



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
Between
Jefferson County Board of Education
And
Gate of Hope Ministries International, Inc.

This Memorandum of Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is entered into between the Jefferson County Board of Education (hereinafter "JCPS"), a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with its principal place of business at 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40218 and Gate of Hope Ministries International, Inc. (hereinafter "GATE OF HOPE") a Kentucky non-profit corporation located at 604 Indian Ridge Road, Louisville, KY 40207.

WHEREAS GATE OF HOPE offers the Fourth R Healthy Relationships Plus Program (hereinafter "Program") an evidence-informed, small group program based on the core principles of skill-building and awareness as part of their Tabara Initiative, which is designed to transform the lives of East African girls at risk of exploitation through prevention, education and restoration.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms, conditions, premises, and mutual agreements set forth herein, JCPS and GATE OF HOPE agree as follows:

1. Duties of JCPS:

- a. Schools interested in offering the Program will work with GATE OF HOPE to schedule sessions and provide space for the sessions. The school's Mental Health Practitioner, Counselor, or other staff will coordinate with GATE OF HOPE to deliver the Program.
- b. Provide information about the Program to students' families.
- c. Obtain written parent/guardian permission for any student participating in the Program.

2. Duties of GATE OF HOPE:

- a. Provide up to 16 one-hour sessions for the Program as well as furnish the materials and supplies necessary to operate the Program, with a goal of improving students' communication and problem-solving skills and enhance students' ability to manage peer and societal pressures.
- b. GATE OF HOPE will take precautions to ensure that the employees, contractors, volunteers and agents of the local churches that are in partnership with GATE OF HOPE in the Healthy Relationships Plus Program provided under this Agreement shall not base the content of the services upon any religious policies or procedures; shall not engage in any religious proselytizing or praying during the provision of the services; and shall not incorporate any religious symbols or

references of any type in any resources or materials provided to the students as part of the services.

- c. Acknowledges that projects involving program evaluation, monitoring activities, or data collection or research of any kind, are subject to JCPS IRB review and approval as determined by the JCPS IRB to meet federal, State, and Board policies. In these cases, JCPS student or staff participation is voluntary. As a federally authorized Institutional Review Board (IRB), JCPS complies with the federal definition for research, which includes sharing of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) for the purpose of answering a question or evaluating activities for effectiveness beyond standard educational or operational procedures. Thus, all research, program evaluation and data collection activities must be approved by the JCPS IRB and shall not begin before approval is secured from the JCPS IRB.
- d. If the performance of this Agreement involves the transfer by JCPS to GATE OF HOPE of any data regarding any student that is subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. 1232g as amended, ("FERPA"), GATE OF HOPE and JCPS must manage the data transfer in accordance with FERPA requirements, and GATE OF HOPE agrees to the following conditions:
 - i. If GATE OF HOPE requests transfer of identifiable data by JCPS that is subject to JCPS IRB procedures, as determined by the JCPS IRB to meet federal, State, and Board policies, JCPS cannot transfer identifiable data to GATE OF HOPE before the JCPS IRB-approved informed consent process has been executed. In this case, GATE OF HOPE does not function as an exception under FERPA. GATE OF HOPE is responsible for obtaining, and maintaining, signed consent after JCPS IRB approval. No data will be provided under this agreement without signed consent from the guardian for records requests involving students or from the JCPS employee or community member for records requests involving adults. GATE OF HOPE must deliver copies of the signed authorization to JCPS upon request.
 - ii. If GATE OF HOPE has been legally deemed a FERPA exception by JCPS in accordance with FERPA Exception Conditions, then GATE OF HOPE shall:
 - (a) In all respects, comply with the provisions of FERPA, including any requirements of Chapter 99 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations and any other applicable state or federal law.
 - (b) Use any such data for no purpose other than to fulfill the purposes of this Agreement, and not share any such data with any person or entity other than GATE OF HOPE and its employees, contractors, volunteers, and agents, without prior approval of JCPS. Disclosure shall be limited to only those employees, contractors, volunteers, or agents who are necessary for the fulfillment of this Agreement.

- (c) Require all employees, contractors, volunteers, and agents of GATE OF HOPE to comply with all applicable provisions of FERPA with respect to any such data. GATE OF HOPE shall require and maintain confidentiality Agreements with each employee, contractor, volunteer, or agent with access to data pursuant to this Agreement.
 - (d) Maintain any such data in a secure environment, whether physical or electronic, and not copy, reproduce, or transmit any such data except as necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Agreement. GATE OF HOPE shall notify JCPS within 24 hours in the event of any data breach or disclosure of data to any person or entity other than the parties listed in this agreement.
 - (e) Collect, store, and maintain data in a manner that does not permit the identification of an individual student by anyone other than employees, contractors, or agents of GATE OF HOPE necessary for the fulfillment of this Agreement and having a legitimate interest related to the purposes of this Agreement in knowing such personal identification, and not disclose any such data in a manner that would permit the identification of an individual student in any form, including, but not limited to, published results of studies.
- e. Use reports produced for this project only for the purposes described above. The data and reporting shall not be used for personal or institutional gain or profit.
- f. To direct all communication and decisions regarding the evaluation, data collection, and analysis to the Accountability, Research, and Systems Improvement office.
- g. Acknowledges that JCPS retains the right to audit GATE OF HOPE's compliance with this agreement.
- h. GATE OF HOPE acknowledges that any violation of this Agreement and/or the provisions of FERPA or accompanying regulations related to the nondisclosure of protected student information constitutes just cause for JCPS to immediately terminate this Agreement pursuant to Article V of this Agreement.
- i. Not use the name or logo of JCPS or individual JCPS schools in printed materials, websites, videos or social media without prior approval from JCPS.
- j. Maintain an all-risk property and casualty insurance policy with respect to the facilities and a policy of commercial general liability in amounts no less than \$1,000,000/\$2,000,000 per policy and provide JCPS with a certificate of insurance upon request.
- k. Require all GATE OF HOPE employees/volunteers/contractors performing services under this Agreement to have on file a Criminal Records Check, per Kentucky law and JCPS requirements, completed no more than five years ago.

Employees/contractors convicted of any of the following, per JCPS Board Policy 03.6, shall not be considered:

- i. Any conviction for sex-related offenses.
 - ii. Any conviction for offenses against minors.
 - iii. Any conviction for felony offenses, except as provided below.
 - iv. Any conviction for deadly weapon-related offenses.
 - v. Any conviction for drug-related offenses, including felony drug offenses, within the past seven years.
 - vi. Any conviction for violent, abusive, threatening or harassment related offenses.
 - vii. Other convictions determined by the Superintendent/designee to bear a reasonable relationship to the ability to perform services under this Agreement.
- l. GATE OF HOPE shall require all staff and volunteers performing services on JCPS school premises during JCPS school hours under this Agreement to submit per KRS 160.380 to a national and state criminal history background check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have a letter, provided by the individual, from The Cabinet for Health and Family Services stating no findings of substantiated child abuse and neglect records maintained by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
 - m. GATE OF HOPE staff and volunteers will comply with all JCPS health safety guidelines including rules related to COVID-19 mitigation.
 - n. To the extent that JCPS facilities are closed to students, those facilities will also be unavailable to GATE OF HOPE. During any periods of the Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) or remote learning, JCPS facilities will not be available to GATE OF HOPE.

3. Mutual Duties:

- a. Each party shall not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital or parental status, political affiliations or beliefs, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, genetic information, disability, or limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.
- b. Each party shall comply with all federal and state laws and regulations and all JCPS policies applicable to the provision of the services described in this Agreement, including without limitation the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Kentucky Educational Rights and Privacy Act

(KFERPA), the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and JCPS policies and procedures for volunteers and visitors entering JCPS facilities.

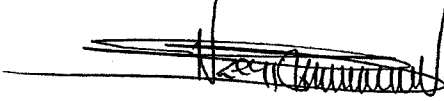
- c. The respective administrative offices of JCPS and GATE OF HOPE who have responsibility for the implementation of this Agreement shall meet periodically during the term of this Agreement to evaluate the program and discuss issues of mutual concern.
4. **Term**: This Agreement shall be effective commencing January 1, 2026 and shall terminate on December 31, 2026. The Agreement may be extended by mutual written agreement of JCPS and GATE OF HOPE.
5. **Termination**: Either party may terminate this Agreement prior to the end of its term by giving sixty (60) days prior written notice to the other party. If JCPS terminates the Agreement, GATE OF HOPE will be permitted in their discretion to continue to provide services during the period in which the sixty (60) day notice becomes effective. JCPS may terminate this agreement immediately in the event of a student health or safety concern or a breach of paragraph 2.j above. In the event of an immediate termination, GATE OF HOPE shall not be permitted to continue to provide services after receipt of the notice of termination.
6. **Amendment**: This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement signed by JCPS and GATE OF HOPE.
7. **Independent Parties**: JCPS and GATE OF HOPE are independent parties, and neither shall be construed to be an agent or representative of the other, and therefore neither shall be liable for the acts or omissions of the other. Each party shall, however, be liable for any negligent or wrongful acts of its own employees, students and invitees.
8. **Captions**: Section titles or captions in this Agreement are inserted as a matter of convenience and reference, and in no way define, limit, extend, or describe the scope of this Agreement.
9. **Entire Agreement**: This Agreement contains the entire agreement between JCPS and GATE OF HOPE concerning the GATE OF HOPE and supersedes all prior agreements, either written or oral, regarding the same subject matter.
10. **Severability**: If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this Agreement unenforceable, such provision shall be modified to the extent required to make it enforceable, consistent with the spirit and intent of this Agreement. If such a provision cannot be so modified, the provision shall be deemed separable from the remaining provisions of this Agreement and shall not affect any other provision.
11. **Counterparts**: This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, in which case each executed counterpart shall be deemed an original, and all executed counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument.

12. **Applicable Law:** This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed.

Jefferson County Public Schools:

Gate of Hope Ministries International, Inc.:



Brian Yearwood, Ed.D, Superintendent

Jean de Dieu Nzeyimana, President

Date: _____

Date: 10-28-25