

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" or "CCPS") 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 at the MSU-Hopkinsville Regional Campus to meet the needs of the Board's high school as they pursue 2-year associate and 4-year baccalaureate 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 Advanced Placement courses can take place (AP instruction provided by CCPS).

C. To these ends, Board and MSU desire to partner, design, and implement a model for higher education that expands and enriches programs for the Board's current and future high school students, which involves ensuring the Board's high school students have meaningful access to MSU coursework in core subjects at the MSU Hopkinsville Regional Campus. Enrollment in courses taught by CCPS instructors will be reserved exclusively for CCHS students. Enrollment in courses taught by MSU faculty will be made available to general MSU students after the designated CCHS enrollment period.

D. Beginning in the spring semester of the 2025-2026 academic year, MSU will provide instructional space for agreed upon dual credit opportunities for Board

students and faculty in what will be known as the Christian County High School Racer Academy. Limited classroom space will also be made available for Advanced Placement courses taught by Board instructors.

TERMS

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

1. **Christian County High School Racer Academy.** As part of MSU's Racer Academy dual-credit program, by the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Board and MSU are establishing the Christian County High School Racer Academy ("CCHS Racer Academy"), which shall endeavor to provide a robust and rigorous-dual credit curriculum for the Board's college bound high school students. Signage provided by MSU 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 Board Superintendent or designee, MSU shall determine its college course offerings for each semester and will offer at least four in-person dual credit courses at the MSU-Hopkinsville Regional Campus to the Board's eligible junior and senior students each fall and spring semester, unless courses are cancelled due to low enrollment. All in-person dual credit courses taught by MSU faculty require a minimum of twenty students, and some MSU courses may have maximum enrollment caps. Students/parents will be financially responsible for coursework after any scholarships and grants have been applied.

3. **Governance:**

3.1. The Director of the MSU-Hopkinsville Regional Campus and the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate to ensure that the Christian County High School Racer Academy students have access to MSU coursework in-person in Hopkinsville in multiple core subjects on the MSU Hopkinsville Regional Campus.

3.2 The Board, MSU, and Hopkinsville Community College will work together to minimize the duplication of course offerings.

3.3. There will be quarterly meetings between the Board Superintendent or designee, and the Director of MSU-Hopkinsville Campus and other MSU designees to discuss progress and quality of the programs.

3.4. MSU shall provide up to three office spaces suitable for high school administrators and guidance counselors to be used for Christian County High School Racer Academy as needed. MSU will provide up to three classroom spaces for the Board to offer and implement Advanced Placement coursework to the Board's students. In exchange for the Board's assistance in enrolling students in the CCHS Racer Academy, the Board will not be charged or financially responsible for rent or other charges (with exception to damage to the facility) for use of the MSU-Hopkinsville Regional Campus. The Board understands the need to reserve space in the building to reduce challenges as MSU has the first opportunity for their course needs. The Board shall maintain workers compensation insurance coverage for its employees as statutorily required, and shall also maintain general liability coverage with limits of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate, and shall name

Murray State University as an additional insured. The Board shall also indemnify and hold harmless Murray State University and its officers, employees and agents from any and all loss, damage or liability caused by or arising out of the negligent acts or willful misconduct of Board's employees or invitees on the Murray State University Hopkinsville Regional Campus.

3.5 CCHS Racer Academy students are required to complete an application for enrollment through the MSU Racer Academy and to be admitted thereto prior to participating in coursework.

4. Instruction:

4.1. MSU shall provide in-person instruction at the MSU-Hopkinsville Regional Campus to CCHS Racer Academy students as stipulated above.

4.2. Each semester MSU shall collaborate with the Board Superintendent or designee to determine the courses to be offered and when those courses will be offered to maximize the benefit, to the extent practicable, to the Board's high school students. Likewise, the Board Superintendent or designees will cooperate with MSU on the needs of course offerings to allow for instructors and students to be best served.

4.3. MSU and the Board shall collaborate to ensure that MSU's schedule of classes is coordinated with the master class schedule of the Board's high schools. MSU and the Board will cooperate so that the schedule aligns with instructor availability.

4.4 Board shall provide supervision for any Board students at the MSU-Hopkinsville Regional Campus at all times.

5. **Term.** The initial term of this agreement shall be from ____, 2025 through June 30, 2027. Unless either party gives written notice to the other party 120 days prior to 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.

By: Dr. Ronald K. Patterson
President
Murray State University

By: Tom Bell
Board Chair
Board of Education of Christian County