County School District

Agreement: **NorthKey**

2025-2026

The Collaborative Service Agreement between the staff of Kenton County School District and **NorthKey** will have the following components:

1. The goal is to facilitate the provision of **school-based therapy and associated services** to students who are referred by the Kenton County School District or its agents and qualify for services.
2. **NorthKey** will provide services for students in the school setting or other public location and consult and collaborate with school staff to provide support for students.
3. **NorthKey** will ensure compliance with all existing federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the scope of practice of their services and abide by Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
4. **NorthKey** will maintain appropriate professional and liability insurance. To the extent not covered and paid by insurance, **NorthKey** agrees that he/she will be responsible for any claims, losses, liability, demands and damages, and agrees to hold harmless and/or indemnify from any loss, damage, claim or expense incurred by the KCS D based solely on negligence, errors, or omissions by related to the performance of services conducted by **NorthKey** pursuant to this agreement.
5. **NorthKey** will provide a list of personnel and their role, who will be working in the Kenton County School District, by the first day of school and updated if changes are made during the term of the agreement.
6. **NorthKey** will comply with state regulations which may include background checks, fingerprinting, child abuse and neglect check, etc as required by the Kenton County School District for outside providers working with students in the Kenton County School District. (REG 160.151)
7. **NorthKey** will collaborate with the district liaison when appropriate.
8. During the term of this agreement, the Kenton County School District agrees to:
  - provide a safe environment, space, and reasonable accommodations to allow the provision of services during the school day and in the school buildings.
  - Refer students for services using the **NorthKey** referral process.
  - Comply with FERPA standards.
  - Provide a district liaison for questions and concerns.
10. The Kenton County School District is not responsible for payment for services provided by **NorthKey**
11. The terms of this agreement are valid for one calendar year. It is contingent on approval from the Kenton County Board of Education.
12. The Kenton County Board of Education reserves the right to terminate the agreement at any time, without cause.

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Janeal Mieczkowski, Director of District Wide Programs  
Kenton County School District

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Date approved by KCS D Board of Education: \_\_\_\_\_