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Issue Paper

DATE:

7/21/26

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve Kenton County School District (KCS D) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MEBS Counseling to provide school-based therapy and associated mental health services for KCS D students in all of our schools during the 2026-2027 school year.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.1- Legal Status of the Board

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

KCS D previously approved a MOU for the same agency under the name Mebs and Associates, LLC which has changed legally changed their name to MEBS Counseling.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

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CONTACT PERSON:

Lesley Smith, Assistant Superintendent


Principal/Administrator


District Administrator


Superintendent

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The Kenton County School District

Memorandum of Understanding: **MEBS Counseling**

2026-2027

The Collaborative Service Agreement between the staff of Kenton County School District and **MEBS Counseling** will have the following components:

1. The goal is to facilitate the provision of **school-based therapy and associated services** to students who are referred by the Kenton County School District or its agents and qualify for services.
2. **MEBS Counseling** will provide services for students in the school setting or other public location and consult and collaborate with school staff to provide support for students.
3. **MEBS Counseling** will ensure compliance with all existing federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the scope of practice of their services and abide by Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
4. **MEBS Counseling** will maintain appropriate professional and liability insurance. To the extent not covered and paid by insurance, **MEBS Counseling** agrees that he/she will be responsible for any claims, losses, liability, demands and damages, and agrees to hold harmless and/or indemnify from any loss, damage, claim or expense incurred by the KCSD based solely on negligence, errors, or omissions by **MEBS Counseling** related to the performance of services conducted by **MEBS Counseling** pursuant to this agreement.
5. **MEBS Counseling** will provide a list of personnel and their role, who will be working in the Kenton County School District, by the first day of school and updated if changes are made during the term of the agreement.
6. **MEBS Counseling** will comply with KCSD Visitor Protocols by providing personal identification upon visiting a school.
7. **MEBS Counseling** will comply with state regulations which may include background checks, fingerprinting, child abuse and neglect check, etc as required by the Kenton County School District for outside providers working with students in the Kenton County School District. (REG 160.151):
MEBS Counseling is expected to contact the school counselor to arrange an appropriate time and space for services in advance.
8. **MEBS Counseling** will collaborate with the district liaison when appropriate.
9. During the term of this agreement, the Kenton County School District agrees to:
 - Provide a safe environment, space, and reasonable accommodations to allow the provision of services during the school day and in the school buildings.
 - Refer students for services using the **MEBS Counseling** referral process.
 - Comply with FERPA standards.
 - Provide a district liaison for questions and concerns.
10. The Kenton County School District is not responsible for payment for services provided by **MEBS Counseling**
11. The terms of this agreement are valid for one calendar year. It is contingent on approval from the Kenton County Board of Education.
12. The Kenton County Board of Education reserves the right to terminate the agreement at any time, without cause.

Lesley Smith, Assistant Superintendent
Kenton County School District

Date

MEBS and Associales, LLC

Date

Date approved by KCSD Board of Education: _____