

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
Between
Jefferson County Board of Education
And
La Casita Center, Incorporated

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 La Casita Center, Incorporated (hereinafter "La Casita"), a Kentucky non-profit corporation with its principal place of business at 223 East Magnolia Ave, Louisville, KY 40208.

WHEREAS this initiative is a collaboration between JCPS and the La Casita Center to provide academic tutoring and kindergarten-readiness programs and to integrate learner-centered approaches that leverage student experiences, English Language Development, and language support.

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

1. Duties of JCPS:

- a. Work closely with La Casita to implement the Project as detailed in **Attachment C**.
- b. Provide a JCPS Lead and up to five additional bilingual staff to support the Project; specifically, an ELD Teacher will support kindergarten readiness (**La Escuelita**), and four ELD Teachers or Bilingual Associate Instructors (BAIs) will support instructional tutoring (**Mentes Futuras**).
- c. Ensure JCPS staff working with the Project uphold La Casita's mission and values, specifically regarding confidentiality, the removal of educational barriers, belonging, and the accompaniment of families.
- d. Provide required oversight and training to JCPS staff and ensure all personnel comply with JCPS and La Casita's health and safety guidelines.
- e. Facilitate consistent communication between JCPS and La Casita regarding student needs and programmatic adjustments, subject to approval by the OML Resettlement Specialist.
- f. Collaborate with La Casita Center in the planning and implementation of the annual event to celebrate students who have completed the Mentes Futuras program. To provide families with support and information about available resources, the JCPS team supporting Mentes Futuras will participate in planning meetings and attend the event, subject to staff availability and the scheduling outline in Attachment C.

2. Duties of La Casita:

- a. Implement the Project as outlined in Attachment C.
- b. Continue sharing information about the La Escuelita virtual online program through established group norms and publicly.
- c. Share information about La Casita programming with JCPS schools and collaborate with schools to share information about services offered, such as training and support groups provided by La Casita for JCPS students.
- d. Provide support for the planning and implementation of an annual event to celebrate students who have completed the Mentas Futura's program. This support will be carried out in collaboration with the JCPS team to jointly provide resources and information to families attending the event.
- e. La Casita will take precautions to ensure that the employees, contractors, volunteers and agents of the local churches that are in partnership with La Casita in the project programming 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.
- f. 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.
- g. If the performance of this Agreement involves the transfer by JCPS to La Casita 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"), La Casita and JCPS must manage the data transfer in accordance with FERPA requirements, and La Casita agrees to the following conditions:
 - i. If La Casita 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 La Casita before the JCPS IRB-approved informed consent process has been executed. In this case, La Casita does not function as an exception under FERPA. La Casita 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. La Casita must deliver copies of the signed authorization to JCPS upon request.

- ii. If La Casita has been legally deemed a FERPA exception by JCPS in accordance with FERPA Exception Conditions, then La Casita 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 La Casita 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 La Casita to comply with all applicable provisions of FERPA with respect to any such data. La Casita 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. La Casita 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 La Casita 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.
- h. Limit data requested from JCPS to the specific elements listed in Attachment A. If the data request is associated with an approved JCPS IRB application, then the data in Attachment A should match the JCPS IRB final approval letter data elements listed.
- i. Adhere to the reporting timeframes (e.g., quarters, semesters, years) service provider requested in Attachment A.

- j. Adhere to the timelines in Attachment A for when a service provider will provide JCPS with La Casita [lists of students, signed consent forms, etc.]. Notify JCPS of unexpected changes in timelines as soon as possible and accept that changes may alter JCPS' capacity to provide requested data.
- k. If relevant, obtain signed non-disclosures (Attachment B) for each individual from La Casita responsible for evaluation and analysis activities who must access identifiable data referenced in Attachment A.
- l. 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.
- m. To direct all communication and decisions regarding the evaluation, data collection, and analysis to the Accountability, Research, and Systems Improvement office.
- n. Acknowledges that JCPS retains the right to audit La Casita's compliance with this agreement.
- o. La Casita 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.
- p. 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.
- q. 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.
- r. Require all La Casita 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.
- s. La Casita 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.
- t. La Casita staff and volunteers will comply with all JCPS health safety guidelines including rules related to COVID-19 mitigation.
- u. To the extent that JCPS facilities are closed to students, those facilities will also be unavailable to La Casita. During any periods of the Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) or remote learning, JCPS facilities will not be available to La Casita.

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 La Casita 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 July 1, 2027. The Agreement may be extended by mutual written agreement of JCPS and La Casita.
- 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, La Casita 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, La Casita shall not be permitted to continue to provide services after receipt of the notice of termination.

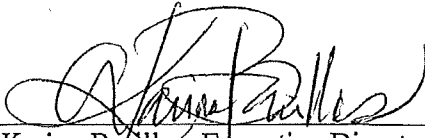
6. **Amendment**: This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement signed by JCPS and La Casita.
7. **Independent Parties**: JCPS and La Casita are independent parties, and neither shall be construed to be an agent or representative of the other, and therefore neither shall be liable 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 La Casita concerning La Casita 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:

La Casita, Center, INC:

Dr. Brian Yearwood, Superintendent



Karina Barillas, Executive Director

Date: _____

Date: 06/11/2026

ATTACHMENT A

USE IF RECORDS ARE REQUESTED FOR DISCLOSURE

[Sample format of Data Request and Reporting Schedule to be agreed upon by partner and JCPS]

Record Collection Timeframe	School year	When [partner] will submit request to JCPS	When JCPS will fulfill request

[Sample format of Data Elements Provided by Partner for Matching, table to be delivered by partner]

Data Elements Given to JCPS by [partner]

[Sample format of Data Elements Delivered to Partner table from JCPS]

Data Elements Fulfilled by JCPS	Delivery Notes

ATTACHMENT B

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SERVICE PROVIDER'S EMPLOYEE NONDISCLOSURE STATEMENT

I understand that the performance of my duties as an employee or contractor of _____ ("Services Provider") involve a need to access and review confidential information (information designated as confidential by the Jefferson County Board of Education, and that I am required to maintain the confidentiality of this information and prevent any redisclosure prohibited under applicable federal and state law. By signing this statement, I agree to the following:

- I will not permit access to confidential information to persons not authorized by Services Provider.
- I will maintain the confidentiality of the data or information.
- I will not access data of persons related or known to me for personal reasons.
- I will report, immediately and within twenty-four (24) hours, any known reasonably believed
- instances of missing data, data that has been inappropriately shared, or data taken off site to my immediate supervisor.
- I understand that procedures must be in place for monitoring and protecting confidential information.
- I understand that the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") protects information in students' education records that are maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution, and 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.
- I understand that any unauthorized disclosure of confidential information is illegal as provided in FERPA and in the implementing of 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. 3571) or imprisonment for not more than five years (under 18 U.S.C. 3559), or both.
- I understand and acknowledge 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 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq)(NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.)(CNA) and the regulations implementing these Acts, is confidential information.

- I understand that any unauthorized disclosure of confidential free and reduced price lunch information or information from an application for this benefit is illegal as provided in the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq)(NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.)(CNA) and the regulations implementing these Acts, specifically 7 C.F.R 245.6. 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.
- I understand that KRS 61.931 also defines "personal information" to include 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;
 - e. A passport number or other identification number issued by the United States government; or
 - f. Individually identifiable health information as defined in 45 C.F.R. sec. 160.103, except for education records covered by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, as amended, 20 U.S.C. sec. 1232g.
- I understand that other federal and state privacy laws protect confidential data not otherwise detailed above and I acknowledge my duty to maintain confidentiality of that data as well.
- I understand that any personal characteristics that could make the person's identity traceable, including membership in a group such as ethnicity or program area, are protected.
- In addition, I understand that any data sets or output reports that I may generate using confidential data are to be protected. I will not distribute to any unauthorized person any data sets or reports that I have access to or may generate using confidential data. I understand that I am responsible for any computer transactions performed as a result of access authorized by use of sign on/password(s).

Employee signature:

Date:

Attachment C

JCPS and La Casita will utilize the following process to support the Project:

1. Staffing & Scheduling

- **JCPS Lead:** Serves as the primary liaison. They will provide up to **15 hours per week** (12 hours for virtual instructional oversight/programming and 3 hours for instructional planning collaboration with the La Casita designated staff member) at their hourly rate.
- **Kindergarten Readiness Team (La Escuelita):** One ELD Teacher will provide up to **10 hours per week** supporting virtual instruction at their hourly rate.
- **Instructional Tutoring Team (Mentes Futuras):** Up to three-ELD Teachers or BAIs will provide up to **8 hours per week** each for virtual instructional tutoring at their hourly rate.
 - ELD Teachers will provide up to an additional 2 hours per week for student/parent engagement opportunities or required meetings at their hourly rate.
 - ELD teachers will be paid for 1.5 hours of planning to support virtual instruction at their hourly rate.

2. Program Calendar & Continuity

- **Annual Schedule:** Programming and staff support follow the JCPS academic calendar regarding breaks. Instruction will not occur during **Winter Break** or **Spring Break**.
- **Mentes Futuras Timeline:** Programming is paused during the month of August and officially resumes the week following Labor Day.
- **La Escuelita Timeline:** Staff support begins the last week of August to facilitate the preparation and uploading of video lessons. Instruction officially resumes the week following Labor Day.
- **Modifications:** Outside of the established breaks and start dates, staff schedules may only be modified by mutual agreement between JCPS and La Casita.

3. Instructional Model & Impact

- **Small Group Focus:** To increase student impact, all JCPS staff members (Teachers and BAIs) will utilize a virtual instructional model where each group consists of **3 to 4** students per staff member.
- Flexibility will be provided to continue one-on-one instructional tutoring for students as needed after consultation with JCPS.

4. Training & Orientation

- All JCPS employees identified for the Project must complete an orientation and training session provided by La Casita.
- JCPS and La Casita will collaborate to ensure all applicants are informed of these training and group size expectations for La Escuelita and Mentes Futuras.

5. Roles & Responsibilities

- **La Casita:** Will manage all programming schedules, provide necessary resources and materials for JCPS staff, and produce 3–4 video lessons per week to support La Escuelita. Lesson videos will be made public to expand the outreach and impact for students and families not in the program.
- **Data & Records:** La Casita will distribute and collect signed copies of the **Authorization to Release Education Records** forms from all program participants and maintain these on file to be provided upon request.
- **JCPS Lead:** Will report programming needs and updates to the Office of Multilingual Learners (OML) and ensure consistent communication regarding student and family needs.
- **Program Redesign:** The JCPS Lead and La Casita designated staff lead may collaboratively redesign programmatic elements as needed, subject to Resettlement Specialist approval.

6. Program Dissemination

- La Casita will collaborate with schools in JCPS to bring awareness of this project and other onsite services and support as requested.