

**Memorandum of Agreement
Between the
Jefferson County Board of Education
And the
University of Louisville Research Foundation, 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 the University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc. ("ULRF"), a Kentucky 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation as the agent of the University of Louisville ("UofL") for receiving grants and research documents from external funding sources and which owns and controls intellectual property on behalf of UofL and is located at 300 East Market Street, Suite 300, Louisville, KY 40202-1959 (UofL, ULRF, and CEHD (defined below) collectively hereinafter "ULRF").

WHEREAS, UofL's College of Education and Human Development ("CEHD") has implemented the Signature Partnership Schools Initiative to provide a clinical training model for education professionals in multiple JCPS schools including the Academy @ Shawnee ("CLINIC"). JCPS and ULRF desire to enter into an agreement for an extended partnership between the parties concerning the placement of the University of Louisville Cardinal Success Program ("CSP") in a Location provided by JCPS at SHAWNEE. JCPS and ULRF believe the presence of the CSP at SHAWNEE will greatly benefit SHAWNEE, the West Louisville community, and the CEHD.

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

1. Duties of JCPS and SHAWNEE:

- a. JCPS will provide a suite with three offices on the first floor and access to the group rooms at the library of SHAWNEE (collectively referred to as the "Location") for use by the CEHD as the Clinic on the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement.
- b. JCPS shall permit the ULRF staff, faculty, and students in the Location to administer mental health and counseling services to SHAWNEE students, their families and individuals living in the community surrounding SHAWNEE Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. throughout the calendar year.
- c. JCPS and SHAWNEE shall permit UofL to conduct group supervision for UofL students in the provided Location.
- d. JCPS and SHAWNEE will permit ULRF to place necessary furniture, equipment, and technology within the Location to operate the Clinic appropriately. All property placed in the Location by ULRF shall remain the property of ULRF upon the termination or fulfillment of this Agreement.

- e. JCPS and SHAWNEE shall not charge ULRF rent, utility costs, taxes, or insurance for use of the Location. JCPS shall be responsible for maintaining property and casualty insurance coverage (which may be provided in whole or in part by a JCPS self-insurance program) for the Location.
- f. JCPS shall be responsible for providing routine cleaning and janitorial services for the Location.
- g. JCPS will obtain any necessary written permissions from parents and/or guardians of JCPS students to approve their receipt of mental health and counseling services in the Clinic.
- h. JCPS will assist ULRF, their employees, students and invitees with the interpretation of applicable JCPS policies and procedures for volunteers and visitors entering JCPS facilities.
- i. Upon receiving parental consent for the referral JCPS will provide student name, date of birth, reason for referral, person making the referral, and guardian contact information ULRF.

2. Duties of UofL and CEHD:

- a. In consideration for the terms herein, ULRF shall use the Location during the times provided in Paragraph 1.B above to provide mental health and counseling services to SHAWNEE students, their families and individuals living in the community surrounding SHAWNEE, as well as other purposes permitted by Paragraph 1.B. ULRF shall not use the Location for any other purposes or permit any other organization or individual to use the Location without prior written consent of JCPS. ULRF and their employees, students and invitees shall have the right of access over the portions of the SHAWNEE property that are not included within the Space as shall be necessary for such persons to enter and leave the Location and shall have the non-exclusive right to use the parking areas on SHAWNEE property.
- b. ULRF shall be responsible for providing general liability insurance coverage (which may be provided in whole or in part through a state or local government self-insurance program) for the individuals who provide services in the Clinic. ULRF will provide JCPS with certificates of insurance upon request. ULRF shall require that all ULRF personnel providing services as outlined in this Agreement maintain appropriate professional liability coverage typical for these services.
- c. UofL and the CEHD agree that they shall not intentionally or negligently damage, except for normal wear and tear, or substantially alter, the Location.
- d. ULRF 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.

- e. If the performance of this Agreement involves the transfer by JCPS to ULRF 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"), ULRF and JCPS must manage the data transfer in accordance with FERPA requirements, and ULRF agrees to the following conditions:
 - i. If ULRF 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 ULRF before the JCPS IRB-approved informed consent process has been executed. In this case, ULRF does not function as an exception under FERPA. ULRF 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. ULRF must deliver copies of the signed authorization to JCPS upon request.
 - ii. If ULRF has been legally deemed a FERPA exception by JCPS in accordance with FERPA Exception Conditions, then ULRF 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 ULRF and its employees, contractors, volunteers, review committees, 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.

- f. Require all employees, contractors, volunteers, and agents of ULRF to comply with all applicable provisions of FERPA with respect to any such data. ULRF shall require and maintain confidentiality agreements with each contractor, volunteer, or agent with access to data pursuant to this Agreement. ULRF shall require that each employee with access to data as outlined herein is informed of its confidential nature and is required to maintain its confidentiality on terms no less restrictive than those contained herein or as otherwise required by applicable law.
 - i. 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. ULRF shall notify JCPS within 72-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.
 - ii. 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 ULRF 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.
 - g. Use reports produced for this project only for the purposes described above. The data and reporting shall not be used for personal or institutional or commercial profit.
 - h. To direct all communication and decisions regarding the evaluation, data collection, and analysis to the Accountability, Research, and Systems Improvement office.
 - i. Acknowledges that JCPS retains the right to audit at its own expense and during normal business hours ULRF's compliance with this Agreement.
- j. ULRF 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.
 - k. 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.
 - l. 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.

- m. Require all ULRF 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:
 - a. Any conviction for sex-related offenses.
 - b. Any conviction for offenses against minors.
 - c. Any conviction for felony offenses, except as provided below.
 - d. Any conviction for deadly weapon-related offenses.
 - e. Any conviction for drug-related offenses, including felony drug offenses, within the past seven years.
 - f. Any conviction for violent, abusive, threatening or harassment related offenses.
 - g. Other convictions determined by the Superintendent/designee to bear a reasonable relationship to the ability to perform services under this Agreement.
- n. ULRF 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.
- o. ULRF staff and volunteers will comply with all applicable JCPS health safety guidelines including rules related to COVID-19 mitigation.
- p. To the extent that JCPS facilities are closed to students, those facilities will also be unavailable to ULRF. During any periods of the Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) or remote learning, JCPS facilities will not be available to ULRF.

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 applicable 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 ULRF 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 July 1, 2026, and shall terminate on June 30, 2027. The Agreement may be extended by mutual written agreement of JCPS and ULRF.
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, ULRF will be permitted in their discretion to continue to provide services during the period in which the sixty (60) day notice becomes effective. Either party may terminate this agreement immediately in the event of a student health or safety concern or a breach of paragraph 2.1 above. In the event of an immediate termination, ULRF 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 ULRF.
7. **Independent Parties:** JCPS and ULRF 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. To the extent permitted by law, 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 ULRF concerning the ULRF 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 by 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

Dr. Brian Yearwood
Superintendent

Date

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.

BSCox

Name Brennan Cox
Title Director

05/11/2026

Date

UofL PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

Read and acknowledged, but not as a contractual party.

Patrick Possel

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Dr. Patrick Possel

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Date

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