

Memorandum of Understanding **Bellevue Independent School District and Little Lights Learning Center**

This agreement entered into this 15th of July, 2026 between Bellevue Independent School District and **Little Lights Learning Center**

General Terms

The purpose of this agreement is to outline the conditions of partnership between the District and **Little Lights Learning Center** for the development and operation of a wrap-around program for Bellevue Preschool students, with hours that extend beyond the school day, at Grandview Elementary School that provides a full day preschool program. The center will benefit the children eligible identified by the District. The center, operated and managed by **Little Lights Learning Center** will provide early education and care for children ages 3, 4, and 5 who are enrolled in Bellevue Preschool and not age eligible for kindergarten. The center will financially and programmatically operate independently of the District and will make attempts to mirror the curriculum of the Bellevue Preschool program.

The agreement may be terminated upon failure of any of the terms and conditions specified in this agreement or upon failure of the District to provide adequate space for the center or to meet with requirements of the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children, Division of Day Care Licensing and Regulation (Cabinet). Modification of this contract can be initiated at any time, but must be agreed-upon in writing by both parties.

Facilities and Equipment

- The District shall supply a space deemed appropriate for the location of a childcare facility as required by the Cabinet, a fenced outdoor ground area for large motor activities and or access to an indoor large motor area as required by the Cabinet. All building and outdoor maintenance, utilities, and custodial service are at no cost to **Little Lights Learning Center**.
- Bellevue Independent Schools Food Service Program (CEP) will provide breakfast and lunch to all students enrolled in the Bellevue Preschool & **Little Lights Learning Center** program. This shall be reevaluated should the status of CEP change in the future.
- **Little Lights Learning Center** shall provide at its expense teachers needed to maintain the staff/child ratio set forth by the Cabinet. The recruitment, hiring, firing, and training of those personnel should be the sole responsibility of **Little Lights Learning Center**.
- Supervision of personnel hired for the center will be at the responsibility of **Little Lights Learning Center**.
- All personnel shall meet the license requirement of their occupations and any additional requirements set forth by the Cabinet. **Little Lights Learning Center** shall provide at its own expense all fringe benefits for its employees and any required background checks required by the District. In addition, they shall be responsible for providing substitutes for absent employees and coverage for required daily breaks. **Little Lights Learning Center** will also evaluate their employees to determine suitability for ongoing employment at the center.

Program

- The center shall be managed and operated by **Little Lights Learning Center** and according to the regulations of the Cabinet and guidelines set forth by Kentucky's All Stars volunteer quality initiative.
- **Little Lights Learning Center** shall provide supervision of the director of the center.
- **Little Lights Learning Center** and the District shall share in the recruitment of students eligible to enroll their children at the center.

Cost Reimbursement

- Tuition shall be funded through state childcare subsidies to qualifying parents and parent tuition.
- **Little Lights Learning Center** shall provide billing to the state and parents for this reimbursement.

Title to Property

- Property, equipment, materials and supplies provided by **Little Lights Learning Center** shall remain the property of **Little Lights Learning Center** and shall be returned to **Little Lights Learning Center** upon termination of this agreement.
- All property, equipment, materials and supplies provided by the District shall remain the property of the District.

Insurance

- **Little Lights Learning Center** shall maintain comprehensive liability insurance for a minimum of \$1 million with an umbrella coverage for an additional \$2 million. The District shall be named an additional insured on the policy.

Hold Harmless

- **Little Lights Learning Center** shall hold the District harmless and indemnify it from liability arising from **Little Lights Learning Center** recruitment, hiring, firing, and training of staff and supervision of the director.
- The District shall hold harmless and indemnify it from any liability arising from the management and operation of the school, center, buses or caused by any defect within the building or grounds.


Little Lights Learning Center, owner
Dejohna Tolliver

6/11/26
Date


District Authorized Representative
Tara Wittrock

6/11/26
Date