

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
445 Montezuma Street  
Rio Vista, CA 94571-1651



**BOARD AGENDA BRIEFING**

**Meeting Date:** June 27, 2017

Attachments:  X

**From:** Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services

Item #: 10.3

**SUBJECT**

Request to approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Point Quest) for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost not to exceed \$65,000.

Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
Consent Action:  X  
Information Only: \_\_\_\_\_

**Background & Status:**

Name of Vendor: Point Quest

Description of Service(s): To provide an instructional assistant for a district student.

Date(s) of Service(s): 2017-2018 school year

The IEP team determined Point Quest the least restrictive environment to meet the student's needs. The 2016-2017 contract was \$40,000. The 2017-2018 contract is not to exceed \$65,000.

**Presenter:**

Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services

**Cost &/or Funding Sources (be specific)**

Not to exceed \$65,000 paid by Special Education funds.

**Recommendation:**

That the Board approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Point Quest) for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost not to exceed \$65,000.

Time: 2 mins.

*NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN  
SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES*

*MASTER CONTRACT*

**2017–2018**

# MASTER CONTRACT

GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR NONSECTARIAN,  
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES

District RIVER DELTA UNIFIED DISTRICT

Contract Year 2017-2018

         Nonpublic School  
  X   Nonpublic Agency

## Type of Contract:

  X   Master Contract for fiscal year with Individual Service Agreements (ISA) to be approved throughout the term of this contract.

         Individual Master Contract for a specific student incorporating the Individual Service Agreement (ISA) into the terms of this Individual Master Contract specific to a single student.

         Interim Contract: an extension of the previous fiscal years approved contracts and rates. The sole purpose of this Interim Contract is to provide for ongoing funding at the prior year's rates for 90 days at the sole discretion of the District. Expiration Date:                         

*When this section is included as part of any Master Contract, the changes specified above shall amend Section 4 – Term of Master Contract.*

**DISTRICT MASTER CONTRACT  
GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR NONSECTARIAN,  
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES  
2017-2018**

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CONTRACT NUMBER:

LEA: River Delta Unified School DISTRICT

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NONPUBLIC SCHOOL/AGENCY/RELATED SERVICES PROVIDER: Point Quest

**NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES**  
**MASTER CONTRACT**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MASTER CONTRACT AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. MASTER CONTRACT**

This Master Contract is entered into on July 1, 2017, between the **River Delta Unified School** DISTRICT (hereinafter referred to as the local educational agency “LEA” or “District”) and **Point Quest** (nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, hereinafter referred to as “CONTRACTOR”) for the purpose of providing special education and/or related services to LEA students with exceptional needs under the authorization of California Education Code sections 56157, 56361 and 56365 *et seq.* and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 *et seq.*, AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003) and AB1858 (Chapter 914, Statutes of 2004). It is understood that this Master Contract does not commit LEA to pay for special education and/or related services provided to any LEA student, or CONTRACTOR to provide such special education and/or related services, unless and until an authorized LEA representative approves the provision of special education and/or related services by CONTRACTOR.

Upon acceptance of a student, LEA shall submit to CONTRACTOR an Individual Services Agreement (hereinafter referred to as “ISA”), along with a Nonpublic Services Student Enrollment form. CONTRACTOR shall work with LEA to complete and return these forms to LEA prior to initiating any services for any student.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the ISA and the Nonpublic Services Student Enrollment form shall acknowledge CONTRACTOR’S obligation to provide all services specified in the student’s Individualized Education Plan (hereinafter referred to as “IEP”). The ISA shall be executed within ninety (90) days of an LEA student’s enrollment. LEA and CONTRACTOR shall enter into an ISA for each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. As available and appropriate, LEA shall make available access to any electronic IEP system and/or electronic database for ISA development, including invoicing.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings (hereinafter referred to as “OAH”) order, a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and parent, or authorized by LEA for a transfer student pursuant to California Education Code section 56325, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with nonpublic school placement until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a nonpublic school placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by LEA student’s parent.

**2. CERTIFICATION AND LICENSES**

CONTRACTOR shall be certified by the California Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as “CDE”) as a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency. All nonpublic school and nonpublic agency services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code section 56366 *et seq.* and within the professional scope of practice of each provider’s license, certification and/or credential. A current copy of CONTRACTOR’S nonpublic school/agency certification or a waiver of such certification issued by the CDE pursuant to Education Code section 56366.2 must be provided to LEA on or before the date this Master Contract is executed by CONTRACTOR. This Master Contract shall be null and void if such certification or waiver is expired, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Master Contract. Total student

enrollment shall be limited to capacity as stated on the applicable CDE certification. Total LEA student enrollment shall be limited to capacity as stated in Section 24 of the Master Contract.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the state of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this state shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 *et seq.*).

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution (hereinafter referred to as "LCI"), CONTRACTOR shall be licensed by the state, or other public agency having delegated authority by contract with the state to license, to provide nonmedical care to children, including, but not limited to, individuals with exceptional needs. The LCI must also comply with all licensing requirements relevant to the protection of the child, and have a special permit, if necessary, to meet the needs of each child so placed. If the CONTRACTOR operates a program outside of this state, CONTRACTOR must obtain all required licenses from the appropriate licensing agency in both California and in the state where the LCI is located.

With respect to CONTRACTOR'S certification, failure to notify LEA and CDE of any changes in: (1) credentialed/licensed staff; (2) ownership; (3) management and/or control of the agency; (4) major modification or relocation of facilities; or (5) significant modification of the program may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and shall also be good cause for the suspension or termination of this Master Contract by LEA.

### **3. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, STATUTES, REGULATIONS**

During the term of this Master Contract, unless otherwise agreed, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, policies, and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall also comply with all applicable LEA policies and procedures unless CONTRACTOR and LEA specifically agree, in writing, that a policy or policies, or a portion of a policy, does/do not reasonably apply to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR hereby acknowledges and agrees that it accepts all risks and responsibilities for its failure to comply with LEA policies and shall indemnify LEA under the provisions of Section 16 of this Agreement for all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of CONTRACTOR'S failure to comply with applicable LEA policies (e.g., those policies relating to the provision of special education and/or related services, facilities for individuals with exceptional needs, LEA student enrollment and transfer, LEA student inactive status, corporal punishment, student discipline, and positive behavior interventions).

CONTRACTOR acknowledges and understands that LEA may report to the CDE any violations of the provisions of this Master Contract, and that this may result in the suspension and/or revocation of CDE nonpublic school/agency certification pursuant to California Education Code section 56366.4(a).

### **4. TERM OF MASTER CONTRACT**

The term of this Master Contract shall be from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 unless otherwise stated. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3062(a).) Neither the CONTRACTOR nor LEA is required to renew this Master Contract in subsequent contract years. However, the parties acknowledge that any subsequent Master Contract is to be re-negotiated prior to June 30, 2018. In the event a Master Contract is not renegotiated by June 30<sup>th</sup>, an interim contract may be made available as mutually agreed upon for up to 90 days from July 1 of the new fiscal year. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3062(d).) No Master Contract will be offered unless and until all of the contracting requirements have been satisfied. The offer of a Master Contract to a CONTRACTOR is at the sole discretion of LEA.

The provisions of this Master Contract apply to CONTRACTOR and any of its employees or independent contractors. Notice of any change in CONTRACTOR'S ownership or authorized representative shall be provided in writing to LEA within thirty (30) calendar days of change of ownership or change of authorized representative.

**5. INTEGRATION/CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACT FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION**

This Master Contract includes LEA Procedures and each Individual Services Agreement which are incorporated herein by this reference. This Master Contract supersedes any prior or contemporaneous written or oral understanding or agreement. This Master Contract may be amended only by written amendment executed by both parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, LEA may modify LEA procedures from time to time without the consent of CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA with all information as requested in writing to secure a Master Contract or a renewal.

At a minimum, such information shall include copies of teacher credentials and clearance, insurance documentation, and CDE certification. LEA may require additional information as applicable. If the application packet is not completed and returned to LEA, no Master Contract will be issued. If CONTRACTOR does not return the Master Contract to LEA duly signed by an authorized representative within ninety (90) calendar days of issuance by LEA, the new contract rates will not take effect until the newly executed Master Contract is received by LEA and will not be retroactive to the first day of the new Master Contract's effective date. If CONTRACTOR fails to execute the new Master Contract within such ninety day period, all payments shall cease until such time as the new Master Contract for the current school year is signed and returned to LEA by CONTRACTOR. (Ed. Code §§ 56366(c)(1), (2).) In the event that this Master Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed Master Contract between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized LEA students at the discretion of LEA.

**6. INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

This Master Contract shall include an ISA developed for each LEA student for whom CONTRACTOR is to provide special education and/or related services. An ISA shall only be issued for LEA students enrolled with the approval of LEA pursuant to Education Code section 56366(a)(2)(A). An ISA may be effective for more than one contract year provided that there is a concurrent Master Contract in effect. In the event that this Master Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed ISAs between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized LEA students.

Any and all changes to a LEA student's educational placement/program provided under this Master Contract and/or an ISA shall be made solely on the basis of a revision to LEA student's IEP. At any time during the term of this Master Contract, a LEA student's parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of a LEA student's IEP subject to all procedural safeguards required by law.

Unless otherwise provided in this Master Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall provide all services specified in the IEP unless the CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in the ISA. (Ed. Code § 56366(a)(5); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3062(e).) In the event the CONTRACTOR is unable to provide a specific service at any time during the life of the ISA, the CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing within five (5) business days of the last date a service was provided. CONTRACTOR shall provide any and all subsequent compensatory service hours awarded to an LEA student as a result of lack of provision of services while the student was served by the nonpublic school or agency.

If a parent or LEA contests the termination of an ISA by initiating a due process proceeding with the OAH, CONTRACTOR shall abide by the "stay-put" requirement of state and federal law unless the parent agrees otherwise or an interim alternative educational placement is deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning changes in placement.

Disagreements between LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the formulation of an ISA or the Master Contract may be appealed to the County Superintendent of Schools of the County where LEA is located, or



the State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code section 56366(c)(2).

## 7. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this contract:

- a. The term “CONTRACTOR” means a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency certified by the California Department of Education and its officers, agents, and employees.
- b. The term “authorized LEA representative” means a LEA administrator designated to be responsible for nonpublic school/agencies. It is understood that a representative of the Special Education Local Plan Area (“SELPA”) of which LEA is a member is an authorized LEA representative in collaboration with LEA. LEA maintains sole responsibility for the Master Contract, unless otherwise specified in the Master Contract.
- c. The term “credential” means a valid credential, life diploma, permit, or document in special education or Pupil Personnel Services issued by, or under the jurisdiction of, the California State Board of Education if issued prior to 1970 or the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, which entitles the holder thereof to perform services for which certification qualifications are required as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(g).
- d. As defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(r), the term "qualified" means that a person has met federal and state certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements which apply to the area in which he or she is providing special education or related services (including but not limited to, for example, the requirements set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 5, sections 3064 and 3065 and Education Code section 56366.1(n)(1)), or, in the absence of such requirements, the state-education-agency-approved or recognized requirements, and adheres to the standards of professional practice established in federal and state law or regulation, including the standards contained in the California Business and Professions Code and the scope of practice as defined by the licensing or credentialing body.) Nothing in this definition shall be construed as restricting the activities or services of a graduate needing direct hours leading to licensure, or of a student teacher or intern leading to a graduate degree at an accredited or approved college or university, as authorized by state laws or regulations.
- e. The term “license” means a valid non-expired document issued by a licensing agency within the Department of Consumer Affairs or other state licensing office authorized to grant licenses and authorizing the bearer of the document to provide certain professional services or refer to themselves using a specified professional title. This includes, but is not limited to mental health and board and care services at a residential placement. If a license is not available through an appropriate state licensing agency, a certificate of registration with the appropriate professional organization at the national or state level which has standards established for the certificate that are equivalent to a license shall be deemed to be a license as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(l).
- f. “Parent” means a biological or adoptive parent unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child, a guardian generally authorized to act as the child’s parent or authorized to make educational decisions for the child, an individual acting in the place of a biological or adoptive parent, including a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative with whom the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child’s welfare, a surrogate parent, a foster parent if the authority of the biological or adoptive parent to make educational decisions on the child’s behalf has been specifically limited by court order in accordance with Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 300.30(b)(1) or (2). Parent does not include the state or any political subdivision of government or the nonpublic school or agency under contract

with LEA for the provision of special education or designated instruction and services for a child. (Ed. Code § 56028.)

- g. The term “days” means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- h. The phrase “billable day” means a school day in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs.
- i. The phrase “billable day of attendance” means a school day as defined in California Education Code Section 46307, in which a LEA student is in attendance and in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs unless otherwise stipulated in an IEP or ISA.
- j. It is understood that the term “Master Contract” also means “Agreement” and may be referred to as such in this document.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT**

### **8. NOTICES**

All notices provided for by this Master Contract shall be in writing. Notices shall be mailed or delivered by hand and shall be effective as of the date of receipt by addressee.

All notices mailed to LEA shall be addressed to the person and address as indicated on the signature page of the Master Contract. Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed as indicated on signature page of this Master Contract.

### **9. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS**

All records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR as required by state and federal laws and regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, CONTRACTOR shall maintain all records for at least five (5) years after the termination of this Master Contract. For purposes of this Master Contract, “records” shall include, but not be limited to pupil records as defined by California Education Code section 49061(b) including electronically stored information; cost data records as set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3061; registers and roll books of teachers and/or daily service providers; chart notes, Medi-Cal logs, daily service logs and notes and other documents used to record the provision of related services including supervision; daily service logs and notes used to record the provision of services provided by instructional assistants, NPA behavior intervention aides, and bus aides and supervisors; absence verification records (parent/doctor notes, telephone logs, and related documents); bus rosters; staff lists specifying credentials held; business licenses held; documents evidencing other staff qualifications including social security numbers, dates of hire, and dates of termination; records of employee training and certification, staff time sheets; non-paid staff and volunteer sign-in sheets; transportation and other related services subcontracts; school calendars; bell/class schedules when applicable; liability and worker’s compensation insurance policies; state nonpublic school and/or agency certifications; by-laws; lists of current board of directors/trustees, if incorporated; statements of income and expenses; general journals; cash receipts and disbursement books, general ledgers and supporting documents; documents evidencing financial expenditures; federal/state payroll quarterly reports (Form 941/DE3DP); and bank statements and canceled checks or facsimile thereof.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain LEA student records in a secure location to ensure confidentiality and prevent unauthorized access. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a current list of the names and positions of CONTRACTOR’S employees who have access to confidential records. CONTRACTOR shall maintain an access log for each LEA student’s record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record and the legitimate interests therefore. Such log shall be maintained as required by California Education Code section 49064 and include the name, title, agency/organization affiliation, and date/time of access for each individual requesting or receiving information from LEA student’s record. Such log needs not to record access to LEA student’s records by: (a) LEA student’s parent;

(b) an individual to whom written consent has been executed by LEA student's parent; or (c) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record. CONTRACTOR/LEA shall maintain copies of any written parental concerns granting access to student records. For purposes of this paragraph, "employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR" do not include subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall grant parents access to student records and comply with parents' requests for copies of student records, as required by state and federal laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR agrees, in the event of school or agency closure, to forward all records within ten (10) business days to LEA. LEA shall have access to and receive copies of any and all documents required to be maintained by CONTRACTOR within five (5) business days of a request.

**10. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

If any provision of this Master Contract is held, in whole or in part, to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of that provision and of the entire Master Contract shall be severable and remain in effect.

**11. SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST**

This contract binds CONTRACTOR'S successors and assignees. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, of any change of ownership or corporate control within ten (10) business days of such change.

**12. VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW**

The laws of the State of California shall govern the terms and conditions of this Master Contract with venue in the County where LEA is located.

**13. MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS REQUIRED TO CONFORM TO LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES**

This Master Contract may be modified or amended by LEA to conform to administrative and statutory guidelines issued by any state, federal or local governmental agency. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR thirty (30) days' notice of any such changes or modifications made to conform to administrative or statutory guidelines and a copy of the statute or regulation upon which the modification or changes are based.

**14. TERMINATION**

This Master Contract or an Individual Service Agreement may be terminated for cause. Cause shall include but not be limited to non-maintenance of current nonpublic school certification, failure of either LEA or the CONTRACTOR to maintain the standards required under the Master Contract and/or Individual Services Agreement, or other material breach of the contract by CONTRACTOR or LEA. For purposes of Non Public School placement, the cause shall not be the availability of a public class initiated during the period of the Master Contract unless the parent agrees to the transfer of the student to a public school program at an IEP team meeting. To terminate the Master Contract, either party shall give twenty (20) days prior written notice to the other party (Ed. Code § 56366(a)(4)), or immediately if CONTRACTOR and LEA mutually agree that there are significant health or safety concerns. At the time of termination, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Master Contract. ISAs are void upon termination of this Master Contract, except as provided in Section 5 or 6. CONTRACTOR or LEA may terminate an ISA for cause, without terminating the Master Contract in its entirety. To terminate the ISA, either party shall also give twenty (20) days prior written notice to the other.

**15. INSURANCE**

CONTRACTOR shall, at his, her, or its sole cost and expense, maintain in full force and effect, during the term of this Agreement, the following insurance coverage from a California licensed and/or admitted insurer with an A minus (A-), VII, or better rating from A.M. Best, sufficient to cover any claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including counsel fees) arising out of or in connection with CONTRACTOR's fulfillment

of any of its obligations under this Agreement or either party's use of the work or any component or part thereof:

PART I

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance**, including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits as follows:

\$2,000,000 per occurrence  
\$ 500,000 fire damage  
\$ 5,000 medical expenses  
\$1,000,000 personal & adv. injury  
\$3,000,000 general aggregate  
\$2,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate

The policy may not contain an exclusion for coverage of claims arising from claims for sexual molestation or abuse. In the event that CONTRACTOR's policy should have an exclusion for sexual molestation or abuse claims, then CONTRACTOR shall be required to procure a supplemental policy providing such coverage.

- B. **Business Auto Liability Insurance** for all owned scheduled, non-owned or hired automobiles with a \$1 million combined single limit.

If no owned automobiles, then only hired and non-owned is required.

If CONTRACTOR uses a vehicle to travel to/from school sites, between schools and/or to/from students' homes or other locations as approved service locations by the LEA, CONTRACTOR must comply with State of California auto insurance requirements.

- C. **Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance** in a form and amount covering CONTRACTOR's full liability under the California Workers' Compensation Insurance and Safety Act and in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

Part A – Statutory Limits

Part B – \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000 Employers Liability

- D. **Errors & Omissions (E & O)/Malpractice (Professional Liability) Insurance**, including sexual molestation and abuse coverage, unless that coverage is afforded elsewhere in the Commercial General Liability policy by endorsement or separate policy, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 per occurrence  
\$2,000,000 general aggregate

- E. CONTRACTOR, upon execution of this Master Contract and periodically thereafter upon request, shall furnish the LEA with certificates of insurance evidencing such coverage. The certificate of insurance shall include a ten (10) day non-renewal notice provision. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policy shall name the LEA and the Board of Education additional insured's premiums on all insurance policies and shall be paid by CONTRACTOR and shall be deemed included in CONTRACTOR's obligations under this contract at no additional charge.

- F. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions above \$100,000 must be disclosed to and approved by the LEA. At its option, LEA may require the CONTRACTOR, at the CONTRACTOR's sole cost, to: (a) cause its insurer to reduce to levels specified by the LEA or eliminate such deductibles

or self-insured retentions with respect to the LEA, its officials and employees, or (b) procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigation.

- G. For any claims related to the services contracted for under this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects to the LEA, its subsidiaries, officials and employees. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the LEA, its subsidiaries, officials and employees shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- H. All Certificates of Insurance may reference the contract number, name of the school or agency submitting the certificate, and the location of the school or agency submitting the certificate on the certificate.

PART II – INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFILIATED WITH A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER (“RTC”)

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school affiliated with a residential treatment center (NPS/RTC), the following insurance policies are required:

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance** of \$3,000,000 per Occurrence and \$6,000,000 in General Aggregate. The policy shall be endorsed to name the LEA and the Board of Education as named additional insureds and shall provide specifically that any insurance carried by the LEA which may be applicable to any claims or loss shall be deemed excess and the RTC's insurance primary despite any conflicting provisions in the RTC's policy. Coverage shall be maintained with no self-insured retention above \$100,000 without the prior written approval of the LEA.
- B. **Workers' Compensation Insurance** in accordance with provisions of the California Labor Code adequate to protect the RTC from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act (Statutory Coverage). The Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage must also include Employers Liability coverage with limits of \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000.
- C. **Commercial Auto Liability** coverage with limits of \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence if the RTC does not operate a student bus service. If the RTC provides student bus services, the required coverage limit is \$5,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence.
- D. **Fidelity Bond or Crime** coverage shall be maintained by the RTC to cover all employees who process or otherwise have responsibility for RTC funds, supplies, equipment or other assets. Minimum amount of coverage shall be \$250,000 per occurrence, with no self-insured retention.
- E. **Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions/Malpractice** coverage with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.
- F. **Sexual Molestation and Abuse** coverage, unless that coverage is afforded elsewhere in the Commercial General Liability or Professional liability policy by endorsement, with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.

If LEA or CONTRACTOR determines that a change in insurance coverage obligations under this section is necessary, either party may reopen negotiations to modify the insurance obligations. Consistent with Section 5 of this Master Contract, however, the Master Contract may be amended only by written amendment executed by both Parties.

**16. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS**

Except with respect to claims arising from a Party's separate negligence or willful acts, which shall remain that Party's personal obligation, each Party agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other Party and its directors, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, volunteers, and subcontractors with respect to a claim resulting from or arising out of this Master Contract or its performance and arising from the Party's actual or alleged act, failure to act, error, or omission in the performance of their obligations under this Agreement or any governing law or regulations.

**17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to imply a joint venture, partnership or principal-agent relationship between LEA and CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide all services under this Agreement as an independent contractor, and neither party shall have the authority to bind or make any commitment on behalf of the other. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to create any association, partnership, joint venture or relationship of principal and agent, master and servant, or employer and employee between the Parties or any affiliates of the Parties, or between LEA and any individual assigned by CONTRACTOR to perform any services for LEA.

If LEA is held to be a partner, joint venturer, co-principal, employer or co-employer of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless LEA from and against any and all claims for loss, liability, or damages arising from that holding, as well as any expenses, costs, taxes, penalties and interest charges incurred by LEA as a result of that holding.

**18. SUBCONTRACTING**

CONTRACTOR shall not enter into any subcontracting relationship without first obtaining final written approval of LEA. Should CONTRACTOR wish to subcontract for special education and/or related services pursuant to this Master Contract, it must provide written notification to LEA before any subcontracting arrangement is made. In the event LEA determines that it can provide the subcontracted service(s) at a lower rate, LEA may elect to provide such service(s). If LEA elects to provide such service(s) at a lower rate, LEA may elect to provide such service(s). If LEA elects to provide such service(s), LEA shall provide written notification to CONTRACTOR within five (5) days of receipt of CONTRACTOR'S original request and CONTRACTOR shall not subcontract for said services.

Should LEA approve in concept of CONTRACTOR subcontracting for services, CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA for approval the proposed subcontract. CONTRACTOR shall incorporate all of the provisions of this Master Contract in all subcontracts to the fullest extent possible. Furthermore, when CONTRACTOR creates subcontracts for the provision of special education and/or related services (including without limitation, transportation) for any student, CONTRACTOR shall cause each subcontractor to procure and maintain indemnification and insurance requirements which comply with the provisions of Sections 15 and 16 of this Master Contract, for the duration of the term of each subcontract. If a proposed subcontract is approved by LEA, each subcontractor must furnish LEA with original endorsements and certificates of insurance effective coverage required by Section 15 of this Master Contract. The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. Unless otherwise agreed to by LEA, the endorsements are to be on forms provided by the LEA. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies shall name the LEA/SELPA and the LEA Board of Education as additional insured. All endorsements are to be received and approved by LEA before the subcontractor's work commences. In addition, all sub-contractors must meet the requirements as contained in Section 45 (Clearance Requirements) and Section 46 (Staff Qualifications) of this Master Contract. No subcontract shall be considered final without LEA approval.

**19. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA upon request a copy of its current bylaws and a current list of its Board of Directors (or Trustees), if it is incorporated. CONTRACTOR and any member of its Board of Directors (or Trustees) shall avoid and disclose any relationship with LEA that constitutes or may constitute a conflict of interest pursuant to California Education Code section 56042 including, but not limited to, employment with LEA, provision of private party assessments and/or reports, and attendance at IEP team meetings acting as a student's advocate. Pursuant to California Education Code section 56042, an attorney or advocate for a parent of an individual with exceptional needs shall not recommend placement at CONTRACTOR'S facility if the attorney or advocate is employed or contracted by the CONTRACTOR, or will receive a benefit from the CONTRACTOR, or otherwise has a conflict of interest.

Unless CONTRACTOR and LEA otherwise agree in writing, LEA shall neither execute an ISA with CONTRACTOR nor amend an existing ISA for a LEA student when a recommendation for special education and/or related services is based in whole or in part on assessment(s) or reports provided by CONTRACTOR to LEA student without prior written authorization by LEA. This paragraph shall apply to CONTRACTOR regardless of when an assessment is performed or a report is prepared (i.e. before or after LEA student is enrolled in CONTRACTOR'S school/agency) or whether an assessment of LEA student is performed or a report is prepared in the normal course of the services provided to LEA student by CONTRACTOR. To avoid a conflict of interest, and in order to ensure the appropriateness of an Independent Educational Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as "IEE") and its recommendations, LEA may, in its discretion, not fund an IEE by an evaluator who provides ongoing service(s) or is sought to provide service(s) to the student for whom the IEE is requested. Likewise, LEA may, in its discretion, not fund services through the evaluator whose IEE LEA agrees to fund. When no other appropriate assessor is available, LEA may request and if CONTRACTOR agrees, the CONTRACTOR may provide an IEE.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that its authorized representative has read and understands Education Code section 56366.3 which provides, in relevant part, that no special education and/or related services provided by CONTRACTOR shall be paid for by LEA if provided by an individual who was an employee of LEA within three hundred and sixty five (365) days prior to executing this Master Contract. This provision does not apply to any person who is able to provide designated instruction and services during the extended school year because he or she is otherwise employed for up to ten months of the school year by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall not admit a student living within the jurisdictional boundaries of LEA on a private pay or tuition free "scholarship" basis and concurrently or subsequently advise/request parent(s) to pursue funding for the admitted school year from LEA through due process proceedings.

**20. NON-DISCRIMINATION**

CONTRACTOR shall not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or disability or any other classification protected by federal or state law, in employment or operation of its programs.

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

**21. FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION ("FAPE")**

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with a copy of the IEP including the Individualized Transition Plan (hereinafter referred to as "ITP") of each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide to each LEA student special education and/or related services (including transition services) within the nonpublic school or nonpublic agency consistent with LEA student's IEP and as specified in the ISA. If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall not accept a LEA student if it cannot provide or ensure the provision of the services outlined in the student's IEP. If a LEA student's services are provided

by a third party (i.e. a related services provider) CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, if the provision of services ceases.

Unless otherwise agreed to between CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the provision of all appropriate supplies, equipment, and/or facilities for LEA students, as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall make no charge of any kind to parents for special education and/or related services as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA (including, but not limited to, screenings, assessments, or interviews that occur prior to or as a condition of LEA student's enrollment under the terms of this Master Contract). LEA shall provide low incidence equipment for eligible students with low incidence disabilities when specified in the student's IEP and ISA. Such equipment remains the property of the SELPA/LEA and shall be returned to the SELPA/LEA when the IEP team determines the equipment is no longer needed or when the student is no longer enrolled in the nonpublic school. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that facilities are adequate to provide all LEA students with an environment which meets all pertinent health and safety regulations. CONTRACTOR may charge a LEA student's parent(s) for services and/or activities not necessary for LEA student to receive a free appropriate public education after: (a) written notification to LEA student's parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities; and (b) receipt by LEA of the written notification and a written acknowledgment signed by LEA student's parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning parent acknowledgment of financial responsibility.

Voluntary services and/or activities not necessary for an LEA student to receive a free appropriate public education shall not interfere with LEA student's receipt of special education and/or related services as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA unless LEA and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing.

## **22. GENERAL PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION**

All nonpublic school and nonpublic agency services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code section 56366 *et seq.* and shall ensure that facilities are adequate to provide LEA students with an environment which meets all pertinent health and safety regulations.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction shall: (a) utilize evidence-based practices and predictors and be consistent with LEA's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (b) include curriculum that addresses mathematics, literacy and the use of educational, assistive technology and transition services; (c) be consistent with CDE's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (d) provide the services as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA. LEA students shall have access to: (a) State Board of Education (SBE) - adopted Common Core State Standards ("CCSS") for curriculum and the same instructional materials for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive; and provide standards-aligned core curriculum and instructional materials for grades 9 to 12, inclusive, used by a local education agency (LEA), that contracts with the nonpublic school: (b) college preparation courses; (c) extracurricular activities such as art, sports, music and academic clubs; (d) career preparation and vocational training, consistent with transition plans pursuant to state and federal law and; (e) supplemental assistance, including individual academic tutoring, psychological counseling, and career and college counseling. When appropriate, CONTRACTOR shall utilize the designated curriculum guidelines for students with moderate to severe disabilities who participate in the State's alternative assessment. These students shall have access to the core content, activities, and instructional materials delineated within these curriculum guidelines. CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction shall be described in writing and a copy provided to LEA prior to the effective date of this Master Contract.

When CONTRACTOR serves LEA students in grades nine through twelve inclusive, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR a specific list of the course requirements to be satisfied by the CONTRACTOR leading toward graduation or completion of LEA's diploma requirements. CONTRACTOR shall not award a high school diploma to LEA students who have not successfully completed all of LEA's graduation requirements.



When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and/or related services provider, CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction and/or services shall utilize evidence-based practices and predictors and be consistent with LEA and CDE guidelines/certifications and any state licensing requirements and shall be provided as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA. The nonpublic agency providing Behavior Intervention Services shall develop a written plan that specifies the nature of their nonpublic agency service for each student within thirty (30) days of enrollment and shall be provided in writing to LEA. School-based services may not be unilaterally converted by CONTRACTOR to a substitute program or provided at a location not specifically authorized by the IEP team. Except for services provided by a contractor that is a licensed children's institution ("LCI"), all services not provided in the school setting require the presence of a parent, guardian or adult caregiver during the delivery of services, provided such guardian or caregiver has a signed authorization by the parent or legal guardian to authorize emergency services as requested. LCI contractors shall ensure that appropriate and qualified residential or clinical staff is present during the provision of services under this Master Contract. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA in writing if no parent, guardian, or adult caregiver is present. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a written description of the services and location provided prior to the effective date of this Master Contract. Contractors providing Behavior Intervention Services must have on staff individuals trained as the law requires. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3051.23.) It is understood that Behavior Intervention Services are limited per CDE Certification and do not constitute an instructional program.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, CONTRACTOR shall not provide transportation nor subcontract for transportation services for students unless LEA and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing.

### **23. INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, the total number of instructional minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be at least equivalent to the number of instructional minutes per school day provided to LEA students at like grade level attending LEA schools and shall be specified in LEA student's ISA developed in accordance with LEA student's IEP.

For students in grades kindergarten through 12, inclusive, unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP and ISA, the number of instructional minutes, excluding breakfast, recess, lunch and pass time shall be the same as the Education Code prescribes for the LEA.

The total number of annual instructional minutes shall be at least equivalent to the total number of annual instructional minutes provided to LEA students attending LEA schools in like grade levels unless otherwise specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and/or related services provider, the total number of minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be specified in LEA student's ISA developed in accordance with LEA student's IEP.

### **24. CLASS SIZE**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that class size shall not exceed a ratio of one teacher per twelve (12) students unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in writing. Upon prior written approval by an authorized LEA representative, class size may be temporarily increased by a ratio of 1 teacher to fourteen (14) students when necessary during the regular or extended school year to provide services to students with disabilities.

In the event a nonpublic school is unable to fill a vacant teaching position responsible for direct instruction to students, and the vacancy has direct impact on the California Department of Education Certification of that school, the nonpublic school shall develop a plan to ensure appropriate coverage of students by first utilizing existing certificated staff. The nonpublic school and LEA may agree to one 30 school day period per contract year where class size may be increased to ensure coverage by an appropriately credentialed

teacher. Such an agreement shall be in writing and signed by both Parties. This provision does not apply to a nonpublic agency.

## **25. CALENDARS**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a school calendar with the total number of billable days not to exceed 180 days, plus extended school year billable days equivalent to the number of days determined by LEA's extended school year calendar. Billable days shall include only those days that are included on the submitted and approved school calendar, and/or required by the IEP (developed by LEA) for each student. CONTRACTOR shall not be allowed to change its school calendar and/or amend the number of billable days without the prior written approval of LEA. Nothing in this Master Contract shall be interpreted to require LEA to accept any requests for calendar changes. In the event LEA adjusts the number of school days for the regular school year and/or extended school year, the approved number of days shall become the total billable days for the nonpublic school or agency. In such a case, an amended calendar shall be provided by CONTRACTOR for LEA approval.

Unless otherwise specified by the student's IEP, educational services shall occur at the school site. A student shall only be eligible for extended school year services if such are recommended by his/her IEP Team and the provision of such is specifically included in the ISA. Extended school year shall consist of twenty (20) instructional days, unless otherwise agreed upon by the IEP Team convened by LEA. Any days of extended school year in excess of twenty (20) billable days must be mutually agreed to, in writing, prior to the start of the extended school year.

Student must have actually been in attendance during the regular school year and/or during extended school year and actually received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any nonpublic school service. Any instructional days provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall observe only the same legal holidays as LEA. As of the execution of this Master Contract, these holidays are: Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, and Independence Day. With the approval of LEA, CONTRACTOR may revise the date upon which CONTRACTOR closes in observance of any of the holidays observed by LEA.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, CONTRACTOR shall be provided with a LEA-developed/approved calendar prior to the initiation of services. CONTRACTOR herein agrees to observe holidays as specified in LEA-developed/approved calendar. CONTRACTOR shall provide services pursuant to LEA-developed/approved calendar; or as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA. Unless otherwise specified in LEA student's ISA, CONTRACTOR shall provide related services to LEA students on only those days that LEA student's school of attendance is in session and LEA student attends school. CONTRACTOR shall bill only for services provided on billable days of attendance as indicated on LEA calendar unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise, in writing. Student must have actually been in attendance and/or received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any nonpublic agency service provided by CONTRACTOR. Any instructional days provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

## **26. DATA REPORTING**

CONTRACTOR shall agree to provide to LEA, all data (including billing information) related to students who are served by the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide all data related to or referenced in any and all sections of this Master Contract if requested by LEA. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide all

requested information in the format required by LEA. It is understood that all nonpublic schools and nonpublic agencies shall utilize the Special Education Information System (SEIS) or comparable program/system approved by LEA/SELPA for all IEP development and progress reporting. Additional progress reporting may be required by LEA. LEA shall provide the CONTRACTOR with appropriate software, user training and proper internet permissions to allow adequate access so that this information may be compiled.

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with approved forms and/or format for such data including but not limited to invoicing, attendance reports and progress reports. LEA may approve use of CONTRACTOR-provided forms at its discretion.

**27. LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT**

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall follow all LEA policies and procedures that support Least Restrictive Environment (“LRE”) options (and/or dual enrollment options if available and appropriate) for students to have access to the general curriculum and to be educated with their nondisabled peers to the maximum extent appropriate.

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall ensure that LRE placement options are addressed at all IEP team meetings regarding students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. This shall include IEP team consideration of supplementary aids and services and goals and objectives necessary for placement in the LRE and necessary to enable students to transition to less restrictive settings.

When an IEP team has determined that a student should be transitioned into the public school setting, CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA in implementing the IEP team’s recommendations and/or activities to support the transition.

**28. STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT TESTING**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall administer all Statewide assessments within the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (“CAASPP”), Desired Results Developmental Profile (“DRDP”), California Alternative Assessment (“CAA”), achievement and abilities tests (using LEA-authorized assessment instruments), the Fitness Gram, California English Language Development Test (“CELDT”), and the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (“ELPAC”), as appropriate to the student and mandated by LEA pursuant to LEA and state and federal guidelines.

CONTRACTOR is subject to the alternative accountability system developed pursuant to Education Code section 52052, in the same manner as public schools. Each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR by the LEA shall be tested by qualified staff of CONTRACTOR in accordance with that accountability program. LEA shall provide test administration training to CONTRACTOR’S qualified staff. CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA test training and comply with completion of all coding requirements as required by LEA.

**29. MANDATED ATTENDANCE AT LEA MEETINGS**

CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA mandated meetings when legal mandates, and/or LEA policy and procedures are reviewed, including but not limited to the areas of: curriculum, high school graduation, standards-based instruction, behavior intervention, cultural and linguistic needs of students with disabilities, dual enrollment responsibilities, LRE responsibilities, transition services, standardized testing, and IEPs. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with reasonable notice of mandated meetings. Attendance at such meetings does not constitute a billable service hour(s).

### 30. POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all requirements of Education Code section 56521.1 and 56521.2 regarding positive behavior interventions. Failure to do so shall constitute sufficient cause for contract termination.

LEA students who exhibit behaviors that interfere with their learning or the learning of others must receive timely and appropriate assessments and positive supports and interventions in accordance with the federal law and its implementing regulations. If the individualized education program (“IEP”) team determines that a student’s behavior impedes his or her learning or the learning of others, the IEP team is required to consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. This could mean that instead of developing a Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP), the IEP team may conclude it is sufficient to address the student’s behavioral problems through the development of behavioral goals and behavioral interventions to support those goals.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written policy consistent with California Education Code section 56521.1 regarding emergency interventions and Behavioral Emergency Reports (“BERs”). Further, CONTRACTOR shall affirmatively inform each of its employees about the policy and provide each employee a copy thereof. CONTRACTOR shall also ensure that all of its staff members are trained annually in crisis intervention and emergency procedures as related to appropriate behavior management strategies. Training includes certification with an approved SELPA crisis intervention program. Evidence of such training shall be submitted to the LEA at the beginning of the school year and within 6 days of any new hire.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.1, emergency interventions shall not be used as a substitute for a BIP and shall not be employed longer than necessary to contain the behavior. Emergency interventions may only be used to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the LEA student or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior. If a situation requires prolonged use of an emergency intervention, staff must seek assistance from the school site administrator or a law enforcement agency, as suitable to the situation.

To prevent emergency interventions from being used in lieu of planned, systematic behavioral interventions, the parent, guardian, and residential care provider, if appropriate, shall be notified if an emergency intervention is used or serious property damage occurs. CONTRACTOR shall immediately complete and maintain in the file of LEA student a BER which shall include all of the following: (1) The name and age of the individual with exceptional needs; (2) The setting and location of the incident; (3) The name of the staff or other persons involved; (4) A description of the incident and the emergency intervention used, and whether the LEA student is currently engaged in any systematic behavioral intervention plan; and (5) Details of any injuries sustained by LEA student or others, including staff, as a result of the incident. The BER shall be submitted to LEA within twenty-four (24) hours for administrative action. CONTRACTOR shall also notify Parent within twenty-four (24) hours via telephone.

Consistent with the requirements of California Education Code section 56521.1(g), if a BER is written regarding an LEA student who does not have a behavior intervention plan, the designated responsible administrator shall, within two days, schedule an IEP Team meeting to review the emergency report, to determine the necessity for a functional behavioral assessment, and to determine the necessity for an interim plan. The IEP Team shall document the reasons for not conducting the functional behavioral assessment, not developing an interim plan, or both. Consistent with the requirements of California Education Code section 56521.1(h), if a behavioral emergency report is written regarding an LEA student who has a positive behavioral intervention plan, an incident involving a previously unseen serious behavior problem, or where a previously designed intervention is ineffective, shall be referred to the IEP team to review and determine if the incident constitutes a need to modify the positive behavioral intervention plan.

All restraint practices must be reviewed and revised when they have an adverse effect on a student and are used repeatedly for an individual child, either on multiple occasions within the same classroom or multiple uses by the same individual. CONTRACTOR shall notify the student's parent/guardian when any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusion has been used. Upon the use of any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusions of a District student, CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER per the reporting and notification requirements listed above.

### **31. STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and abide by a written policy for student discipline that is consistent with state and federal law and regulations.

When CONTRACTOR seeks to remove a LEA student from his/her current educational placement for disciplinary reasons, CONTRACTOR shall submit a written discipline report within 24 hours to LEA and a manifestation IEP team meeting shall be scheduled. Written discipline reports shall include, but not be limited to: LEA student's name; the time, date, and description of the misconduct; the disciplinary action taken by CONTRACTOR; and the rationale for such disciplinary action. A copy of LEA student's behavior plan, if any, shall be submitted with the written discipline report. CONTRACTOR and LEA agree to participate in a manifestation determination at an IEP meeting no later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of suspension. CONTRACTOR shall notify and invite LEA representatives to the IEP team meeting where the manifestation determination will be made.

### **32. IEP TEAM MEETINGS**

An IEP team meeting shall be convened at least annually to evaluate: (1) the educational progress of each student placed with CONTRACTOR, including all state assessment results pursuant to the requirements of Education Code section 52052; (2) whether or not the needs of the student continue to be best met at the nonpublic school and/or by the nonpublic agency; and (3) whether changes to the student's IEP are necessary, including whether the student may be transitioned to a public school setting. (Ed. Code §§ 56366(a)(2)(B)(i), (ii); 56345(b)(4).)

If an LEA student is to be transferred from a nonpublic school setting into a regular class setting in a public school for any part of the school day, the IEP team shall document, if appropriate, a description of activities provided to integrate the student into the regular education program, including the nature of each activity as well as the time spent on the activity each day or week and a description of the activities provided to support the transition of the student from the special education program into the regular education program. Each student shall be allowed to provide confidential input to any representative of his or her IEP Team. Except as otherwise provided in the Master Contract, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall participate in all IEP team meetings regarding LEA students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. At any time during the term of this Master Contract, a parent, the CONTRACTOR or LEA may request a review of the student's IEP, subject to all procedural safeguards required by law, including reasonable notice given to, and participation of, the CONTRACTOR in the meeting. Every effort shall be made to schedule IEP team meetings at a time and place that is mutually convenient to the parent(s), the CONTRACTOR and LEA. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, at no cost and prior to an annual or triennial IEP Team meeting, documentation which shows progress on goals and any and all assessments and written assessment reports (including testing protocols) created by CONTRACTOR and any of its agents or subcontractors, upon request and/or pursuant to LEA policy and procedures. It is understood that attendance at an IEP meeting is part of CONTRACTOR'S professional responsibility and is not a billable service under this Master Contract.

It is understood that the CONTRACTOR shall utilize the Special Education Information System (SEIS) or other comparable program/system as designated by LEA at LEA's discretion, for all IEP planning and progress reporting. LEA or SELPA shall provide training for any nonpublic school and nonpublic agency to assure access to SEIS or the comparable program/system designated for use by LEA. The nonpublic school and/or nonpublic agency shall maintain confidentiality of all IEP data on SEIS or comparable program/system and shall protect the password requirements of the system. When a student disenrolls from

the nonpublic school or stops receiving services from the nonpublic agency, such CONTRACTOR shall discontinue use of SEIS and/or comparable program/system for that student.

Changes in any LEA student's educational program, including instruction, services, or instructional setting provided under this Master Contract may only be made on the basis of revisions to the student's IEP. In the event that the CONTRACTOR believes the student requires a change of placement, the CONTRACTOR may request a review of the student's IEP for the purpose of considering a change in the student's placement. Student is entitled to remain in the last agreed upon and implemented placement unless parent agrees otherwise or an interim alternative educational setting is deemed lawful and appropriate.

**33. SURROGATE PARENTS AND FOSTER YOUTH**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all LEA surrogate parent assignments. A pupil in foster care shall be defined pursuant to Education Code section 42238.01(b). The LEA shall annually notify the CONTRACTOR who the LEA has designated as the educational liaison for foster children. When a pupil in foster care is enrolled in a nonpublic school by the LEA any time after the completion of the pupil's second year of high school, the CONTRACTOR shall schedule the pupil in courses leading towards graduation based on the diploma requirements of the LEA unless provided notice otherwise in writing pursuant to Section 51225.1

**34. DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS**

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in special education due process proceedings including mediations and hearings, as requested by LEA. CONTRACTOR shall also fully participate in the investigation and provision of documentation related to any complaint filed with the State of California, the Office for Civil Rights, or any other state and/or federal governmental body or agency. Full participation shall include, but in no way be limited to, cooperating with LEA representatives to provide complete answers raised by any investigator and/or the immediate provision of any and all documentation that pertains to the operation of CONTRACTOR'S program and/or the implementation of a particular student's IEP/ISA.

**35. COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and adhere to its own written procedures for responding to parent complaints. These procedures shall include annually notifying and providing parents of LEA students with appropriate information (including complaint forms) for the following: (1) Uniform Complaint Procedures pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4600 et seq.; (2) Nondiscrimination Policy pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4960(a); (3) Sexual Harassment Policy pursuant to California Education Code 231.5; (4) Title IX Student Grievance Procedures pursuant to Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 106.8(a) and 106.9(a); (5) Notice of Privacy Practices in compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPPA"), 45 C.F.R. § 164.520; and (6) Notification and Complaint Procedures for Disability Access, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.* CONTRACTOR shall include verification of these procedures to LEA.

**36. LEA STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS AND ASSESSMENTS**

Unless LEA requests in writing that progress reports be provided on a monthly basis, CONTRACTOR shall provide to parents, with a concurrent copy sent to LEA, at least four written progress reports/report cards. At a minimum, progress reports shall include progress over time towards IEP goals and objectives. A copy of the progress reports/report cards shall be maintained at the CONTRACTOR'S place of business.

CONTRACTOR shall also provide an LEA representative access to supporting documentation used to determine progress on any goal or objective, including but not limited to log sheets, chart notes, observation notes, data sheets, pre/post tests, rubrics and other similar data collection used to determine progress or lack of progress on approved goals, objectives, transition plans or behavior support and/or intervention plans. LEA may request copies of such data at any time within five years of the date of service. CONTRACTOR

agrees to maintain the information for at least five years and also shall provide this data supporting progress within 5 business days of request. Additional time may be granted as needed by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall complete academic or other assessment of LEA student ten (10) days prior to LEA student's annual or triennial review IEP team meeting for the purpose of reporting LEA student's present levels of performance at the IEP team meeting as required by state and federal laws and regulations and pursuant to LEA policies, procedures, and/or practices. Sufficient copies of reports, projected goals and/or any other relevant documents to be reviewed by the IEP Team shall be provided to the District no later than five (5) business days prior to an annual or triennial IEP team meeting. CONTRACTOR shall maintain all supporting documentation including but not limited to test protocols and data collection, which shall be made available to LEA within 5 business days of request.

CONTRACTOR is responsible for all assessment costs regarding the updating of goals and objectives, progress reporting and the development of present levels of performance. All other assessments shall be provided by LEA unless LEA specifies in writing a request that CONTRACTOR perform such additional assessment. Such assessment costs may be added to the ISA and/or approved separately by LEA at LEA's sole discretion.

It is understood that all billable hours must be in direct services to pupils as specified in the ISA. For nonpublic agency services, supervision provided by a qualified individual as specified in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3065, shall be determined as appropriate and included in the ISA. Supervision means the direct observation of services, data review, case conferencing and program design consistent with professional standards for each professional's license, certification, or credential.

CONTRACTOR shall not charge LEA student's parent(s) or LEA for the development or provision of progress reports, report cards, and/or any assessments, interviews, or attendance at any meetings, including but not limited to IEP meetings. It is understood that all billable hours have limits to those specified on the ISA consistent with the IEP. It is understood that copies of data collection notes, forms, charts and other such data are part of the pupil's record and shall be made available to LEA upon written request.

### **37. TRANSCRIPTS**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall prepare transcripts at the close of each semester, or upon LEA student transfer, for LEA students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) inclusive. CONTRACTOR shall submit all transcripts on LEA-approved forms to LEA student's school of residence for evaluation of progress toward completion of diploma requirements as specified in LEA Procedures. CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA names of LEA students and their schools of residence for whom transcripts have been submitted as specified by LEA.

### **38. LEA STUDENT CHANGE OF RESIDENCE**

Upon enrollment, CONTRACTOR shall notify parents in writing of their obligation to notify CONTRACTOR of LEA student's change of residence. Within five (5) school days after CONTRACTOR becomes aware of a LEA student's change of residence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, of LEA student's change of residence. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide upon request by LEA, documentation of such notice to parents.

If CONTRACTOR had knowledge or should reasonably have had knowledge of LEA student's change of residence boundaries and CONTRACTOR fails to follow the procedures specified in this provision, LEA shall not be responsible for the costs of services delivered after LEA student's change of residence.

### **39. WITHDRAWAL OF LEA STUDENT FROM PROGRAM**

CONTRACTOR shall immediately report, by telephone, with a follow-up written notification within five (5) business days to LEA Representative responsible for overseeing nonpublic schools and nonpublic agencies,

and any other required representative from the California Department of Education, when a LEA student is withdrawn without prior notice from school and/or services. CONTRACTOR shall confirm such telephone call on LEA approved forms and submit to LEA and the Department of Education, if required, within five (5) business days of the withdrawal, including a student's change in residence to a residence outside of LEA service boundaries, and the student's discharge against professional advice from a Nonpublic School/Residential Treatment Center ("NPS/RTC"). CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA to verify and clear potential dropouts three (3) times per year.

**40. PARENT ACCESS**

CONTRACTOR shall provide for reasonable parental access to LEA students and all facilities including, but not limited to, the instructional setting, recreational activity areas, meeting rooms and LEA student's living quarters. CONTRACTOR shall comply with any known court orders regarding parental visits and access to LEA students.

CONTRACTORS operating programs associated with a NPS/RTC shall cooperate with a parent's reasonable request for LEA student therapeutic visits in their home or at the NPS/RTC. CONTRACTOR shall require that parents obtain prior written authorization for therapeutic visits from the CONTRACTOR and the LEA at least thirty (30) days in advance. CONTRACTOR shall facilitate all parent travel and accommodations and provide travel information to the parent as appropriate. Payment by LEA for approved travel-related expenses shall be made directly through the LEA.

**41. SERVICES AND SUPERVISION AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

If CONTRACTOR provides services on a LEA public school campus, CONTRACTOR shall comply with Penal Code section 627.1 *et seq.*, as well as all other LEA and campus-specific policies and procedures regarding visitors to/on school campuses. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the purchase and provision of the supplies and assessment tools necessary to implement the provision of CONTRACTOR services on LEA public school campuses.

For services provided on a public school campus, sign in/out procedures shall be followed along with all procedures for being on campus consistent with school and LEA policy. It is understood that the public school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the educational program and all nonpublic agency service providers shall work collaboratively with the classroom teacher who shall remain in charge of the instructional program.

It is understood that all employees, subcontractors and volunteers of any certified nonpublic school or agency shall adhere to customary professional standards when providing services. All practices shall be within the scope of professional responsibility as defined in the professional code of conduct for each profession. Reports regarding student progress shall be consistent with the provision of the Master Contract.

CONTRACTORS providing services outside of the student's school as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one parent of the child or an adult caregiver with written and signed authority to make decisions in an emergency is present during provision of services. The names of any adult caregiver other than the parent shall be provided to LEA prior to the start of any home-based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with the NPS/NPA service provider. All problems and/or concerns reported by CONTRACTOR to parents or guardians, in either verbal or written form, shall be reported to LEA.

CONTRACTOR, if providing services in a student's home as specified in the IEP, shall assure that at least one parent of the child or an adult caregiver with written and signed authorization to make decisions in an emergency is present during the provision of services. The names of any adult caregiver other than the parent shall be provided to LEA prior to the start of any home based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. The parent shall inform LEA of any changes of caregivers and provide written authorization for emergency situations. The adult caregiver cannot be an employee or volunteer



associated with the nonpublic school/nonpublic agency service provider. Moreover, for services provided in a pupil's home as specified in the IEP, CONTRACTORS must assure that the parent or LEA-approved responsible adult is present during the provision of services. All problems and/or concerns reported to parents, both verbal and written, shall also be provided to the LEA.

**42. LICENSED CHILDREN'S INSTITUTION ("LCI") CONTRACTORS AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER ("RTC") CONTRACTORS**

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution ("LCI"), CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements regarding educational placements for LCI students as stated in Education Code sections 56366(a)(2)(C) and 56366.9, Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b), (AB1858, AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003)) and the procedures set forth in LEA Procedures. A LCI shall not require that a pupil be placed in its nonpublic school as a condition of being placed in its residential facility.

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic, nonsectarian school that is owned, operated by, or associated with a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, on a quarterly basis, a list of all LEA students, including those identified as eligible for special education. For those identified special education students, the list shall include: 1) special education eligibility at the time of enrollment and 2) the educational placement and services specified in each student's IEP at the time of enrollment.

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic, nonsectarian school that is owned, operated by, or associated with a residential treatment center (hereinafter referred to as "NPS/RTC"), CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. section 1411 *et seq.* and Education Code section 56000, *et seq.*; amended and reorganized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 ("IDEIA"), 20 U.S.C. section 1401(29); Education Code section 56031; Title 5, California Code of Regulations section 3001 *et seq.*, Title 2, California Code of Regulations section 60100 *et seq.* regarding the provision of counseling services, including residential care for students to receive a FAPE as set forth in LEA student's IEPs.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings order or a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and parent, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with nonpublic school placement until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a nonpublic school placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by LEA student's parent or another adult with educational decision-making rights.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this state shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 *et seq.*).

**43. STATE MEAL MANDATE**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall satisfy the State Meal Mandate under California Education Code sections 49530, 49530.5 and 49550.

**44. MONITORING**

CONTRACTOR shall allow representatives from LEA access to its facilities for the purpose of periodic monitoring of each LEA student's instructional program, and shall be invited to participate in the formal review of each student's progress. LEA representatives shall have access to observe each LEA student at work, observe the instructional setting, interview CONTRACTOR, and review each LEA student's records and progress. Such access shall include unannounced monitoring visits. When making site visits, LEA shall initially report to CONTRACTOR'S site administrative office. CONTRACTOR shall be invited to participate in the review of each student's progress.

If CONTRACTOR is also a LCI and/or NPS/RTC, LEA shall annually evaluate whether CONTRACTOR is in compliance with Education Code section 56366.9 and Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b).

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction (“Superintendent”) shall monitor CONTRACTOR’S facilities, the educational environment, and the quality of the educational program, including the teaching staff, the credentials authorizing service, the standards-based core curriculum being employed, and the standard focused instructional materials used on a three-year cycle, as follows: (1) CONTRACTOR shall complete a self-review in year one; (2) the Superintendent shall conduct an onsite review in year two; and (3) the Superintendent shall conduct a follow-up visit in year three.

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in any LEA and CDE compliance review, if applicable, to be conducted as aligned with the CDE Onsite Review and monitoring cycle in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(j). This review will address programmatic aspects of the nonpublic school/agency, compliance with relevant state and federal regulations, and Master Contract compliance. If requested by LEA, CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit a Nonpublic School/Agency Self-Review Assessment submitted as specified by LEA. CONTRACTOR shall conduct any follow-up or corrective action procedures related to review findings.

CONTRACTOR understands that LEA reserves the right to institute a program audit with or without cause. The program audit may include, but is not limited to, a review of core compliance areas of health and safety; curriculum/instruction; related services; and contractual, legal, and procedural compliance.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall collect all applicable data and prepare the applicable portion of a School Accountability Report Card in accordance with California Education Code Section 33126.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **45. CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 44237, 35021.1 and 35021.2 including, but not limited to: obtaining clearance from both the California Department of Justice (“CDOJ”) and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI") for all of CONTRACTOR’S employees and volunteers who will have or likely may have any direct contact with LEA students. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR’S employees and volunteers shall not come in contact with LEA students until both CDOJ and FBI clearance are ascertained. CONTRACTOR shall further certify in writing to LEA that none of its employees, volunteers, or subcontractors who will have, or likely may have any direct contact with LEA students, have been convicted of a violent or serious felony as those terms are defined in California Education Code section 44237(h), unless despite the employee’s conviction of a violent or serious felony, he or she has met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237(i) or (j). Clearance certification shall be submitted to LEA. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall make a request for subsequent arrest service from the CDOJ as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2.

The passage of AB 389 amends Education Code sections 44237 and 56366.1 as to the verification that the CONTRACTOR has received a successful criminal background check clearance and has enrolled in subsequent arrest notification service, as specified, for each owner, operator, and employee of the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency. Further this bill deletes the exemption for applicants possessing a valid California state teaching credential or who are currently licensed by another state agency that requires a criminal record summary, from submitting 2 sets of fingerprints for the purpose of obtaining a criminal record summary from the California Department of Justice (“CDOJ”) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”). Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information, CONTRACTOR, upon demand, shall make available to the LEA evidence of a successful criminal background check clearance and enrollment in subsequent arrest notification service, as provided, for each owner, operator, and employee of the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency. CONTRACTOR is required

to retain the evidence on-site, as specified, for all staff, including those licensed or credentialed by another state agency. Background clearances and proof of subsequent arrest notification service as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2 for all staff shall be provided upon request.

#### 46. STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services are qualified as defined in Section 7(d) of this Mater Contract, including but not limited to holding a license, certificate, permit, or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold to render the service consistent with Education Code section 56366.1(n)(1) and are qualified pursuant to Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58 and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 3064 and 3065. Such qualified staff may only provide related services within the scope of their professional license, certification or credential and ethical standards set by each profession and not assume responsibility or authority for another related services provider or special education teacher's scope of practice.

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all staff are appropriately credentialed to provide instruction and/or services to students with the disabling conditions placed in their program/school through documentation provided to the CDE. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3064(a).)

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, an appropriately qualified person shall serve as curricular and instructional leader, and be able to provide leadership, oversight and professional development.

Only those nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies located outside of California that employ staff who hold a current valid credential or license to render special education and related services as required by that state shall be eligible to be certified.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with personnel standards and qualifications regarding instructional aides and teacher assistants respectively pursuant to Federal requirements and California Education Code sections 45340 *et seq.* and 45350 *et seq.* Specifically, all paraprofessionals, including, but not limited to instructional aides and teacher assistants, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or subcontracted by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services, shall possess a high school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and at least one of the following qualifications: (a) completed at least two (2) years of study at an institution of higher education; or (b) obtained an associate's (or higher) degree; or (c) met a rigorous standard of quality and can demonstrate, through a formal state or local assessment (i) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing, and mathematics; or (ii) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness, as appropriate. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the licensed professions, including but not limited to, the provisions with respect to supervision.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State and serving an LEA student shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 *et seq.*).

#### 47. VERIFICATION OF LICENSES, CREDENTIALS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a staff list, and copies of all current licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents which entitle the holder to provide special education and/or related services by individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or sub-contracted by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all licenses, credentials, permits or other documents are on file at the office of the County Superintendent of Schools. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing within thirty (30) days when personnel changes occur which may affect the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students as specified in LEA Procedures. Within thirty (30) days, CONTRACTOR shall

provide LEA with the verified dates of fingerprint clearance, Department of Justice clearance and Tuberculosis Test clearance for all employees, approved subcontractors and/or volunteers prior to such individuals starting to work with any student.

CONTRACTOR shall monitor the status of licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents for all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA and CDE in writing within thirty (30) days when personnel changes occur which may affect the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA within thirty (30) days if any such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, challenged pursuant to an administrative or legal complaint or lawsuit, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Master Contract. LEA shall not be obligated to pay for any services provided by a person whose such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the period during which such person is providing services under this Master Contract. Failure to notify LEA of changes in licenses, certifications or suspensions shall be good cause for termination of this Master Contract by LEA.

Failure to notify LEA and CDE of any changes in credentialing/licensed staff may result in suspension or revocation of CDE certification and shall also suffice as good cause for the suspension or termination of this Master Contract by LEA.

#### **48. STAFF ABSENCE**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school and CONTRACTOR'S classroom teacher is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage on LEA substitute teacher log. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA shall not be responsible for any payment for instruction and/or services when an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher is not provided.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and/or related services provider, and CONTRACTOR'S service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section seven (7) of this Master Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR'S service providers. It is understood that the parent of a student shall not be deemed to be a qualified substitute for his/her student. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and an authorized LEA representative.

#### **49. STAFF PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR WHEN PROVIDING SERVICES AT SCHOOL OR SCHOOL RELATED EVENTS OR AT SCHOOL FACILITY AND/OR IN THE HOME**

It is understood that all employees, subcontractors, and volunteers of any certified nonpublic school or nonpublic agency shall adhere to the customary professional and ethical standards when providing services. All practices shall only be within the scope of professional responsibility as defined in the professional code of conduct for each profession as well as any LEA professional standards as specified in Board policies and/or regulations when made available to the CONTRACTOR.

For services provided on a public school campus, sign in/out procedures shall be followed by nonpublic agency providers working in a public school classroom along with all other procedures for being on campus consistent with school and LEA policy. Such policies and procedures shall be made available to CONTRACTOR upon CONTRACTOR'S request. It is understood that the public school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the instructional program, and all nonpublic agency service providers shall work collaboratively with the classroom teacher, who shall remain in charge of the instructional

program. Failure to comply with this and all LEA requirements in this regard shall be sufficient cause to terminate this Master Contract.

For services provided in a pupil's home as specified in the IEP, CONTRACTOR must assure that the parent or an LEA-approved responsible adult is present during the provision of services. All problems and/or concerns reported to parents, both verbal and written shall also be provided to LEA. It is understood that unless otherwise agreed to by LEA, a public school credentialed teacher is responsible for the instructional program and all nonpublic agency related service providers shall work collaboratively with the teacher who shall remain in charge of supervising the instructional program.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY MANDATES**

### **50. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, state, local, and LEA laws, regulations, ordinances, policies, and procedures regarding student and employee health and safety. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 35021 *et seq.*, and 49406, and Health and Safety Code section 121545 regarding the examination of CONTRACTOR'S employees and volunteers for tuberculosis. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation for each individual volunteering, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR of such compliance before an individual comes in contact with an LEA student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with OSHA Blood Borne Pathogens Standards, Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations section 1910.1030, when providing medical treatment or assistance to a student. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training regarding universal health care precautions and to post required notices in areas designated in the California Health and Safety Code.

### **51. FACILITIES AND FACILITIES MODIFICATIONS**

CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services to LEA students in facilities that comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances related, but not limited to: disability access; fire, health, sanitation, and building standards and safety; fire warning systems; zoning permits; and occupancy capacity. When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall conduct fire drills as required by Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 550. During the duration of this Agreement, if CONTRACTOR is subject to fines, penalties and findings of non-compliance, CONTRACTOR shall assume any and all responsibilities for payment of such financial obligations. CONTRACTOR shall also be fully responsible for any structural changes and/or modifications to CONTRACTOR'S facilities as required to comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances. Failure to notify LEA or CDE of any changes in, major modification or relocation of facilities may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Master Contract by LEA.

In signing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that its facilities either comply with federal and state and local laws regarding disability access, or possesses and has available upon demand, a self-evaluation and/or transition plan in accordance with said laws.

### **52. ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code section 49423 when CONTRACTOR serves a LEA student that is required to take prescription and/or over-the-counter medication during the school day. CONTRACTOR may designate personnel to assist LEA student with the administration of such medication after LEA student's parent(s) provide(s) to CONTRACTOR: (a) a written statement from a physician detailing the type, administration method, amount, and time schedules by which such medication shall be taken; and (b) a written statement from LEA student's parent(s) granting CONTRACTOR permission to administer medication(s) as specified in the physician's statement.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to LEA upon request, copies of such written statements. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written log for each LEA student to whom medication is administered. Such written log shall specify LEA student's name; the type of medication; the date, time, and amount of each administration; and the name of CONTRACTOR'S employee who administered the medication. CONTRACTOR maintains full responsibility for assuring appropriate staff training in the administration of such medication consistent with student's physician's written orders. Any change in medication type, administration method, amount or schedule must be authorized by both a licensed physician and parent.

In the event there is an LEA student who is on a prescription medication regimen, the CONTRACTOR is to: (a) first obtain a copy of the appropriate medication authorization form available from LEA student's primary regional or site nurse; or (b) in the event the student does not take prescription medication during the school day, but would only take such medication while in the care, custody and control of the CONTRACTOR, prior to the commencement of services to LEA student, CONTRACTOR is to obtain a signed copy of the appropriate medication authorization form from the District. Both the District and CONTRACTOR shall retain a copy of the Authorization.

**53. INCIDENT/ACCIDENT REPORTING**

CONTRACTOR shall within 24 hours submit electronically any accident or incident report to LEA. CONTRACTOR shall properly submit accident or incident reports as required by the District.

**54. CHILD ABUSE REPORTING**

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to annually train all staff members, including volunteers, so that they are familiar with and agree to adhere to its own child and dependent adult abuse reporting obligations and procedures as specified in California Penal Code section 11164 *et seq.* and Education Code section 44691. To protect the privacy rights of all parties involved (i.e. reporter, child and alleged abuser), reports will remain confidential as required by law and professional ethical mandates. A written statement acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be submitted to LEA.

CONTRACTOR is to read and become familiar with the District's *Mandated Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Manual*, available on the District's Risk Management Web Site at: <http://www.egusd.net/riskmanagement/Info-MandRep.html>.

In the event there is suspicion of abuse conducted by District staff (e.g. a student reports to CONTRACTOR staff of abuse from District staff), CONTRACTOR is to file the appropriate report to the Sacramento County Sheriff. CONTRACTOR is also to confidentially notify the Risk Management Department (Risk Manager) of the report. CONTRACTOR is to cooperate with any investigation conducted by the District in connection with such report.

**55. SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

CONTRACTOR shall have a Sexual and Gender Identity Harassment Policy that clearly describes the kinds of conduct that constitute sexual harassment and that is prohibited by the CONTRACTOR'S policy, as well as federal and state law. The policy should include procedures to make complaints without fear of retaliation and procedures for prompt and objective investigations of all sexual harassment complaints. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training to all employees regarding the laws concerning sexual harassment and related procedures.

**56. REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN**

CONTRACTOR assures LEA that all staff members, including volunteers and any independent contractor and/or subcontractor authorized pursuant to this Master Contract, are familiar with and agree to adhere to requirements for reporting missing children as specified in California Education Code section 49370. A

written statement acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be properly submitted to LEA. The written statement shall be submitted as specified by LEA.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **57. ENROLLMENT, CONTRACTING, SERVICE TRACKING, ATTENDANCE REPORTING, AND BILLING PROCEDURES**

CONTRACTOR shall assure that the nonpublic school or nonpublic agency has the necessary financial resources to provide an appropriate education for the children enrolled and will distribute those resources in such a manner to implement the IEP and ISA for each and every child.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all LEA procedures concerning enrollment, contracting, attendance reporting, service tracking and billing, including requirements of electronic billing, as specified by LEA Procedures. CONTRACTOR shall be paid for the provision of special education and/or related services specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA which are provided on billable days of attendance. All payments by LEA shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Master Contract and in compliance with LEA Procedures, and will be governed by all applicable federal and state laws.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain separate registers for the basic education program, each related service, and services provided by instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides and bus aides. Original attendance forms (i.e., roll books for the basic education program service tracking documents and notes for instructional assistants, behavioral intervention aides, bus aides, and each related service) shall be completed by the actual service provider whose signature shall appear on such forms and shall be available for review, inspection, or audit by LEA during the effective period of this Master Contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter. CONTRACTOR shall verify the accuracy of minutes of reported attendance that is the basis of services being billed for payment.

CONTRACTOR shall submit invoices and related documents to LEA for payment for each calendar month when education or related services were provided. Invoices and related documents shall be properly submitted electronically and, in addition, on a LEA form with signatures in the manner prescribed by LEA. Contractor will submit invoices using the format provided by LEA. At the request of LEA, invoices may require the following information: name of LEA student for whom service was provided; the type of service provided; (if payment for assessment is approved by LEA pursuant to Section 36 of this Master Contract, the invoice must describe whether the assessment was prepared for an initial, annual, amended, or triennial IEP; month of service; specific dates (date, month, year and times) of services coordinated pursuant to LEA-approved calendar unless otherwise specified in the IEP or agreed to by LEA; name of staff who provided the service and that individual's licensing and credentials; approved cost of each invoice; total for each service and total for the monthly invoice; date invoice was mailed; signature of the nonpublic school/nonpublic agency administrator authorizing that the information is accurate and consistent with the ISA, CDE certificates and staff notification; verification that attendance report is attached as appropriate; indication of any made-up session consistent with this Master Contract; and verification that progress reports have been provided consistent with the ISA (consistent with IEP benchmark dates, unless otherwise specified on the ISA); and name or initials of each student for when the service was provided. In the event services were not provided, rationale for why the services were not provided shall be included.

Such an invoice is subject to all conditions of this Master Contract. At the discretion of LEA, an electronic invoice may be required provided such notice has been made in writing and training provided to the CONTRACTOR at no additional charge for such training.

Invoices shall be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the attendance accounting period in which the services were rendered. LEA shall make payment to CONTRACTOR based on the number of billable days of attendance and hours of service at rates specified in this Master Contract within forty-five (45) days of LEA's receipt of properly submitted hard copy of invoices prepared and submitted as specified

in California Education Code Section 56366.5. CONTRACTOR shall correct deficiencies and submit rebilling invoices no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the invoice is returned by LEA. LEA shall pay properly submitted re-billing invoices no later than forty-five (45) days after the date a completely corrected re-billing invoice is received by LEA.

In no case shall initial payment claim submission for any Master Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond December 31<sup>st</sup> after the close of the fiscal year. In no case shall any rebilling for the Master Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond six months after the close of the fiscal year unless approved by LEA to resolve billing issues including rebilling issues directly related to a delay in obtaining information from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing regarding teacher qualification, but no later than 12 months from the close of the fiscal year. If the billing or rebilling error is the responsibility of LEA, then no limit is set provided that LEA and CONTRACTOR have communicated such concerns in writing during the 12-month period following the close of the fiscal year. LEA will not pay mileage for NPA employee.

## **58. RIGHT TO WITHHOLD PAYMENT**

LEA may withhold payment to CONTRACTOR when: (a) CONTRACTOR has failed to perform, in whole or in part, under the terms of this Contract; (b) CONTRACTOR has billed for services rendered on days other than billable days of attendance or for days when student was not in attendance and/or did not receive services; (c) CONTRACTOR was overpaid by LEA as determined by inspection, review, and/or audit of its program, work, and/or records; (d) CONTRACTOR has failed to provide supporting documentation with an invoice; (e) education and/or related services are provided to LEA students by personnel who are not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (f) LEA has not received, prior to school closure or contract termination, all documents concerning one or more LEA students enrolled in CONTRACTOR'S educational program; (g) CONTRACTOR fails to confirm a student's change of residence to another district or confirms the change or residence to another district, but fails to notify LEA within five (5) days of such confirmation; (h) CONTRACTOR receives payment from Medi-Cal or from any other agency or funding source for a service provided to a LEA student; or (i) CONTRACTOR fails to provide the required liability/insurance documentation as outlined in Section 15. It is understood that no payments shall be made for any invoices that are not received by six months following the close of the prior fiscal year, for services provided in that year.

Final payment to CONTRACTOR in connection with the cessation of operations and/or termination of a Master Contract will be subject to the same documentation standards described for all payment claims for regular ongoing operations. In addition, final payment may be withheld by LEA until completion of a review or audit, if deemed necessary by LEA. Such review or audit will be completed within ninety (90) days. The final payment may be adjusted to offset any previous payments to the CONTRACTOR determined to have been paid in error or in anticipation of correction of documentation deficiencies by the CONTRACTOR that remain uncorrected.

The amount which may be withheld by LEA with respect to each of the subparagraphs of the preceding paragraph are as follows: (a) the value of the service CONTRACTOR failed to perform; (b) the amount of overpayment; (c) the entire amount of the invoice for which satisfactory documentation has not been provided by CONTRACTOR; (d) the amount invoiced for services provided by the individual not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (e) the proportionate amount of the invoice related to the applicable pupil for the time period from the date the violation occurred and until the violation is cured; or (f) the amount paid to CONTRACTOR by Medi-Cal or another agency or funding source for the service provided to LEA student.

If LEA determines that cause exists to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR, LEA shall, within ten (10) business days of this determination, provide to CONTRACTOR written notice that LEA is withholding payment. Such notice shall specify the basis or bases for LEA's withholding payment and the amount to be withheld. Within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such notice, CONTRACTOR shall take all necessary and appropriate action to correct the deficiencies that form the basis for LEA's withholding payment or submit a written request for extension of time to correct the deficiencies. Upon receipt of



CONTRACTOR'S written request showing good cause, LEA shall extend CONTRACTOR'S time to correct deficiencies (usually an additional thirty (30) days), otherwise payment will be denied.

If after subsequent request for payment has been denied and CONTRACTOR believes that payment should not be withheld, CONTRACTOR shall send written notice to LEA specifying the reason it believes payment should not be withheld. LEA shall respond to CONTRACTOR'S notice within thirty (30) business days by indicating that a warrant for the amount of payment will be made or stating the reason LEA believes payment should not be made. If LEA fails to respond within thirty (30) business days or a dispute regarding the withholding of payment continues after LEA's response to CONTRACTOR'S notice, CONTRACTOR may invoke the following escalation policy.

After forty-five (45) business days: The CONTRACTOR may notify the Authorized LEA's Representative of the dispute in writing. LEA Authorized Representative shall respond to the CONTRACTOR in writing within fifteen (15) business days.

After sixty (60) business days: Disagreements between LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the Master Contract may be appealed to the County Superintendent of Schools or the State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code Section 56366(c)(2).

## **59. PAYMENT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES**

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA when Medi-Cal or any other agency is billed for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. Upon request, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documentation regarding reports, billing, and/or payment by Medi-Cal or any other agency for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students.

## **60. PAYMENT FOR ABSENCES**

### NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF ABSENCE

Whenever a classroom teacher employed by CONTRACTOR is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage pursuant to LEA Procedures. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA will not pay for instruction and/or services unless said instruction or service is provided by an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher.

Whenever a related service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section seven (7) of this Master Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided unless otherwise agreed in LEA student's IEP.

### NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, no later than the tenth (10th) cumulative day of LEA student's unexcused absence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of such absence as specified in LEA Procedures.

Criteria for a billable day for payment purposes is one day of attendance as defined in California Education Code sections 46010, 46010.3 and 46307. LEA shall not pay for services provided on days that a student's attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance ("ADA") reimbursement under state law. *Per Diem* rates for students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted on a pro rata basis in accordance with the actual proportion of the school day the student was served. LEA shall not be responsible for payment of related services for days on which a student's attendance does not qualify for ADA reimbursement under state law, nor shall student be eligible for make-up services.

#### NONPUBLIC AGENCY STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and CONTRACTOR'S service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section seven (7) of this Master Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR'S service providers. LEA shall not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and LEA. In the event services were not provided, reasons for why the services were not provided shall be included.

#### NONPUBLIC AGENCY STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, it shall notify LEA of the absence of a LEA student no later than the fifth (5th) consecutive service day of the student's absence. LEA shall not be responsible for the payment of services when a student is absent.

### **61. INSPECTION AND AUDIT**

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and LEA shall have the right to examine and audit all of the books, records, documents, accounting procedures and practices and other evidence that reflect all costs claimed to have been incurred or fees claimed to have been earned under this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA access to all records as defined in Section 9 of this Master Contract. CONTRACTOR shall make all records available at the office of LEA or CONTRACTOR'S offices (to be specified by LEA), at all reasonable times and without charge. All records shall be provided to LEA within five (5) working days of a written request from LEA. CONTRACTOR shall, at no cost to LEA, provide assistance for such examination or audit. LEA's rights under this section shall also include access to CONTRACTOR'S offices for purposes of interviewing CONTRACTOR'S employees. If any document or evidence is stored in an electronic form, a hard copy shall be made available to LEA, unless LEA agrees to the use of the electronic format.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain from its subcontractors and suppliers written agreements to the requirements of this section and shall provide a copy of such agreements to LEA upon request by LEA.

If an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm determines that CONTRACTOR owes LEA monies as a result of CONTRACTOR'S over billing or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Master Contract, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR written notice demanding payment from CONTRACTOR and specifying the basis or bases for such demand. Unless CONTRACTOR and LEA otherwise agree in writing, CONTRACTOR shall pay to LEA the full amount owed as a result of CONTRACTOR'S over billing and/or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Master Contract, as determined by an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm. CONTRACTOR shall make such payment to LEA within thirty (30) days of receipt of LEA's written notice demanding payment.

### **62. RATE SCHEDULE**

The attached rate schedules (Exhibits A and B) limit the number of LEA students that may be enrolled and the maximum dollar amount of the contract. It may also limit the maximum number of students that can be provided specific services. Per Diem rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted proportionally. In such cases only, the adjustments in basic education rate shall be based on the required minimum number of minutes per grade level as noted in the California Education Code Sections 46200-46208.

Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR shall be provided by qualified personnel as per State and Federal law, and the codes and charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this Master Contract, shall be as stated in Exhibits A and B.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school associated with a Residential Treatment Center (“NPS/RTC”), Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) are provided in an integrated, intensive, educationally related therapeutic residential setting which includes social emotional/behavior support through individual counseling, group counseling, family consultation and support, as appropriate. It is a collaborative model which includes educational professionals and related service providers, where all supports and services are integrated in the NPS/RTC program. Costs for ERMHS are all inclusive and combined with the daily rate as ERMHS+RB (“ERMHS + Room and Board”). ERMHS plus Room and Board payments are based on positive attendance (payable for up to a maximum of 365 days) only, with up to a maximum of 10 days payment per student, per contract year, when a bed is unoccupied, for home visits of a therapeutic nature.

**63. DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

By signing this agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that:

- (a) CONTRACTOR and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency, and
- (b) Has/have not, within a three-year period preceding this contract, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

The Parties hereto have executed this Master Contract by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives. This Master Contract is effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2017 and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2018, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

CONTRACTOR

LEA

\_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nonpublic School/Agency

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title of Authorized  
Representative

Notices to **CONTRACTOR** shall be addressed to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nonpublic School/Agency/Related Service Provider

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

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State

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Phone

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(\*Required)

By:

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Signature

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Date

By:

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Name and Title of Authorized  
Representative

Notices to **LEA** shall be addressed to:

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**Additional LEA Notification**  
(Required if Completed)

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Name and Title

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LEA

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**EXHIBIT B: RATES – NON-PUBLIC AGENCY ONLY – 2017-2018 CONTRACT YEAR**

CONTRACTOR Point Quest CONTRACTOR NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ CDE TOTAL ENROLLMENT ALLOWED \_\_\_\_\_

**Rate Schedule.** This rate schedule limits the number of LEA students who may be enrolled and the maximum dollar amount of the contract. It may also limit the maximum number of students who can be provided specific services. Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR, and the charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this contract shall be as follows:

Payment under this contract may not exceed \$65,000  
 Total LEA enrollment may not exceed \_\_\_\_\_  
 (per Master Contract Section 62)

SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	RATE
<b>Language and Speech Therapy</b>	PER DIEM – NPA provides all services at assigned school site for a flat per diem rate based on a full work day for this discipline. Rate will be pro-rated if NPA staff works less than a full work day.	\$ _____ Per Diem
	DIRECT THERAPY 1:1 or small group	
	CONSULTATION: student observation as it relates to program development and/or data collection; IEP team member training; collaboration with IEP team member(s)	\$ _____ Per Hour
	OTHER SERVICES: (requires prior approval of LEA per Section 36 of the Master Contract) formal assessment and report writing; written annual progress report; benchmark reporting on SEIS; sizing and adjustment of equipment; attendance at IEP meetings	
<b>Occupational Therapy</b>	PER DIEM – NPA provides all services at assigned school site for a flat per diem rate based on a full work day for this discipline. Rate will be pro-rated if NPA staff works less than a full work day.	\$ _____ Per Diem
	DIRECT THERAPY 1:1 or small group	
	CONSULTATION: student observation as it relates to program development and/or data collection; IEP team member training; collaboration with IEP team member(s)	\$ _____ Per Hour
	OTHER SERVICES: (requires prior approval of LEA per Section 36 of the Master Contract) formal assessment and report writing; written annual progress report; benchmark reporting on SEIS; sizing and adjustment of equipment; attendance at IEP meetings	
<b>Physical Therapy</b>	PER DIEM – NPA provides all services at assigned school site for a flat per diem rate based on a full work day for this discipline. Rate will be pro-rated if NPA staff works less than a full work day.	\$ _____ Per Diem
	DIRECT THERAPY 1:1 or small group	
	CONSULTATION: student observation as it relates to program development and/or data collection; IEP team member training; collaboration with IEP team member(s)	\$ _____ Per Hour
	OTHER SERVICES: (requires prior approval of LEA per Section 36 of the Master Contract) formal assessment and report writing; written annual progress report; benchmark reporting on SEIS; sizing and adjustment of equipment; attendance at IEP meetings	
<b>Behavior Intervention Services</b>	PER DIEM – NPA provides all services at assigned school site for a flat per diem rate based on the work day for this discipline. Rate will be pro-rated if NPA staff works less than the identified work day: <i>Check the applicable work day:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Full Work Day <input type="checkbox"/> Half Work Day	\$ _____ Per Diem
	DIRECT STUDENT AIDE 1:1 or small group, implementing behavior plan, data collection.	\$ _____ Per Hour
	CONSULTATION: student observation as it relates to program development and/or data collection; IEP team member training; collaboration with IEP team member(s).	\$ _____ Per Hour
	SUPERVISING CONSULTANT: student observation as it relates to program development and/or data collection; IEP team member training; collaboration with IEP team member(s).	\$ _____ Per Hour
	OTHER SERVICES: (requires prior approval of LEA per Section 36 of the Master Contract) formal assessment and report writing; written annual progress report; benchmark reporting; attendance at IEP meetings.	\$ _____ Per Hour
<b>Other:</b>	PER DIEM – NPA provides all services at assigned school site for a flat per diem rate based on a full work day for this discipline. Rate will be pro-rated if NPA staff works less than a full work day.	\$ _____ Per Diem
	Instructional Assistant	\$ 40.00 Per Hour

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
445 Montezuma Street  
Rio Vista, CA 94571-1651



**BOARD AGENDA BRIEFING**

**Meeting Date:** June 27, 2017

Attachments:  X

**From:** Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services

Item #: 10.4

**SUBJECT:**

Request to approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Bizzi Bodies Children's Therapy) for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
Consent Action:  X  
Information Only: \_\_\_\_\_

**Background & Status:**

Name of Vendor: Bizzi Bodies Children's Therapy

Description of Service(s): Student requires programs and services unique to his/her needs. The IEP team determined Bizzi Bodies to provide physical therapy services for district students attending special schools.

Date(s) of Service(s): 2017-2018 school year

The 2016-2017 contract was \$5,500. The 2017-2018 contract is not to exceed \$5,000.

**Presenter:**

Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services

**Cost &/or Funding Sources (be specific)**

Not to exceed \$5,000 paid by Special Education funds. The rate for physical therapy services is \$110.00 per hour.

**Recommendation:**

That the Board approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Bizzi Bodies Children's Therapy) for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Time: 2 mins.

*NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN  
SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES*

*MASTER CONTRACT*

**2017–2018**

# MASTER CONTRACT

GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR NONSECTARIAN,  
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES

District RIVER DELTA UNIFIED DISTRICT

Contract Year 2017-2018

         Nonpublic School  
  X   Nonpublic Agency

**Type of Contract:**

         Master Contract for fiscal year with Individual Service Agreements (ISA) to be approved throughout the term of this contract.

         Individual Master Contract for a specific student incorporating the Individual Service Agreement (ISA) into the terms of this Individual Master Contract specific to a single student.

         Interim Contract: an extension of the previous fiscal years approved contracts and rates. The sole purpose of this Interim Contract is to provide for ongoing funding at the prior year's rates for 90 days at the sole discretion of the District. Expiration Date:                         

*When this section is included as part of any Master Contract, the changes specified above shall amend Section 4 – Term of Master Contract.*



**DISTRICT MASTER CONTRACT  
GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR NONSECTARIAN,  
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES  
2017-2018**

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2017-2018

CONTRACT NUMBER:

LEA: River Delta Unified DISTRICT

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NONPUBLIC SCHOOL/AGENCY/RELATED SERVICES PROVIDER: Bizzi Bodies Children's Therapy

**NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES**  
**MASTER CONTRACT**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MASTER CONTRACT AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. MASTER CONTRACT**

This Master Contract is entered into on July 1, 2017, between the River Delta Unified School DISTRICT (hereinafter referred to as the local educational agency "LEA" or "District") and Bizzi Bodies Children's Therapy (nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR") for the purpose of providing special education and/or related services to LEA students with exceptional needs under the authorization of California Education Code sections 56157, 56361 and 56365 *et seq.* and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 *et seq.*, AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003) and AB1858 (Chapter 914, Statutes of 2004). It is understood that this Master Contract does not commit LEA to pay for special education and/or related services provided to any LEA student, or CONTRACTOR to provide such special education and/or related services, unless and until an authorized LEA representative approves the provision of special education and/or related services by CONTRACTOR.

Upon acceptance of a student, LEA shall submit to CONTRACTOR an Individual Services Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "ISA"), along with a Nonpublic Services Student Enrollment form. CONTRACTOR shall work with LEA to complete and return these forms to LEA prior to initiating any services for any student.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the ISA and the Nonpublic Services Student Enrollment form shall acknowledge CONTRACTOR'S obligation to provide all services specified in the student's Individualized Education Plan (hereinafter referred to as "IEP"). The ISA shall be executed within ninety (90) days of an LEA student's enrollment. LEA and CONTRACTOR shall enter into an ISA for each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. As available and appropriate, LEA shall make available access to any electronic IEP system and/or electronic database for ISA development, including invoicing.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings (hereinafter referred to as "OAH") order, a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and parent, or authorized by LEA for a transfer student pursuant to California Education Code section 56325, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with nonpublic school placement until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a nonpublic school placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by LEA student's parent.

**2. CERTIFICATION AND LICENSES**

CONTRACTOR shall be certified by the California Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as "CDE") as a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency. All nonpublic school and nonpublic agency services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code section 56366 *et seq.* and within the professional scope of practice of each provider's license, certification and/or credential. A current copy of CONTRACTOR'S nonpublic school/agency certification or a waiver of such certification issued by the CDE pursuant to Education Code section 56366.2 must be provided to LEA on or before the date this Master Contract is executed by CONTRACTOR. This Master Contract shall be null and void if such certification or waiver is expired, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Master Contract. Total student

enrollment shall be limited to capacity as stated on the applicable CDE certification. Total LEA student enrollment shall be limited to capacity as stated in Section 24 of the Master Contract.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the state of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this state shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 *et seq.*).

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution (hereinafter referred to as "LCI"), CONTRACTOR shall be licensed by the state, or other public agency having delegated authority by contract with the state to license, to provide nonmedical care to children, including, but not limited to, individuals with exceptional needs. The LCI must also comply with all licensing requirements relevant to the protection of the child, and have a special permit, if necessary, to meet the needs of each child so placed. If the CONTRACTOR operates a program outside of this state, CONTRACTOR must obtain all required licenses from the appropriate licensing agency in both California and in the state where the LCI is located.

With respect to CONTRACTOR'S certification, failure to notify LEA and CDE of any changes in: (1) credentialed/licensed staff; (2) ownership; (3) management and/or control of the agency; (4) major modification or relocation of facilities; or (5) significant modification of the program may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and shall also be good cause for the suspension or termination of this Master Contract by LEA.

### **3. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, STATUTES, REGULATIONS**

During the term of this Master Contract, unless otherwise agreed, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, policies, and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall also comply with all applicable LEA policies and procedures unless CONTRACTOR and LEA specifically agree, in writing, that a policy or policies, or a portion of a policy, does/do not reasonably apply to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR hereby acknowledges and agrees that it accepts all risks and responsibilities for its failure to comply with LEA policies and shall indemnify LEA under the provisions of Section 16 of this Agreement for all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of CONTRACTOR'S failure to comply with applicable LEA policies (e.g., those policies relating to the provision of special education and/or related services, facilities for individuals with exceptional needs, LEA student enrollment and transfer, LEA student inactive status, corporal punishment, student discipline, and positive behavior interventions).

CONTRACTOR acknowledges and understands that LEA may report to the CDE any violations of the provisions of this Master Contract, and that this may result in the suspension and/or revocation of CDE nonpublic school/agency certification pursuant to California Education Code section 56366.4(a).

### **4. TERM OF MASTER CONTRACT**

The term of this Master Contract shall be from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 unless otherwise stated. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3062(a).) Neither the CONTRACTOR nor LEA is required to renew this Master Contract in subsequent contract years. However, the parties acknowledge that any subsequent Master Contract is to be re-negotiated prior to June 30, 2018. In the event a Master Contract is not renegotiated by June 30<sup>th</sup>, an interim contract may be made available as mutually agreed upon for up to 90 days from July 1 of the new fiscal year. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3062(d).) No Master Contract will be offered unless and until all of the contracting requirements have been satisfied. The offer of a Master Contract to a CONTRACTOR is at the sole discretion of LEA.

The provisions of this Master Contract apply to CONTRACTOR and any of its employees or independent contractors. Notice of any change in CONTRACTOR'S ownership or authorized representative shall be provided in writing to LEA within thirty (30) calendar days of change of ownership or change of authorized representative.

**5. INTEGRATION/CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACT FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION**

This Master Contract includes LEA Procedures and each Individual Services Agreement which are incorporated herein by this reference. This Master Contract supersedes any prior or contemporaneous written or oral understanding or agreement. This Master Contract may be amended only by written amendment executed by both parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, LEA may modify LEA procedures from time to time without the consent of CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA with all information as requested in writing to secure a Master Contract or a renewal.

At a minimum, such information shall include copies of teacher credentials and clearance, insurance documentation, and CDE certification. LEA may require additional information as applicable. If the application packet is not completed and returned to LEA, no Master Contract will be issued. If CONTRACTOR does not return the Master Contract to LEA duly signed by an authorized representative within ninety (90) calendar days of issuance by LEA, the new contract rates will not take effect until the newly executed Master Contract is received by LEA and will not be retroactive to the first day of the new Master Contract's effective date. If CONTRACTOR fails to execute the new Master Contract within such ninety day period, all payments shall cease until such time as the new Master Contract for the current school year is signed and returned to LEA by CONTRACTOR. (Ed. Code §§ 56366(c)(1), (2).) In the event that this Master Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed Master Contract between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized LEA students at the discretion of LEA.

**6. INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

This Master Contract shall include an ISA developed for each LEA student for whom CONTRACTOR is to provide special education and/or related services. An ISA shall only be issued for LEA students enrolled with the approval of LEA pursuant to Education Code section 56366(a)(2)(A). An ISA may be effective for more than one contract year provided that there is a concurrent Master Contract in effect. In the event that this Master Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed ISAs between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized LEA students.

Any and all changes to a LEA student's educational placement/program provided under this Master Contract and/or an ISA shall be made solely on the basis of a revision to LEA student's IEP. At any time during the term of this Master Contract, a LEA student's parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of a LEA student's IEP subject to all procedural safeguards required by law.

Unless otherwise provided in this Master Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall provide all services specified in the IEP unless the CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in the ISA. (Ed. Code § 56366(a)(5); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3062(e).) In the event the CONTRACTOR is unable to provide a specific service at any time during the life of the ISA, the CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing within five (5) business days of the last date a service was provided. CONTRACTOR shall provide any and all subsequent compensatory service hours awarded to an LEA student as a result of lack of provision of services while the student was served by the nonpublic school or agency.

If a parent or LEA contests the termination of an ISA by initiating a due process proceeding with the OAH, CONTRACTOR shall abide by the "stay-put" requirement of state and federal law unless the parent agrees otherwise or an interim alternative educational placement is deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning changes in placement.

Disagreements between LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the formulation of an ISA or the Master Contract may be appealed to the County Superintendent of Schools of the County where LEA is located, or

the State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code section 56366(c)(2).

## 7. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this contract:

- a. The term “CONTRACTOR” means a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency certified by the California Department of Education and its officers, agents, and employees.
- b. The term “authorized LEA representative” means a LEA administrator designated to be responsible for nonpublic school/agencies. It is understood that a representative of the Special Education Local Plan Area (“SELPA”) of which LEA is a member is an authorized LEA representative in collaboration with LEA. LEA maintains sole responsibility for the Master Contract, unless otherwise specified in the Master Contract.
- c. The term “credential” means a valid credential, life diploma, permit, or document in special education or Pupil Personnel Services issued by, or under the jurisdiction of, the California State Board of Education if issued prior to 1970 or the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, which entitles the holder thereof to perform services for which certification qualifications are required as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(g).
- d. As defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(r), the term "qualified" means that a person has met federal and state certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements which apply to the area in which he or she is providing special education or related services (including but not limited to, for example, the requirements set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 5, sections 3064 and 3065 and Education Code section 56366.1(n)(1)), or, in the absence of such requirements, the state-education-agency-approved or recognized requirements, and adheres to the standards of professional practice established in federal and state law or regulation, including the standards contained in the California Business and Professions Code and the scope of practice as defined by the licensing or credentialing body.) Nothing in this definition shall be construed as restricting the activities or services of a graduate needing direct hours leading to licensure, or of a student teacher or intern leading to a graduate degree at an accredited or approved college or university, as authorized by state laws or regulations.
- e. The term “license” means a valid non-expired document issued by a licensing agency within the Department of Consumer Affairs or other state licensing office authorized to grant licenses and authorizing the bearer of the document to provide certain professional services or refer to themselves using a specified professional title. This includes, but is not limited to mental health and board and care services at a residential placement. If a license is not available through an appropriate state licensing agency, a certificate of registration with the appropriate professional organization at the national or state level which has standards established for the certificate that are equivalent to a license shall be deemed to be a license as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(l).
- f. “Parent” means a biological or adoptive parent unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child, a guardian generally authorized to act as the child’s parent or authorized to make educational decisions for the child, an individual acting in the place of a biological or adoptive parent, including a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative with whom the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child’s welfare, a surrogate parent, a foster parent if the authority of the biological or adoptive parent to make educational decisions on the child’s behalf has been specifically limited by court order in accordance with Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 300.30(b)(1) or (2). Parent does not include the state or any political subdivision of government or the nonpublic school or agency under contract

with LEA for the provision of special education or designated instruction and services for a child. (Ed. Code § 56028.)

- g. The term “days” means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- h. The phrase “billable day” means a school day in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs.
- i. The phrase “billable day of attendance” means a school day as defined in California Education Code Section 46307, in which a LEA student is in attendance and in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs unless otherwise stipulated in an IEP or ISA.
- j. It is understood that the term “Master Contract” also means “Agreement” and may be referred to as such in this document.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT**

### **8. NOTICES**

All notices provided for by this Master Contract shall be in writing. Notices shall be mailed or delivered by hand and shall be effective as of the date of receipt by addressee.

All notices mailed to LEA shall be addressed to the person and address as indicated on the signature page of the Master Contract. Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed as indicated on signature page of this Master Contract.

### **9. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS**

All records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR as required by state and federal laws and regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, CONTRACTOR shall maintain all records for at least five (5) years after the termination of this Master Contract. For purposes of this Master Contract, “records” shall include, but not be limited to pupil records as defined by California Education Code section 49061(b) including electronically stored information; cost data records as set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3061; registers and roll books of teachers and/or daily service providers; chart notes, Medi-Cal logs, daily service logs and notes and other documents used to record the provision of related services including supervision; daily service logs and notes used to record the provision of services provided by instructional assistants, NPA behavior intervention aides, and bus aides and supervisors; absence verification records (parent/doctor notes, telephone logs, and related documents); bus rosters; staff lists specifying credentials held; business licenses held; documents evidencing other staff qualifications including social security numbers, dates of hire, and dates of termination; records of employee training and certification, staff time sheets; non-paid staff and volunteer sign-in sheets; transportation and other related services subcontracts; school calendars; bell/class schedules when applicable; liability and worker’s compensation insurance policies; state nonpublic school and/or agency certifications; by-laws; lists of current board of directors/trustees, if incorporated; statements of income and expenses; general journals; cash receipts and disbursement books, general ledgers and supporting documents; documents evidencing financial expenditures; federal/state payroll quarterly reports (Form 941/DE3DP); and bank statements and canceled checks or facsimile thereof.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain LEA student records in a secure location to ensure confidentiality and prevent unauthorized access. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a current list of the names and positions of CONTRACTOR’S employees who have access to confidential records. CONTRACTOR shall maintain an access log for each LEA student’s record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record and the legitimate interests therefore. Such log shall be maintained as required by California Education Code section 49064 and include the name, title, agency/organization affiliation, and date/time of access for each individual requesting or receiving information from LEA student’s record. Such log needs not to record access to LEA student’s records by: (a) LEA student’s parent;

(b) an individual to whom written consent has been executed by LEA student's parent; or (c) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record. CONTRACTOR/LEA shall maintain copies of any written parental concerns granting access to student records. For purposes of this paragraph, "employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR" do not include subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall grant parents access to student records and comply with parents' requests for copies of student records, as required by state and federal laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR agrees, in the event of school or agency closure, to forward all records within ten (10) business days to LEA. LEA shall have access to and receive copies of any and all documents required to be maintained by CONTRACTOR within five (5) business days of a request.

**10. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

If any provision of this Master Contract is held, in whole or in part, to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of that provision and of the entire Master Contract shall be severable and remain in effect.

**11. SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST**

This contract binds CONTRACTOR'S successors and assignees. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, of any change of ownership or corporate control within ten (10) business days of such change.

**12. VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW**

The laws of the State of California shall govern the terms and conditions of this Master Contract with venue in the County where LEA is located.

**13. MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS REQUIRED TO CONFORM TO LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES**

This Master Contract may be modified or amended by LEA to conform to administrative and statutory guidelines issued by any state, federal or local governmental agency. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR thirty (30) days' notice of any such changes or modifications made to conform to administrative or statutory guidelines and a copy of the statute or regulation upon which the modification or changes are based.

**14. TERMINATION**

This Master Contract or an Individual Service Agreement may be terminated for cause. Cause shall include but not be limited to non-maintenance of current nonpublic school certification, failure of either LEA or the CONTRACTOR to maintain the standards required under the Master Contract and/or Individual Services Agreement, or other material breach of the contract by CONTRACTOR or LEA. For purposes of Non Public School placement, the cause shall not be the availability of a public class initiated during the period of the Master Contract unless the parent agrees to the transfer of the student to a public school program at an IEP team meeting. To terminate the Master Contract, either party shall give twenty (20) days prior written notice to the other party (Ed. Code § 56366(a)(4)), or immediately if CONTRACTOR and LEA mutually agree that there are significant health or safety concerns. At the time of termination, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Master Contract. ISAs are void upon termination of this Master Contract, except as provided in Section 5 or 6. CONTRACTOR or LEA may terminate an ISA for cause, without terminating the Master Contract in its entirety. To terminate the ISA, either party shall also give twenty (20) days prior written notice to the other.

**15. INSURANCE**

CONTRACTOR shall, at his, her, or its sole cost and expense, maintain in full force and effect, during the term of this Agreement, the following insurance coverage from a California licensed and/or admitted insurer with an A minus (A-), VII, or better rating from A.M. Best, sufficient to cover any claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including counsel fees) arising out of or in connection with CONTRACTOR's fulfillment



of any of its obligations under this Agreement or either party's use of the work or any component or part thereof:

PART I

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance**, including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits as follows:

\$2,000,000 per occurrence  
\$ 500,000 fire damage  
\$ 5,000 medical expenses  
\$1,000,000 personal & adv. injury  
\$3,000,000 general aggregate  
\$2,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate

The policy may not contain an exclusion for coverage of claims arising from claims for sexual molestation or abuse. In the event that CONTRACTOR's policy should have an exclusion for sexual molestation or abuse claims, then CONTRACTOR shall be required to procure a supplemental policy providing such coverage.

- B. **Business Auto Liability Insurance** for all owned scheduled, non-owned or hired automobiles with a \$1 million combined single limit.

If no owned automobiles, then only hired and non-owned is required.

If CONTRACTOR uses a vehicle to travel to/from school sites, between schools and/or to/from students' homes or other locations as approved service locations by the LEA, CONTRACTOR must comply with State of California auto insurance requirements.

- C. **Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance** in a form and amount covering CONTRACTOR's full liability under the California Workers' Compensation Insurance and Safety Act and in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

Part A – Statutory Limits

Part B – \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000 Employers Liability

- D. **Errors & Omissions (E & O)/Malpractice (Professional Liability) Insurance**, including sexual molestation and abuse coverage, unless that coverage is afforded elsewhere in the Commercial General Liability policy by endorsement or separate policy, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 per occurrence  
\$2,000,000 general aggregate

- E. CONTRACTOR, upon execution of this Master Contract and periodically thereafter upon request, shall furnish the LEA with certificates of insurance evidencing such coverage. The certificate of insurance shall include a ten (10) day non-renewal notice provision. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policy shall name the LEA and the Board of Education additional insured's premiums on all insurance policies and shall be paid by CONTRACTOR and shall be deemed included in CONTRACTOR's obligations under this contract at no additional charge.

- F. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions above \$100,000 must be disclosed to and approved by the LEA. At its option, LEA may require the CONTRACTOR, at the CONTRACTOR's sole cost, to: (a) cause its insurer to reduce to levels specified by the LEA or eliminate such deductibles

or self-insured retentions with respect to the LEA, its officials and employees, or (b) procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigation.

- G. For any claims related to the services contracted for under this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects to the LEA, its subsidiaries, officials and employees. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the LEA, its subsidiaries, officials and employees shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- H. All Certificates of Insurance may reference the contract number, name of the school or agency submitting the certificate, and the location of the school or agency submitting the certificate on the certificate.

## PART II – INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFILIATED WITH A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER (“RTC”)

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school affiliated with a residential treatment center (NPS/RTC), the following insurance policies are required:

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance** of \$3,000,000 per Occurrence and \$6,000,000 in General Aggregate. The policy shall be endorsed to name the LEA and the Board of Education as named additional insureds and shall provide specifically that any insurance carried by the LEA which may be applicable to any claims or loss shall be deemed excess and the RTC's insurance primary despite any conflicting provisions in the RTC's policy. Coverage shall be maintained with no self-insured retention above \$100,000 without the prior written approval of the LEA.
- B. **Workers' Compensation Insurance** in accordance with provisions of the California Labor Code adequate to protect the RTC from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act (Statutory Coverage). The Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage must also include Employers Liability coverage with limits of \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000.
- C. **Commercial Auto Liability** coverage with limits of \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence if the RTC does not operate a student bus service. If the RTC provides student bus services, the required coverage limit is \$5,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence.
- D. **Fidelity Bond or Crime** coverage shall be maintained by the RTC to cover all employees who process or otherwise have responsibility for RTC funds, supplies, equipment or other assets. Minimum amount of coverage shall be \$250,000 per occurrence, with no self-insured retention.
- E. **Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions/Malpractice** coverage with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.
- F. **Sexual Molestation and Abuse** coverage, unless that coverage is afforded elsewhere in the Commercial General Liability or Professional liability policy by endorsement, with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.

If LEA or CONTRACTOR determines that a change in insurance coverage obligations under this section is necessary, either party may reopen negotiations to modify the insurance obligations. Consistent with Section 5 of this Master Contract, however, the Master Contract may be amended only by written amendment executed by both Parties.

**16. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS**

Except with respect to claims arising from a Party's separate negligence or willful acts, which shall remain that Party's personal obligation, each Party agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other Party and its directors, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, volunteers, and subcontractors with respect to a claim resulting from or arising out of this Master Contract or its performance and arising from the Party's actual or alleged act, failure to act, error, or omission in the performance of their obligations under this Agreement or any governing law or regulations.

**17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to imply a joint venture, partnership or principal-agent relationship between LEA and CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide all services under this Agreement as an independent contractor, and neither party shall have the authority to bind or make any commitment on behalf of the other. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to create any association, partnership, joint venture or relationship of principal and agent, master and servant, or employer and employee between the Parties or any affiliates of the Parties, or between LEA and any individual assigned by CONTRACTOR to perform any services for LEA.

If LEA is held to be a partner, joint venturer, co-principal, employer or co-employer of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless LEA from and against any and all claims for loss, liability, or damages arising from that holding, as well as any expenses, costs, taxes, penalties and interest charges incurred by LEA as a result of that holding.

**18. SUBCONTRACTING**

CONTRACTOR shall not enter into any subcontracting relationship without first obtaining final written approval of LEA. Should CONTRACTOR wish to subcontract for special education and/or related services pursuant to this Master Contract, it must provide written notification to LEA before any subcontracting arrangement is made. In the event LEA determines that it can provide the subcontracted service(s) at a lower rate, LEA may elect to provide such service(s). If LEA elects to provide such service(s) at a lower rate, LEA may elect to provide such service(s). If LEA elects to provide such service(s), LEA shall provide written notification to CONTRACTOR within five (5) days of receipt of CONTRACTOR'S original request and CONTRACTOR shall not subcontract for said services.

Should LEA approve in concept of CONTRACTOR subcontracting for services, CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA for approval the proposed subcontract. CONTRACTOR shall incorporate all of the provisions of this Master Contract in all subcontracts to the fullest extent possible. Furthermore, when CONTRACTOR creates subcontracts for the provision of special education and/or related services (including without limitation, transportation) for any student, CONTRACTOR shall cause each subcontractor to procure and maintain indemnification and insurance requirements which comply with the provisions of Sections 15 and 16 of this Master Contract, for the duration of the term of each subcontract. If a proposed subcontract is approved by LEA, each subcontractor must furnish LEA with original endorsements and certificates of insurance effective coverage required by Section 15 of this Master Contract. The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. Unless otherwise agreed to by LEA, the endorsements are to be on forms provided by the LEA. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies shall name the LEA/SELPA and the LEA Board of Education as additional insured. All endorsements are to be received and approved by LEA before the subcontractor's work commences. In addition, all sub-contractors must meet the requirements as contained in Section 45 (Clearance Requirements) and Section 46 (Staff Qualifications) of this Master Contract. No subcontract shall be considered final without LEA approval.

**19. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA upon request a copy of its current bylaws and a current list of its Board of Directors (or Trustees), if it is incorporated. CONTRACTOR and any member of its Board of Directors (or Trustees) shall avoid and disclose any relationship with LEA that constitutes or may constitute a conflict of interest pursuant to California Education Code section 56042 including, but not limited to, employment with LEA, provision of private party assessments and/or reports, and attendance at IEP team meetings acting as a student's advocate. Pursuant to California Education Code section 56042, an attorney or advocate for a parent of an individual with exceptional needs shall not recommend placement at CONTRACTOR'S facility if the attorney or advocate is employed or contracted by the CONTRACTOR, or will receive a benefit from the CONTRACTOR, or otherwise has a conflict of interest.

Unless CONTRACTOR and LEA otherwise agree in writing, LEA shall neither execute an ISA with CONTRACTOR nor amend an existing ISA for a LEA student when a recommendation for special education and/or related services is based in whole or in part on assessment(s) or reports provided by CONTRACTOR to LEA student without prior written authorization by LEA. This paragraph shall apply to CONTRACTOR regardless of when an assessment is performed or a report is prepared (i.e. before or after LEA student is enrolled in CONTRACTOR'S school/agency) or whether an assessment of LEA student is performed or a report is prepared in the normal course of the services provided to LEA student by CONTRACTOR. To avoid a conflict of interest, and in order to ensure the appropriateness of an Independent Educational Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as "IEE") and its recommendations, LEA may, in its discretion, not fund an IEE by an evaluator who provides ongoing service(s) or is sought to provide service(s) to the student for whom the IEE is requested. Likewise, LEA may, in its discretion, not fund services through the evaluator whose IEE LEA agrees to fund. When no other appropriate assessor is available, LEA may request and if CONTRACTOR agrees, the CONTRACTOR may provide an IEE.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that its authorized representative has read and understands Education Code section 56366.3 which provides, in relevant part, that no special education and/or related services provided by CONTRACTOR shall be paid for by LEA if provided by an individual who was an employee of LEA within three hundred and sixty five (365) days prior to executing this Master Contract. This provision does not apply to any person who is able to provide designated instruction and services during the extended school year because he or she is otherwise employed for up to ten months of the school year by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall not admit a student living within the jurisdictional boundaries of LEA on a private pay or tuition free "scholarship" basis and concurrently or subsequently advise/request parent(s) to pursue funding for the admitted school year from LEA through due process proceedings.

**20. NON-DISCRIMINATION**

CONTRACTOR shall not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or disability or any other classification protected by federal or state law, in employment or operation of its programs.

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

**21. FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION ("FAPE")**

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with a copy of the IEP including the Individualized Transition Plan (hereinafter referred to as "ITP") of each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide to each LEA student special education and/or related services (including transition services) within the nonpublic school or nonpublic agency consistent with LEA student's IEP and as specified in the ISA. If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall not accept a LEA student if it cannot provide or ensure the provision of the services outlined in the student's IEP. If a LEA student's services are provided

by a third party (i.e. a related services provider) CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, if the provision of services ceases.

Unless otherwise agreed to between CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the provision of all appropriate supplies, equipment, and/or facilities for LEA students, as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall make no charge of any kind to parents for special education and/or related services as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA (including, but not limited to, screenings, assessments, or interviews that occur prior to or as a condition of LEA student's enrollment under the terms of this Master Contract). LEA shall provide low incidence equipment for eligible students with low incidence disabilities when specified in the student's IEP and ISA. Such equipment remains the property of the SELPA/LEA and shall be returned to the SELPA/LEA when the IEP team determines the equipment is no longer needed or when the student is no longer enrolled in the nonpublic school. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that facilities are adequate to provide all LEA students with an environment which meets all pertinent health and safety regulations. CONTRACTOR may charge a LEA student's parent(s) for services and/or activities not necessary for LEA student to receive a free appropriate public education after: (a) written notification to LEA student's parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities; and (b) receipt by LEA of the written notification and a written acknowledgment signed by LEA student's parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning parent acknowledgment of financial responsibility.

Voluntary services and/or activities not necessary for an LEA student to receive a free appropriate public education shall not interfere with LEA student's receipt of special education and/or related services as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA unless LEA and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing.

## **22. GENERAL PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION**

All nonpublic school and nonpublic agency services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code section 56366 *et seq.* and shall ensure that facilities are adequate to provide LEA students with an environment which meets all pertinent health and safety regulations.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction shall: (a) utilize evidence-based practices and predictors and be consistent with LEA's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (b) include curriculum that addresses mathematics, literacy and the use of educational, assistive technology and transition services; (c) be consistent with CDE's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (d) provide the services as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA. LEA students shall have access to: (a) State Board of Education (SBE) - adopted Common Core State Standards ("CCSS") for curriculum and the same instructional materials for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive; and provide standards-aligned core curriculum and instructional materials for grades 9 to 12, inclusive, used by a local education agency (LEA), that contracts with the nonpublic school: (b) college preparation courses; (c) extracurricular activities such as art, sports, music and academic clubs; (d) career preparation and vocational training, consistent with transition plans pursuant to state and federal law and; (e) supplemental assistance, including individual academic tutoring, psychological counseling, and career and college counseling. When appropriate, CONTRACTOR shall utilize the designated curriculum guidelines for students with moderate to severe disabilities who participate in the State's alternative assessment. These students shall have access to the core content, activities, and instructional materials delineated within these curriculum guidelines. CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction shall be described in writing and a copy provided to LEA prior to the effective date of this Master Contract.

When CONTRACTOR serves LEA students in grades nine through twelve inclusive, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR a specific list of the course requirements to be satisfied by the CONTRACTOR leading toward graduation or completion of LEA's diploma requirements. CONTRACTOR shall not award a high school diploma to LEA students who have not successfully completed all of LEA's graduation requirements.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and/or related services provider, CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction and/or services shall utilize evidence-based practices and predictors and be consistent with LEA and CDE guidelines/certifications and any state licensing requirements and shall be provided as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA. The nonpublic agency providing Behavior Intervention Services shall develop a written plan that specifies the nature of their nonpublic agency service for each student within thirty (30) days of enrollment and shall be provided in writing to LEA. School-based services may not be unilaterally converted by CONTRACTOR to a substitute program or provided at a location not specifically authorized by the IEP team. Except for services provided by a contractor that is a licensed children's institution ("LCI"), all services not provided in the school setting require the presence of a parent, guardian or adult caregiver during the delivery of services, provided such guardian or caregiver has a signed authorization by the parent or legal guardian to authorize emergency services as requested. LCI contractors shall ensure that appropriate and qualified residential or clinical staff is present during the provision of services under this Master Contract. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA in writing if no parent, guardian, or adult caregiver is present. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a written description of the services and location provided prior to the effective date of this Master Contract. Contractors providing Behavior Intervention Services must have on staff individuals trained as the law requires. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3051.23.) It is understood that Behavior Intervention Services are limited per CDE Certification and do not constitute an instructional program.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, CONTRACTOR shall not provide transportation nor subcontract for transportation services for students unless LEA and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing.

### **23. INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, the total number of instructional minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be at least equivalent to the number of instructional minutes per school day provided to LEA students at like grade level attending LEA schools and shall be specified in LEA student's ISA developed in accordance with LEA student's IEP.

For students in grades kindergarten through 12, inclusive, unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP and ISA, the number of instructional minutes, excluding breakfast, recess, lunch and pass time shall be the same as the Education Code prescribes for the LEA.

The total number of annual instructional minutes shall be at least equivalent to the total number of annual instructional minutes provided to LEA students attending LEA schools in like grade levels unless otherwise specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and/or related services provider, the total number of minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be specified in LEA student's ISA developed in accordance with LEA student's IEP.

### **24. CLASS SIZE**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that class size shall not exceed a ratio of one teacher per twelve (12) students unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in writing. Upon prior written approval by an authorized LEA representative, class size may be temporarily increased by a ratio of 1 teacher to fourteen (14) students when necessary during the regular or extended school year to provide services to students with disabilities.

In the event a nonpublic school is unable to fill a vacant teaching position responsible for direct instruction to students, and the vacancy has direct impact on the California Department of Education Certification of that school, the nonpublic school shall develop a plan to ensure appropriate coverage of students by first utilizing existing certificated staff. The nonpublic school and LEA may agree to one 30 school day period per contract year where class size may be increased to ensure coverage by an appropriately credentialed

teacher. Such an agreement shall be in writing and signed by both Parties. This provision does not apply to a nonpublic agency.

## **25. CALENDARS**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a school calendar with the total number of billable days not to exceed 180 days, plus extended school year billable days equivalent to the number of days determined by LEA's extended school year calendar. Billable days shall include only those days that are included on the submitted and approved school calendar, and/or required by the IEP (developed by LEA) for each student. CONTRACTOR shall not be allowed to change its school calendar and/or amend the number of billable days without the prior written approval of LEA. Nothing in this Master Contract shall be interpreted to require LEA to accept any requests for calendar changes. In the event LEA adjusts the number of school days for the regular school year and/or extended school year, the approved number of days shall become the total billable days for the nonpublic school or agency. In such a case, an amended calendar shall be provided by CONTRACTOR for LEA approval.

Unless otherwise specified by the student's IEP, educational services shall occur at the school site. A student shall only be eligible for extended school year services if such are recommended by his/her IEP Team and the provision of such is specifically included in the ISA. Extended school year shall consist of twenty (20) instructional days, unless otherwise agreed upon by the IEP Team convened by LEA. Any days of extended school year in excess of twenty (20) billable days must be mutually agreed to, in writing, prior to the start of the extended school year.

Student must have actually been in attendance during the regular school year and/or during extended school year and actually received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any nonpublic school service. Any instructional days provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall observe only the same legal holidays as LEA. As of the execution of this Master Contract, these holidays are: Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, and Independence Day. With the approval of LEA, CONTRACTOR may revise the date upon which CONTRACTOR closes in observance of any of the holidays observed by LEA.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, CONTRACTOR shall be provided with a LEA-developed/approved calendar prior to the initiation of services. CONTRACTOR herein agrees to observe holidays as specified in LEA-developed/approved calendar. CONTRACTOR shall provide services pursuant to LEA-developed/approved calendar; or as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA. Unless otherwise specified in LEA student's ISA, CONTRACTOR shall provide related services to LEA students on only those days that LEA student's school of attendance is in session and LEA student attends school. CONTRACTOR shall bill only for services provided on billable days of attendance as indicated on LEA calendar unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise, in writing. Student must have actually been in attendance and/or received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any nonpublic agency service provided by CONTRACTOR. Any instructional days provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

## **26. DATA REPORTING**

CONTRACTOR shall agree to provide to LEA, all data (including billing information) related to students who are served by the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide all data related to or referenced in any and all sections of this Master Contract if requested by LEA. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide all

requested information in the format required by LEA. It is understood that all nonpublic schools and nonpublic agencies shall utilize the Special Education Information System (SEIS) or comparable program/system approved by LEA/SELPA for all IEP development and progress reporting. Additional progress reporting may be required by LEA. LEA shall provide the CONTRACTOR with appropriate software, user training and proper internet permissions to allow adequate access so that this information may be compiled.

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with approved forms and/or format for such data including but not limited to invoicing, attendance reports and progress reports. LEA may approve use of CONTRACTOR-provided forms at its discretion.

**27. LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT**

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall follow all LEA policies and procedures that support Least Restrictive Environment (“LRE”) options (and/or dual enrollment options if available and appropriate) for students to have access to the general curriculum and to be educated with their nondisabled peers to the maximum extent appropriate.

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall ensure that LRE placement options are addressed at all IEP team meetings regarding students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. This shall include IEP team consideration of supplementary aids and services and goals and objectives necessary for placement in the LRE and necessary to enable students to transition to less restrictive settings.

When an IEP team has determined that a student should be transitioned into the public school setting, CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA in implementing the IEP team’s recommendations and/or activities to support the transition.

**28. STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT TESTING**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall administer all Statewide assessments within the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (“CAASPP”), Desired Results Developmental Profile (“DRDP”), California Alternative Assessment (“CAA”), achievement and abilities tests (using LEA-authorized assessment instruments), the Fitness Gram, California English Language Development Test (“CELDT”), and the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (“ELPAC”), as appropriate to the student and mandated by LEA pursuant to LEA and state and federal guidelines.

CONTRACTOR is subject to the alternative accountability system developed pursuant to Education Code section 52052, in the same manner as public schools. Each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR by the LEA shall be tested by qualified staff of CONTRACTOR in accordance with that accountability program. LEA shall provide test administration training to CONTRACTOR’S qualified staff. CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA test training and comply with completion of all coding requirements as required by LEA.

**29. MANDATED ATTENDANCE AT LEA MEETINGS**

CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA mandated meetings when legal mandates, and/or LEA policy and procedures are reviewed, including but not limited to the areas of: curriculum, high school graduation, standards-based instruction, behavior intervention, cultural and linguistic needs of students with disabilities, dual enrollment responsibilities, LRE responsibilities, transition services, standardized testing, and IEPs. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with reasonable notice of mandated meetings. Attendance at such meetings does not constitute a billable service hour(s).



### 30. POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all requirements of Education Code section 56521.1 and 56521.2 regarding positive behavior interventions. Failure to do so shall constitute sufficient cause for contract termination.

LEA students who exhibit behaviors that interfere with their learning or the learning of others must receive timely and appropriate assessments and positive supports and interventions in accordance with the federal law and its implementing regulations. If the individualized education program (“IEP”) team determines that a student’s behavior impedes his or her learning or the learning of others, the IEP team is required to consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. This could mean that instead of developing a Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP), the IEP team may conclude it is sufficient to address the student’s behavioral problems through the development of behavioral goals and behavioral interventions to support those goals.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written policy consistent with California Education Code section 56521.1 regarding emergency interventions and Behavioral Emergency Reports (“BERs”). Further, CONTRACTOR shall affirmatively inform each of its employees about the policy and provide each employee a copy thereof. CONTRACTOR shall also ensure that all of its staff members are trained annually in crisis intervention and emergency procedures as related to appropriate behavior management strategies. Training includes certification with an approved SELPA crisis intervention program. Evidence of such training shall be submitted to the LEA at the beginning of the school year and within 6 days of any new hire.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.1, emergency interventions shall not be used as a substitute for a BIP and shall not be employed longer than necessary to contain the behavior. Emergency interventions may only be used to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the LEA student or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior. If a situation requires prolonged use of an emergency intervention, staff must seek assistance from the school site administrator or a law enforcement agency, as suitable to the situation.

To prevent emergency interventions from being used in lieu of planned, systematic behavioral interventions, the parent, guardian, and residential care provider, if appropriate, shall be notified if an emergency intervention is used or serious property damage occurs. CONTRACTOR shall immediately complete and maintain in the file of LEA student a BER which shall include all of the following: (1) The name and age of the individual with exceptional needs; (2) The setting and location of the incident; (3) The name of the staff or other persons involved; (4) A description of the incident and the emergency intervention used, and whether the LEA student is currently engaged in any systematic behavioral intervention plan; and (5) Details of any injuries sustained by LEA student or others, including staff, as a result of the incident. The BER shall be submitted to LEA within twenty-four (24) hours for administrative action. CONTRACTOR shall also notify Parent within twenty-four (24) hours via telephone.

Consistent with the requirements of California Education Code section 56521.1(g), if a BER is written regarding an LEA student who does not have a behavior intervention plan, the designated responsible administrator shall, within two days, schedule an IEP Team meeting to review the emergency report, to determine the necessity for a functional behavioral assessment, and to determine the necessity for an interim plan. The IEP Team shall document the reasons for not conducting the functional behavioral assessment, not developing an interim plan, or both. Consistent with the requirements of California Education Code section 56521.1(h), if a behavioral emergency report is written regarding an LEA student who has a positive behavioral intervention plan, an incident involving a previously unseen serious behavior problem, or where a previously designed intervention is ineffective, shall be referred to the IEP team to review and determine if the incident constitutes a need to modify the positive behavioral intervention plan.

All restraint practices must be reviewed and revised when they have an adverse effect on a student and are used repeatedly for an individual child, either on multiple occasions within the same classroom or multiple uses by the same individual. CONTRACTOR shall notify the student's parent/guardian when any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusion has been used. Upon the use of any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusions of a District student, CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER per the reporting and notification requirements listed above.

### **31. STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and abide by a written policy for student discipline that is consistent with state and federal law and regulations.

When CONTRACTOR seeks to remove a LEA student from his/her current educational placement for disciplinary reasons, CONTRACTOR shall submit a written discipline report within 24 hours to LEA and a manifestation IEP team meeting shall be scheduled. Written discipline reports shall include, but not be limited to: LEA student's name; the time, date, and description of the misconduct; the disciplinary action taken by CONTRACTOR; and the rationale for such disciplinary action. A copy of LEA student's behavior plan, if any, shall be submitted with the written discipline report. CONTRACTOR and LEA agree to participate in a manifestation determination at an IEP meeting no later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of suspension. CONTRACTOR shall notify and invite LEA representatives to the IEP team meeting where the manifestation determination will be made.

### **32. IEP TEAM MEETINGS**

An IEP team meeting shall be convened at least annually to evaluate: (1) the educational progress of each student placed with CONTRACTOR, including all state assessment results pursuant to the requirements of Education Code section 52052; (2) whether or not the needs of the student continue to be best met at the nonpublic school and/or by the nonpublic agency; and (3) whether changes to the student's IEP are necessary, including whether the student may be transitioned to a public school setting. (Ed. Code §§ 56366(a)(2)(B)(i), (ii); 56345(b)(4).)

If an LEA student is to be transferred from a nonpublic school setting into a regular class setting in a public school for any part of the school day, the IEP team shall document, if appropriate, a description of activities provided to integrate the student into the regular education program, including the nature of each activity as well as the time spent on the activity each day or week and a description of the activities provided to support the transition of the student from the special education program into the regular education program. Each student shall be allowed to provide confidential input to any representative of his or her IEP Team. Except as otherwise provided in the Master Contract, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall participate in all IEP team meetings regarding LEA students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. At any time during the term of this Master Contract, a parent, the CONTRACTOR or LEA may request a review of the student's IEP, subject to all procedural safeguards required by law, including reasonable notice given to, and participation of, the CONTRACTOR in the meeting. Every effort shall be made to schedule IEP team meetings at a time and place that is mutually convenient to the parent(s), the CONTRACTOR and LEA. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, at no cost and prior to an annual or triennial IEP Team meeting, documentation which shows progress on goals and any and all assessments and written assessment reports (including testing protocols) created by CONTRACTOR and any of its agents or subcontractors, upon request and/or pursuant to LEA policy and procedures. It is understood that attendance at an IEP meeting is part of CONTRACTOR'S professional responsibility and is not a billable service under this Master Contract.

It is understood that the CONTRACTOR shall utilize the Special Education Information System (SEIS) or other comparable program/system as designated by LEA at LEA's discretion, for all IEP planning and progress reporting. LEA or SELPA shall provide training for any nonpublic school and nonpublic agency to assure access to SEIS or the comparable program/system designated for use by LEA. The nonpublic school and/or nonpublic agency shall maintain confidentiality of all IEP data on SEIS or comparable program/system and shall protect the password requirements of the system. When a student disenrolls from

the nonpublic school or stops receiving services from the nonpublic agency, such CONTRACTOR shall discontinue use of SEIS and/or comparable program/system for that student.

Changes in any LEA student's educational program, including instruction, services, or instructional setting provided under this Master Contract may only be made on the basis of revisions to the student's IEP. In the event that the CONTRACTOR believes the student requires a change of placement, the CONTRACTOR may request a review of the student's IEP for the purpose of considering a change in the student's placement. Student is entitled to remain in the last agreed upon and implemented placement unless parent agrees otherwise or an interim alternative educational setting is deemed lawful and appropriate.

**33. SURROGATE PARENTS AND FOSTER YOUTH**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all LEA surrogate parent assignments. A pupil in foster care shall be defined pursuant to Education Code section 42238.01(b). The LEA shall annually notify the CONTRACTOR who the LEA has designated as the educational liaison for foster children. When a pupil in foster care is enrolled in a nonpublic school by the LEA any time after the completion of the pupil's second year of high school, the CONTRACTOR shall schedule the pupil in courses leading towards graduation based on the diploma requirements of the LEA unless provided notice otherwise in writing pursuant to Section 51225.1

**34. DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS**

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in special education due process proceedings including mediations and hearings, as requested by LEA. CONTRACTOR shall also fully participate in the investigation and provision of documentation related to any complaint filed with the State of California, the Office for Civil Rights, or any other state and/or federal governmental body or agency. Full participation shall include, but in no way be limited to, cooperating with LEA representatives to provide complete answers raised by any investigator and/or the immediate provision of any and all documentation that pertains to the operation of CONTRACTOR'S program and/or the implementation of a particular student's IEP/ISA.

**35. COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and adhere to its own written procedures for responding to parent complaints. These procedures shall include annually notifying and providing parents of LEA students with appropriate information (including complaint forms) for the following: (1) Uniform Complaint Procedures pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4600 *et seq.*; (2) Nondiscrimination Policy pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4960(a); (3) Sexual Harassment Policy pursuant to California Education Code 231.5; (4) Title IX Student Grievance Procedures pursuant to Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 106.8(a) and 106.9(a); (5) Notice of Privacy Practices in compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPPA"), 45 C.F.R. § 164.520; and (6) Notification and Complaint Procedures for Disability Access, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.* CONTRACTOR shall include verification of these procedures to LEA.

**36. LEA STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS AND ASSESSMENTS**

Unless LEA requests in writing that progress reports be provided on a monthly basis, CONTRACTOR shall provide to parents, with a concurrent copy sent to LEA, at least four written progress reports/report cards. At a minimum, progress reports shall include progress over time towards IEP goals and objectives. A copy of the progress reports/report cards shall be maintained at the CONTRACTOR'S place of business.

CONTRACTOR shall also provide an LEA representative access to supporting documentation used to determine progress on any goal or objective, including but not limited to log sheets, chart notes, observation notes, data sheets, pre/post tests, rubrics and other similar data collection used to determine progress or lack of progress on approved goals, objectives, transition plans or behavior support and/or intervention plans. LEA may request copies of such data at any time within five years of the date of service. CONTRACTOR

agrees to maintain the information for at least five years and also shall provide this data supporting progress within 5 business days of request. Additional time may be granted as needed by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall complete academic or other assessment of LEA student ten (10) days prior to LEA student's annual or triennial review IEP team meeting for the purpose of reporting LEA student's present levels of performance at the IEP team meeting as required by state and federal laws and regulations and pursuant to LEA policies, procedures, and/or practices. Sufficient copies of reports, projected goals and/or any other relevant documents to be reviewed by the IEP Team shall be provided to the District no later than five (5) business days prior to an annual or triennial IEP team meeting. CONTRACTOR shall maintain all supporting documentation including but not limited to test protocols and data collection, which shall be made available to LEA within 5 business days of request.

CONTRACTOR is responsible for all assessment costs regarding the updating of goals and objectives, progress reporting and the development of present levels of performance. All other assessments shall be provided by LEA unless LEA specifies in writing a request that CONTRACTOR perform such additional assessment. Such assessment costs may be added to the ISA and/or approved separately by LEA at LEA's sole discretion.

It is understood that all billable hours must be in direct services to pupils as specified in the ISA. For nonpublic agency services, supervision provided by a qualified individual as specified in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3065, shall be determined as appropriate and included in the ISA. Supervision means the direct observation of services, data review, case conferencing and program design consistent with professional standards for each professional's license, certification, or credential.

CONTRACTOR shall not charge LEA student's parent(s) or LEA for the development or provision of progress reports, report cards, and/or any assessments, interviews, or attendance at any meetings, including but not limited to IEP meetings. It is understood that all billable hours have limits to those specified on the ISA consistent with the IEP. It is understood that copies of data collection notes, forms, charts and other such data are part of the pupil's record and shall be made available to LEA upon written request.

**37. TRANSCRIPTS**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall prepare transcripts at the close of each semester, or upon LEA student transfer, for LEA students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) inclusive. CONTRACTOR shall submit all transcripts on LEA-approved forms to LEA student's school of residence for evaluation of progress toward completion of diploma requirements as specified in LEA Procedures. CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA names of LEA students and their schools of residence for whom transcripts have been submitted as specified by LEA.

**38. LEA STUDENT CHANGE OF RESIDENCE**

Upon enrollment, CONTRACTOR shall notify parents in writing of their obligation to notify CONTRACTOR of LEA student's change of residence. Within five (5) school days after CONTRACTOR becomes aware of a LEA student's change of residence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, of LEA student's change of residence. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide upon request by LEA, documentation of such notice to parents.

If CONTRACTOR had knowledge or should reasonably have had knowledge of LEA student's change of residence boundaries and CONTRACTOR fails to follow the procedures specified in this provision, LEA shall not be responsible for the costs of services delivered after LEA student's change of residence.

**39. WITHDRAWAL OF LEA STUDENT FROM PROGRAM**

CONTRACTOR shall immediately report, by telephone, with a follow-up written notification within five (5) business days to LEA Representative responsible for overseeing nonpublic schools and nonpublic agencies,

and any other required representative from the California Department of Education, when a LEA student is withdrawn without prior notice from school and/or services. CONTRACTOR shall confirm such telephone call on LEA approved forms and submit to LEA and the Department of Education, if required, within five (5) business days of the withdrawal, including a student's change in residence to a residence outside of LEA service boundaries, and the student's discharge against professional advice from a Nonpublic School/Residential Treatment Center ("NPS/RTC"). CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA to verify and clear potential dropouts three (3) times per year.

#### **40. PARENT ACCESS**

CONTRACTOR shall provide for reasonable parental access to LEA students and all facilities including, but not limited to, the instructional setting, recreational activity areas, meeting rooms and LEA student's living quarters. CONTRACTOR shall comply with any known court orders regarding parental visits and access to LEA students.

CONTRACTORS operating programs associated with a NPS/RTC shall cooperate with a parent's reasonable request for LEA student therapeutic visits in their home or at the NPS/RTC. CONTRACTOR shall require that parents obtain prior written authorization for therapeutic visits from the CONTRACTOR and the LEA at least thirty (30) days in advance. CONTRACTOR shall facilitate all parent travel and accommodations and provide travel information to the parent as appropriate. Payment by LEA for approved travel-related expenses shall be made directly through the LEA.

#### **41. SERVICES AND SUPERVISION AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

If CONTRACTOR provides services on a LEA public school campus, CONTRACTOR shall comply with Penal Code section 627.1 *et seq.*, as well as all other LEA and campus-specific policies and procedures regarding visitors to/on school campuses. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the purchase and provision of the supplies and assessment tools necessary to implement the provision of CONTRACTOR services on LEA public school campuses.

For services provided on a public school campus, sign in/out procedures shall be followed along with all procedures for being on campus consistent with school and LEA policy. It is understood that the public school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the educational program and all nonpublic agency service providers shall work collaboratively with the classroom teacher who shall remain in charge of the instructional program.

It is understood that all employees, subcontractors and volunteers of any certified nonpublic school or agency shall adhere to customary professional standards when providing services. All practices shall be within the scope of professional responsibility as defined in the professional code of conduct for each profession. Reports regarding student progress shall be consistent with the provision of the Master Contract.

CONTRACTORS providing services outside of the student's school as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one parent of the child or an adult caregiver with written and signed authority to make decisions in an emergency is present during provision of services. The names of any adult caregiver other than the parent shall be provided to LEA prior to the start of any home-based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with the NPS/NPA service provider. All problems and/or concerns reported by CONTRACTOR to parents or guardians, in either verbal or written form, shall be reported to LEA.

CONTRACTOR, if providing services in a student's home as specified in the IEP, shall assure that at least one parent of the child or an adult caregiver with written and signed authorization to make decisions in an emergency is present during the provision of services. The names of any adult caregiver other than the parent shall be provided to LEA prior to the start of any home based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. The parent shall inform LEA of any changes of caregivers and provide written authorization for emergency situations. The adult caregiver cannot be an employee or volunteer

associated with the nonpublic school/nonpublic agency service provider. Moreover, for services provided in a pupil's home as specified in the IEP, CONTRACTORS must assure that the parent or LEA-approved responsible adult is present during the provision of services. All problems and/or concerns reported to parents, both verbal and written, shall also be provided to the LEA.

**42. LICENSED CHILDREN'S INSTITUTION ("LCI") CONTRACTORS AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER ("RTC") CONTRACTORS**

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution ("LCI"), CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements regarding educational placements for LCI students as stated in Education Code sections 56366(a)(2)(C) and 56366.9, Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b), (AB1858, AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003)) and the procedures set forth in LEA Procedures. A LCI shall not require that a pupil be placed in its nonpublic school as a condition of being placed in its residential facility.

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic, nonsectarian school that is owned, operated by, or associated with a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, on a quarterly basis, a list of all LEA students, including those identified as eligible for special education. For those identified special education students, the list shall include: 1) special education eligibility at the time of enrollment and 2) the educational placement and services specified in each student's IEP at the time of enrollment.

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic, nonsectarian school that is owned, operated by, or associated with a residential treatment center (hereinafter referred to as "NPS/RTC"), CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. section 1411 *et seq.* and Education Code section 56000, *et seq.*; amended and reorganized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 ("IDEIA"), 20 U.S.C. section 1401(29); Education Code section 56031; Title 5, California Code of Regulations section 3001 *et seq.*, Title 2, California Code of Regulations section 60100 *et seq.* regarding the provision of counseling services, including residential care for students to receive a FAPE as set forth in LEA student's IEPs.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings order or a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and parent, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with nonpublic school placement until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a nonpublic school placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by LEA student's parent or another adult with educational decision-making rights.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this state shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 *et seq.*).

**43. STATE MEAL MANDATE**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall satisfy the State Meal Mandate under California Education Code sections 49530, 49530.5 and 49550.

**44. MONITORING**

CONTRACTOR shall allow representatives from LEA access to its facilities for the purpose of periodic monitoring of each LEA student's instructional program, and shall be invited to participate in the formal review of each student's progress. LEA representatives shall have access to observe each LEA student at work, observe the instructional setting, interview CONTRACTOR, and review each LEA student's records and progress. Such access shall include unannounced monitoring visits. When making site visits, LEA shall initially report to CONTRACTOR'S site administrative office. CONTRACTOR shall be invited to participate in the review of each student's progress.

If CONTRACTOR is also a LCI and/or NPS/RTC, LEA shall annually evaluate whether CONTRACTOR is in compliance with Education Code section 56366.9 and Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b).

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction ("Superintendent") shall monitor CONTRACTOR'S facilities, the educational environment, and the quality of the educational program, including the teaching staff, the credentials authorizing service, the standards-based core curriculum being employed, and the standard focused instructional materials used on a three-year cycle, as follows: (1) CONTRACTOR shall complete a self-review in year one; (2) the Superintendent shall conduct an onsite review in year two; and (3) the Superintendent shall conduct a follow-up visit in year three.

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in any LEA and CDE compliance review, if applicable, to be conducted as aligned with the CDE Onsite Review and monitoring cycle in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(j). This review will address programmatic aspects of the nonpublic school/agency, compliance with relevant state and federal regulations, and Master Contract compliance. If requested by LEA, CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit a Nonpublic School/Agency Self-Review Assessment submitted as specified by LEA. CONTRACTOR shall conduct any follow-up or corrective action procedures related to review findings.

CONTRACTOR understands that LEA reserves the right to institute a program audit with or without cause. The program audit may include, but is not limited to, a review of core compliance areas of health and safety; curriculum/instruction; related services; and contractual, legal, and procedural compliance.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall collect all applicable data and prepare the applicable portion of a School Accountability Report Card in accordance with California Education Code Section 33126.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **45. CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 44237, 35021.1 and 35021.2 including, but not limited to: obtaining clearance from both the California Department of Justice ("CDOJ") and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI") for all of CONTRACTOR'S employees and volunteers who will have or likely may have any direct contact with LEA students. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR'S employees and volunteers shall not come in contact with LEA students until both CDOJ and FBI clearance are ascertained. CONTRACTOR shall further certify in writing to LEA that none of its employees, volunteers, or subcontractors who will have, or likely may have any direct contact with LEA students, have been convicted of a violent or serious felony as those terms are defined in California Education Code section 44237(h), unless despite the employee's conviction of a violent or serious felony, he or she has met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237(i) or (j). Clearance certification shall be submitted to LEA. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall make a request for subsequent arrest service from the CDOJ as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2.

The passage of AB 389 amends Education Code sections 44237 and 56366.1 as to the verification that the CONTRACTOR has received a successful criminal background check clearance and has enrolled in subsequent arrest notification service, as specified, for each owner, operator, and employee of the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency. Further this bill deletes the exemption for applicants possessing a valid California state teaching credential or who are currently licensed by another state agency that requires a criminal record summary, from submitting 2 sets of fingerprints for the purpose of obtaining a criminal record summary from the California Department of Justice ("CDOJ") and the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"). Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information, CONTRACTOR, upon demand, shall make available to the LEA evidence of a successful criminal background check clearance and enrollment in subsequent arrest notification service, as provided, for each owner, operator, and employee of the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency. CONTRACTOR is required

to retain the evidence on-site, as specified, for all staff, including those licensed or credentialed by another state agency. Background clearances and proof of subsequent arrest notification service as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2 for all staff shall be provided upon request.

#### **46. STAFF QUALIFICATIONS**

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services are qualified as defined in Section 7(d) of this Mater Contract, including but not limited to holding a license, certificate, permit, or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold to render the service consistent with Education Code section 56366.1(n)(1) and are qualified pursuant to Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58 and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 3064 and 3065. Such qualified staff may only provide related services within the scope of their professional license, certification or credential and ethical standards set by each profession and not assume responsibility or authority for another related services provider or special education teacher's scope of practice.

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all staff are appropriately credentialed to provide instruction and/or services to students with the disabling conditions placed in their program/school through documentation provided to the CDE. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3064(a).)

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, an appropriately qualified person shall serve as curricular and instructional leader, and be able to provide leadership, oversight and professional development.

Only those nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies located outside of California that employ staff who hold a current valid credential or license to render special education and related services as required by that state shall be eligible to be certified.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with personnel standards and qualifications regarding instructional aides and teacher assistants respectively pursuant to Federal requirements and California Education Code sections 45340 *et seq.* and 45350 *et seq.* Specifically, all paraprofessionals, including, but not limited to instructional aides and teacher assistants, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or subcontracted by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services, shall possess a high school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and at least one of the following qualifications: (a) completed at least two (2) years of study at an institution of higher education; or (b) obtained an associate's (or higher) degree; or (c) met a rigorous standard of quality and can demonstrate, through a formal state or local assessment (i) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing, and mathematics; or (ii) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness, as appropriate. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the licensed professions, including but not limited to, the provisions with respect to supervision.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State and serving an LEA student shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 *et seq.*).

#### **47. VERIFICATION OF LICENSES, CREDENTIALS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS**

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a staff list, and copies of all current licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents which entitle the holder to provide special education and/or related services by individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or sub-contracted by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all licenses, credentials, permits or other documents are on file at the office of the County Superintendent of Schools. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing within thirty (30) days when personnel changes occur which may affect the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students as specified in LEA Procedures. Within thirty (30) days, CONTRACTOR shall



provide LEA with the verified dates of fingerprint clearance, Department of Justice clearance and Tuberculosis Test clearance for all employees, approved subcontractors and/or volunteers prior to such individuals starting to work with any student.

CONTRACTOR shall monitor the status of licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents for all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA and CDE in writing within thirty (30) days when personnel changes occur which may affect the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA within thirty (30) days if any such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, challenged pursuant to an administrative or legal complaint or lawsuit, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Master Contract. LEA shall not be obligated to pay for any services provided by a person whose such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the period during which such person is providing services under this Master Contract. Failure to notify LEA of changes in licenses, certifications or suspensions shall be good cause for termination of this Master Contract by LEA.

Failure to notify LEA and CDE of any changes in credentialing/licensed staff may result in suspension or revocation of CDE certification and shall also suffice as good cause for the suspension or termination of this Master Contract by LEA.

**48. STAFF ABSENCE**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school and CONTRACTOR'S classroom teacher is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage on LEA substitute teacher log. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA shall not be responsible for any payment for instruction and/or services when an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher is not provided.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and/or related services provider, and CONTRACTOR'S service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section seven (7) of this Master Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR'S service providers. It is understood that the parent of a student shall not be deemed to be a qualified substitute for his/her student. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and an authorized LEA representative.

**49. STAFF PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR WHEN PROVIDING SERVICES AT SCHOOL OR SCHOOL RELATED EVENTS OR AT SCHOOL FACILITY AND/OR IN THE HOME**

It is understood that all employees, subcontractors, and volunteers of any certified nonpublic school or nonpublic agency shall adhere to the customary professional and ethical standards when providing services. All practices shall only be within the scope of professional responsibility as defined in the professional code of conduct for each profession as well as any LEA professional standards as specified in Board policies and/or regulations when made available to the CONTRACTOR.

For services provided on a public school campus, sign in/out procedures shall be followed by nonpublic agency providers working in a public school classroom along with all other procedures for being on campus consistent with school and LEA policy. Such policies and procedures shall be made available to CONTRACTOR upon CONTRACTOR'S request. It is understood that the public school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the instructional program, and all nonpublic agency service providers shall work collaboratively with the classroom teacher, who shall remain in charge of the instructional

program. Failure to comply with this and all LEA requirements in this regard shall be sufficient cause to terminate this Master Contract.

For services provided in a pupil's home as specified in the IEP, CONTRACTOR must assure that the parent or an LEA-approved responsible adult is present during the provision of services. All problems and/or concerns reported to parents, both verbal and written shall also be provided to LEA. It is understood that unless otherwise agreed to by LEA, a public school credentialed teacher is responsible for the instructional program and all nonpublic agency related service providers shall work collaboratively with the teacher who shall remain in charge of supervising the instructional program.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY MANDATES**

### **50. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, state, local, and LEA laws, regulations, ordinances, policies, and procedures regarding student and employee health and safety. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 35021 *et seq.*, and 49406, and Health and Safety Code section 121545 regarding the examination of CONTRACTOR'S employees and volunteers for tuberculosis. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation for each individual volunteering, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR of such compliance before an individual comes in contact with an LEA student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with OSHA Blood Borne Pathogens Standards, Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations section 1910.1030, when providing medical treatment or assistance to a student. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training regarding universal health care precautions and to post required notices in areas designated in the California Health and Safety Code.

### **51. FACILITIES AND FACILITIES MODIFICATIONS**

CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services to LEA students in facilities that comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances related, but not limited to: disability access; fire, health, sanitation, and building standards and safety; fire warning systems; zoning permits; and occupancy capacity. When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall conduct fire drills as required by Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 550. During the duration of this Agreement, if CONTRACTOR is subject to fines, penalties and findings of non-compliance, CONTRACTOR shall assume any and all responsibilities for payment of such financial obligations. CONTRACTOR shall also be fully responsible for any structural changes and/or modifications to CONTRACTOR'S facilities as required to comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances. Failure to notify LEA or CDE of any changes in, major modification or relocation of facilities may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Master Contract by LEA.

In signing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that its facilities either comply with federal and state and local laws regarding disability access, or possesses and has available upon demand, a self-evaluation and/or transition plan in accordance with said laws.

### **52. ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code section 49423 when CONTRACTOR serves a LEA student that is required to take prescription and/or over-the-counter medication during the school day. CONTRACTOR may designate personnel to assist LEA student with the administration of such medication after LEA student's parent(s) provide(s) to CONTRACTOR: (a) a written statement from a physician detailing the type, administration method, amount, and time schedules by which such medication shall be taken; and (b) a written statement from LEA student's parent(s) granting CONTRACTOR permission to administer medication(s) as specified in the physician's statement.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to LEA upon request, copies of such written statements. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written log for each LEA student to whom medication is administered. Such written log shall specify LEA student's name; the type of medication; the date, time, and amount of each administration; and the name of CONTRACTOR'S employee who administered the medication. CONTRACTOR maintains full responsibility for assuring appropriate staff training in the administration of such medication consistent with student's physician's written orders. Any change in medication type, administration method, amount or schedule must be authorized by both a licensed physician and parent.

In the event there is an LEA student who is on a prescription medication regimen, the CONTRACTOR is to: (a) first obtain a copy of the appropriate medication authorization form available from LEA student's primary regional or site nurse; or (b) in the event the student does not take prescription medication during the school day, but would only take such medication while in the care, custody and control of the CONTRACTOR, prior to the commencement of services to LEA student, CONTRACTOR is to obtain a signed copy of the appropriate medication authorization form from the District. Both the District and CONTRACTOR shall retain a copy of the Authorization.

**53. INCIDENT/ACCIDENT REPORTING**

CONTRACTOR shall within 24 hours submit electronically any accident or incident report to LEA. CONTRACTOR shall properly submit accident or incident reports as required by the District.

**54. CHILD ABUSE REPORTING**

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to annually train all staff members, including volunteers, so that they are familiar with and agree to adhere to its own child and dependent adult abuse reporting obligations and procedures as specified in California Penal Code section 11164 *et seq.* and Education Code section 44691. To protect the privacy rights of all parties involved (i.e. reporter, child and alleged abuser), reports will remain confidential as required by law and professional ethical mandates. A written statement acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be submitted to LEA.

CONTRACTOR is to read and become familiar with the District's *Mandated Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Manual*, available on the District's Risk Management Web Site at: <http://www.egusd.net/riskmanagement/Info-MandRep.html>.

In the event there is suspicion of abuse conducted by District staff (e.g. a student reports to CONTRACTOR staff of abuse from District staff), CONTRACTOR is to file the appropriate report to the Sacramento County Sheriff. CONTRACTOR is also to confidentially notify the Risk Management Department (Risk Manager) of the report. CONTRACTOR is to cooperate with any investigation conducted by the District in connection with such report.

**55. SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

CONTRACTOR shall have a Sexual and Gender Identity Harassment Policy that clearly describes the kinds of conduct that constitute sexual harassment and that is prohibited by the CONTRACTOR'S policy, as well as federal and state law. The policy should include procedures to make complaints without fear of retaliation and procedures for prompt and objective investigations of all sexual harassment complaints. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training to all employees regarding the laws concerning sexual harassment and related procedures.

**56. REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN**

CONTRACTOR assures LEA that all staff members, including volunteers and any independent contractor and/or subcontractor authorized pursuant to this Master Contract, are familiar with and agree to adhere to requirements for reporting missing children as specified in California Education Code section 49370. A

written statement acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be properly submitted to LEA. The written statement shall be submitted as specified by LEA.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **57. ENROLLMENT, CONTRACTING, SERVICE TRACKING, ATTENDANCE REPORTING, AND BILLING PROCEDURES**

CONTRACTOR shall assure that the nonpublic school or nonpublic agency has the necessary financial resources to provide an appropriate education for the children enrolled and will distribute those resources in such a manner to implement the IEP and ISA for each and every child.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all LEA procedures concerning enrollment, contracting, attendance reporting, service tracking and billing, including requirements of electronic billing, as specified by LEA Procedures. CONTRACTOR shall be paid for the provision of special education and/or related services specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA which are provided on billable days of attendance. All payments by LEA shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Master Contract and in compliance with LEA Procedures, and will be governed by all applicable federal and state laws.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain separate registers for the basic education program, each related service, and services provided by instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides and bus aides. Original attendance forms (i.e., roll books for the basic education program service tracking documents and notes for instructional assistants, behavioral intervention aides, bus aides, and each related service) shall be completed by the actual service provider whose signature shall appear on such forms and shall be available for review, inspection, or audit by LEA during the effective period of this Master Contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter. CONTRACTOR shall verify the accuracy of minutes of reported attendance that is the basis of services being billed for payment.

CONTRACTOR shall submit invoices and related documents to LEA for payment for each calendar month when education or related services were provided. Invoices and related documents shall be properly submitted electronically and, in addition, on a LEA form with signatures in the manner prescribed by LEA. Contractor will submit invoices using the format provided by LEA. At the request of LEA, invoices may require the following information: name of LEA student for whom service was provided; the type of service provided; (if payment for assessment is approved by LEA pursuant to Section 36 of this Master Contract, the invoice must describe whether the assessment was prepared for an initial, annual, amended, or triennial IEP; month of service; specific dates (date, month, year and times) of services coordinated pursuant to LEA-approved calendar unless otherwise specified in the IEP or agreed to by LEA; name of staff who provided the service and that individual's licensing and credentials; approved cost of each invoice; total for each service and total for the monthly invoice; date invoice was mailed; signature of the nonpublic school/nonpublic agency administrator authorizing that the information is accurate and consistent with the ISA, CDE certificates and staff notification; verification that attendance report is attached as appropriate; indication of any made-up session consistent with this Master Contract; and verification that progress reports have been provided consistent with the ISA (consistent with IEP benchmark dates, unless otherwise specified on the ISA); and name or initials of each student for when the service was provided. In the event services were not provided, rationale for why the services were not provided shall be included.

Such an invoice is subject to all conditions of this Master Contract. At the discretion of LEA, an electronic invoice may be required provided such notice has been made in writing and training provided to the CONTRACTOR at no additional charge for such training.

Invoices shall be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the attendance accounting period in which the services were rendered. LEA shall make payment to CONTRACTOR based on the number of billable days of attendance and hours of service at rates specified in this Master Contract within forty-five (45) days of LEA's receipt of properly submitted hard copy of invoices prepared and submitted as specified

in California Education Code Section 56366.5. CONTRACTOR shall correct deficiencies and submit rebilling invoices no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the invoice is returned by LEA. LEA shall pay properly submitted re-billing invoices no later than forty-five (45) days after the date a completely corrected re-billing invoice is received by LEA.

In no case shall initial payment claim submission for any Master Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond December 31<sup>st</sup> after the close of the fiscal year. In no case shall any rebilling for the Master Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond six months after the close of the fiscal year unless approved by LEA to resolve billing issues including rebilling issues directly related to a delay in obtaining information from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing regarding teacher qualification, but no later than 12 months from the close of the fiscal year. If the billing or rebilling error is the responsibility of LEA, then no limit is set provided that LEA and CONTRACTOR have communicated such concerns in writing during the 12-month period following the close of the fiscal year. LEA will not pay mileage for NPA employee.

## **58. RIGHT TO WITHHOLD PAYMENT**

LEA may withhold payment to CONTRACTOR when: (a) CONTRACTOR has failed to perform, in whole or in part, under the terms of this Contract; (b) CONTRACTOR has billed for services rendered on days other than billable days of attendance or for days when student was not in attendance and/or did not receive services; (c) CONTRACTOR was overpaid by LEA as determined by inspection, review, and/or audit of its program, work, and/or records; (d) CONTRACTOR has failed to provide supporting documentation with an invoice; (e) education and/or related services are provided to LEA students by personnel who are not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (f) LEA has not received, prior to school closure or contract termination, all documents concerning one or more LEA students enrolled in CONTRACTOR'S educational program; (g) CONTRACTOR fails to confirm a student's change of residence to another district or confirms the change or residence to another district, but fails to notify LEA within five (5) days of such confirmation; (h) CONTRACTOR receives payment from Medi-Cal or from any other agency or funding source for a service provided to a LEA student; or (i) CONTRACTOR fails to provide the required liability/insurance documentation as outlined in Section 15. It is understood that no payments shall be made for any invoices that are not received by six months following the close of the prior fiscal year, for services provided in that year.

Final payment to CONTRACTOR in connection with the cessation of operations and/or termination of a Master Contract will be subject to the same documentation standards described for all payment claims for regular ongoing operations. In addition, final payment may be withheld by LEA until completion of a review or audit, if deemed necessary by LEA. Such review or audit will be completed within ninety (90) days. The final payment may be adjusted to offset any previous payments to the CONTRACTOR determined to have been paid in error or in anticipation of correction of documentation deficiencies by the CONTRACTOR that remain uncorrected.

The amount which may be withheld by LEA with respect to each of the subparagraphs of the preceding paragraph are as follows: (a) the value of the service CONTRACTOR failed to perform; (b) the amount of overpayment; (c) the entire amount of the invoice for which satisfactory documentation has not been provided by CONTRACTOR; (d) the amount invoiced for services provided by the individual not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (e) the proportionate amount of the invoice related to the applicable pupil for the time period from the date the violation occurred and until the violation is cured; or (f) the amount paid to CONTRACTOR by Medi-Cal or another agency or funding source for the service provided to LEA student.

If LEA determines that cause exists to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR, LEA shall, within ten (10) business days of this determination, provide to CONTRACTOR written notice that LEA is withholding payment. Such notice shall specify the basis or bases for LEA's withholding payment and the amount to be withheld. Within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such notice, CONTRACTOR shall take all necessary and appropriate action to correct the deficiencies that form the basis for LEA's withholding payment or submit a written request for extension of time to correct the deficiencies. Upon receipt of

CONTRACTOR'S written request showing good cause, LEA shall extend CONTRACTOR'S time to correct deficiencies (usually an additional thirty (30) days), otherwise payment will be denied.

If after subsequent request for payment has been denied and CONTRACTOR believes that payment should not be withheld, CONTRACTOR shall send written notice to LEA specifying the reason it believes payment should not be withheld. LEA shall respond to CONTRACTOR'S notice within thirty (30) business days by indicating that a warrant for the amount of payment will be made or stating the reason LEA believes payment should not be made. If LEA fails to respond within thirty (30) business days or a dispute regarding the withholding of payment continues after LEA's response to CONTRACTOR'S notice, CONTRACTOR may invoke the following escalation policy.

After forty-five (45) business days: The CONTRACTOR may notify the Authorized LEA's Representative of the dispute in writing. LEA Authorized Representative shall respond to the CONTRACTOR in writing within fifteen (15) business days.

After sixty (60) business days: Disagreements between LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the Master Contract may be appealed to the County Superintendent of Schools or the State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code Section 56366(c)(2).

## **59. PAYMENT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES**

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA when Medi-Cal or any other agency is billed for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. Upon request, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documentation regarding reports, billing, and/or payment by Medi-Cal or any other agency for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students.

## **60. PAYMENT FOR ABSENCES**

### NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF ABSENCE

Whenever a classroom teacher employed by CONTRACTOR is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage pursuant to LEA Procedures. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA will not pay for instruction and/or services unless said instruction or service is provided by an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher.

Whenever a related service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section seven (7) of this Master Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided unless otherwise agreed in LEA student's IEP.

### NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, no later than the tenth (10th) cumulative day of LEA student's unexcused absence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of such absence as specified in LEA Procedures.

Criteria for a billable day for payment purposes is one day of attendance as defined in California Education Code sections 46010, 46010.3 and 46307. LEA shall not pay for services provided on days that a student's attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance ("ADA") reimbursement under state law. *Per Diem* rates for students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted on a pro rata basis in accordance with the actual proportion of the school day the student was served. LEA shall not be responsible for payment of related services for days on which a student's attendance does not qualify for ADA reimbursement under state law, nor shall student be eligible for make-up services.

#### NONPUBLIC AGENCY STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and CONTRACTOR'S service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section seven (7) of this Master Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR'S service providers. LEA shall not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and LEA. In the event services were not provided, reasons for why the services were not provided shall be included.

#### NONPUBLIC AGENCY STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, it shall notify LEA of the absence of a LEA student no later than the fifth (5th) consecutive service day of the student's absence. LEA shall not be responsible for the payment of services when a student is absent.

### **61. INSPECTION AND AUDIT**

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and LEA shall have the right to examine and audit all of the books, records, documents, accounting procedures and practices and other evidence that reflect all costs claimed to have been incurred or fees claimed to have been earned under this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA access to all records as defined in Section 9 of this Master Contract. CONTRACTOR shall make all records available at the office of LEA or CONTRACTOR'S offices (to be specified by LEA), at all reasonable times and without charge. All records shall be provided to LEA within five (5) working days of a written request from LEA. CONTRACTOR shall, at no cost to LEA, provide assistance for such examination or audit. LEA's rights under this section shall also include access to CONTRACTOR'S offices for purposes of interviewing CONTRACTOR'S employees. If any document or evidence is stored in an electronic form, a hard copy shall be made available to LEA, unless LEA agrees to the use of the electronic format.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain from its subcontractors and suppliers written agreements to the requirements of this section and shall provide a copy of such agreements to LEA upon request by LEA.

If an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm determines that CONTRACTOR owes LEA monies as a result of CONTRACTOR'S over billing or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Master Contract, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR written notice demanding payment from CONTRACTOR and specifying the basis or bases for such demand. Unless CONTRACTOR and LEA otherwise agree in writing, CONTRACTOR shall pay to LEA the full amount owed as a result of CONTRACTOR'S over billing and/or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Master Contract, as determined by an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm. CONTRACTOR shall make such payment to LEA within thirty (30) days of receipt of LEA's written notice demanding payment.

### **62. RATE SCHEDULE**

The attached rate schedules (Exhibits A and B) limit the number of LEA students that may be enrolled and the maximum dollar amount of the contract. It may also limit the maximum number of students that can be provided specific services. Per Diem rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted proportionally. In such cases only, the adjustments in basic education rate shall be based on the required minimum number of minutes per grade level as noted in the California Education Code Sections 46200-46208.

Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR shall be provided by qualified personnel as per State and Federal law, and the codes and charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this Master Contract, shall be as stated in Exhibits A and B.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school associated with a Residential Treatment Center (“NPS/RTC”), Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) are provided in an integrated, intensive, educationally related therapeutic residential setting which includes social emotional/behavior support through individual counseling, group counseling, family consultation and support, as appropriate. It is a collaborative model which includes educational professionals and related service providers, where all supports and services are integrated in the NPS/RTC program. Costs for ERMHS are all inclusive and combined with the daily rate as ERMHS+RB (“ERMHS + Room and Board”). ERMHS plus Room and Board payments are based on positive attendance (payable for up to a maximum of 365 days) only, with up to a maximum of 10 days payment per student, per contract year, when a bed is unoccupied, for home visits of a therapeutic nature.

### **63. DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

By signing this agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that:

- (a) CONTRACTOR and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency, and
- (b) Has/have not, within a three-year period preceding this contract, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

The Parties hereto have executed this Master Contract by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives. This Master Contract is effective on the \_\_\_1<sup>st</sup>\_\_\_ day of July 2017 and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2018, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.



CONTRACTOR

LEA

DISTRICT

Nonpublic School/Agency

By:

Signature

Date

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed to:

Name and Title

Nonpublic School/Agency/Related Service Provider

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

Email\*

(\*Required)

By:

Signature

Date

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Notices to LEA shall be addressed to:

Name and Title

DISTRICT

LEA

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

Email

**Additional LEA Notification**  
(Required if Completed)

Name and Title

LEA

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

Email

**EXHIBIT B: RATES – NON-PUBLIC AGENCY ONLY – 2017-2018 CONTRACT YEAR**

CONTRACTOR \_\_\_\_\_ CONTRACTOR NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ CDE TOTAL ENROLLMENT ALLOWED \_\_\_\_\_

**Rate Schedule.** This rate schedule limits the number of LEA students who may be enrolled and the maximum dollar amount of the contract. It may also limit the maximum number of students who can be provided specific services. Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR, and the charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this contract shall be as follows:

Payment under this contract may not exceed \$5,000  
 Total LEA enrollment may not exceed \_\_\_\_\_  
 (per Master Contract Section 62)

SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	RATE
<b>Language and Speech Therapy</b>	PER DIEM – NPA provides all services at assigned school site for a flat per diem rate based on a full work day for this discipline. Rate will be pro-rated if NPA staff works less than a full work day.	\$ _____ Per Diem
	DIRECT THERAPY 1:1 or small group	
	CONSULTATION: student observation as it relates to program development and/or data collection; IEP team member training; collaboration with IEP team member(s)	\$ _____ Per Hour
	OTHER SERVICES: (requires prior approval of LEA per Section 36 of the Master Contract) formal assessment and report writing; written annual progress report; benchmark reporting on SEIS; sizing and adjustment of equipment; attendance at IEP meetings	
<b>Occupational Therapy</b>	PER DIEM – NPA provides all services at assigned school site for a flat per diem rate based on a full work day for this discipline. Rate will be pro-rated if NPA staff works less than a full work day.	\$ _____ Per Diem
	DIRECT THERAPY 1:1 or small group	
	CONSULTATION: student observation as it relates to program development and/or data collection; IEP team member training; collaboration with IEP team member(s)	\$ _____ Per Hour
	OTHER SERVICES: (requires prior approval of LEA per Section 36 of the Master Contract) formal assessment and report writing; written annual progress report; benchmark reporting on SEIS; sizing and adjustment of equipment; attendance at IEP meetings	
<b>Physical Therapy</b>	PER DIEM – NPA provides all services at assigned school site for a flat per diem rate based on a full work day for this discipline. Rate will be pro-rated if NPA staff works less than a full work day.	\$ _____ Per Diem
	DIRECT THERAPY 1:1 or small group	
	CONSULTATION: student observation as it relates to program development and/or data collection; IEP team member training; collaboration with IEP team member(s)	\$ 110.00 Per Hour
	OTHER SERVICES: (requires prior approval of LEA per Section 36 of the Master Contract) formal assessment and report writing; written annual progress report; benchmark reporting on SEIS; sizing and adjustment of equipment; attendance at IEP meetings	
<b>Behavior Intervention Services</b>	PER DIEM – NPA provides all services at assigned school site for a flat per diem rate based on the work day for this discipline. Rate will be pro-rated if NPA staff works less than the identified work day: <i>Check the applicable work day:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Full Work Day <input type="checkbox"/> Half Work Day	\$ _____ Per Diem
	DIRECT STUDENT AIDE 1:1 or small group, implementing behavior plan, data collection.	\$ _____ Per Hour
	CONSULTATION: student observation as it relates to program development and/or data collection; IEP team member training; collaboration with IEP team member(s).	\$ _____ Per Hour
	SUPERVISING CONSULTANT: student observation as it relates to program development and/or data collection; IEP team member training; collaboration with IEP team member(s).	\$ _____ Per Hour
	OTHER SERVICES: (requires prior approval of LEA per Section 36 of the Master Contract) formal assessment and report writing; written annual progress report; benchmark reporting; attendance at IEP meetings.	\$ _____ Per Hour
<b>Other:</b>	PER DIEM – NPA provides all services at assigned school site for a flat per diem rate based on a full work day for this discipline. Rate will be pro-rated if NPA staff works less than a full work day.	\$ _____ Per Diem
		\$ _____ Per Hour

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**RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
445 Montezuma Street  
Rio Vista, CA 94571-1651



**BOARD AGENDA BRIEFING**

**Meeting Date:** June 27, 2017

Attachments:  X

Item #:  10.5

**From:** Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services

**SUBJECT**

Request to approve the Professional Expert Agreement with Jeff Simpson to provide speech therapy services at a cost not to exceed \$40,000 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Action:   
Consent Action:  X  
Information Only:

**Background & Status:**

Name of Vendor: Jeff Simpson

Description of Service(s): To provide speech therapy services for district students.

Date(s) of Service(s): 2017-2018 school year

The 2016-2017 contract was \$40,000. The 2017-2018 contract is not to exceed \$40,000.

**Presenter:**

Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services

**Cost &/or Funding Sources (be specific)**

\$300.00 per assessment. \$60 per hour to attend IEP meetings and staff meetings. Cost not to exceed \$40,000 paid by Special Education funds.

**Recommendation:**

That the Board approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Jeff Simpson to provide speech therapy services at a cost not to exceed \$40,000 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Time:  2 mins.

# River Delta Unified School District

445 Montezuma Street  
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## Professional Expert Agreement

Under Section 45103 of the *Education Code*, professional experts employed "on a temporary basis for a specific project" are exempt from classified service. Professional experts must have a special skill or knowledge of a particular subject matter, derived from specialized training or expertise, often involving intensive academic preparation, or representing mastery of that subject. This agreement is for services which do not meet the criteria for Independent Contract Services and will be paid through payroll. Reimbursement will be reported as taxable compensation on statements of earnings (W-2). Applicable payroll deductions when appropriate including STRS and PERS will be made at the time of earned payments. It is understood that this agreement provides for a temporary position having no employment rights or benefits.

River Delta Unified School District agrees to Contract with Jeff Simpson for the services performed from: July 1, 2017 to: June 30, 2018.

Services to be performed: To provide speech therapy services for district students.

Amount to be paid:

Budget # 6500 \$ 40,000  
Budget # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment will be made, with approval of certifying administrator, upon completion of services as follows:  
\$60 per hour or \$300 per assessment - contract not to exceed \$40,000.

Pay Rate: \$ 60.00 per hour (hour, day, week, month, flat rate, stipend)

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_ / Director \_\_\_\_\_  
Title Date

Supervisor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Personnel Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Date

**NOTE: This form must be accompanied by the following:**

I-9 Copy of Social Security Card  
W-4 Copy of Driver's License  
DE 4

**Identify services completed and submit to payroll:**  
**Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Certifying Administrator**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

All obligations have been fulfilled   
Additional payment requests will be forwarded to Payroll

### Professional Expert Completes:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
S.S. # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Expert Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a valid CA teaching credential?

Yes  No

Are you presently or have you been a member of

PERS Yes  No

STRS Yes  No

Are you presently an employee of RDUSD?

Yes  No

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**BOARD AGENDA BRIEFING**

**Meeting Date:** June 27, 2017

Attachments:  X

**From:** Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services

Item #: 10.6

**SUBJECT**

Request to approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Land Park/Capital Autism Services) for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.

Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
Consent Action:  X  
Information Only: \_\_\_\_\_

**Background & Status:**

Name of Vendor: Land Park/Capital Autism Services

Description of Service(s): Student requires programs and services unique to his/her needs.

Date(s) of Service(s): 2017-2018 school year

The IEP team determined Land Park/ Capital Autism Services the least restrictive environment to meet the student's needs. The 2016-2017 contract was \$80,000. The 2017-2018 contract is not to exceed \$70,000.

**Presenter:**

Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services

**Cost &/or Funding Sources (be specific)**

Not to exceed \$70,000 paid by Special Education funds. Daily Education Rate \$162.71. Speech and Language \$91.68 per hour. Occupational Therapy \$91.68 per hour.

**Recommendation:**

That the Board approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (Land Park/Capital Autism Services) for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.

Time: 2 mins.

*NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN  
SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES*

*MASTER CONTRACT*

**2017–2018**

# MASTER CONTRACT

GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR NONSECTARIAN,  
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES

District RIVER DELTA UNIFIED DISTRICT

Contract Year 2017-2018

X Nonpublic School  
         Nonpublic Agency

**Type of Contract:**

X Master Contract for fiscal year with Individual Service Agreements (ISA) to be approved throughout the term of this contract.

         Individual Master Contract for a specific student incorporating the Individual Service Agreement (ISA) into the terms of this Individual Master Contract specific to a single student.

         Interim Contract: an extension of the previous fiscal years approved contracts and rates. The sole purpose of this Interim Contract is to provide for ongoing funding at the prior year's rates for 90 days at the sole discretion of the District. Expiration Date:         

*When this section is included as part of any Master Contract, the changes specified above shall amend Section 4 – Term of Master Contract.*

**DISTRICT MASTER CONTRACT  
GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR NONSECTARIAN,  
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES  
2017-2018**

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2017-2018

CONTRACT NUMBER:

LEA: River Delta Unified School DISTRICT

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NONPUBLIC SCHOOL/AGENCY/RELATED SERVICES PROVIDER: Land Park/Capital Autism Services

**NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES**  
**MASTER CONTRACT**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MASTER CONTRACT AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. MASTER CONTRACT**

This Master Contract is entered into on July 1, 2017, between the River Delta Unified School DISTRICT (hereinafter referred to as the local educational agency “LEA” or “District”) and Land Park/Capital Autism Services (nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, hereinafter referred to as “CONTRACTOR”) for the purpose of providing special education and/or related services to LEA students with exceptional needs under the authorization of California Education Code sections 56157, 56361 and 56365 *et seq.* and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 *et seq.*, AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003) and AB1858 (Chapter 914, Statutes of 2004). It is understood that this Master Contract does not commit LEA to pay for special education and/or related services provided to any LEA student, or CONTRACTOR to provide such special education and/or related services, unless and until an authorized LEA representative approves the provision of special education and/or related services by CONTRACTOR.

Upon acceptance of a student, LEA shall submit to CONTRACTOR an Individual Services Agreement (hereinafter referred to as “ISA”), along with a Nonpublic Services Student Enrollment form. CONTRACTOR shall work with LEA to complete and return these forms to LEA prior to initiating any services for any student.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the ISA and the Nonpublic Services Student Enrollment form shall acknowledge CONTRACTOR’S obligation to provide all services specified in the student’s Individualized Education Plan (hereinafter referred to as “IEP”). The ISA shall be executed within ninety (90) days of an LEA student’s enrollment. LEA and CONTRACTOR shall enter into an ISA for each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. As available and appropriate, LEA shall make available access to any electronic IEP system and/or electronic database for ISA development, including invoicing.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings (hereinafter referred to as “OAH”) order, a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and parent, or authorized by LEA for a transfer student pursuant to California Education Code section 56325, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with nonpublic school placement until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a nonpublic school placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by LEA student’s parent.

**2. CERTIFICATION AND LICENSES**

CONTRACTOR shall be certified by the California Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as “CDE”) as a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency. All nonpublic school and nonpublic agency services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code section 56366 *et seq.* and within the professional scope of practice of each provider’s license, certification and/or credential. A current copy of CONTRACTOR’S nonpublic school/agency certification or a waiver of such certification issued by the CDE pursuant to Education Code section 56366.2 must be provided to LEA on or before the date this Master Contract is executed by CONTRACTOR. This Master Contract shall be null and void if such certification or waiver is expired, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Master Contract. Total student

enrollment shall be limited to capacity as stated on the applicable CDE certification. Total LEA student enrollment shall be limited to capacity as stated in Section 24 of the Master Contract.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the state of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this state shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 *et seq.*).

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution (hereinafter referred to as "LCI"), CONTRACTOR shall be licensed by the state, or other public agency having delegated authority by contract with the state to license, to provide nonmedical care to children, including, but not limited to, individuals with exceptional needs. The LCI must also comply with all licensing requirements relevant to the protection of the child, and have a special permit, if necessary, to meet the needs of each child so placed. If the CONTRACTOR operates a program outside of this state, CONTRACTOR must obtain all required licenses from the appropriate licensing agency in both California and in the state where the LCI is located.

With respect to CONTRACTOR'S certification, failure to notify LEA and CDE of any changes in: (1) credentialed/licensed staff; (2) ownership; (3) management and/or control of the agency; (4) major modification or relocation of facilities; or (5) significant modification of the program may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and shall also be good cause for the suspension or termination of this Master Contract by LEA.

### **3. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, STATUTES, REGULATIONS**

During the term of this Master Contract, unless otherwise agreed, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, policies, and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall also comply with all applicable LEA policies and procedures unless CONTRACTOR and LEA specifically agree, in writing, that a policy or policies, or a portion of a policy, does/do not reasonably apply to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR hereby acknowledges and agrees that it accepts all risks and responsibilities for its failure to comply with LEA policies and shall indemnify LEA under the provisions of Section 16 of this Agreement for all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of CONTRACTOR'S failure to comply with applicable LEA policies (e.g., those policies relating to the provision of special education and/or related services, facilities for individuals with exceptional needs, LEA student enrollment and transfer, LEA student inactive status, corporal punishment, student discipline, and positive behavior interventions).

CONTRACTOR acknowledges and understands that LEA may report to the CDE any violations of the provisions of this Master Contract, and that this may result in the suspension and/or revocation of CDE nonpublic school/agency certification pursuant to California Education Code section 56366.4(a).

### **4. TERM OF MASTER CONTRACT**

The term of this Master Contract shall be from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 unless otherwise stated. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3062(a).) Neither the CONTRACTOR nor LEA is required to renew this Master Contract in subsequent contract years. However, the parties acknowledge that any subsequent Master Contract is to be re-negotiated prior to June 30, 2018. In the event a Master Contract is not renegotiated by June 30<sup>th</sup>, an interim contract may be made available as mutually agreed upon for up to 90 days from July 1 of the new fiscal year. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3062(d).) No Master Contract will be offered unless and until all of the contracting requirements have been satisfied. The offer of a Master Contract to a CONTRACTOR is at the sole discretion of LEA.

The provisions of this Master Contract apply to CONTRACTOR and any of its employees or independent contractors. Notice of any change in CONTRACTOR'S ownership or authorized representative shall be provided in writing to LEA within thirty (30) calendar days of change of ownership or change of authorized representative.

**5. INTEGRATION/CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACT FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION**

This Master Contract includes LEA Procedures and each Individual Services Agreement which are incorporated herein by this reference. This Master Contract supersedes any prior or contemporaneous written or oral understanding or agreement. This Master Contract may be amended only by written amendment executed by both parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, LEA may modify LEA procedures from time to time without the consent of CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA with all information as requested in writing to secure a Master Contract or a renewal.

At a minimum, such information shall include copies of teacher credentials and clearance, insurance documentation, and CDE certification. LEA may require additional information as applicable. If the application packet is not completed and returned to LEA, no Master Contract will be issued. If CONTRACTOR does not return the Master Contract to LEA duly signed by an authorized representative within ninety (90) calendar days of issuance by LEA, the new contract rates will not take effect until the newly executed Master Contract is received by LEA and will not be retroactive to the first day of the new Master Contract's effective date. If CONTRACTOR fails to execute the new Master Contract within such ninety day period, all payments shall cease until such time as the new Master Contract for the current school year is signed and returned to LEA by CONTRACTOR. (Ed. Code §§ 56366(c)(1), (2).) In the event that this Master Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed Master Contract between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized LEA students at the discretion of LEA.

**6. INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

This Master Contract shall include an ISA developed for each LEA student for whom CONTRACTOR is to provide special education and/or related services. An ISA shall only be issued for LEA students enrolled with the approval of LEA pursuant to Education Code section 56366(a)(2)(A). An ISA may be effective for more than one contract year provided that there is a concurrent Master Contract in effect. In the event that this Master Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed ISAs between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized LEA students.

Any and all changes to a LEA student's educational placement/program provided under this Master Contract and/or an ISA shall be made solely on the basis of a revision to LEA student's IEP. At any time during the term of this Master Contract, a LEA student's parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of a LEA student's IEP subject to all procedural safeguards required by law.

Unless otherwise provided in this Master Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall provide all services specified in the IEP unless the CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in the ISA. (Ed. Code § 56366(a)(5); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3062(e).) In the event the CONTRACTOR is unable to provide a specific service at any time during the life of the ISA, the CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing within five (5) business days of the last date a service was provided. CONTRACTOR shall provide any and all subsequent compensatory service hours awarded to an LEA student as a result of lack of provision of services while the student was served by the nonpublic school or agency.

If a parent or LEA contests the termination of an ISA by initiating a due process proceeding with the OAH, CONTRACTOR shall abide by the "stay-put" requirement of state and federal law unless the parent agrees otherwise or an interim alternative educational placement is deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning changes in placement.

Disagreements between LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the formulation of an ISA or the Master Contract may be appealed to the County Superintendent of Schools of the County where LEA is located, or

the State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code section 56366(c)(2).

## 7. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this contract:

- a. The term “CONTRACTOR” means a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency certified by the California Department of Education and its officers, agents, and employees.
- b. The term “authorized LEA representative” means a LEA administrator designated to be responsible for nonpublic school/agencies. It is understood that a representative of the Special Education Local Plan Area (“SELPA”) of which LEA is a member is an authorized LEA representative in collaboration with LEA. LEA maintains sole responsibility for the Master Contract, unless otherwise specified in the Master Contract.
- c. The term “credential” means a valid credential, life diploma, permit, or document in special education or Pupil Personnel Services issued by, or under the jurisdiction of, the California State Board of Education if issued prior to 1970 or the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, which entitles the holder thereof to perform services for which certification qualifications are required as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(g).
- d. As defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(r), the term "qualified" means that a person has met federal and state certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements which apply to the area in which he or she is providing special education or related services (including but not limited to, for example, the requirements set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 5, sections 3064 and 3065 and Education Code section 56366.1(n)(1)), or, in the absence of such requirements, the state-education-agency-approved or recognized requirements, and adheres to the standards of professional practice established in federal and state law or regulation, including the standards contained in the California Business and Professions Code and the scope of practice as defined by the licensing or credentialing body.) Nothing in this definition shall be construed as restricting the activities or services of a graduate needing direct hours leading to licensure, or of a student teacher or intern leading to a graduate degree at an accredited or approved college or university, as authorized by state laws or regulations.
- e. The term “license” means a valid non-expired document issued by a licensing agency within the Department of Consumer Affairs or other state licensing office authorized to grant licenses and authorizing the bearer of the document to provide certain professional services or refer to themselves using a specified professional title. This includes, but is not limited to mental health and board and care services at a residential placement. If a license is not available through an appropriate state licensing agency, a certificate of registration with the appropriate professional organization at the national or state level which has standards established for the certificate that are equivalent to a license shall be deemed to be a license as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(l).
- f. “Parent” means a biological or adoptive parent unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child, a guardian generally authorized to act as the child’s parent or authorized to make educational decisions for the child, an individual acting in the place of a biological or adoptive parent, including a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative with whom the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child’s welfare, a surrogate parent, a foster parent if the authority of the biological or adoptive parent to make educational decisions on the child’s behalf has been specifically limited by court order in accordance with Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 300.30(b)(1) or (2). Parent does not include the state or any political subdivision of government or the nonpublic school or agency under contract

with LEA for the provision of special education or designated instruction and services for a child. (Ed. Code § 56028.)

- g. The term “days” means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- h. The phrase “billable day” means a school day in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs.
- i. The phrase “billable day of attendance” means a school day as defined in California Education Code Section 46307, in which a LEA student is in attendance and in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs unless otherwise stipulated in an IEP or ISA.
- j. It is understood that the term “Master Contract” also means “Agreement” and may be referred to as such in this document.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT**

### **8. NOTICES**

All notices provided for by this Master Contract shall be in writing. Notices shall be mailed or delivered by hand and shall be effective as of the date of receipt by addressee.

All notices mailed to LEA shall be addressed to the person and address as indicated on the signature page of the Master Contract. Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed as indicated on signature page of this Master Contract.

### **9. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS**

All records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR as required by state and federal laws and regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, CONTRACTOR shall maintain all records for at least five (5) years after the termination of this Master Contract. For purposes of this Master Contract, “records” shall include, but not be limited to pupil records as defined by California Education Code section 49061(b) including electronically stored information; cost data records as set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3061; registers and roll books of teachers and/or daily service providers; chart notes, Medi-Cal logs, daily service logs and notes and other documents used to record the provision of related services including supervision; daily service logs and notes used to record the provision of services provided by instructional assistants, NPA behavior intervention aides, and bus aides and supervisors; absence verification records (parent/doctor notes, telephone logs, and related documents); bus rosters; staff lists specifying credentials held; business licenses held; documents evidencing other staff qualifications including social security numbers, dates of hire, and dates of termination; records of employee training and certification, staff time sheets; non-paid staff and volunteer sign-in sheets; transportation and other related services subcontracts; school calendars; bell/class schedules when applicable; liability and worker’s compensation insurance policies; state nonpublic school and/or agency certifications; by-laws; lists of current board of directors/trustees, if incorporated; statements of income and expenses; general journals; cash receipts and disbursement books, general ledgers and supporting documents; documents evidencing financial expenditures; federal/state payroll quarterly reports (Form 941/DE3DP); and bank statements and canceled checks or facsimile thereof.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain LEA student records in a secure location to ensure confidentiality and prevent unauthorized access. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a current list of the names and positions of CONTRACTOR’S employees who have access to confidential records. CONTRACTOR shall maintain an access log for each LEA student’s record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record and the legitimate interests therefore. Such log shall be maintained as required by California Education Code section 49064 and include the name, title, agency/organization affiliation, and date/time of access for each individual requesting or receiving information from LEA student’s record. Such log needs not to record access to LEA student’s records by: (a) LEA student’s parent;

(b) an individual to whom written consent has been executed by LEA student's parent; or (c) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record. CONTRACTOR/LEA shall maintain copies of any written parental concerns granting access to student records. For purposes of this paragraph, "employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR" do not include subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall grant parents access to student records and comply with parents' requests for copies of student records, as required by state and federal laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR agrees, in the event of school or agency closure, to forward all records within ten (10) business days to LEA. LEA shall have access to and receive copies of any and all documents required to be maintained by CONTRACTOR within five (5) business days of a request.

**10. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

If any provision of this Master Contract is held, in whole or in part, to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of that provision and of the entire Master Contract shall be severable and remain in effect.

**11. SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST**

This contract binds CONTRACTOR'S successors and assignees. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, of any change of ownership or corporate control within ten (10) business days of such change.

**12. VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW**

The laws of the State of California shall govern the terms and conditions of this Master Contract with venue in the County where LEA is located.

**13. MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS REQUIRED TO CONFORM TO LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES**

This Master Contract may be modified or amended by LEA to conform to administrative and statutory guidelines issued by any state, federal or local governmental agency. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR thirty (30) days' notice of any such changes or modifications made to conform to administrative or statutory guidelines and a copy of the statute or regulation upon which the modification or changes are based.

**14. TERMINATION**

This Master Contract or an Individual Service Agreement may be terminated for cause. Cause shall include but not be limited to non-maintenance of current nonpublic school certification, failure of either LEA or the CONTRACTOR to maintain the standards required under the Master Contract and/or Individual Services Agreement, or other material breach of the contract by CONTRACTOR or LEA. For purposes of Non Public School placement, the cause shall not be the availability of a public class initiated during the period of the Master Contract unless the parent agrees to the transfer of the student to a public school program at an IEP team meeting. To terminate the Master Contract, either party shall give twenty (20) days prior written notice to the other party (Ed. Code § 56366(a)(4)), or immediately if CONTRACTOR and LEA mutually agree that there are significant health or safety concerns. At the time of termination, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Master Contract. ISAs are void upon termination of this Master Contract, except as provided in Section 5 or 6. CONTRACTOR or LEA may terminate an ISA for cause, without terminating the Master Contract in its entirety. To terminate the ISA, either party shall also give twenty (20) days prior written notice to the other.

**15. INSURANCE**

CONTRACTOR shall, at his, her, or its sole cost and expense, maintain in full force and effect, during the term of this Agreement, the following insurance coverage from a California licensed and/or admitted insurer with an A minus (A-), VII, or better rating from A.M. Best, sufficient to cover any claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including counsel fees) arising out of or in connection with CONTRACTOR's fulfillment

of any of its obligations under this Agreement or either party's use of the work or any component or part thereof:

PART I

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance**, including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits as follows:

\$2,000,000 per occurrence  
\$ 500,000 fire damage  
\$ 5,000 medical expenses  
\$1,000,000 personal & adv. injury  
\$3,000,000 general aggregate  
\$2,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate

The policy may not contain an exclusion for coverage of claims arising from claims for sexual molestation or abuse. In the event that CONTRACTOR's policy should have an exclusion for sexual molestation or abuse claims, then CONTRACTOR shall be required to procure a supplemental policy providing such coverage.

- B. **Business Auto Liability Insurance** for all owned scheduled, non-owned or hired automobiles with a \$1 million combined single limit.

If no owned automobiles, then only hired and non-owned is required.

If CONTRACTOR uses a vehicle to travel to/from school sites, between schools and/or to/from students' homes or other locations as approved service locations by the LEA, CONTRACTOR must comply with State of California auto insurance requirements.

- C. **Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance** in a form and amount covering CONTRACTOR's full liability under the California Workers' Compensation Insurance and Safety Act and in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

Part A – Statutory Limits

Part B – \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000 Employers Liability

- D. **Errors & Omissions (E & O)/Malpractice (Professional Liability) Insurance**, including sexual molestation and abuse coverage, unless that coverage is afforded elsewhere in the Commercial General Liability policy by endorsement or separate policy, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 per occurrence  
\$2,000,000 general aggregate

- E. CONTRACTOR, upon execution of this Master Contract and periodically thereafter upon request, shall furnish the LEA with certificates of insurance evidencing such coverage. The certificate of insurance shall include a ten (10) day non-renewal notice provision. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policy shall name the LEA and the Board of Education additional insured's premiums on all insurance policies and shall be paid by CONTRACTOR and shall be deemed included in CONTRACTOR's obligations under this contract at no additional charge.

- F. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions above \$100,000 must be disclosed to and approved by the LEA. At its option, LEA may require the CONTRACTOR, at the CONTRACTOR's sole cost, to: (a) cause its insurer to reduce to levels specified by the LEA or eliminate such deductibles



or self-insured retentions with respect to the LEA, its officials and employees, or (b) procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigation.

- G. For any claims related to the services contracted for under this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects to the LEA, its subsidiaries, officials and employees. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the LEA, its subsidiaries, officials and employees shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- H. All Certificates of Insurance may reference the contract number, name of the school or agency submitting the certificate, and the location of the school or agency submitting the certificate on the certificate.

## PART II – INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFILIATED WITH A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER (“RTC”)

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school affiliated with a residential treatment center (NPS/RTC), the following insurance policies are required:

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance** of \$3,000,000 per Occurrence and \$6,000,000 in General Aggregate. The policy shall be endorsed to name the LEA and the Board of Education as named additional insureds and shall provide specifically that any insurance carried by the LEA which may be applicable to any claims or loss shall be deemed excess and the RTC's insurance primary despite any conflicting provisions in the RTC's policy. Coverage shall be maintained with no self-insured retention above \$100,000 without the prior written approval of the LEA.
- B. **Workers' Compensation Insurance** in accordance with provisions of the California Labor Code adequate to protect the RTC from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act (Statutory Coverage). The Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage must also include Employers Liability coverage with limits of \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000.
- C. **Commercial Auto Liability** coverage with limits of \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence if the RTC does not operate a student bus service. If the RTC provides student bus services, the required coverage limit is \$5,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence.
- D. **Fidelity Bond or Crime** coverage shall be maintained by the RTC to cover all employees who process or otherwise have responsibility for RTC funds, supplies, equipment or other assets. Minimum amount of coverage shall be \$250,000 per occurrence, with no self-insured retention.
- E. **Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions/Malpractice** coverage with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.
- F. **Sexual Molestation and Abuse** coverage, unless that coverage is afforded elsewhere in the Commercial General Liability or Professional liability policy by endorsement, with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.

If LEA or CONTRACTOR determines that a change in insurance coverage obligations under this section is necessary, either party may reopen negotiations to modify the insurance obligations. Consistent with Section 5 of this Master Contract, however, the Master Contract may be amended only by written amendment executed by both Parties.

**16. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS**

Except with respect to claims arising from a Party's separate negligence or willful acts, which shall remain that Party's personal obligation, each Party agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other Party and its directors, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, volunteers, and subcontractors with respect to a claim resulting from or arising out of this Master Contract or its performance and arising from the Party's actual or alleged act, failure to act, error, or omission in the performance of their obligations under this Agreement or any governing law or regulations.

**17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to imply a joint venture, partnership or principal-agent relationship between LEA and CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide all services under this Agreement as an independent contractor, and neither party shall have the authority to bind or make any commitment on behalf of the other. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to create any association, partnership, joint venture or relationship of principal and agent, master and servant, or employer and employee between the Parties or any affiliates of the Parties, or between LEA and any individual assigned by CONTRACTOR to perform any services for LEA.

If LEA is held to be a partner, joint venturer, co-principal, employer or co-employer of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless LEA from and against any and all claims for loss, liability, or damages arising from that holding, as well as any expenses, costs, taxes, penalties and interest charges incurred by LEA as a result of that holding.

**18. SUBCONTRACTING**

CONTRACTOR shall not enter into any subcontracting relationship without first obtaining final written approval of LEA. Should CONTRACTOR wish to subcontract for special education and/or related services pursuant to this Master Contract, it must provide written notification to LEA before any subcontracting arrangement is made. In the event LEA determines that it can provide the subcontracted service(s) at a lower rate, LEA may elect to provide such service(s). If LEA elects to provide such service(s) at a lower rate, LEA may elect to provide such service(s). If LEA elects to provide such service(s), LEA shall provide written notification to CONTRACTOR within five (5) days of receipt of CONTRACTOR'S original request and CONTRACTOR shall not subcontract for said services.

Should LEA approve in concept of CONTRACTOR subcontracting for services, CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA for approval the proposed subcontract. CONTRACTOR shall incorporate all of the provisions of this Master Contract in all subcontracts to the fullest extent possible. Furthermore, when CONTRACTOR creates subcontracts for the provision of special education and/or related services (including without limitation, transportation) for any student, CONTRACTOR shall cause each subcontractor to procure and maintain indemnification and insurance requirements which comply with the provisions of Sections 15 and 16 of this Master Contract, for the duration of the term of each subcontract. If a proposed subcontract is approved by LEA, each subcontractor must furnish LEA with original endorsements and certificates of insurance effective coverage required by Section 15 of this Master Contract. The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. Unless otherwise agreed to by LEA, the endorsements are to be on forms provided by the LEA. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies shall name the LEA/SELPA and the LEA Board of Education as additional insured. All endorsements are to be received and approved by LEA before the subcontractor's work commences. In addition, all sub-contractors must meet the requirements as contained in Section 45 (Clearance Requirements) and Section 46 (Staff Qualifications) of this Master Contract. No subcontract shall be considered final without LEA approval.

**19. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA upon request a copy of its current bylaws and a current list of its Board of Directors (or Trustees), if it is incorporated. CONTRACTOR and any member of its Board of Directors (or Trustees) shall avoid and disclose any relationship with LEA that constitutes or may constitute a conflict of interest pursuant to California Education Code section 56042 including, but not limited to, employment with LEA, provision of private party assessments and/or reports, and attendance at IEP team meetings acting as a student's advocate. Pursuant to California Education Code section 56042, an attorney or advocate for a parent of an individual with exceptional needs shall not recommend placement at CONTRACTOR'S facility if the attorney or advocate is employed or contracted by the CONTRACTOR, or will receive a benefit from the CONTRACTOR, or otherwise has a conflict of interest.

Unless CONTRACTOR and LEA otherwise agree in writing, LEA shall neither execute an ISA with CONTRACTOR nor amend an existing ISA for a LEA student when a recommendation for special education and/or related services is based in whole or in part on assessment(s) or reports provided by CONTRACTOR to LEA student without prior written authorization by LEA. This paragraph shall apply to CONTRACTOR regardless of when an assessment is performed or a report is prepared (i.e. before or after LEA student is enrolled in CONTRACTOR'S school/agency) or whether an assessment of LEA student is performed or a report is prepared in the normal course of the services provided to LEA student by CONTRACTOR. To avoid a conflict of interest, and in order to ensure the appropriateness of an Independent Educational Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as "IEE") and its recommendations, LEA may, in its discretion, not fund an IEE by an evaluator who provides ongoing service(s) or is sought to provide service(s) to the student for whom the IEE is requested. Likewise, LEA may, in its discretion, not fund services through the evaluator whose IEE LEA agrees to fund. When no other appropriate assessor is available, LEA may request and if CONTRACTOR agrees, the CONTRACTOR may provide an IEE.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that its authorized representative has read and understands Education Code section 56366.3 which provides, in relevant part, that no special education and/or related services provided by CONTRACTOR shall be paid for by LEA if provided by an individual who was an employee of LEA within three hundred and sixty five (365) days prior to executing this Master Contract. This provision does not apply to any person who is able to provide designated instruction and services during the extended school year because he or she is otherwise employed for up to ten months of the school year by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall not admit a student living within the jurisdictional boundaries of LEA on a private pay or tuition free "scholarship" basis and concurrently or subsequently advise/request parent(s) to pursue funding for the admitted school year from LEA through due process proceedings.

**20. NON-DISCRIMINATION**

CONTRACTOR shall not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or disability or any other classification protected by federal or state law, in employment or operation of its programs.

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

**21. FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION ("FAPE")**

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with a copy of the IEP including the Individualized Transition Plan (hereinafter referred to as "ITP") of each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide to each LEA student special education and/or related services (including transition services) within the nonpublic school or nonpublic agency consistent with LEA student's IEP and as specified in the ISA. If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall not accept a LEA student if it cannot provide or ensure the provision of the services outlined in the student's IEP. If a LEA student's services are provided

by a third party (i.e. a related services provider) CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, if the provision of services ceases.

Unless otherwise agreed to between CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the provision of all appropriate supplies, equipment, and/or facilities for LEA students, as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall make no charge of any kind to parents for special education and/or related services as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA (including, but not limited to, screenings, assessments, or interviews that occur prior to or as a condition of LEA student's enrollment under the terms of this Master Contract). LEA shall provide low incidence equipment for eligible students with low incidence disabilities when specified in the student's IEP and ISA. Such equipment remains the property of the SELPA/LEA and shall be returned to the SELPA/LEA when the IEP team determines the equipment is no longer needed or when the student is no longer enrolled in the nonpublic school. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that facilities are adequate to provide all LEA students with an environment which meets all pertinent health and safety regulations. CONTRACTOR may charge a LEA student's parent(s) for services and/or activities not necessary for LEA student to receive a free appropriate public education after: (a) written notification to LEA student's parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities; and (b) receipt by LEA of the written notification and a written acknowledgment signed by LEA student's parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning parent acknowledgment of financial responsibility.

Voluntary services and/or activities not necessary for an LEA student to receive a free appropriate public education shall not interfere with LEA student's receipt of special education and/or related services as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA unless LEA and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing.

## **22. GENERAL PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION**

All nonpublic school and nonpublic agency services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code section 56366 *et seq.* and shall ensure that facilities are adequate to provide LEA students with an environment which meets all pertinent health and safety regulations.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction shall: (a) utilize evidence-based practices and predictors and be consistent with LEA's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (b) include curriculum that addresses mathematics, literacy and the use of educational, assistive technology and transition services; (c) be consistent with CDE's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (d) provide the services as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA. LEA students shall have access to: (a) State Board of Education (SBE) - adopted Common Core State Standards ("CCSS") for curriculum and the same instructional materials for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive; and provide standards-aligned core curriculum and instructional materials for grades 9 to 12, inclusive, used by a local education agency (LEA), that contracts with the nonpublic school: (b) college preparation courses; (c) extracurricular activities such as art, sports, music and academic clubs; (d) career preparation and vocational training, consistent with transition plans pursuant to state and federal law and; (e) supplemental assistance, including individual academic tutoring, psychological counseling, and career and college counseling. When appropriate, CONTRACTOR shall utilize the designated curriculum guidelines for students with moderate to severe disabilities who participate in the State's alternative assessment. These students shall have access to the core content, activities, and instructional materials delineated within these curriculum guidelines. CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction shall be described in writing and a copy provided to LEA prior to the effective date of this Master Contract.

When CONTRACTOR serves LEA students in grades nine through twelve inclusive, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR a specific list of the course requirements to be satisfied by the CONTRACTOR leading toward graduation or completion of LEA's diploma requirements. CONTRACTOR shall not award a high school diploma to LEA students who have not successfully completed all of LEA's graduation requirements.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and/or related services provider, CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction and/or services shall utilize evidence-based practices and predictors and be consistent with LEA and CDE guidelines/certifications and any state licensing requirements and shall be provided as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA. The nonpublic agency providing Behavior Intervention Services shall develop a written plan that specifies the nature of their nonpublic agency service for each student within thirty (30) days of enrollment and shall be provided in writing to LEA. School-based services may not be unilaterally converted by CONTRACTOR to a substitute program or provided at a location not specifically authorized by the IEP team. Except for services provided by a contractor that is a licensed children's institution ("LCI"), all services not provided in the school setting require the presence of a parent, guardian or adult caregiver during the delivery of services, provided such guardian or caregiver has a signed authorization by the parent or legal guardian to authorize emergency services as requested. LCI contractors shall ensure that appropriate and qualified residential or clinical staff is present during the provision of services under this Master Contract. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA in writing if no parent, guardian, or adult caregiver is present. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a written description of the services and location provided prior to the effective date of this Master Contract. Contractors providing Behavior Intervention Services must have on staff individuals trained as the law requires. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3051.23.) It is understood that Behavior Intervention Services are limited per CDE Certification and do not constitute an instructional program.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, CONTRACTOR shall not provide transportation nor subcontract for transportation services for students unless LEA and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing.

### **23. INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, the total number of instructional minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be at least equivalent to the number of instructional minutes per school day provided to LEA students at like grade level attending LEA schools and shall be specified in LEA student's ISA developed in accordance with LEA student's IEP.

For students in grades kindergarten through 12, inclusive, unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP and ISA, the number of instructional minutes, excluding breakfast, recess, lunch and pass time shall be the same as the Education Code prescribes for the LEA.

The total number of annual instructional minutes shall be at least equivalent to the total number of annual instructional minutes provided to LEA students attending LEA schools in like grade levels unless otherwise specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and/or related services provider, the total number of minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be specified in LEA student's ISA developed in accordance with LEA student's IEP.

### **24. CLASS SIZE**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that class size shall not exceed a ratio of one teacher per twelve (12) students unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in writing. Upon prior written approval by an authorized LEA representative, class size may be temporarily increased by a ratio of 1 teacher to fourteen (14) students when necessary during the regular or extended school year to provide services to students with disabilities.

In the event a nonpublic school is unable to fill a vacant teaching position responsible for direct instruction to students, and the vacancy has direct impact on the California Department of Education Certification of that school, the nonpublic school shall develop a plan to ensure appropriate coverage of students by first utilizing existing certificated staff. The nonpublic school and LEA may agree to one 30 school day period per contract year where class size may be increased to ensure coverage by an appropriately credentialed

teacher. Such an agreement shall be in writing and signed by both Parties. This provision does not apply to a nonpublic agency.

## **25. CALENDARS**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a school calendar with the total number of billable days not to exceed 180 days, plus extended school year billable days equivalent to the number of days determined by LEA's extended school year calendar. Billable days shall include only those days that are included on the submitted and approved school calendar, and/or required by the IEP (developed by LEA) for each student. CONTRACTOR shall not be allowed to change its school calendar and/or amend the number of billable days without the prior written approval of LEA. Nothing in this Master Contract shall be interpreted to require LEA to accept any requests for calendar changes. In the event LEA adjusts the number of school days for the regular school year and/or extended school year, the approved number of days shall become the total billable days for the nonpublic school or agency. In such a case, an amended calendar shall be provided by CONTRACTOR for LEA approval.

Unless otherwise specified by the student's IEP, educational services shall occur at the school site. A student shall only be eligible for extended school year services if such are recommended by his/her IEP Team and the provision of such is specifically included in the ISA. Extended school year shall consist of twenty (20) instructional days, unless otherwise agreed upon by the IEP Team convened by LEA. Any days of extended school year in excess of twenty (20) billable days must be mutually agreed to, in writing, prior to the start of the extended school year.

Student must have actually been in attendance during the regular school year and/or during extended school year and actually received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any nonpublic school service. Any instructional days provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall observe only the same legal holidays as LEA. As of the execution of this Master Contract, these holidays are: Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, and Independence Day. With the approval of LEA, CONTRACTOR may revise the date upon which CONTRACTOR closes in observance of any of the holidays observed by LEA.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, CONTRACTOR shall be provided with a LEA-developed/approved calendar prior to the initiation of services. CONTRACTOR herein agrees to observe holidays as specified in LEA-developed/approved calendar. CONTRACTOR shall provide services pursuant to LEA-developed/approved calendar; or as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA. Unless otherwise specified in LEA student's ISA, CONTRACTOR shall provide related services to LEA students on only those days that LEA student's school of attendance is in session and LEA student attends school. CONTRACTOR shall bill only for services provided on billable days of attendance as indicated on LEA calendar unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise, in writing. Student must have actually been in attendance and/or received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any nonpublic agency service provided by CONTRACTOR. Any instructional days provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

## **26. DATA REPORTING**

CONTRACTOR shall agree to provide to LEA, all data (including billing information) related to students who are served by the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide all data related to or referenced in any and all sections of this Master Contract if requested by LEA. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide all

requested information in the format required by LEA. It is understood that all nonpublic schools and nonpublic agencies shall utilize the Special Education Information System (SEIS) or comparable program/system approved by LEA/SELPA for all IEP development and progress reporting. Additional progress reporting may be required by LEA. LEA shall provide the CONTRACTOR with appropriate software, user training and proper internet permissions to allow adequate access so that this information may be compiled.

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with approved forms and/or format for such data including but not limited to invoicing, attendance reports and progress reports. LEA may approve use of CONTRACTOR-provided forms at its discretion.

**27. LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT**

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall follow all LEA policies and procedures that support Least Restrictive Environment (“LRE”) options (and/or dual enrollment options if available and appropriate) for students to have access to the general curriculum and to be educated with their nondisabled peers to the maximum extent appropriate.

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall ensure that LRE placement options are addressed at all IEP team meetings regarding students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. This shall include IEP team consideration of supplementary aids and services and goals and objectives necessary for placement in the LRE and necessary to enable students to transition to less restrictive settings.

When an IEP team has determined that a student should be transitioned into the public school setting, CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA in implementing the IEP team’s recommendations and/or activities to support the transition.

**28. STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT TESTING**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall administer all Statewide assessments within the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (“CAASPP”), Desired Results Developmental Profile (“DRDP”), California Alternative Assessment (“CAA”), achievement and abilities tests (using LEA-authorized assessment instruments), the Fitness Gram, California English Language Development Test (“CELDT”), and the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (“ELPAC”), as appropriate to the student and mandated by LEA pursuant to LEA and state and federal guidelines.

CONTRACTOR is subject to the alternative accountability system developed pursuant to Education Code section 52052, in the same manner as public schools. Each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR by the LEA shall be tested by qualified staff of CONTRACTOR in accordance with that accountability program. LEA shall provide test administration training to CONTRACTOR’S qualified staff. CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA test training and comply with completion of all coding requirements as required by LEA.

**29. MANDATED ATTENDANCE AT LEA MEETINGS**

CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA mandated meetings when legal mandates, and/or LEA policy and procedures are reviewed, including but not limited to the areas of: curriculum, high school graduation, standards-based instruction, behavior intervention, cultural and linguistic needs of students with disabilities, dual enrollment responsibilities, LRE responsibilities, transition services, standardized testing, and IEPs. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with reasonable notice of mandated meetings. Attendance at such meetings does not constitute a billable service hour(s).

**30. POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all requirements of Education Code section 56521.1 and 56521.2 regarding positive behavior interventions. Failure to do so shall constitute sufficient cause for contract termination.

LEA students who exhibit behaviors that interfere with their learning or the learning of others must receive timely and appropriate assessments and positive supports and interventions in accordance with the federal law and its implementing regulations. If the individualized education program (“IEP”) team determines that a student’s behavior impedes his or her learning or the learning of others, the IEP team is required to consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. This could mean that instead of developing a Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP), the IEP team may conclude it is sufficient to address the student’s behavioral problems through the development of behavioral goals and behavioral interventions to support those goals.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written policy consistent with California Education Code section 56521.1 regarding emergency interventions and Behavioral Emergency Reports (“BERs”). Further, CONTRACTOR shall affirmatively inform each of its employees about the policy and provide each employee a copy thereof. CONTRACTOR shall also ensure that all of its staff members are trained annually in crisis intervention and emergency procedures as related to appropriate behavior management strategies. Training includes certification with an approved SELPA crisis intervention program. Evidence of such training shall be submitted to the LEA at the beginning of the school year and within 6 days of any new hire.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.1, emergency interventions shall not be used as a substitute for a BIP and shall not be employed longer than necessary to contain the behavior. Emergency interventions may only be used to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the LEA student or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior. If a situation requires prolonged use of an emergency intervention, staff must seek assistance from the school site administrator or a law enforcement agency, as suitable to the situation.

To prevent emergency interventions from being used in lieu of planned, systematic behavioral interventions, the parent, guardian, and residential care provider, if appropriate, shall be notified if an emergency intervention is used or serious property damage occurs. CONTRACTOR shall immediately complete and maintain in the file of LEA student a BER which shall include all of the following: (1) The name and age of the individual with exceptional needs; (2) The setting and location of the incident; (3) The name of the staff or other persons involved; (4) A description of the incident and the emergency intervention used, and whether the LEA student is currently engaged in any systematic behavioral intervention plan; and (5) Details of any injuries sustained by LEA student or others, including staff, as a result of the incident. The BER shall be submitted to LEA within twenty-four (24) hours for administrative action. CONTRACTOR shall also notify Parent within twenty-four (24) hours via telephone.

Consistent with the requirements of California Education Code section 56521.1(g), if a BER is written regarding an LEA student who does not have a behavior intervention plan, the designated responsible administrator shall, within two days, schedule an IEP Team meeting to review the emergency report, to determine the necessity for a functional behavioral assessment, and to determine the necessity for an interim plan. The IEP Team shall document the reasons for not conducting the functional behavioral assessment, not developing an interim plan, or both. Consistent with the requirements of California Education Code section 56521.1(h), if a behavioral emergency report is written regarding an LEA student who has a positive behavioral intervention plan, an incident involving a previously unseen serious behavior problem, or where a previously designed intervention is ineffective, shall be referred to the IEP team to review and determine if the incident constitutes a need to modify the positive behavioral intervention plan.



All restraint practices must be reviewed and revised when they have an adverse effect on a student and are used repeatedly for an individual child, either on multiple occasions within the same classroom or multiple uses by the same individual. CONTRACTOR shall notify the student's parent/guardian when any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusion has been used. Upon the use of any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusions of a District student, CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER per the reporting and notification requirements listed above.

### **31. STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and abide by a written policy for student discipline that is consistent with state and federal law and regulations.

When CONTRACTOR seeks to remove a LEA student from his/her current educational placement for disciplinary reasons, CONTRACTOR shall submit a written discipline report within 24 hours to LEA and a manifestation IEP team meeting shall be scheduled. Written discipline reports shall include, but not be limited to: LEA student's name; the time, date, and description of the misconduct; the disciplinary action taken by CONTRACTOR; and the rationale for such disciplinary action. A copy of LEA student's behavior plan, if any, shall be submitted with the written discipline report. CONTRACTOR and LEA agree to participate in a manifestation determination at an IEP meeting no later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of suspension. CONTRACTOR shall notify and invite LEA representatives to the IEP team meeting where the manifestation determination will be made.

### **32. IEP TEAM MEETINGS**

An IEP team meeting shall be convened at least annually to evaluate: (1) the educational progress of each student placed with CONTRACTOR, including all state assessment results pursuant to the requirements of Education Code section 52052; (2) whether or not the needs of the student continue to be best met at the nonpublic school and/or by the nonpublic agency; and (3) whether changes to the student's IEP are necessary, including whether the student may be transitioned to a public school setting. (Ed. Code §§ 56366(a)(2)(B)(i), (ii); 56345(b)(4).)

If an LEA student is to be transferred from a nonpublic school setting into a regular class setting in a public school for any part of the school day, the IEP team shall document, if appropriate, a description of activities provided to integrate the student into the regular education program, including the nature of each activity as well as the time spent on the activity each day or week and a description of the activities provided to support the transition of the student from the special education program into the regular education program. Each student shall be allowed to provide confidential input to any representative of his or her IEP Team. Except as otherwise provided in the Master Contract, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall participate in all IEP team meetings regarding LEA students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. At any time during the term of this Master Contract, a parent, the CONTRACTOR or LEA may request a review of the student's IEP, subject to all procedural safeguards required by law, including reasonable notice given to, and participation of, the CONTRACTOR in the meeting. Every effort shall be made to schedule IEP team meetings at a time and place that is mutually convenient to the parent(s), the CONTRACTOR and LEA. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, at no cost and prior to an annual or triennial IEP Team meeting, documentation which shows progress on goals and any and all assessments and written assessment reports (including testing protocols) created by CONTRACTOR and any of its agents or subcontractors, upon request and/or pursuant to LEA policy and procedures. It is understood that attendance at an IEP meeting is part of CONTRACTOR'S professional responsibility and is not a billable service under this Master Contract.

It is understood that the CONTRACTOR shall utilize the Special Education Information System (SEIS) or other comparable program/system as designated by LEA at LEA's discretion, for all IEP planning and progress reporting. LEA or SELPA shall provide training for any nonpublic school and nonpublic agency to assure access to SEIS or the comparable program/system designated for use by LEA. The nonpublic school and/or nonpublic agency shall maintain confidentiality of all IEP data on SEIS or comparable program/system and shall protect the password requirements of the system. When a student disenrolls from

the nonpublic school or stops receiving services from the nonpublic agency, such CONTRACTOR shall discontinue use of SEIS and/or comparable program/system for that student.

Changes in any LEA student's educational program, including instruction, services, or instructional setting provided under this Master Contract may only be made on the basis of revisions to the student's IEP. In the event that the CONTRACTOR believes the student requires a change of placement, the CONTRACTOR may request a review of the student's IEP for the purpose of considering a change in the student's placement. Student is entitled to remain in the last agreed upon and implemented placement unless parent agrees otherwise or an interim alternative educational setting is deemed lawful and appropriate.

### **33. SURROGATE PARENTS AND FOSTER YOUTH**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all LEA surrogate parent assignments. A pupil in foster care shall be defined pursuant to Education Code section 42238.01(b). The LEA shall annually notify the CONTRACTOR who the LEA has designated as the educational liaison for foster children. When a pupil in foster care is enrolled in a nonpublic school by the LEA any time after the completion of the pupil's second year of high school, the CONTRACTOR shall schedule the pupil in courses leading towards graduation based on the diploma requirements of the LEA unless provided notice otherwise in writing pursuant to Section 51225.1

### **34. DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS**

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in special education due process proceedings including mediations and hearings, as requested by LEA. CONTRACTOR shall also fully participate in the investigation and provision of documentation related to any complaint filed with the State of California, the Office for Civil Rights, or any other state and/or federal governmental body or agency. Full participation shall include, but in no way be limited to, cooperating with LEA representatives to provide complete answers raised by any investigator and/or the immediate provision of any and all documentation that pertains to the operation of CONTRACTOR'S program and/or the implementation of a particular student's IEP/ISA.

### **35. COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and adhere to its own written procedures for responding to parent complaints. These procedures shall include annually notifying and providing parents of LEA students with appropriate information (including complaint forms) for the following: (1) Uniform Complaint Procedures pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4600 et seq.; (2) Nondiscrimination Policy pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4960(a); (3) Sexual Harassment Policy pursuant to California Education Code 231.5; (4) Title IX Student Grievance Procedures pursuant to Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 106.8(a) and 106.9(a); (5) Notice of Privacy Practices in compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPPA"), 45 C.F.R. § 164.520; and (6) Notification and Complaint Procedures for Disability Access, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.* CONTRACTOR shall include verification of these procedures to LEA.

### **36. LEA STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS AND ASSESSMENTS**

Unless LEA requests in writing that progress reports be provided on a monthly basis, CONTRACTOR shall provide to parents, with a concurrent copy sent to LEA, at least four written progress reports/report cards. At a minimum, progress reports shall include progress over time towards IEP goals and objectives. A copy of the progress reports/report cards shall be maintained at the CONTRACTOR'S place of business.

CONTRACTOR shall also provide an LEA representative access to supporting documentation used to determine progress on any goal or objective, including but not limited to log sheets, chart notes, observation notes, data sheets, pre/post tests, rubrics and other similar data collection used to determine progress or lack of progress on approved goals, objectives, transition plans or behavior support and/or intervention plans. LEA may request copies of such data at any time within five years of the date of service. CONTRACTOR

agrees to maintain the information for at least five years and also shall provide this data supporting progress within 5 business days of request. Additional time may be granted as needed by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall complete academic or other assessment of LEA student ten (10) days prior to LEA student's annual or triennial review IEP team meeting for the purpose of reporting LEA student's present levels of performance at the IEP team meeting as required by state and federal laws and regulations and pursuant to LEA policies, procedures, and/or practices. Sufficient copies of reports, projected goals and/or any other relevant documents to be reviewed by the IEP Team shall be provided to the District no later than five (5) business days prior to an annual or triennial IEP team meeting. CONTRACTOR shall maintain all supporting documentation including but not limited to test protocols and data collection, which shall be made available to LEA within 5 business days of request.

CONTRACTOR is responsible for all assessment costs regarding the updating of goals and objectives, progress reporting and the development of present levels of performance. All other assessments shall be provided by LEA unless LEA specifies in writing a request that CONTRACTOR perform such additional assessment. Such assessment costs may be added to the ISA and/or approved separately by LEA at LEA's sole discretion.

It is understood that all billable hours must be in direct services to pupils as specified in the ISA. For nonpublic agency services, supervision provided by a qualified individual as specified in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3065, shall be determined as appropriate and included in the ISA. Supervision means the direct observation of services, data review, case conferencing and program design consistent with professional standards for each professional's license, certification, or credential.

CONTRACTOR shall not charge LEA student's parent(s) or LEA for the development or provision of progress reports, report cards, and/or any assessments, interviews, or attendance at any meetings, including but not limited to IEP meetings. It is understood that all billable hours have limits to those specified on the ISA consistent with the IEP. It is understood that copies of data collection notes, forms, charts and other such data are part of the pupil's record and shall be made available to LEA upon written request.

### **37. TRANSCRIPTS**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall prepare transcripts at the close of each semester, or upon LEA student transfer, for LEA students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) inclusive. CONTRACTOR shall submit all transcripts on LEA-approved forms to LEA student's school of residence for evaluation of progress toward completion of diploma requirements as specified in LEA Procedures. CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA names of LEA students and their schools of residence for whom transcripts have been submitted as specified by LEA.

### **38. LEA STUDENT CHANGE OF RESIDENCE**

Upon enrollment, CONTRACTOR shall notify parents in writing of their obligation to notify CONTRACTOR of LEA student's change of residence. Within five (5) school days after CONTRACTOR becomes aware of a LEA student's change of residence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, of LEA student's change of residence. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide upon request by LEA, documentation of such notice to parents.

If CONTRACTOR had knowledge or should reasonably have had knowledge of LEA student's change of residence boundaries and CONTRACTOR fails to follow the procedures specified in this provision, LEA shall not be responsible for the costs of services delivered after LEA student's change of residence.

### **39. WITHDRAWAL OF LEA STUDENT FROM PROGRAM**

CONTRACTOR shall immediately report, by telephone, with a follow-up written notification within five (5) business days to LEA Representative responsible for overseeing nonpublic schools and nonpublic agencies,

and any other required representative from the California Department of Education, when a LEA student is withdrawn without prior notice from school and/or services. CONTRACTOR shall confirm such telephone call on LEA approved forms and submit to LEA and the Department of Education, if required, within five (5) business days of the withdrawal, including a student's change in residence to a residence outside of LEA service boundaries, and the student's discharge against professional advice from a Nonpublic School/Residential Treatment Center ("NPS/RTC"). CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA to verify and clear potential dropouts three (3) times per year.

**40. PARENT ACCESS**

CONTRACTOR shall provide for reasonable parental access to LEA students and all facilities including, but not limited to, the instructional setting, recreational activity areas, meeting rooms and LEA student's living quarters. CONTRACTOR shall comply with any known court orders regarding parental visits and access to LEA students.

CONTRACTORS operating programs associated with a NPS/RTC shall cooperate with a parent's reasonable request for LEA student therapeutic visits in their home or at the NPS/RTC. CONTRACTOR shall require that parents obtain prior written authorization for therapeutic visits from the CONTRACTOR and the LEA at least thirty (30) days in advance. CONTRACTOR shall facilitate all parent travel and accommodations and provide travel information to the parent as appropriate. Payment by LEA for approved travel-related expenses shall be made directly through the LEA.

**41. SERVICES AND SUPERVISION AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

If CONTRACTOR provides services on a LEA public school campus, CONTRACTOR shall comply with Penal Code section 627.1 *et seq.*, as well as all other LEA and campus-specific policies and procedures regarding visitors to/on school campuses. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the purchase and provision of the supplies and assessment tools necessary to implement the provision of CONTRACTOR services on LEA public school campuses.

For services provided on a public school campus, sign in/out procedures shall be followed along with all procedures for being on campus consistent with school and LEA policy. It is understood that the public school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the educational program and all nonpublic agency service providers shall work collaboratively with the classroom teacher who shall remain in charge of the instructional program.

It is understood that all employees, subcontractors and volunteers of any certified nonpublic school or agency shall adhere to customary professional standards when providing services. All practices shall be within the scope of professional responsibility as defined in the professional code of conduct for each profession. Reports regarding student progress shall be consistent with the provision of the Master Contract.

CONTRACTORS providing services outside of the student's school as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one parent of the child or an adult caregiver with written and signed authority to make decisions in an emergency is present during provision of services. The names of any adult caregiver other than the parent shall be provided to LEA prior to the start of any home-based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with the NPS/NPA service provider. All problems and/or concerns reported by CONTRACTOR to parents or guardians, in either verbal or written form, shall be reported to LEA.

CONTRACTOR, if providing services in a student's home as specified in the IEP, shall assure that at least one parent of the child or an adult caregiver with written and signed authorization to make decisions in an emergency is present during the provision of services. The names of any adult caregiver other than the parent shall be provided to LEA prior to the start of any home based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. The parent shall inform LEA of any changes of caregivers and provide written authorization for emergency situations. The adult caregiver cannot be an employee or volunteer

associated with the nonpublic school/nonpublic agency service provider. Moreover, for services provided in a pupil's home as specified in the IEP, CONTRACTORS must assure that the parent or LEA-approved responsible adult is present during the provision of services. All problems and/or concerns reported to parents, both verbal and written, shall also be provided to the LEA.

**42. LICENSED CHILDREN'S INSTITUTION ("LCI") CONTRACTORS AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER ("RTC") CONTRACTORS**

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution ("LCI"), CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements regarding educational placements for LCI students as stated in Education Code sections 56366(a)(2)(C) and 56366.9, Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b), (AB1858, AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003)) and the procedures set forth in LEA Procedures. A LCI shall not require that a pupil be placed in its nonpublic school as a condition of being placed in its residential facility.

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic, nonsectarian school that is owned, operated by, or associated with a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, on a quarterly basis, a list of all LEA students, including those identified as eligible for special education. For those identified special education students, the list shall include: 1) special education eligibility at the time of enrollment and 2) the educational placement and services specified in each student's IEP at the time of enrollment.

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic, nonsectarian school that is owned, operated by, or associated with a residential treatment center (hereinafter referred to as "NPS/RTC"), CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. section 1411 *et seq.* and Education Code section 56000, *et seq.*; amended and reorganized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 ("IDEIA"), 20 U.S.C. section 1401(29); Education Code section 56031; Title 5, California Code of Regulations section 3001 *et seq.*, Title 2, California Code of Regulations section 60100 *et seq.* regarding the provision of counseling services, including residential care for students to receive a FAPE as set forth in LEA student's IEPs.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings order or a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and parent, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with nonpublic school placement until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a nonpublic school placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by LEA student's parent or another adult with educational decision-making rights.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this state shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 *et seq.*).

**43. STATE MEAL MANDATE**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall satisfy the State Meal Mandate under California Education Code sections 49530, 49530.5 and 49550.

**44. MONITORING**

CONTRACTOR shall allow representatives from LEA access to its facilities for the purpose of periodic monitoring of each LEA student's instructional program, and shall be invited to participate in the formal review of each student's progress. LEA representatives shall have access to observe each LEA student at work, observe the instructional setting, interview CONTRACTOR, and review each LEA student's records and progress. Such access shall include unannounced monitoring visits. When making site visits, LEA shall initially report to CONTRACTOR'S site administrative office. CONTRACTOR shall be invited to participate in the review of each student's progress.

If CONTRACTOR is also a LCI and/or NPS/RTC, LEA shall annually evaluate whether CONTRACTOR is in compliance with Education Code section 56366.9 and Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b).

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction (“Superintendent”) shall monitor CONTRACTOR’S facilities, the educational environment, and the quality of the educational program, including the teaching staff, the credentials authorizing service, the standards-based core curriculum being employed, and the standard focused instructional materials used on a three-year cycle, as follows: (1) CONTRACTOR shall complete a self-review in year one; (2) the Superintendent shall conduct an onsite review in year two; and (3) the Superintendent shall conduct a follow-up visit in year three.

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in any LEA and CDE compliance review, if applicable, to be conducted as aligned with the CDE Onsite Review and monitoring cycle in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(j). This review will address programmatic aspects of the nonpublic school/agency, compliance with relevant state and federal regulations, and Master Contract compliance. If requested by LEA, CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit a Nonpublic School/Agency Self-Review Assessment submitted as specified by LEA. CONTRACTOR shall conduct any follow-up or corrective action procedures related to review findings.

CONTRACTOR understands that LEA reserves the right to institute a program audit with or without cause. The program audit may include, but is not limited to, a review of core compliance areas of health and safety; curriculum/instruction; related services; and contractual, legal, and procedural compliance.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall collect all applicable data and prepare the applicable portion of a School Accountability Report Card in accordance with California Education Code Section 33126.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **45. CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 44237, 35021.1 and 35021.2 including, but not limited to: obtaining clearance from both the California Department of Justice (“CDOJ”) and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI") for all of CONTRACTOR’S employees and volunteers who will have or likely may have any direct contact with LEA students. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR’S employees and volunteers shall not come in contact with LEA students until both CDOJ and FBI clearance are ascertained. CONTRACTOR shall further certify in writing to LEA that none of its employees, volunteers, or subcontractors who will have, or likely may have any direct contact with LEA students, have been convicted of a violent or serious felony as those terms are defined in California Education Code section 44237(h), unless despite the employee’s conviction of a violent or serious felony, he or she has met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237(i) or (j). Clearance certification shall be submitted to LEA. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall make a request for subsequent arrest service from the CDOJ as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2.

The passage of AB 389 amends Education Code sections 44237 and 56366.1 as to the verification that the CONTRACTOR has received a successful criminal background check clearance and has enrolled in subsequent arrest notification service, as specified, for each owner, operator, and employee of the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency. Further this bill deletes the exemption for applicants possessing a valid California state teaching credential or who are currently licensed by another state agency that requires a criminal record summary, from submitting 2 sets of fingerprints for the purpose of obtaining a criminal record summary from the California Department of Justice (“CDOJ”) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”). Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information, CONTRACTOR, upon demand, shall make available to the LEA evidence of a successful criminal background check clearance and enrollment in subsequent arrest notification service, as provided, for each owner, operator, and employee of the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency. CONTRACTOR is required

to retain the evidence on-site, as specified, for all staff, including those licensed or credentialed by another state agency. Background clearances and proof of subsequent arrest notification service as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2 for all staff shall be provided upon request.

#### 46. STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services are qualified as defined in Section 7(d) of this Mater Contract, including but not limited to holding a license, certificate, permit, or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold to render the service consistent with Education Code section 56366.1(n)(1) and are qualified pursuant to Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58 and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 3064 and 3065. Such qualified staff may only provide related services within the scope of their professional license, certification or credential and ethical standards set by each profession and not assume responsibility or authority for another related services provider or special education teacher's scope of practice.

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all staff are appropriately credentialed to provide instruction and/or services to students with the disabling conditions placed in their program/school through documentation provided to the CDE. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3064(a).)

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, an appropriately qualified person shall serve as curricular and instructional leader, and be able to provide leadership, oversight and professional development.

Only those nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies located outside of California that employ staff who hold a current valid credential or license to render special education and related services as required by that state shall be eligible to be certified.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with personnel standards and qualifications regarding instructional aides and teacher assistants respectively pursuant to Federal requirements and California Education Code sections 45340 *et seq.* and 45350 *et seq.* Specifically, all paraprofessionals, including, but not limited to instructional aides and teacher assistants, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or subcontracted by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services, shall possess a high school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and at least one of the following qualifications: (a) completed at least two (2) years of study at an institution of higher education; or (b) obtained an associate's (or higher) degree; or (c) met a rigorous standard of quality and can demonstrate, through a formal state or local assessment (i) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing, and mathematics; or (ii) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness, as appropriate. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the licensed professions, including but not limited to, the provisions with respect to supervision.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State and serving an LEA student shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 *et seq.*).

#### 47. VERIFICATION OF LICENSES, CREDENTIALS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a staff list, and copies of all current licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents which entitle the holder to provide special education and/or related services by individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or sub-contracted by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all licenses, credentials, permits or other documents are on file at the office of the County Superintendent of Schools. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing within thirty (30) days when personnel changes occur which may affect the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students as specified in LEA Procedures. Within thirty (30) days, CONTRACTOR shall

provide LEA with the verified dates of fingerprint clearance, Department of Justice clearance and Tuberculosis Test clearance for all employees, approved subcontractors and/or volunteers prior to such individuals starting to work with any student.

CONTRACTOR shall monitor the status of licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents for all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA and CDE in writing within thirty (30) days when personnel changes occur which may affect the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA within thirty (30) days if any such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, challenged pursuant to an administrative or legal complaint or lawsuit, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Master Contract. LEA shall not be obligated to pay for any services provided by a person whose such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the period during which such person is providing services under this Master Contract. Failure to notify LEA of changes in licenses, certifications or suspensions shall be good cause for termination of this Master Contract by LEA.

Failure to notify LEA and CDE of any changes in credentialing/licensed staff may result in suspension or revocation of CDE certification and shall also suffice as good cause for the suspension or termination of this Master Contract by LEA.

#### **48. STAFF ABSENCE**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school and CONTRACTOR'S classroom teacher is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage on LEA substitute teacher log. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA shall not be responsible for any payment for instruction and/or services when an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher is not provided.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and/or related services provider, and CONTRACTOR'S service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section seven (7) of this Master Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR'S service providers. It is understood that the parent of a student shall not be deemed to be a qualified substitute for his/her student. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and an authorized LEA representative.

#### **49. STAFF PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR WHEN PROVIDING SERVICES AT SCHOOL OR SCHOOL RELATED EVENTS OR AT SCHOOL FACILITY AND/OR IN THE HOME**

It is understood that all employees, subcontractors, and volunteers of any certified nonpublic school or nonpublic agency shall adhere to the customary professional and ethical standards when providing services. All practices shall only be within the scope of professional responsibility as defined in the professional code of conduct for each profession as well as any LEA professional standards as specified in Board policies and/or regulations when made available to the CONTRACTOR.

For services provided on a public school campus, sign in/out procedures shall be followed by nonpublic agency providers working in a public school classroom along with all other procedures for being on campus consistent with school and LEA policy. Such policies and procedures shall be made available to CONTRACTOR upon CONTRACTOR'S request. It is understood that the public school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the instructional program, and all nonpublic agency service providers shall work collaboratively with the classroom teacher, who shall remain in charge of the instructional



program. Failure to comply with this and all LEA requirements in this regard shall be sufficient cause to terminate this Master Contract.

For services provided in a pupil's home as specified in the IEP, CONTRACTOR must assure that the parent or an LEA-approved responsible adult is present during the provision of services. All problems and/or concerns reported to parents, both verbal and written shall also be provided to LEA. It is understood that unless otherwise agreed to by LEA, a public school credentialed teacher is responsible for the instructional program and all nonpublic agency related service providers shall work collaboratively with the teacher who shall remain in charge of supervising the instructional program.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY MANDATES**

### **50. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, state, local, and LEA laws, regulations, ordinances, policies, and procedures regarding student and employee health and safety. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 35021 *et seq.*, and 49406, and Health and Safety Code section 121545 regarding the examination of CONTRACTOR'S employees and volunteers for tuberculosis. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation for each individual volunteering, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR of such compliance before an individual comes in contact with an LEA student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with OSHA Blood Borne Pathogens Standards, Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations section 1910.1030, when providing medical treatment or assistance to a student. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training regarding universal health care precautions and to post required notices in areas designated in the California Health and Safety Code.

### **51. FACILITIES AND FACILITIES MODIFICATIONS**

CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services to LEA students in facilities that comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances related, but not limited to: disability access; fire, health, sanitation, and building standards and safety; fire warning systems; zoning permits; and occupancy capacity. When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall conduct fire drills as required by Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 550. During the duration of this Agreement, if CONTRACTOR is subject to fines, penalties and findings of non-compliance, CONTRACTOR shall assume any and all responsibilities for payment of such financial obligations. CONTRACTOR shall also be fully responsible for any structural changes and/or modifications to CONTRACTOR'S facilities as required to comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances. Failure to notify LEA or CDE of any changes in, major modification or relocation of facilities may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Master Contract by LEA.

In signing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that its facilities either comply with federal and state and local laws regarding disability access, or possesses and has available upon demand, a self-evaluation and/or transition plan in accordance with said laws.

### **52. ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code section 49423 when CONTRACTOR serves a LEA student that is required to take prescription and/or over-the-counter medication during the school day. CONTRACTOR may designate personnel to assist LEA student with the administration of such medication after LEA student's parent(s) provide(s) to CONTRACTOR: (a) a written statement from a physician detailing the type, administration method, amount, and time schedules by which such medication shall be taken; and (b) a written statement from LEA student's parent(s) granting CONTRACTOR permission to administer medication(s) as specified in the physician's statement.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to LEA upon request, copies of such written statements. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written log for each LEA student to whom medication is administered. Such written log shall specify LEA student's name; the type of medication; the date, time, and amount of each administration; and the name of CONTRACTOR'S employee who administered the medication. CONTRACTOR maintains full responsibility for assuring appropriate staff training in the administration of such medication consistent with student's physician's written orders. Any change in medication type, administration method, amount or schedule must be authorized by both a licensed physician and parent.

In the event there is an LEA student who is on a prescription medication regimen, the CONTRACTOR is to: (a) first obtain a copy of the appropriate medication authorization form available from LEA student's primary regional or site nurse; or (b) in the event the student does not take prescription medication during the school day, but would only take such medication while in the care, custody and control of the CONTRACTOR, prior to the commencement of services to LEA student, CONTRACTOR is to obtain a signed copy of the appropriate medication authorization form from the District. Both the District and CONTRACTOR shall retain a copy of the Authorization.

**53. INCIDENT/ACCIDENT REPORTING**

CONTRACTOR shall within 24 hours submit electronically any accident or incident report to LEA. CONTRACTOR shall properly submit accident or incident reports as required by the District.

**54. CHILD ABUSE REPORTING**

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to annually train all staff members, including volunteers, so that they are familiar with and agree to adhere to its own child and dependent adult abuse reporting obligations and procedures as specified in California Penal Code section 11164 *et seq.* and Education Code section 44691. To protect the privacy rights of all parties involved (i.e. reporter, child and alleged abuser), reports will remain confidential as required by law and professional ethical mandates. A written statement acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be submitted to LEA.

CONTRACTOR is to read and become familiar with the District's *Mandated Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Manual*, available on the District's Risk Management Web Site at: <http://www.egusd.net/riskmanagement/Info-MandRep.html>.

In the event there is suspicion of abuse conducted by District staff (e.g. a student reports to CONTRACTOR staff of abuse from District staff), CONTRACTOR is to file the appropriate report to the Sacramento County Sheriff. CONTRACTOR is also to confidentially notify the Risk Management Department (Risk Manager) of the report. CONTRACTOR is to cooperate with any investigation conducted by the District in connection with such report.

**55. SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

CONTRACTOR shall have a Sexual and Gender Identity Harassment Policy that clearly describes the kinds of conduct that constitute sexual harassment and that is prohibited by the CONTRACTOR'S policy, as well as federal and state law. The policy should include procedures to make complaints without fear of retaliation and procedures for prompt and objective investigations of all sexual harassment complaints. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training to all employees regarding the laws concerning sexual harassment and related procedures.

**56. REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN**

CONTRACTOR assures LEA that all staff members, including volunteers and any independent contractor and/or subcontractor authorized pursuant to this Master Contract, are familiar with and agree to adhere to requirements for reporting missing children as specified in California Education Code section 49370. A

written statement acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be properly submitted to LEA. The written statement shall be submitted as specified by LEA.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **57. ENROLLMENT, CONTRACTING, SERVICE TRACKING, ATTENDANCE REPORTING, AND BILLING PROCEDURES**

CONTRACTOR shall assure that the nonpublic school or nonpublic agency has the necessary financial resources to provide an appropriate education for the children enrolled and will distribute those resources in such a manner to implement the IEP and ISA for each and every child.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all LEA procedures concerning enrollment, contracting, attendance reporting, service tracking and billing, including requirements of electronic billing, as specified by LEA Procedures. CONTRACTOR shall be paid for the provision of special education and/or related services specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA which are provided on billable days of attendance. All payments by LEA shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Master Contract and in compliance with LEA Procedures, and will be governed by all applicable federal and state laws.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain separate registers for the basic education program, each related service, and services provided by instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides and bus aides. Original attendance forms (i.e., roll books for the basic education program service tracking documents and notes for instructional assistants, behavioral intervention aides, bus aides, and each related service) shall be completed by the actual service provider whose signature shall appear on such forms and shall be available for review, inspection, or audit by LEA during the effective period of this Master Contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter. CONTRACTOR shall verify the accuracy of minutes of reported attendance that is the basis of services being billed for payment.

CONTRACTOR shall submit invoices and related documents to LEA for payment for each calendar month when education or related services were provided. Invoices and related documents shall be properly submitted electronically and, in addition, on a LEA form with signatures in the manner prescribed by LEA. Contractor will submit invoices using the format provided by LEA. At the request of LEA, invoices may require the following information: name of LEA student for whom service was provided; the type of service provided; (if payment for assessment is approved by LEA pursuant to Section 36 of this Master Contract, the invoice must describe whether the assessment was prepared for an initial, annual, amended, or triennial IEP; month of service; specific dates (date, month, year and times) of services coordinated pursuant to LEA-approved calendar unless otherwise specified in the IEP or agreed to by LEA; name of staff who provided the service and that individual's licensing and credentials; approved cost of each invoice; total for each service and total for the monthly invoice; date invoice was mailed; signature of the nonpublic school/nonpublic agency administrator authorizing that the information is accurate and consistent with the ISA, CDE certificates and staff notification; verification that attendance report is attached as appropriate; indication of any made-up session consistent with this Master Contract; and verification that progress reports have been provided consistent with the ISA (consistent with IEP benchmark dates, unless otherwise specified on the ISA); and name or initials of each student for when the service was provided. In the event services were not provided, rationale for why the services were not provided shall be included.

Such an invoice is subject to all conditions of this Master Contract. At the discretion of LEA, an electronic invoice may be required provided such notice has been made in writing and training provided to the CONTRACTOR at no additional charge for such training.

Invoices shall be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the attendance accounting period in which the services were rendered. LEA shall make payment to CONTRACTOR based on the number of billable days of attendance and hours of service at rates specified in this Master Contract within forty-five (45) days of LEA's receipt of properly submitted hard copy of invoices prepared and submitted as specified

in California Education Code Section 56366.5. CONTRACTOR shall correct deficiencies and submit rebilling invoices no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the invoice is returned by LEA. LEA shall pay properly submitted re-billing invoices no later than forty-five (45) days after the date a completely corrected re-billing invoice is received by LEA.

In no case shall initial payment claim submission for any Master Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond December 31<sup>st</sup> after the close of the fiscal year. In no case shall any rebilling for the Master Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond six months after the close of the fiscal year unless approved by LEA to resolve billing issues including rebilling issues directly related to a delay in obtaining information from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing regarding teacher qualification, but no later than 12 months from the close of the fiscal year. If the billing or rebilling error is the responsibility of LEA, then no limit is set provided that LEA and CONTRACTOR have communicated such concerns in writing during the 12-month period following the close of the fiscal year. LEA will not pay mileage for NPA employee.

## **58. RIGHT TO WITHHOLD PAYMENT**

LEA may withhold payment to CONTRACTOR when: (a) CONTRACTOR has failed to perform, in whole or in part, under the terms of this Contract; (b) CONTRACTOR has billed for services rendered on days other than billable days of attendance or for days when student was not in attendance and/or did not receive services; (c) CONTRACTOR was overpaid by LEA as determined by inspection, review, and/or audit of its program, work, and/or records; (d) CONTRACTOR has failed to provide supporting documentation with an invoice; (e) education and/or related services are provided to LEA students by personnel who are not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (f) LEA has not received, prior to school closure or contract termination, all documents concerning one or more LEA students enrolled in CONTRACTOR'S educational program; (g) CONTRACTOR fails to confirm a student's change of residence to another district or confirms the change or residence to another district, but fails to notify LEA within five (5) days of such confirmation; (h) CONTRACTOR receives payment from Medi-Cal or from any other agency or funding source for a service provided to a LEA student; or (i) CONTRACTOR fails to provide the required liability/insurance documentation as outlined in Section 15. It is understood that no payments shall be made for any invoices that are not received by six months following the close of the prior fiscal year, for services provided in that year.

Final payment to CONTRACTOR in connection with the cessation of operations and/or termination of a Master Contract will be subject to the same documentation standards described for all payment claims for regular ongoing operations. In addition, final payment may be withheld by LEA until completion of a review or audit, if deemed necessary by LEA. Such review or audit will be completed within ninety (90) days. The final payment may be adjusted to offset any previous payments to the CONTRACTOR determined to have been paid in error or in anticipation of correction of documentation deficiencies by the CONTRACTOR that remain uncorrected.

The amount which may be withheld by LEA with respect to each of the subparagraphs of the preceding paragraph are as follows: (a) the value of the service CONTRACTOR failed to perform; (b) the amount of overpayment; (c) the entire amount of the invoice for which satisfactory documentation has not been provided by CONTRACTOR; (d) the amount invoiced for services provided by the individual not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (e) the proportionate amount of the invoice related to the applicable pupil for the time period from the date the violation occurred and until the violation is cured; or (f) the amount paid to CONTRACTOR by Medi-Cal or another agency or funding source for the service provided to LEA student.

If LEA determines that cause exists to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR, LEA shall, within ten (10) business days of this determination, provide to CONTRACTOR written notice that LEA is withholding payment. Such notice shall specify the basis or bases for LEA's withholding payment and the amount to be withheld. Within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such notice, CONTRACTOR shall take all necessary and appropriate action to correct the deficiencies that form the basis for LEA's withholding payment or submit a written request for extension of time to correct the deficiencies. Upon receipt of

CONTRACTOR'S written request showing good cause, LEA shall extend CONTRACTOR'S time to correct deficiencies (usually an additional thirty (30) days), otherwise payment will be denied.

If after subsequent request for payment has been denied and CONTRACTOR believes that payment should not be withheld, CONTRACTOR shall send written notice to LEA specifying the reason it believes payment should not be withheld. LEA shall respond to CONTRACTOR'S notice within thirty (30) business days by indicating that a warrant for the amount of payment will be made or stating the reason LEA believes payment should not be made. If LEA fails to respond within thirty (30) business days or a dispute regarding the withholding of payment continues after LEA's response to CONTRACTOR'S notice, CONTRACTOR may invoke the following escalation policy.

After forty-five (45) business days: The CONTRACTOR may notify the Authorized LEA's Representative of the dispute in writing. LEA Authorized Representative shall respond to the CONTRACTOR in writing within fifteen (15) business days.

After sixty (60) business days: Disagreements between LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the Master Contract may be appealed to the County Superintendent of Schools or the State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code Section 56366(c)(2).

#### **59. PAYMENT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES**

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA when Medi-Cal or any other agency is billed for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. Upon request, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documentation regarding reports, billing, and/or payment by Medi-Cal or any other agency for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students.

#### **60. PAYMENT FOR ABSENCES**

##### NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF ABSENCE

Whenever a classroom teacher employed by CONTRACTOR is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage pursuant to LEA Procedures. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA will not pay for instruction and/or services unless said instruction or service is provided by an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher.

Whenever a related service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section seven (7) of this Master Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided unless otherwise agreed in LEA student's IEP.

##### NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, no later than the tenth (10th) cumulative day of LEA student's unexcused absence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of such absence as specified in LEA Procedures.

Criteria for a billable day for payment purposes is one day of attendance as defined in California Education Code sections 46010, 46010.3 and 46307. LEA shall not pay for services provided on days that a student's attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance ("ADA") reimbursement under state law. *Per Diem* rates for students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted on a pro rata basis in accordance with the actual proportion of the school day the student was served. LEA shall not be responsible for payment of related services for days on which a student's attendance does not qualify for ADA reimbursement under state law, nor shall student be eligible for make-up services.

### NONPUBLIC AGENCY STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and CONTRACTOR'S service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section seven (7) of this Master Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR'S service providers. LEA shall not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and LEA. In the event services were not provided, reasons for why the services were not provided shall be included.

### NONPUBLIC AGENCY STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, it shall notify LEA of the absence of a LEA student no later than the fifth (5th) consecutive service day of the student's absence. LEA shall not be responsible for the payment of services when a student is absent.

## **61. INSPECTION AND AUDIT**

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and LEA shall have the right to examine and audit all of the books, records, documents, accounting procedures and practices and other evidence that reflect all costs claimed to have been incurred or fees claimed to have been earned under this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA access to all records as defined in Section 9 of this Master Contract. CONTRACTOR shall make all records available at the office of LEA or CONTRACTOR'S offices (to be specified by LEA), at all reasonable times and without charge. All records shall be provided to LEA within five (5) working days of a written request from LEA. CONTRACTOR shall, at no cost to LEA, provide assistance for such examination or audit. LEA's rights under this section shall also include access to CONTRACTOR'S offices for purposes of interviewing CONTRACTOR'S employees. If any document or evidence is stored in an electronic form, a hard copy shall be made available to LEA, unless LEA agrees to the use of the electronic format.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain from its subcontractors and suppliers written agreements to the requirements of this section and shall provide a copy of such agreements to LEA upon request by LEA.

If an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm determines that CONTRACTOR owes LEA monies as a result of CONTRACTOR'S over billing or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Master Contract, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR written notice demanding payment from CONTRACTOR and specifying the basis or bases for such demand. Unless CONTRACTOR and LEA otherwise agree in writing, CONTRACTOR shall pay to LEA the full amount owed as a result of CONTRACTOR'S over billing and/or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Master Contract, as determined by an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm. CONTRACTOR shall make such payment to LEA within thirty (30) days of receipt of LEA's written notice demanding payment.

## **62. RATE SCHEDULE**

The attached rate schedules (Exhibits A and B) limit the number of LEA students that may be enrolled and the maximum dollar amount of the contract. It may also limit the maximum number of students that can be provided specific services. Per Diem rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted proportionally. In such cases only, the adjustments in basic education rate shall be based on the required minimum number of minutes per grade level as noted in the California Education Code Sections 46200-46208.

Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR shall be provided by qualified personnel as per State and Federal law, and the codes and charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this Master Contract, shall be as stated in Exhibits A and B.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school associated with a Residential Treatment Center (“NPS/RTC”), Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) are provided in an integrated, intensive, educationally related therapeutic residential setting which includes social emotional/behavior support through individual counseling, group counseling, family consultation and support, as appropriate. It is a collaborative model which includes educational professionals and related service providers, where all supports and services are integrated in the NPS/RTC program. Costs for ERMHS are all inclusive and combined with the daily rate as ERMHS+RB (“ERMHS + Room and Board”). ERMHS plus Room and Board payments are based on positive attendance (payable for up to a maximum of 365 days) only, with up to a maximum of 10 days payment per student, per contract year, when a bed is unoccupied, for home visits of a therapeutic nature.

### **63. DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

By signing this agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that:

- (a) CONTRACTOR and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency, and
- (b) Has/have not, within a three-year period preceding this contract, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

The Parties hereto have executed this Master Contract by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives. This Master Contract is effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2017 and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2018, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

CONTRACTOR

LEA

DISTRICT

Nonpublic School/Agency

By:

Signature

Date

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed to:

Name and Title

Nonpublic School/Agency/Related Service Provider

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

Email\*

(\*Required)

By:

Signature

Date

By:

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Notices to LEA shall be addressed to:

Name and Title

DISTRICT

LEA

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

Email

**Additional LEA Notification**

(Required if Completed)

Name and Title

LEA

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

Email



**EXHIBIT A: RATES - NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL ONLY – 2017-2018 CONTRACT YEAR**

**CONTRACTOR** Capital Autism **CONTRACTOR NUMBER** 2017-2018  
**(NONPUBLIC SCHOOL)** (CONTRACT YEAR)

**Per CDE Certification, total enrollment may not exceed** \_\_\_\_\_ **If blank, the number shall be as determine by**  
 CDE Certification.

**Rate Schedule.** This rate schedule limits the number of LEA students who may be enrolled and the maximum dollar amount of the contract. It may also limit the maximum number of students who can be provided specific services. Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR, and the charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this contract shall be as follows:

Payment under this contract may not exceed \$70,000  
 Total LEA enrollment may not exceed \_\_\_\_\_  
 (per Master Contract Section 62)

	Rate	Period
A. <u>Basic Education Program/Special Education Instruction</u>	<u>\$162.71</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
Basic Education Program/Dual Enrollment		

Per diem rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day shall be adjusted proportionally.

**B. Related Services**

(1) a. Transportation – Round Trip (NPS only, unless otherwise agreed to by LEA)	_____	_____
b. Transportation – One Way (NPS only, unless otherwise agreed to by LEA)	_____	_____
c. Transportation-Dual Enrollment	_____	_____
d. Public Transportation	_____	_____
e. Parent*	_____	_____
(2) a. Educational Counseling – Individual	_____	_____
b. Educational Counseling – Group of	_____	_____
c. Counseling – Parent	_____	_____
(3) a. Adapted Physical Education – Individual	_____	_____
b. Adapted Physical Education – Group of _____	_____	_____
c. Adapted Physical Education – Group of _____	_____	_____
(4) a. Language and Speech Therapy – Individual	<u>\$91.68</u>	<u>Per Hour</u>
b. Language and Speech Therapy – Group of 2	_____	_____
c. Language and Speech Therapy – Group of 3	_____	_____
d. Language and Speech Therapy – Per diem	_____	_____
e. Language and Speech - Consultation Rate	_____	_____
(5) a. Additional Instructional Assistant - Individual (must be authorized on IEP)	_____	_____
b. Additional Instructional Assistant – Group of 2	_____	_____
c. Additional Instructional Assistant – Group of 3	_____	_____
(6) Intensive Special Education Instruction**	_____	_____
(7) a. Occupational Therapy – Individual	<u>\$91.68</u>	<u>Per Hour</u>
b. Occupational Therapy – Group of 2	_____	_____
c. Occupational Therapy – Group of 3	_____	_____
d. Occupational Therapy – Group of 4 - 7	_____	_____
e. Occupational Therapy - Consultation Rate	_____	_____
(9) Physical Therapy	_____	_____
(10) a. Behavior Intervention – BII	_____	_____
b. Behavior Intervention – BID	_____	_____
Provided by: _____	_____	_____
(11) Nursing Services	_____	_____

\*Parent transportation reimbursement rates are to be determined by LEA.

\*\*By credentialed Special Education Teacher.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**BOARD AGENDA BRIEFING**

**Meeting Date:** June 27, 2017

Attachments:  X

**From:** Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services

Item #: 10.7

**SUBJECT**

Request to approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Hand in Hand Therapeutics for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.

Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
Consent Action:  X  
Information Only: \_\_\_\_\_

**Background & Status:**

Name of Vendor: Hand in Hand Therapeutics

Description of Service(s): To provide occupational therapy services for district students.

Date(s) of Service(s): 2017-2018 school year

The 2016-2017 contract was \$75,000. The 2017-2018 contract is not to exceed \$45,000.

**Presenter:**

Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services

**Cost &/or Funding Sources (be specific)**

Not to exceed \$45,000 paid by Special Education.

**Recommendation:**

That the Board approve the Independent Contract for Services Agreement with Hand in Hand Therapeutics for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.

Time: 2 mins.



# RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## INDEPENDENT CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the River Delta Unified School District hereinafter referred to as "DISTRICT," and Hand in Hand Therapeutics, hereinafter referred to as "CONSULTANT."

IT IS HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREED that Consultant will provide services under the following terms and conditions:

1. **TERM:** The term of this agreement is from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Extension or renewal requires approval of DISTRICT or authorized representative. Unless compensation is fixed on the basis of a daily or hourly rate, compensation will not be increased upon extension of the agreement without approval of the DISTRICT or authorized representative.

This agreement may be terminated with 30 days advance written notice by either party. In the event of termination for cause, CONSULTANT need be compensated only to the extent required by law.

2. **CONSULTANT SERVICES:** CONSULTANT agrees to perform, during the term of this agreement, the tasks obligations and services detailed as follows: Provide occupational therapy services for district students.

3. **PAYMENT FOR SERVICES:** CONSULTANT shall receive compensation at the rate of:  
\$ 100.00 per    day    week    month    year or per   X   hour     
OR  
for a total cost not to exceed \$ 45,000

In the event the CONSULTANT is required to travel outside Solano, Yolo or Sacramento Counties at the request of the DISTRICT, it is agreed that actual and necessary expenses incurred while performing such services shall be reimbursed. All payments will be based on invoices submitted to DISTRICT by CONSULTANT and approved by DISTRICT'S authorized representative. The CONSULTANT shall provide an itemization of costs on submitted invoice.

4. **RECORDS:** CONSULTANT will maintain full and accurate records in connection with this agreement and will make them available to DISTRICT for inspection at any time. CONSULTANT'S work product produced under this agreement shall be the property of DISTRICT and cannot be used without permission of same.
5. **STATUS OF CONTRACTOR:** DISTRICT and CONSULTANT agree that CONSULTANT, in performing the services specified in this agreement, shall act as an independent contractor and shall have control of all work and the manner in which it is performed. CONSULTANT shall be free to contract for similar service to be performed for other employers while under the contract with DISTRICT; CONSULTANT will not accept such engagements which interfere with performance under this agreement. CONSULTANT is not entitled to participate in any pension plan, insurance, bonus or similar benefits the DISTRICT provides for its employees. The CONSULTANT is not authorized to carry out any official act of the DISTRICT that is required to be done by an employee or office of the DISTRICT.
6. **HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION:** CONSULTANT agrees to abide by the *Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement* attached to and made a part of this contract.



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**BOARD AGENDA BRIEFING**

**Meeting Date:** June 27, 2017

Attachments:   X  

**From:** Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services

Item #:   10.8  

**SUBJECT**

Request to approve the Professional Expert Agreement with Linda Mitchell for Adapted Physical Education Services for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
Consent Action:   X    
Information Only: \_\_\_\_\_

**Background & Status:**

Name of Vendor:                   Linda Mitchell                  

Description of Service(s):   To provide Adapted Physical Education Services to district special education students.  

Date(s) of Service(s):   2017-2018 school year                  

The 2016-2017 Agreement was not to exceed \$5,000. The 2017-2018 Agreement is not to exceed \$5,000.

**Presenter:**

Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services

**Cost &/or Funding Sources (be specific)**

Not to exceed \$5,000 paid by Special Education funds.

**Recommendation:**

That the Board approve the Professional Expert Agreement with Linda Mitchell for Adapted Physical Education Services for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Time:           2 mins.

# River Delta Unified School District

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Rio Vista, CA 94571

## Professional Expert Agreement

Under Section 45103 of the *Education Code*, professional experts employed “on a temporary basis for a specific project” are exempt from classified service. Professional experts must have a special skill or knowledge of a particular subject matter, derived from specialized training or expertise, often involving intensive academic preparation, or representing mastery of that subject. This agreement is for services which do not meet the criteria for Independent Contract Services and will be paid through payroll. Reimbursement will be reported as taxable compensation on statements of earnings (W-2). Applicable payroll deductions when appropriate including STRS and PERS will be made at the time of earned payments. It is understood that this agreement provides for a temporary position having no employment rights or benefits.

River Delta Unified School District agrees to Contract with \_\_\_\_\_ for the services performed from: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_.

Services to be performed: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount to be paid:

Budget # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Budget # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment will be made, with approval of certifying administrator, upon completion of services as follows:

Pay Rate: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ (hour, day, week, month, flat rate, stipend)

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Title Date

Supervisor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Personnel Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Date

**NOTE: This form must be accompanied by the following:**

I-9 Copy of Social Security Card  
W-4 Copy of Driver's License  
DE 4

**Identify services completed and submit to payroll:**

Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Certifying Administrator  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

All obligations have been fulfilled   
Additional payment requests will be forwarded to Payroll

### Professional Expert Completes:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

S.S. # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Expert Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a valid CA teaching credential?

Yes  No

Are you presently or have you been a member of

PERS Yes  No

STRS Yes  No

Are you presently an employee of RDUSD?

Yes  No

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**RIVER DELTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
445 Montezuma Street  
Rio Vista, CA 94571-1651



**BOARD AGENDA BRIEFING**

**Meeting Date:** June 27, 2017

Attachments:  X

**From:** Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services

Item #: 10.9

**SUBJECT**

Request to approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (McGrew Behavior Intervention Services, Inc.) for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
Consent Action:  X  
Information Only: \_\_\_\_\_

**Background & Status:**

Name of Vendor: McGrew Behavior Intervention Services, Inc.

Description of Service(s): To provide consultation services and educational services for students with special needs related to Autism and Behavior Intervention, as determined by their Individual Education Programs (IEP).

Date(s) of Service(s): 2017-2018 school year

The 2016-2017 contract was \$80,000. The 2017-2018 contract is not to exceed \$50,000.

**Presenter:**

Kathy Wright, Director of Educational Services

**Cost &/or Funding Sources (be specific)**

Not to exceed \$50,000 paid by Special Education funds. The rate for a one-to-one aide is \$30.00 per hour. The rate for a Behavior Specialist is \$105.00 per hour.

**Recommendation:**

That the Board approve the General Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency (McGrew Behavior Intervention Services, Inc.) for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

Time: 2 mins.

*NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN  
SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES*

*MASTER CONTRACT*

**2017–2018**



# MASTER CONTRACT

GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR NONSECTARIAN,  
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES

District RIVER DELTA UNIFIED DISTRICT

Contract Year 2017-2018

         Nonpublic School  
  X   Nonpublic Agency

**Type of Contract:**

         Master Contract for fiscal year with Individual Service Agreements (ISA) to be approved throughout the term of this contract.

         Individual Master Contract for a specific student incorporating the Individual Service Agreement (ISA) into the terms of this Individual Master Contract specific to a single student.

         Interim Contract: an extension of the previous fiscal years approved contracts and rates. The sole purpose of this Interim Contract is to provide for ongoing funding at the prior year's rates for 90 days at the sole discretion of the District. Expiration Date:                         

*When this section is included as part of any Master Contract, the changes specified above shall amend Section 4 – Term of Master Contract.*

**DISTRICT MASTER CONTRACT  
GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR NONSECTARIAN,  
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES  
2017-2018**

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CONTRACT NUMBER:

LEA: River Delta Unified School DISTRICT

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NONPUBLIC SCHOOL/AGENCY/RELATED SERVICES PROVIDER: McGrew Behavior Intervention

**NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES**  
**MASTER CONTRACT**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MASTER CONTRACT AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. MASTER CONTRACT**

This Master Contract is entered into on July 1, 2017, between the River Delta Unified School DISTRICT (hereinafter referred to as the local educational agency "LEA" or "District") and McGrew Behavior Intervention Services (nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR") for the purpose of providing special education and/or related services to LEA students with exceptional needs under the authorization of California Education Code sections 56157, 56361 and 56365 *et seq.* and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 *et seq.*, AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003) and AB1858 (Chapter 914, Statutes of 2004). It is understood that this Master Contract does not commit LEA to pay for special education and/or related services provided to any LEA student, or CONTRACTOR to provide such special education and/or related services, unless and until an authorized LEA representative approves the provision of special education and/or related services by CONTRACTOR.

Upon acceptance of a student, LEA shall submit to CONTRACTOR an Individual Services Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "ISA"), along with a Nonpublic Services Student Enrollment form. CONTRACTOR shall work with LEA to complete and return these forms to LEA prior to initiating any services for any student.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the ISA and the Nonpublic Services Student Enrollment form shall acknowledge CONTRACTOR'S obligation to provide all services specified in the student's Individualized Education Plan (hereinafter referred to as "IEP"). The ISA shall be executed within ninety (90) days of an LEA student's enrollment. LEA and CONTRACTOR shall enter into an ISA for each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. As available and appropriate, LEA shall make available access to any electronic IEP system and/or electronic database for ISA development, including invoicing.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings (hereinafter referred to as "OAH") order, a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and parent, or authorized by LEA for a transfer student pursuant to California Education Code section 56325, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with nonpublic school placement until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a nonpublic school placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by LEA student's parent.

**2. CERTIFICATION AND LICENSES**

CONTRACTOR shall be certified by the California Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as "CDE") as a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency. All nonpublic school and nonpublic agency services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code section 56366 *et seq.* and within the professional scope of practice of each provider's license, certification and/or credential. A current copy of CONTRACTOR'S nonpublic school/agency certification or a waiver of such certification issued by the CDE pursuant to Education Code section 56366.2 must be provided to LEA on or before the date this Master Contract is executed by CONTRACTOR. This Master Contract shall be null and void if such certification or waiver is expired, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Master Contract. Total student

enrollment shall be limited to capacity as stated on the applicable CDE certification. Total LEA student enrollment shall be limited to capacity as stated in Section 24 of the Master Contract.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the state of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this state shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 *et seq.*).

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution (hereinafter referred to as "LCI"), CONTRACTOR shall be licensed by the state, or other public agency having delegated authority by contract with the state to license, to provide nonmedical care to children, including, but not limited to, individuals with exceptional needs. The LCI must also comply with all licensing requirements relevant to the protection of the child, and have a special permit, if necessary, to meet the needs of each child so placed. If the CONTRACTOR operates a program outside of this state, CONTRACTOR must obtain all required licenses from the appropriate licensing agency in both California and in the state where the LCI is located.

With respect to CONTRACTOR'S certification, failure to notify LEA and CDE of any changes in: (1) credentialed/licensed staff; (2) ownership; (3) management and/or control of the agency; (4) major modification or relocation of facilities; or (5) significant modification of the program may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and shall also be good cause for the suspension or termination of this Master Contract by LEA.

### **3. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, STATUTES, REGULATIONS**

During the term of this Master Contract, unless otherwise agreed, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, policies, and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall also comply with all applicable LEA policies and procedures unless CONTRACTOR and LEA specifically agree, in writing, that a policy or policies, or a portion of a policy, does/do not reasonably apply to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR hereby acknowledges and agrees that it accepts all risks and responsibilities for its failure to comply with LEA policies and shall indemnify LEA under the provisions of Section 16 of this Agreement for all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of CONTRACTOR'S failure to comply with applicable LEA policies (e.g., those policies relating to the provision of special education and/or related services, facilities for individuals with exceptional needs, LEA student enrollment and transfer, LEA student inactive status, corporal punishment, student discipline, and positive behavior interventions).

CONTRACTOR acknowledges and understands that LEA may report to the CDE any violations of the provisions of this Master Contract, and that this may result in the suspension and/or revocation of CDE nonpublic school/agency certification pursuant to California Education Code section 56366.4(a).

### **4. TERM OF MASTER CONTRACT**

The term of this Master Contract shall be from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 unless otherwise stated. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3062(a).) Neither the CONTRACTOR nor LEA is required to renew this Master Contract in subsequent contract years. However, the parties acknowledge that any subsequent Master Contract is to be re-negotiated prior to June 30, 2018. In the event a Master Contract is not renegotiated by June 30<sup>th</sup>, an interim contract may be made available as mutually agreed upon for up to 90 days from July 1 of the new fiscal year. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3062(d).) No Master Contract will be offered unless and until all of the contracting requirements have been satisfied. The offer of a Master Contract to a CONTRACTOR is at the sole discretion of LEA.

The provisions of this Master Contract apply to CONTRACTOR and any of its employees or independent contractors. Notice of any change in CONTRACTOR'S ownership or authorized representative shall be provided in writing to LEA within thirty (30) calendar days of change of ownership or change of authorized representative.

**5. INTEGRATION/CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACT FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION**

This Master Contract includes LEA Procedures and each Individual Services Agreement which are incorporated herein by this reference. This Master Contract supersedes any prior or contemporaneous written or oral understanding or agreement. This Master Contract may be amended only by written amendment executed by both parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, LEA may modify LEA procedures from time to time without the consent of CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA with all information as requested in writing to secure a Master Contract or a renewal.

At a minimum, such information shall include copies of teacher credentials and clearance, insurance documentation, and CDE certification. LEA may require additional information as applicable. If the application packet is not completed and returned to LEA, no Master Contract will be issued. If CONTRACTOR does not return the Master Contract to LEA duly signed by an authorized representative within ninety (90) calendar days of issuance by LEA, the new contract rates will not take effect until the newly executed Master Contract is received by LEA and will not be retroactive to the first day of the new Master Contract's effective date. If CONTRACTOR fails to execute the new Master Contract within such ninety day period, all payments shall cease until such time as the new Master Contract for the current school year is signed and returned to LEA by CONTRACTOR. (Ed. Code §§ 56366(c)(1), (2).) In the event that this Master Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed Master Contract between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized LEA students at the discretion of LEA.

**6. INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

This Master Contract shall include an ISA developed for each LEA student for whom CONTRACTOR is to provide special education and/or related services. An ISA shall only be issued for LEA students enrolled with the approval of LEA pursuant to Education Code section 56366(a)(2)(A). An ISA may be effective for more than one contract year provided that there is a concurrent Master Contract in effect. In the event that this Master Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed ISAs between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized LEA students.

Any and all changes to a LEA student's educational placement/program provided under this Master Contract and/or an ISA shall be made solely on the basis of a revision to LEA student's IEP. At any time during the term of this Master Contract, a LEA student's parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of a LEA student's IEP subject to all procedural safeguards required by law.

Unless otherwise provided in this Master Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall provide all services specified in the IEP unless the CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in the ISA. (Ed. Code § 56366(a)(5); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3062(e).) In the event the CONTRACTOR is unable to provide a specific service at any time during the life of the ISA, the CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing within five (5) business days of the last date a service was provided. CONTRACTOR shall provide any and all subsequent compensatory service hours awarded to an LEA student as a result of lack of provision of services while the student was served by the nonpublic school or agency.

If a parent or LEA contests the termination of an ISA by initiating a due process proceeding with the OAH, CONTRACTOR shall abide by the "stay-put" requirement of state and federal law unless the parent agrees otherwise or an interim alternative educational placement is deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning changes in placement.

Disagreements between LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the formulation of an ISA or the Master Contract may be appealed to the County Superintendent of Schools of the County where LEA is located, or

the State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code section 56366(c)(2).

## 7. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this contract:

- a. The term “CONTRACTOR” means a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency certified by the California Department of Education and its officers, agents, and employees.
- b. The term “authorized LEA representative” means a LEA administrator designated to be responsible for nonpublic school/agencies. It is understood that a representative of the Special Education Local Plan Area (“SELPA”) of which LEA is a member is an authorized LEA representative in collaboration with LEA. LEA maintains sole responsibility for the Master Contract, unless otherwise specified in the Master Contract.
- c. The term “credential” means a valid credential, life diploma, permit, or document in special education or Pupil Personnel Services issued by, or under the jurisdiction of, the California State Board of Education if issued prior to 1970 or the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, which entitles the holder thereof to perform services for which certification qualifications are required as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(g).
- d. As defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(r), the term "qualified" means that a person has met federal and state certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements which apply to the area in which he or she is providing special education or related services (including but not limited to, for example, the requirements set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 5, sections 3064 and 3065 and Education Code section 56366.1(n)(1)), or, in the absence of such requirements, the state-education-agency-approved or recognized requirements, and adheres to the standards of professional practice established in federal and state law or regulation, including the standards contained in the California Business and Professions Code and the scope of practice as defined by the licensing or credentialing body.) Nothing in this definition shall be construed as restricting the activities or services of a graduate needing direct hours leading to licensure, or of a student teacher or intern leading to a graduate degree at an accredited or approved college or university, as authorized by state laws or regulations.
- e. The term “license” means a valid non-expired document issued by a licensing agency within the Department of Consumer Affairs or other state licensing office authorized to grant licenses and authorizing the bearer of the document to provide certain professional services or refer to themselves using a specified professional title. This includes, but is not limited to mental health and board and care services at a residential placement. If a license is not available through an appropriate state licensing agency, a certificate of registration with the appropriate professional organization at the national or state level which has standards established for the certificate that are equivalent to a license shall be deemed to be a license as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(l).
- f. “Parent” means a biological or adoptive parent unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child, a guardian generally authorized to act as the child’s parent or authorized to make educational decisions for the child, an individual acting in the place of a biological or adoptive parent, including a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative with whom the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child’s welfare, a surrogate parent, a foster parent if the authority of the biological or adoptive parent to make educational decisions on the child’s behalf has been specifically limited by court order in accordance with Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 300.30(b)(1) or (2). Parent does not include the state or any political subdivision of government or the nonpublic school or agency under contract

with LEA for the provision of special education or designated instruction and services for a child. (Ed. Code § 56028.)

- g. The term “days” means calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- h. The phrase “billable day” means a school day in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs.
- i. The phrase “billable day of attendance” means a school day as defined in California Education Code Section 46307, in which a LEA student is in attendance and in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs unless otherwise stipulated in an IEP or ISA.
- j. It is understood that the term “Master Contract” also means “Agreement” and may be referred to as such in this document.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT**

### **8. NOTICES**

All notices provided for by this Master Contract shall be in writing. Notices shall be mailed or delivered by hand and shall be effective as of the date of receipt by addressee.

All notices mailed to LEA shall be addressed to the person and address as indicated on the signature page of the Master Contract. Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed as indicated on signature page of this Master Contract.

### **9. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS**

All records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR as required by state and federal laws and regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, CONTRACTOR shall maintain all records for at least five (5) years after the termination of this Master Contract. For purposes of this Master Contract, “records” shall include, but not be limited to pupil records as defined by California Education Code section 49061(b) including electronically stored information; cost data records as set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3061; registers and roll books of teachers and/or daily service providers; chart notes, Medi-Cal logs, daily service logs and notes and other documents used to record the provision of related services including supervision; daily service logs and notes used to record the provision of services provided by instructional assistants, NPA behavior intervention aides, and bus aides and supervisors; absence verification records (parent/doctor notes, telephone logs, and related documents); bus rosters; staff lists specifying credentials held; business licenses held; documents evidencing other staff qualifications including social security numbers, dates of hire, and dates of termination; records of employee training and certification, staff time sheets; non-paid staff and volunteer sign-in sheets; transportation and other related services subcontracts; school calendars; bell/class schedules when applicable; liability and worker’s compensation insurance policies; state nonpublic school and/or agency certifications; by-laws; lists of current board of directors/trustees, if incorporated; statements of income and expenses; general journals; cash receipts and disbursement books, general ledgers and supporting documents; documents evidencing financial expenditures; federal/state payroll quarterly reports (Form 941/DE3DP); and bank statements and canceled checks or facsimile thereof.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain LEA student records in a secure location to ensure confidentiality and prevent unauthorized access. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a current list of the names and positions of CONTRACTOR’S employees who have access to confidential records. CONTRACTOR shall maintain an access log for each LEA student’s record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record and the legitimate interests therefore. Such log shall be maintained as required by California Education Code section 49064 and include the name, title, agency/organization affiliation, and date/time of access for each individual requesting or receiving information from LEA student’s record. Such log needs not to record access to LEA student’s records by: (a) LEA student’s parent;



(b) an individual to whom written consent has been executed by LEA student's parent; or (c) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record. CONTRACTOR/LEA shall maintain copies of any written parental concerns granting access to student records. For purposes of this paragraph, "employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR" do not include subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall grant parents access to student records and comply with parents' requests for copies of student records, as required by state and federal laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR agrees, in the event of school or agency closure, to forward all records within ten (10) business days to LEA. LEA shall have access to and receive copies of any and all documents required to be maintained by CONTRACTOR within five (5) business days of a request.

**10. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

If any provision of this Master Contract is held, in whole or in part, to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of that provision and of the entire Master Contract shall be severable and remain in effect.

**11. SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST**

This contract binds CONTRACTOR'S successors and assignees. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, of any change of ownership or corporate control within ten (10) business days of such change.

**12. VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW**

The laws of the State of California shall govern the terms and conditions of this Master Contract with venue in the County where LEA is located.

**13. MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS REQUIRED TO CONFORM TO LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES**

This Master Contract may be modified or amended by LEA to conform to administrative and statutory guidelines issued by any state, federal or local governmental agency. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR thirty (30) days' notice of any such changes or modifications made to conform to administrative or statutory guidelines and a copy of the statute or regulation upon which the modification or changes are based.

**14. TERMINATION**

This Master Contract or an Individual Service Agreement may be terminated for cause. Cause shall include but not be limited to non-maintenance of current nonpublic school certification, failure of either LEA or the CONTRACTOR to maintain the standards required under the Master Contract and/or Individual Services Agreement, or other material breach of the contract by CONTRACTOR or LEA. For purposes of Non Public School placement, the cause shall not be the availability of a public class initiated during the period of the Master Contract unless the parent agrees to the transfer of the student to a public school program at an IEP team meeting. To terminate the Master Contract, either party shall give twenty (20) days prior written notice to the other party (Ed. Code § 56366(a)(4)), or immediately if CONTRACTOR and LEA mutually agree that there are significant health or safety concerns. At the time of termination, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Master Contract. ISAs are void upon termination of this Master Contract, except as provided in Section 5 or 6. CONTRACTOR or LEA may terminate an ISA for cause, without terminating the Master Contract in its entirety. To terminate the ISA, either party shall also give twenty (20) days prior written notice to the other.

**15. INSURANCE**

CONTRACTOR shall, at his, her, or its sole cost and expense, maintain in full force and effect, during the term of this Agreement, the following insurance coverage from a California licensed and/or admitted insurer with an A minus (A-), VII, or better rating from A.M. Best, sufficient to cover any claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including counsel fees) arising out of or in connection with CONTRACTOR's fulfillment

of any of its obligations under this Agreement or either party's use of the work or any component or part thereof:

PART I

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance**, including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits as follows:

\$2,000,000 per occurrence  
\$ 500,000 fire damage  
\$ 5,000 medical expenses  
\$1,000,000 personal & adv. injury  
\$3,000,000 general aggregate  
\$2,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate

The policy may not contain an exclusion for coverage of claims arising from claims for sexual molestation or abuse. In the event that CONTRACTOR's policy should have an exclusion for sexual molestation or abuse claims, then CONTRACTOR shall be required to procure a supplemental policy providing such coverage.

- B. **Business Auto Liability Insurance** for all owned scheduled, non-owned or hired automobiles with a \$1 million combined single limit.

If no owned automobiles, then only hired and non-owned is required.

If CONTRACTOR uses a vehicle to travel to/from school sites, between schools and/or to/from students' homes or other locations as approved service locations by the LEA, CONTRACTOR must comply with State of California auto insurance requirements.

- C. **Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance** in a form and amount covering CONTRACTOR's full liability under the California Workers' Compensation Insurance and Safety Act and in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

Part A – Statutory Limits

Part B – \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000 Employers Liability

- D. **Errors & Omissions (E & O)/Malpractice (Professional Liability) Insurance**, including sexual molestation and abuse coverage, unless that coverage is afforded elsewhere in the Commercial General Liability policy by endorsement or separate policy, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 per occurrence  
\$2,000,000 general aggregate

- E. CONTRACTOR, upon execution of this Master Contract and periodically thereafter upon request, shall furnish the LEA with certificates of insurance evidencing such coverage. The certificate of insurance shall include a ten (10) day non-renewal notice provision. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policy shall name the LEA and the Board of Education additional insured's premiums on all insurance policies and shall be paid by CONTRACTOR and shall be deemed included in CONTRACTOR's obligations under this contract at no additional charge.

- F. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions above \$100,000 must be disclosed to and approved by the LEA. At its option, LEA may require the CONTRACTOR, at the CONTRACTOR's sole cost, to: (a) cause its insurer to reduce to levels specified by the LEA or eliminate such deductibles

or self-insured retentions with respect to the LEA, its officials and employees, or (b) procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigation.

- G. For any claims related to the services contracted for under this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects to the LEA, its subsidiaries, officials and employees. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the LEA, its subsidiaries, officials and employees shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- H. All Certificates of Insurance may reference the contract number, name of the school or agency submitting the certificate, and the location of the school or agency submitting the certificate on the certificate.

PART II – INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFILIATED WITH A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER (“RTC”)

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school affiliated with a residential treatment center (NPS/RTC), the following insurance policies are required:

- A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance** of \$3,000,000 per Occurrence and \$6,000,000 in General Aggregate. The policy shall be endorsed to name the LEA and the Board of Education as named additional insureds and shall provide specifically that any insurance carried by the LEA which may be applicable to any claims or loss shall be deemed excess and the RTC's insurance primary despite any conflicting provisions in the RTC's policy. Coverage shall be maintained with no self-insured retention above \$100,000 without the prior written approval of the LEA.
- B. **Workers' Compensation Insurance** in accordance with provisions of the California Labor Code adequate to protect the RTC from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act (Statutory Coverage). The Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage must also include Employers Liability coverage with limits of \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000.
- C. **Commercial Auto Liability** coverage with limits of \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence if the RTC does not operate a student bus service. If the RTC provides student bus services, the required coverage limit is \$5,000,000 Combined Single Limit per Occurrence.
- D. **Fidelity Bond or Crime** coverage shall be maintained by the RTC to cover all employees who process or otherwise have responsibility for RTC funds, supplies, equipment or other assets. Minimum amount of coverage shall be \$250,000 per occurrence, with no self-insured retention.
- E. **Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions/Malpractice** coverage with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.
- F. **Sexual Molestation and Abuse** coverage, unless that coverage is afforded elsewhere in the Commercial General Liability or Professional liability policy by endorsement, with minimum limits of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$6,000,000 general aggregate.

If LEA or CONTRACTOR determines that a change in insurance coverage obligations under this section is necessary, either party may reopen negotiations to modify the insurance obligations. Consistent with Section 5 of this Master Contract, however, the Master Contract may be amended only by written amendment executed by both Parties.

**16. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS**

Except with respect to claims arising from a Party's separate negligence or willful acts, which shall remain that Party's personal obligation, each Party agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other Party and its directors, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, volunteers, and subcontractors with respect to a claim resulting from or arising out of this Master Contract or its performance and arising from the Party's actual or alleged act, failure to act, error, or omission in the performance of their obligations under this Agreement or any governing law or regulations.

**17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to imply a joint venture, partnership or principal-agent relationship between LEA and CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide all services under this Agreement as an independent contractor, and neither party shall have the authority to bind or make any commitment on behalf of the other. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to create any association, partnership, joint venture or relationship of principal and agent, master and servant, or employer and employee between the Parties or any affiliates of the Parties, or between LEA and any individual assigned by CONTRACTOR to perform any services for LEA.

If LEA is held to be a partner, joint venturer, co-principal, employer or co-employer of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless LEA from and against any and all claims for loss, liability, or damages arising from that holding, as well as any expenses, costs, taxes, penalties and interest charges incurred by LEA as a result of that holding.

**18. SUBCONTRACTING**

CONTRACTOR shall not enter into any subcontracting relationship without first obtaining final written approval of LEA. Should CONTRACTOR wish to subcontract for special education and/or related services pursuant to this Master Contract, it must provide written notification to LEA before any subcontracting arrangement is made. In the event LEA determines that it can provide the subcontracted service(s) at a lower rate, LEA may elect to provide such service(s). If LEA elects to provide such service(s) at a lower rate, LEA may elect to provide such service(s). If LEA elects to provide such service(s), LEA shall provide written notification to CONTRACTOR within five (5) days of receipt of CONTRACTOR'S original request and CONTRACTOR shall not subcontract for said services.

Should LEA approve in concept of CONTRACTOR subcontracting for services, CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA for approval the proposed subcontract. CONTRACTOR shall incorporate all of the provisions of this Master Contract in all subcontracts to the fullest extent possible. Furthermore, when CONTRACTOR creates subcontracts for the provision of special education and/or related services (including without limitation, transportation) for any student, CONTRACTOR shall cause each subcontractor to procure and maintain indemnification and insurance requirements which comply with the provisions of Sections 15 and 16 of this Master Contract, for the duration of the term of each subcontract. If a proposed subcontract is approved by LEA, each subcontractor must furnish LEA with original endorsements and certificates of insurance effective coverage required by Section 15 of this Master Contract. The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. Unless otherwise agreed to by LEA, the endorsements are to be on forms provided by the LEA. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies shall name the LEA/SELPA and the LEA Board of Education as additional insured. All endorsements are to be received and approved by LEA before the subcontractor's work commences. In addition, all sub-contractors must meet the requirements as contained in Section 45 (Clearance Requirements) and Section 46 (Staff Qualifications) of this Master Contract. No subcontract shall be considered final without LEA approval.

**19. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA upon request a copy of its current bylaws and a current list of its Board of Directors (or Trustees), if it is incorporated. CONTRACTOR and any member of its Board of Directors (or Trustees) shall avoid and disclose any relationship with LEA that constitutes or may constitute a conflict of interest pursuant to California Education Code section 56042 including, but not limited to, employment with LEA, provision of private party assessments and/or reports, and attendance at IEP team meetings acting as a student's advocate. Pursuant to California Education Code section 56042, an attorney or advocate for a parent of an individual with exceptional needs shall not recommend placement at CONTRACTOR'S facility if the attorney or advocate is employed or contracted by the CONTRACTOR, or will receive a benefit from the CONTRACTOR, or otherwise has a conflict of interest.

Unless CONTRACTOR and LEA otherwise agree in writing, LEA shall neither execute an ISA with CONTRACTOR nor amend an existing ISA for a LEA student when a recommendation for special education and/or related services is based in whole or in part on assessment(s) or reports provided by CONTRACTOR to LEA student without prior written authorization by LEA. This paragraph shall apply to CONTRACTOR regardless of when an assessment is performed or a report is prepared (i.e. before or after LEA student is enrolled in CONTRACTOR'S school/agency) or whether an assessment of LEA student is performed or a report is prepared in the normal course of the services provided to LEA student by CONTRACTOR. To avoid a conflict of interest, and in order to ensure the appropriateness of an Independent Educational Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as "IEE") and its recommendations, LEA may, in its discretion, not fund an IEE by an evaluator who provides ongoing service(s) or is sought to provide service(s) to the student for whom the IEE is requested. Likewise, LEA may, in its discretion, not fund services through the evaluator whose IEE LEA agrees to fund. When no other appropriate assessor is available, LEA may request and if CONTRACTOR agrees, the CONTRACTOR may provide an IEE.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that its authorized representative has read and understands Education Code section 56366.3 which provides, in relevant part, that no special education and/or related services provided by CONTRACTOR shall be paid for by LEA if provided by an individual who was an employee of LEA within three hundred and sixty five (365) days prior to executing this Master Contract. This provision does not apply to any person who is able to provide designated instruction and services during the extended school year because he or she is otherwise employed for up to ten months of the school year by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall not admit a student living within the jurisdictional boundaries of LEA on a private pay or tuition free "scholarship" basis and concurrently or subsequently advise/request parent(s) to pursue funding for the admitted school year from LEA through due process proceedings.

**20. NON-DISCRIMINATION**

CONTRACTOR shall not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or disability or any other classification protected by federal or state law, in employment or operation of its programs.

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

**21. FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION ("FAPE")**

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with a copy of the IEP including the Individualized Transition Plan (hereinafter referred to as "ITP") of each LEA student served by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide to each LEA student special education and/or related services (including transition services) within the nonpublic school or nonpublic agency consistent with LEA student's IEP and as specified in the ISA. If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall not accept a LEA student if it cannot provide or ensure the provision of the services outlined in the student's IEP. If a LEA student's services are provided

by a third party (i.e. a related services provider) CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, if the provision of services ceases.

Unless otherwise agreed to between CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the provision of all appropriate supplies, equipment, and/or facilities for LEA students, as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall make no charge of any kind to parents for special education and/or related services as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA (including, but not limited to, screenings, assessments, or interviews that occur prior to or as a condition of LEA student's enrollment under the terms of this Master Contract). LEA shall provide low incidence equipment for eligible students with low incidence disabilities when specified in the student's IEP and ISA. Such equipment remains the property of the SELPA/LEA and shall be returned to the SELPA/LEA when the IEP team determines the equipment is no longer needed or when the student is no longer enrolled in the nonpublic school. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that facilities are adequate to provide all LEA students with an environment which meets all pertinent health and safety regulations. CONTRACTOR may charge a LEA student's parent(s) for services and/or activities not necessary for LEA student to receive a free appropriate public education after: (a) written notification to LEA student's parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities; and (b) receipt by LEA of the written notification and a written acknowledgment signed by LEA student's parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning parent acknowledgment of financial responsibility.

Voluntary services and/or activities not necessary for an LEA student to receive a free appropriate public education shall not interfere with LEA student's receipt of special education and/or related services as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA unless LEA and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing.

## **22. GENERAL PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION**

All nonpublic school and nonpublic agency services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code section 56366 *et seq.* and shall ensure that facilities are adequate to provide LEA students with an environment which meets all pertinent health and safety regulations.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction shall: (a) utilize evidence-based practices and predictors and be consistent with LEA's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (b) include curriculum that addresses mathematics, literacy and the use of educational, assistive technology and transition services; (c) be consistent with CDE's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (d) provide the services as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA. LEA students shall have access to: (a) State Board of Education (SBE) - adopted Common Core State Standards ("CCSS") for curriculum and the same instructional materials for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive; and provide standards-aligned core curriculum and instructional materials for grades 9 to 12, inclusive, used by a local education agency (LEA), that contracts with the nonpublic school: (b) college preparation courses; (c) extracurricular activities such as art, sports, music and academic clubs; (d) career preparation and vocational training, consistent with transition plans pursuant to state and federal law and; (e) supplemental assistance, including individual academic tutoring, psychological counseling, and career and college counseling. When appropriate, CONTRACTOR shall utilize the designated curriculum guidelines for students with moderate to severe disabilities who participate in the State's alternative assessment. These students shall have access to the core content, activities, and instructional materials delineated within these curriculum guidelines. CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction shall be described in writing and a copy provided to LEA prior to the effective date of this Master Contract.

When CONTRACTOR serves LEA students in grades nine through twelve inclusive, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR a specific list of the course requirements to be satisfied by the CONTRACTOR leading toward graduation or completion of LEA's diploma requirements. CONTRACTOR shall not award a high school diploma to LEA students who have not successfully completed all of LEA's graduation requirements.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and/or related services provider, CONTRACTOR'S general program of instruction and/or services shall utilize evidence-based practices and predictors and be consistent with LEA and CDE guidelines/certifications and any state licensing requirements and shall be provided as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA. The nonpublic agency providing Behavior Intervention Services shall develop a written plan that specifies the nature of their nonpublic agency service for each student within thirty (30) days of enrollment and shall be provided in writing to LEA. School-based services may not be unilaterally converted by CONTRACTOR to a substitute program or provided at a location not specifically authorized by the IEP team. Except for services provided by a contractor that is a licensed children's institution ("LCI"), all services not provided in the school setting require the presence of a parent, guardian or adult caregiver during the delivery of services, provided such guardian or caregiver has a signed authorization by the parent or legal guardian to authorize emergency services as requested. LCI contractors shall ensure that appropriate and qualified residential or clinical staff is present during the provision of services under this Master Contract. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA in writing if no parent, guardian, or adult caregiver is present. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a written description of the services and location provided prior to the effective date of this Master Contract. Contractors providing Behavior Intervention Services must have on staff individuals trained as the law requires. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3051.23.) It is understood that Behavior Intervention Services are limited per CDE Certification and do not constitute an instructional program.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, CONTRACTOR shall not provide transportation nor subcontract for transportation services for students unless LEA and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing.

### **23. INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, the total number of instructional minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be at least equivalent to the number of instructional minutes per school day provided to LEA students at like grade level attending LEA schools and shall be specified in LEA student's ISA developed in accordance with LEA student's IEP.

For students in grades kindergarten through 12, inclusive, unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP and ISA, the number of instructional minutes, excluding breakfast, recess, lunch and pass time shall be the same as the Education Code prescribes for the LEA.

The total number of annual instructional minutes shall be at least equivalent to the total number of annual instructional minutes provided to LEA students attending LEA schools in like grade levels unless otherwise specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and/or related services provider, the total number of minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be specified in LEA student's ISA developed in accordance with LEA student's IEP.

### **24. CLASS SIZE**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that class size shall not exceed a ratio of one teacher per twelve (12) students unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise in writing. Upon prior written approval by an authorized LEA representative, class size may be temporarily increased by a ratio of 1 teacher to fourteen (14) students when necessary during the regular or extended school year to provide services to students with disabilities.

In the event a nonpublic school is unable to fill a vacant teaching position responsible for direct instruction to students, and the vacancy has direct impact on the California Department of Education Certification of that school, the nonpublic school shall develop a plan to ensure appropriate coverage of students by first utilizing existing certificated staff. The nonpublic school and LEA may agree to one 30 school day period per contract year where class size may be increased to ensure coverage by an appropriately credentialed

teacher. Such an agreement shall be in writing and signed by both Parties. This provision does not apply to a nonpublic agency.

## **25. CALENDARS**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a school calendar with the total number of billable days not to exceed 180 days, plus extended school year billable days equivalent to the number of days determined by LEA's extended school year calendar. Billable days shall include only those days that are included on the submitted and approved school calendar, and/or required by the IEP (developed by LEA) for each student. CONTRACTOR shall not be allowed to change its school calendar and/or amend the number of billable days without the prior written approval of LEA. Nothing in this Master Contract shall be interpreted to require LEA to accept any requests for calendar changes. In the event LEA adjusts the number of school days for the regular school year and/or extended school year, the approved number of days shall become the total billable days for the nonpublic school or agency. In such a case, an amended calendar shall be provided by CONTRACTOR for LEA approval.

Unless otherwise specified by the student's IEP, educational services shall occur at the school site. A student shall only be eligible for extended school year services if such are recommended by his/her IEP Team and the provision of such is specifically included in the ISA. Extended school year shall consist of twenty (20) instructional days, unless otherwise agreed upon by the IEP Team convened by LEA. Any days of extended school year in excess of twenty (20) billable days must be mutually agreed to, in writing, prior to the start of the extended school year.

Student must have actually been in attendance during the regular school year and/or during extended school year and actually received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any nonpublic school service. Any instructional days provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall observe only the same legal holidays as LEA. As of the execution of this Master Contract, these holidays are: Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, and Independence Day. With the approval of LEA, CONTRACTOR may revise the date upon which CONTRACTOR closes in observance of any of the holidays observed by LEA.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, CONTRACTOR shall be provided with a LEA-developed/approved calendar prior to the initiation of services. CONTRACTOR herein agrees to observe holidays as specified in LEA-developed/approved calendar. CONTRACTOR shall provide services pursuant to LEA-developed/approved calendar; or as specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA. Unless otherwise specified in LEA student's ISA, CONTRACTOR shall provide related services to LEA students on only those days that LEA student's school of attendance is in session and LEA student attends school. CONTRACTOR shall bill only for services provided on billable days of attendance as indicated on LEA calendar unless CONTRACTOR and LEA agree otherwise, in writing. Student must have actually been in attendance and/or received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any nonpublic agency service provided by CONTRACTOR. Any instructional days provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

## **26. DATA REPORTING**

CONTRACTOR shall agree to provide to LEA, all data (including billing information) related to students who are served by the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide all data related to or referenced in any and all sections of this Master Contract if requested by LEA. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide all



requested information in the format required by LEA. It is understood that all nonpublic schools and nonpublic agencies shall utilize the Special Education Information System (SEIS) or comparable program/system approved by LEA/SELPA for all IEP development and progress reporting. Additional progress reporting may be required by LEA. LEA shall provide the CONTRACTOR with appropriate software, user training and proper internet permissions to allow adequate access so that this information may be compiled.

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with approved forms and/or format for such data including but not limited to invoicing, attendance reports and progress reports. LEA may approve use of CONTRACTOR-provided forms at its discretion.

**27. LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT**

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall follow all LEA policies and procedures that support Least Restrictive Environment (“LRE”) options (and/or dual enrollment options if available and appropriate) for students to have access to the general curriculum and to be educated with their nondisabled peers to the maximum extent appropriate.

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall ensure that LRE placement options are addressed at all IEP team meetings regarding students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. This shall include IEP team consideration of supplementary aids and services and goals and objectives necessary for placement in the LRE and necessary to enable students to transition to less restrictive settings.

When an IEP team has determined that a student should be transitioned into the public school setting, CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA in implementing the IEP team’s recommendations and/or activities to support the transition.

**28. STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT TESTING**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall administer all Statewide assessments within the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (“CAASPP”), Desired Results Developmental Profile (“DRDP”), California Alternative Assessment (“CAA”), achievement and abilities tests (using LEA-authorized assessment instruments), the Fitness Gram, California English Language Development Test (“CELDT”), and the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (“ELPAC”), as appropriate to the student and mandated by LEA pursuant to LEA and state and federal guidelines.

CONTRACTOR is subject to the alternative accountability system developed pursuant to Education Code section 52052, in the same manner as public schools. Each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR by the LEA shall be tested by qualified staff of CONTRACTOR in accordance with that accountability program. LEA shall provide test administration training to CONTRACTOR’S qualified staff. CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA test training and comply with completion of all coding requirements as required by LEA.

**29. MANDATED ATTENDANCE AT LEA MEETINGS**

CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA mandated meetings when legal mandates, and/or LEA policy and procedures are reviewed, including but not limited to the areas of: curriculum, high school graduation, standards-based instruction, behavior intervention, cultural and linguistic needs of students with disabilities, dual enrollment responsibilities, LRE responsibilities, transition services, standardized testing, and IEPs. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with reasonable notice of mandated meetings. Attendance at such meetings does not constitute a billable service hour(s).

### 30. POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all requirements of Education Code section 56521.1 and 56521.2 regarding positive behavior interventions. Failure to do so shall constitute sufficient cause for contract termination.

LEA students who exhibit behaviors that interfere with their learning or the learning of others must receive timely and appropriate assessments and positive supports and interventions in accordance with the federal law and its implementing regulations. If the individualized education program (“IEP”) team determines that a student’s behavior impedes his or her learning or the learning of others, the IEP team is required to consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. This could mean that instead of developing a Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP), the IEP team may conclude it is sufficient to address the student’s behavioral problems through the development of behavioral goals and behavioral interventions to support those goals.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written policy consistent with California Education Code section 56521.1 regarding emergency interventions and Behavioral Emergency Reports (“BERs”). Further, CONTRACTOR shall affirmatively inform each of its employees about the policy and provide each employee a copy thereof. CONTRACTOR shall also ensure that all of its staff members are trained annually in crisis intervention and emergency procedures as related to appropriate behavior management strategies. Training includes certification with an approved SELPA crisis intervention program. Evidence of such training shall be submitted to the LEA at the beginning of the school year and within 6 days of any new hire.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.1, emergency interventions shall not be used as a substitute for a BIP and shall not be employed longer than necessary to contain the behavior. Emergency interventions may only be used to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior that poses clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the LEA student or others and that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior. If a situation requires prolonged use of an emergency intervention, staff must seek assistance from the school site administrator or a law enforcement agency, as suitable to the situation.

To prevent emergency interventions from being used in lieu of planned, systematic behavioral interventions, the parent, guardian, and residential care provider, if appropriate, shall be notified if an emergency intervention is used or serious property damage occurs. CONTRACTOR shall immediately complete and maintain in the file of LEA student a BER which shall include all of the following: (1) The name and age of the individual with exceptional needs; (2) The setting and location of the incident; (3) The name of the staff or other persons involved; (4) A description of the incident and the emergency intervention used, and whether the LEA student is currently engaged in any systematic behavioral intervention plan; and (5) Details of any injuries sustained by LEA student or others, including staff, as a result of the incident. The BER shall be submitted to LEA within twenty-four (24) hours for administrative action. CONTRACTOR shall also notify Parent within twenty-four (24) hours via telephone.

Consistent with the requirements of California Education Code section 56521.1(g), if a BER is written regarding an LEA student who does not have a behavior intervention plan, the designated responsible administrator shall, within two days, schedule an IEP Team meeting to review the emergency report, to determine the necessity for a functional behavioral assessment, and to determine the necessity for an interim plan. The IEP Team shall document the reasons for not conducting the functional behavioral assessment, not developing an interim plan, or both. Consistent with the requirements of California Education Code section 56521.1(h), if a behavioral emergency report is written regarding an LEA student who has a positive behavioral intervention plan, an incident involving a previously unseen serious behavior problem, or where a previously designed intervention is ineffective, shall be referred to the IEP team to review and determine if the incident constitutes a need to modify the positive behavioral intervention plan.

All restraint practices must be reviewed and revised when they have an adverse effect on a student and are used repeatedly for an individual child, either on multiple occasions within the same classroom or multiple uses by the same individual. CONTRACTOR shall notify the student's parent/guardian when any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusion has been used. Upon the use of any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusions of a District student, CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER per the reporting and notification requirements listed above.

### **31. STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and abide by a written policy for student discipline that is consistent with state and federal law and regulations.

When CONTRACTOR seeks to remove a LEA student from his/her current educational placement for disciplinary reasons, CONTRACTOR shall submit a written discipline report within 24 hours to LEA and a manifestation IEP team meeting shall be scheduled. Written discipline reports shall include, but not be limited to: LEA student's name; the time, date, and description of the misconduct; the disciplinary action taken by CONTRACTOR; and the rationale for such disciplinary action. A copy of LEA student's behavior plan, if any, shall be submitted with the written discipline report. CONTRACTOR and LEA agree to participate in a manifestation determination at an IEP meeting no later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of suspension. CONTRACTOR shall notify and invite LEA representatives to the IEP team meeting where the manifestation determination will be made.

### **32. IEP TEAM MEETINGS**

An IEP team meeting shall be convened at least annually to evaluate: (1) the educational progress of each student placed with CONTRACTOR, including all state assessment results pursuant to the requirements of Education Code section 52052; (2) whether or not the needs of the student continue to be best met at the nonpublic school and/or by the nonpublic agency; and (3) whether changes to the student's IEP are necessary, including whether the student may be transitioned to a public school setting. (Ed. Code §§ 56366(a)(2)(B)(i), (ii); 56345(b)(4).)

If an LEA student is to be transferred from a nonpublic school setting into a regular class setting in a public school for any part of the school day, the IEP team shall document, if appropriate, a description of activities provided to integrate the student into the regular education program, including the nature of each activity as well as the time spent on the activity each day or week and a description of the activities provided to support the transition of the student from the special education program into the regular education program. Each student shall be allowed to provide confidential input to any representative of his or her IEP Team. Except as otherwise provided in the Master Contract, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall participate in all IEP team meetings regarding LEA students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. At any time during the term of this Master Contract, a parent, the CONTRACTOR or LEA may request a review of the student's IEP, subject to all procedural safeguards required by law, including reasonable notice given to, and participation of, the CONTRACTOR in the meeting. Every effort shall be made to schedule IEP team meetings at a time and place that is mutually convenient to the parent(s), the CONTRACTOR and LEA. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, at no cost and prior to an annual or triennial IEP Team meeting, documentation which shows progress on goals and any and all assessments and written assessment reports (including testing protocols) created by CONTRACTOR and any of its agents or subcontractors, upon request and/or pursuant to LEA policy and procedures. It is understood that attendance at an IEP meeting is part of CONTRACTOR'S professional responsibility and is not a billable service under this Master Contract.

It is understood that the CONTRACTOR shall utilize the Special Education Information System (SEIS) or other comparable program/system as designated by LEA at LEA's discretion, for all IEP planning and progress reporting. LEA or SELPA shall provide training for any nonpublic school and nonpublic agency to assure access to SEIS or the comparable program/system designated for use by LEA. The nonpublic school and/or nonpublic agency shall maintain confidentiality of all IEP data on SEIS or comparable program/system and shall protect the password requirements of the system. When a student disenrolls from

the nonpublic school or stops receiving services from the nonpublic agency, such CONTRACTOR shall discontinue use of SEIS and/or comparable program/system for that student.

Changes in any LEA student's educational program, including instruction, services, or instructional setting provided under this Master Contract may only be made on the basis of revisions to the student's IEP. In the event that the CONTRACTOR believes the student requires a change of placement, the CONTRACTOR may request a review of the student's IEP for the purpose of considering a change in the student's placement. Student is entitled to remain in the last agreed upon and implemented placement unless parent agrees otherwise or an interim alternative educational setting is deemed lawful and appropriate.

### **33. SURROGATE PARENTS AND FOSTER YOUTH**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all LEA surrogate parent assignments. A pupil in foster care shall be defined pursuant to Education Code section 42238.01(b). The LEA shall annually notify the CONTRACTOR who the LEA has designated as the educational liaison for foster children. When a pupil in foster care is enrolled in a nonpublic school by the LEA any time after the completion of the pupil's second year of high school, the CONTRACTOR shall schedule the pupil in courses leading towards graduation based on the diploma requirements of the LEA unless provided notice otherwise in writing pursuant to Section 51225.1

### **34. DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS**

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in special education due process proceedings including mediations and hearings, as requested by LEA. CONTRACTOR shall also fully participate in the investigation and provision of documentation related to any complaint filed with the State of California, the Office for Civil Rights, or any other state and/or federal governmental body or agency. Full participation shall include, but in no way be limited to, cooperating with LEA representatives to provide complete answers raised by any investigator and/or the immediate provision of any and all documentation that pertains to the operation of CONTRACTOR'S program and/or the implementation of a particular student's IEP/ISA.

### **35. COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and adhere to its own written procedures for responding to parent complaints. These procedures shall include annually notifying and providing parents of LEA students with appropriate information (including complaint forms) for the following: (1) Uniform Complaint Procedures pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4600 et seq.; (2) Nondiscrimination Policy pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4960(a); (3) Sexual Harassment Policy pursuant to California Education Code 231.5; (4) Title IX Student Grievance Procedures pursuant to Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 106.8(a) and 106.9(a); (5) Notice of Privacy Practices in compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPPA"), 45 C.F.R. § 164.520; and (6) Notification and Complaint Procedures for Disability Access, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.* CONTRACTOR shall include verification of these procedures to LEA.

### **36. LEA STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS AND ASSESSMENTS**

Unless LEA requests in writing that progress reports be provided on a monthly basis, CONTRACTOR shall provide to parents, with a concurrent copy sent to LEA, at least four written progress reports/report cards. At a minimum, progress reports shall include progress over time towards IEP goals and objectives. A copy of the progress reports/report cards shall be maintained at the CONTRACTOR'S place of business.

CONTRACTOR shall also provide an LEA representative access to supporting documentation used to determine progress on any goal or objective, including but not limited to log sheets, chart notes, observation notes, data sheets, pre/post tests, rubrics and other similar data collection used to determine progress or lack of progress on approved goals, objectives, transition plans or behavior support and/or intervention plans. LEA may request copies of such data at any time within five years of the date of service. CONTRACTOR

agrees to maintain the information for at least five years and also shall provide this data supporting progress within 5 business days of request. Additional time may be granted as needed by LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall complete academic or other assessment of LEA student ten (10) days prior to LEA student's annual or triennial review IEP team meeting for the purpose of reporting LEA student's present levels of performance at the IEP team meeting as required by state and federal laws and regulations and pursuant to LEA policies, procedures, and/or practices. Sufficient copies of reports, projected goals and/or any other relevant documents to be reviewed by the IEP Team shall be provided to the District no later than five (5) business days prior to an annual or triennial IEP team meeting. CONTRACTOR shall maintain all supporting documentation including but not limited to test protocols and data collection, which shall be made available to LEA within 5 business days of request.

CONTRACTOR is responsible for all assessment costs regarding the updating of goals and objectives, progress reporting and the development of present levels of performance. All other assessments shall be provided by LEA unless LEA specifies in writing a request that CONTRACTOR perform such additional assessment. Such assessment costs may be added to the ISA and/or approved separately by LEA at LEA's sole discretion.

It is understood that all billable hours must be in direct services to pupils as specified in the ISA. For nonpublic agency services, supervision provided by a qualified individual as specified in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3065, shall be determined as appropriate and included in the ISA. Supervision means the direct observation of services, data review, case conferencing and program design consistent with professional standards for each professional's license, certification, or credential.

CONTRACTOR shall not charge LEA student's parent(s) or LEA for the development or provision of progress reports, report cards, and/or any assessments, interviews, or attendance at any meetings, including but not limited to IEP meetings. It is understood that all billable hours have limits to those specified on the ISA consistent with the IEP. It is understood that copies of data collection notes, forms, charts and other such data are part of the pupil's record and shall be made available to LEA upon written request.

### **37. TRANSCRIPTS**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall prepare transcripts at the close of each semester, or upon LEA student transfer, for LEA students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) inclusive. CONTRACTOR shall submit all transcripts on LEA-approved forms to LEA student's school of residence for evaluation of progress toward completion of diploma requirements as specified in LEA Procedures. CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA names of LEA students and their schools of residence for whom transcripts have been submitted as specified by LEA.

### **38. LEA STUDENT CHANGE OF RESIDENCE**

Upon enrollment, CONTRACTOR shall notify parents in writing of their obligation to notify CONTRACTOR of LEA student's change of residence. Within five (5) school days after CONTRACTOR becomes aware of a LEA student's change of residence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, of LEA student's change of residence. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide upon request by LEA, documentation of such notice to parents.

If CONTRACTOR had knowledge or should reasonably have had knowledge of LEA student's change of residence boundaries and CONTRACTOR fails to follow the procedures specified in this provision, LEA shall not be responsible for the costs of services delivered after LEA student's change of residence.

### **39. WITHDRAWAL OF LEA STUDENT FROM PROGRAM**

CONTRACTOR shall immediately report, by telephone, with a follow-up written notification within five (5) business days to LEA Representative responsible for overseeing nonpublic schools and nonpublic agencies,

and any other required representative from the California Department of Education, when a LEA student is withdrawn without prior notice from school and/or services. CONTRACTOR shall confirm such telephone call on LEA approved forms and submit to LEA and the Department of Education, if required, within five (5) business days of the withdrawal, including a student's change in residence to a residence outside of LEA service boundaries, and the student's discharge against professional advice from a Nonpublic School/Residential Treatment Center ("NPS/RTC"). CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA to verify and clear potential dropouts three (3) times per year.

#### **40. PARENT ACCESS**

CONTRACTOR shall provide for reasonable parental access to LEA students and all facilities including, but not limited to, the instructional setting, recreational activity areas, meeting rooms and LEA student's living quarters. CONTRACTOR shall comply with any known court orders regarding parental visits and access to LEA students.

CONTRACTORS operating programs associated with a NPS/RTC shall cooperate with a parent's reasonable request for LEA student therapeutic visits in their home or at the NPS/RTC. CONTRACTOR shall require that parents obtain prior written authorization for therapeutic visits from the CONTRACTOR and the LEA at least thirty (30) days in advance. CONTRACTOR shall facilitate all parent travel and accommodations and provide travel information to the parent as appropriate. Payment by LEA for approved travel-related expenses shall be made directly through the LEA.

#### **41. SERVICES AND SUPERVISION AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

If CONTRACTOR provides services on a LEA public school campus, CONTRACTOR shall comply with Penal Code section 627.1 *et seq.*, as well as all other LEA and campus-specific policies and procedures regarding visitors to/on school campuses. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the purchase and provision of the supplies and assessment tools necessary to implement the provision of CONTRACTOR services on LEA public school campuses.

For services provided on a public school campus, sign in/out procedures shall be followed along with all procedures for being on campus consistent with school and LEA policy. It is understood that the public school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the educational program and all nonpublic agency service providers shall work collaboratively with the classroom teacher who shall remain in charge of the instructional program.

It is understood that all employees, subcontractors and volunteers of any certified nonpublic school or agency shall adhere to customary professional standards when providing services. All practices shall be within the scope of professional responsibility as defined in the professional code of conduct for each profession. Reports regarding student progress shall be consistent with the provision of the Master Contract.

CONTRACTORS providing services outside of the student's school as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one parent of the child or an adult caregiver with written and signed authority to make decisions in an emergency is present during provision of services. The names of any adult caregiver other than the parent shall be provided to LEA prior to the start of any home-based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with the NPS/NPA service provider. All problems and/or concerns reported by CONTRACTOR to parents or guardians, in either verbal or written form, shall be reported to LEA.

CONTRACTOR, if providing services in a student's home as specified in the IEP, shall assure that at least one parent of the child or an adult caregiver with written and signed authorization to make decisions in an emergency is present during the provision of services. The names of any adult caregiver other than the parent shall be provided to LEA prior to the start of any home based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. The parent shall inform LEA of any changes of caregivers and provide written authorization for emergency situations. The adult caregiver cannot be an employee or volunteer

associated with the nonpublic school/nonpublic agency service provider. Moreover, for services provided in a pupil's home as specified in the IEP, CONTRACTORS must assure that the parent or LEA-approved responsible adult is present during the provision of services. All problems and/or concerns reported to parents, both verbal and written, shall also be provided to the LEA.

**42. LICENSED CHILDREN'S INSTITUTION ("LCI") CONTRACTORS AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER ("RTC") CONTRACTORS**

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution ("LCI"), CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements regarding educational placements for LCI students as stated in Education Code sections 56366(a)(2)(C) and 56366.9, Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b), (AB1858, AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003)) and the procedures set forth in LEA Procedures. A LCI shall not require that a pupil be placed in its nonpublic school as a condition of being placed in its residential facility.

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic, nonsectarian school that is owned, operated by, or associated with a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, on a quarterly basis, a list of all LEA students, including those identified as eligible for special education. For those identified special education students, the list shall include: 1) special education eligibility at the time of enrollment and 2) the educational placement and services specified in each student's IEP at the time of enrollment.

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic, nonsectarian school that is owned, operated by, or associated with a residential treatment center (hereinafter referred to as "NPS/RTC"), CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. section 1411 *et seq.* and Education Code section 56000, *et seq.*; amended and reorganized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 ("IDEIA"), 20 U.S.C. section 1401(29); Education Code section 56031; Title 5, California Code of Regulations section 3001 *et seq.*, Title 2, California Code of Regulations section 60100 *et seq.* regarding the provision of counseling services, including residential care for students to receive a FAPE as set forth in LEA student's IEPs.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings order or a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and parent, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with nonpublic school placement until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a nonpublic school placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by LEA student's parent or another adult with educational decision-making rights.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this state shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 *et seq.*).

**43. STATE MEAL MANDATE**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall satisfy the State Meal Mandate under California Education Code sections 49530, 49530.5 and 49550.

**44. MONITORING**

CONTRACTOR shall allow representatives from LEA access to its facilities for the purpose of periodic monitoring of each LEA student's instructional program, and shall be invited to participate in the formal review of each student's progress. LEA representatives shall have access to observe each LEA student at work, observe the instructional setting, interview CONTRACTOR, and review each LEA student's records and progress. Such access shall include unannounced monitoring visits. When making site visits, LEA shall initially report to CONTRACTOR'S site administrative office. CONTRACTOR shall be invited to participate in the review of each student's progress.

If CONTRACTOR is also a LCI and/or NPS/RTC, LEA shall annually evaluate whether CONTRACTOR is in compliance with Education Code section 56366.9 and Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b).

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction (“Superintendent”) shall monitor CONTRACTOR’S facilities, the educational environment, and the quality of the educational program, including the teaching staff, the credentials authorizing service, the standards-based core curriculum being employed, and the standard focused instructional materials used on a three-year cycle, as follows: (1) CONTRACTOR shall complete a self-review in year one; (2) the Superintendent shall conduct an onsite review in year two; and (3) the Superintendent shall conduct a follow-up visit in year three.

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in any LEA and CDE compliance review, if applicable, to be conducted as aligned with the CDE Onsite Review and monitoring cycle in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(j). This review will address programmatic aspects of the nonpublic school/agency, compliance with relevant state and federal regulations, and Master Contract compliance. If requested by LEA, CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit a Nonpublic School/Agency Self-Review Assessment submitted as specified by LEA. CONTRACTOR shall conduct any follow-up or corrective action procedures related to review findings.

CONTRACTOR understands that LEA reserves the right to institute a program audit with or without cause. The program audit may include, but is not limited to, a review of core compliance areas of health and safety; curriculum/instruction; related services; and contractual, legal, and procedural compliance.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall collect all applicable data and prepare the applicable portion of a School Accountability Report Card in accordance with California Education Code Section 33126.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **45. CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 44237, 35021.1 and 35021.2 including, but not limited to: obtaining clearance from both the California Department of Justice (“CDOJ”) and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as “FBI”) for all of CONTRACTOR’S employees and volunteers who will have or likely may have any direct contact with LEA students. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR’S employees and volunteers shall not come in contact with LEA students until both CDOJ and FBI clearance are ascertained. CONTRACTOR shall further certify in writing to LEA that none of its employees, volunteers, or subcontractors who will have, or likely may have any direct contact with LEA students, have been convicted of a violent or serious felony as those terms are defined in California Education Code section 44237(h), unless despite the employee’s conviction of a violent or serious felony, he or she has met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237(i) or (j). Clearance certification shall be submitted to LEA. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall make a request for subsequent arrest service from the CDOJ as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2.

The passage of AB 389 amends Education Code sections 44237 and 56366.1 as to the verification that the CONTRACTOR has received a successful criminal background check clearance and has enrolled in subsequent arrest notification service, as specified, for each owner, operator, and employee of the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency. Further this bill deletes the exemption for applicants possessing a valid California state teaching credential or who are currently licensed by another state agency that requires a criminal record summary, from submitting 2 sets of fingerprints for the purpose of obtaining a criminal record summary from the California Department of Justice (“CDOJ”) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”). Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information, CONTRACTOR, upon demand, shall make available to the LEA evidence of a successful criminal background check clearance and enrollment in subsequent arrest notification service, as provided, for each owner, operator, and employee of the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency. CONTRACTOR is required



to retain the evidence on-site, as specified, for all staff, including those licensed or credentialed by another state agency. Background clearances and proof of subsequent arrest notification service as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2 for all staff shall be provided upon request.

#### 46. STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services are qualified as defined in Section 7(d) of this Mater Contract, including but not limited to holding a license, certificate, permit, or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold to render the service consistent with Education Code section 56366.1(n)(1) and are qualified pursuant to Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58 and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 3064 and 3065. Such qualified staff may only provide related services within the scope of their professional license, certification or credential and ethical standards set by each profession and not assume responsibility or authority for another related services provider or special education teacher's scope of practice.

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all staff are appropriately credentialed to provide instruction and/or services to students with the disabling conditions placed in their program/school through documentation provided to the CDE. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 3064(a).)

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, an appropriately qualified person shall serve as curricular and instructional leader, and be able to provide leadership, oversight and professional development.

Only those nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies located outside of California that employ staff who hold a current valid credential or license to render special education and related services as required by that state shall be eligible to be certified.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with personnel standards and qualifications regarding instructional aides and teacher assistants respectively pursuant to Federal requirements and California Education Code sections 45340 *et seq.* and 45350 *et seq.* Specifically, all paraprofessionals, including, but not limited to instructional aides and teacher assistants, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or subcontracted by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services, shall possess a high school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and at least one of the following qualifications: (a) completed at least two (2) years of study at an institution of higher education; or (b) obtained an associate's (or higher) degree; or (c) met a rigorous standard of quality and can demonstrate, through a formal state or local assessment (i) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing, and mathematics; or (ii) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness, as appropriate. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the licensed professions, including but not limited to, the provisions with respect to supervision.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State and serving an LEA student shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 *et seq.*).

#### 47. VERIFICATION OF LICENSES, CREDENTIALS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a staff list, and copies of all current licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents which entitle the holder to provide special education and/or related services by individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or sub-contracted by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all licenses, credentials, permits or other documents are on file at the office of the County Superintendent of Schools. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing within thirty (30) days when personnel changes occur which may affect the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students as specified in LEA Procedures. Within thirty (30) days, CONTRACTOR shall

provide LEA with the verified dates of fingerprint clearance, Department of Justice clearance and Tuberculosis Test clearance for all employees, approved subcontractors and/or volunteers prior to such individuals starting to work with any student.

CONTRACTOR shall monitor the status of licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents for all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA and CDE in writing within thirty (30) days when personnel changes occur which may affect the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA within thirty (30) days if any such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, challenged pursuant to an administrative or legal complaint or lawsuit, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Master Contract. LEA shall not be obligated to pay for any services provided by a person whose such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the period during which such person is providing services under this Master Contract. Failure to notify LEA of changes in licenses, certifications or suspensions shall be good cause for termination of this Master Contract by LEA.

Failure to notify LEA and CDE of any changes in credentialing/licensed staff may result in suspension or revocation of CDE certification and shall also suffice as good cause for the suspension or termination of this Master Contract by LEA.

**48. STAFF ABSENCE**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school and CONTRACTOR'S classroom teacher is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage on LEA substitute teacher log. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA shall not be responsible for any payment for instruction and/or services when an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher is not provided.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and/or related services provider, and CONTRACTOR'S service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section seven (7) of this Master Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR'S service providers. It is understood that the parent of a student shall not be deemed to be a qualified substitute for his/her student. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and an authorized LEA representative.

**49. STAFF PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR WHEN PROVIDING SERVICES AT SCHOOL OR SCHOOL RELATED EVENTS OR AT SCHOOL FACILITY AND/OR IN THE HOME**

It is understood that all employees, subcontractors, and volunteers of any certified nonpublic school or nonpublic agency shall adhere to the customary professional and ethical standards when providing services. All practices shall only be within the scope of professional responsibility as defined in the professional code of conduct for each profession as well as any LEA professional standards as specified in Board policies and/or regulations when made available to the CONTRACTOR.

For services provided on a public school campus, sign in/out procedures shall be followed by nonpublic agency providers working in a public school classroom along with all other procedures for being on campus consistent with school and LEA policy. Such policies and procedures shall be made available to CONTRACTOR upon CONTRACTOR'S request. It is understood that the public school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the instructional program, and all nonpublic agency service providers shall work collaboratively with the classroom teacher, who shall remain in charge of the instructional

program. Failure to comply with this and all LEA requirements in this regard shall be sufficient cause to terminate this Master Contract.

For services provided in a pupil's home as specified in the IEP, CONTRACTOR must assure that the parent or an LEA-approved responsible adult is present during the provision of services. All problems and/or concerns reported to parents, both verbal and written shall also be provided to LEA. It is understood that unless otherwise agreed to by LEA, a public school credentialed teacher is responsible for the instructional program and all nonpublic agency related service providers shall work collaboratively with the teacher who shall remain in charge of supervising the instructional program.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY MANDATES**

### **50. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, state, local, and LEA laws, regulations, ordinances, policies, and procedures regarding student and employee health and safety. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 35021 *et seq.*, and 49406, and Health and Safety Code section 121545 regarding the examination of CONTRACTOR'S employees and volunteers for tuberculosis. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation for each individual volunteering, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR of such compliance before an individual comes in contact with an LEA student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with OSHA Blood Borne Pathogens Standards, Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations section 1910.1030, when providing medical treatment or assistance to a student. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training regarding universal health care precautions and to post required notices in areas designated in the California Health and Safety Code.

### **51. FACILITIES AND FACILITIES MODIFICATIONS**

CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services to LEA students in facilities that comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances related, but not limited to: disability access; fire, health, sanitation, and building standards and safety; fire warning systems; zoning permits; and occupancy capacity. When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall conduct fire drills as required by Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 550. During the duration of this Agreement, if CONTRACTOR is subject to fines, penalties and findings of non-compliance, CONTRACTOR shall assume any and all responsibilities for payment of such financial obligations. CONTRACTOR shall also be fully responsible for any structural changes and/or modifications to CONTRACTOR'S facilities as required to comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances. Failure to notify LEA or CDE of any changes in, major modification or relocation of facilities may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Master Contract by LEA.

In signing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that its facilities either comply with federal and state and local laws regarding disability access, or possesses and has available upon demand, a self-evaluation and/or transition plan in accordance with said laws.

### **52. ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code section 49423 when CONTRACTOR serves a LEA student that is required to take prescription and/or over-the-counter medication during the school day. CONTRACTOR may designate personnel to assist LEA student with the administration of such medication after LEA student's parent(s) provide(s) to CONTRACTOR: (a) a written statement from a physician detailing the type, administration method, amount, and time schedules by which such medication shall be taken; and (b) a written statement from LEA student's parent(s) granting CONTRACTOR permission to administer medication(s) as specified in the physician's statement.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to LEA upon request, copies of such written statements. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written log for each LEA student to whom medication is administered. Such written log shall specify LEA student's name; the type of medication; the date, time, and amount of each administration; and the name of CONTRACTOR'S employee who administered the medication. CONTRACTOR maintains full responsibility for assuring appropriate staff training in the administration of such medication consistent with student's physician's written orders. Any change in medication type, administration method, amount or schedule must be authorized by both a licensed physician and parent.

In the event there is an LEA student who is on a prescription medication regimen, the CONTRACTOR is to: (a) first obtain a copy of the appropriate medication authorization form available from LEA student's primary regional or site nurse; or (b) in the event the student does not take prescription medication during the school day, but would only take such medication while in the care, custody and control of the CONTRACTOR, prior to the commencement of services to LEA student, CONTRACTOR is to obtain a signed copy of the appropriate medication authorization form from the District. Both the District and CONTRACTOR shall retain a copy of the Authorization.

**53. INCIDENT/ACCIDENT REPORTING**

CONTRACTOR shall within 24 hours submit electronically any accident or incident report to LEA. CONTRACTOR shall properly submit accident or incident reports as required by the District.

**54. CHILD ABUSE REPORTING**

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to annually train all staff members, including volunteers, so that they are familiar with and agree to adhere to its own child and dependent adult abuse reporting obligations and procedures as specified in California Penal Code section 11164 *et seq.* and Education Code section 44691. To protect the privacy rights of all parties involved (i.e. reporter, child and alleged abuser), reports will remain confidential as required by law and professional ethical mandates. A written statement acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be submitted to LEA.

CONTRACTOR is to read and become familiar with the District's *Mandated Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Manual*, available on the District's Risk Management Web Site at: <http://www.egusd.net/riskmanagement/Info-MandRep.html>.

In the event there is suspicion of abuse conducted by District staff (e.g. a student reports to CONTRACTOR staff of abuse from District staff), CONTRACTOR is to file the appropriate report to the Sacramento County Sheriff. CONTRACTOR is also to confidentially notify the Risk Management Department (Risk Manager) of the report. CONTRACTOR is to cooperate with any investigation conducted by the District in connection with such report.

**55. SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

CONTRACTOR shall have a Sexual and Gender Identity Harassment Policy that clearly describes the kinds of conduct that constitute sexual harassment and that is prohibited by the CONTRACTOR'S policy, as well as federal and state law. The policy should include procedures to make complaints without fear of retaliation and procedures for prompt and objective investigations of all sexual harassment complaints. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training to all employees regarding the laws concerning sexual harassment and related procedures.

**56. REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN**

CONTRACTOR assures LEA that all staff members, including volunteers and any independent contractor and/or subcontractor authorized pursuant to this Master Contract, are familiar with and agree to adhere to requirements for reporting missing children as specified in California Education Code section 49370. A

written statement acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be properly submitted to LEA. The written statement shall be submitted as specified by LEA.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **57. ENROLLMENT, CONTRACTING, SERVICE TRACKING, ATTENDANCE REPORTING, AND BILLING PROCEDURES**

CONTRACTOR shall assure that the nonpublic school or nonpublic agency has the necessary financial resources to provide an appropriate education for the children enrolled and will distribute those resources in such a manner to implement the IEP and ISA for each and every child.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all LEA procedures concerning enrollment, contracting, attendance reporting, service tracking and billing, including requirements of electronic billing, as specified by LEA Procedures. CONTRACTOR shall be paid for the provision of special education and/or related services specified in LEA student's IEP and ISA which are provided on billable days of attendance. All payments by LEA shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Master Contract and in compliance with LEA Procedures, and will be governed by all applicable federal and state laws.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain separate registers for the basic education program, each related service, and services provided by instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides and bus aides. Original attendance forms (i.e., roll books for the basic education program service tracking documents and notes for instructional assistants, behavioral intervention aides, bus aides, and each related service) shall be completed by the actual service provider whose signature shall appear on such forms and shall be available for review, inspection, or audit by LEA during the effective period of this Master Contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter. CONTRACTOR shall verify the accuracy of minutes of reported attendance that is the basis of services being billed for payment.

CONTRACTOR shall submit invoices and related documents to LEA for payment for each calendar month when education or related services were provided. Invoices and related documents shall be properly submitted electronically and, in addition, on a LEA form with signatures in the manner prescribed by LEA. Contractor will submit invoices using the format provided by LEA. At the request of LEA, invoices may require the following information: name of LEA student for whom service was provided; the type of service provided; (if payment for assessment is approved by LEA pursuant to Section 36 of this Master Contract, the invoice must describe whether the assessment was prepared for an initial, annual, amended, or triennial IEP; month of service; specific dates (date, month, year and times) of services coordinated pursuant to LEA-approved calendar unless otherwise specified in the IEP or agreed to by LEA; name of staff who provided the service and that individual's licensing and credentials; approved cost of each invoice; total for each service and total for the monthly invoice; date invoice was mailed; signature of the nonpublic school/nonpublic agency administrator authorizing that the information is accurate and consistent with the ISA, CDE certificates and staff notification; verification that attendance report is attached as appropriate; indication of any made-up session consistent with this Master Contract; and verification that progress reports have been provided consistent with the ISA (consistent with IEP benchmark dates, unless otherwise specified on the ISA); and name or initials of each student for when the service was provided. In the event services were not provided, rationale for why the services were not provided shall be included.

Such an invoice is subject to all conditions of this Master Contract. At the discretion of LEA, an electronic invoice may be required provided such notice has been made in writing and training provided to the CONTRACTOR at no additional charge for such training.

Invoices shall be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the attendance accounting period in which the services were rendered. LEA shall make payment to CONTRACTOR based on the number of billable days of attendance and hours of service at rates specified in this Master Contract within forty-five (45) days of LEA's receipt of properly submitted hard copy of invoices prepared and submitted as specified

in California Education Code Section 56366.5. CONTRACTOR shall correct deficiencies and submit rebilling invoices no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the invoice is returned by LEA. LEA shall pay properly submitted re-billing invoices no later than forty-five (45) days after the date a completely corrected re-billing invoice is received by LEA.

In no case shall initial payment claim submission for any Master Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond December 31<sup>st</sup> after the close of the fiscal year. In no case shall any rebilling for the Master Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond six months after the close of the fiscal year unless approved by LEA to resolve billing issues including rebilling issues directly related to a delay in obtaining information from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing regarding teacher qualification, but no later than 12 months from the close of the fiscal year. If the billing or rebilling error is the responsibility of LEA, then no limit is set provided that LEA and CONTRACTOR have communicated such concerns in writing during the 12-month period following the close of the fiscal year. LEA will not pay mileage for NPA employee.

## **58. RIGHT TO WITHHOLD PAYMENT**

LEA may withhold payment to CONTRACTOR when: (a) CONTRACTOR has failed to perform, in whole or in part, under the terms of this Contract; (b) CONTRACTOR has billed for services rendered on days other than billable days of attendance or for days when student was not in attendance and/or did not receive services; (c) CONTRACTOR was overpaid by LEA as determined by inspection, review, and/or audit of its program, work, and/or records; (d) CONTRACTOR has failed to provide supporting documentation with an invoice; (e) education and/or related services are provided to LEA students by personnel who are not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (f) LEA has not received, prior to school closure or contract termination, all documents concerning one or more LEA students enrolled in CONTRACTOR'S educational program; (g) CONTRACTOR fails to confirm a student's change of residence to another district or confirms the change or residence to another district, but fails to notify LEA within five (5) days of such confirmation; (h) CONTRACTOR receives payment from Medi-Cal or from any other agency or funding source for a service provided to a LEA student; or (i) CONTRACTOR fails to provide the required liability/insurance documentation as outlined in Section 15. It is understood that no payments shall be made for any invoices that are not received by six months following the close of the prior fiscal year, for services provided in that year.

Final payment to CONTRACTOR in connection with the cessation of operations and/or termination of a Master Contract will be subject to the same documentation standards described for all payment claims for regular ongoing operations. In addition, final payment may be withheld by LEA until completion of a review or audit, if deemed necessary by LEA. Such review or audit will be completed within ninety (90) days. The final payment may be adjusted to offset any previous payments to the CONTRACTOR determined to have been paid in error or in anticipation of correction of documentation deficiencies by the CONTRACTOR that remain uncorrected.

The amount which may be withheld by LEA with respect to each of the subparagraphs of the preceding paragraph are as follows: (a) the value of the service CONTRACTOR failed to perform; (b) the amount of overpayment; (c) the entire amount of the invoice for which satisfactory documentation has not been provided by CONTRACTOR; (d) the amount invoiced for services provided by the individual not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (e) the proportionate amount of the invoice related to the applicable pupil for the time period from the date the violation occurred and until the violation is cured; or (f) the amount paid to CONTRACTOR by Medi-Cal or another agency or funding source for the service provided to LEA student.

If LEA determines that cause exists to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR, LEA shall, within ten (10) business days of this determination, provide to CONTRACTOR written notice that LEA is withholding payment. Such notice shall specify the basis or bases for LEA's withholding payment and the amount to be withheld. Within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such notice, CONTRACTOR shall take all necessary and appropriate action to correct the deficiencies that form the basis for LEA's withholding payment or submit a written request for extension of time to correct the deficiencies. Upon receipt of

CONTRACTOR'S written request showing good cause, LEA shall extend CONTRACTOR'S time to correct deficiencies (usually an additional thirty (30) days), otherwise payment will be denied.

If after subsequent request for payment has been denied and CONTRACTOR believes that payment should not be withheld, CONTRACTOR shall send written notice to LEA specifying the reason it believes payment should not be withheld. LEA shall respond to CONTRACTOR'S notice within thirty (30) business days by indicating that a warrant for the amount of payment will be made or stating the reason LEA believes payment should not be made. If LEA fails to respond within thirty (30) business days or a dispute regarding the withholding of payment continues after LEA's response to CONTRACTOR'S notice, CONTRACTOR may invoke the following escalation policy.

After forty-five (45) business days: The CONTRACTOR may notify the Authorized LEA's Representative of the dispute in writing. LEA Authorized Representative shall respond to the CONTRACTOR in writing within fifteen (15) business days.

After sixty (60) business days: Disagreements between LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the Master Contract may be appealed to the County Superintendent of Schools or the State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code Section 56366(c)(2).

#### **59. PAYMENT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES**

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA when Medi-Cal or any other agency is billed for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. Upon request, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documentation regarding reports, billing, and/or payment by Medi-Cal or any other agency for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students.

#### **60. PAYMENT FOR ABSENCES**

##### NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF ABSENCE

Whenever a classroom teacher employed by CONTRACTOR is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage pursuant to LEA Procedures. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA will not pay for instruction and/or services unless said instruction or service is provided by an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher.

Whenever a related service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section seven (7) of this Master Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided unless otherwise agreed in LEA student's IEP.

##### NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, no later than the tenth (10th) cumulative day of LEA student's unexcused absence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of such absence as specified in LEA Procedures.

Criteria for a billable day for payment purposes is one day of attendance as defined in California Education Code sections 46010, 46010.3 and 46307. LEA shall not pay for services provided on days that a student's attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance ("ADA") reimbursement under state law. *Per Diem* rates for students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted on a pro rata basis in accordance with the actual proportion of the school day the student was served. LEA shall not be responsible for payment of related services for days on which a student's attendance does not qualify for ADA reimbursement under state law, nor shall student be eligible for make-up services.

## NONPUBLIC AGENCY STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and CONTRACTOR'S service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section seven (7) of this Master Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR'S service providers. LEA shall not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and LEA. In the event services were not provided, reasons for why the services were not provided shall be included.

## NONPUBLIC AGENCY STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, it shall notify LEA of the absence of a LEA student no later than the fifth (5th) consecutive service day of the student's absence. LEA shall not be responsible for the payment of services when a student is absent.

### **61. INSPECTION AND AUDIT**

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and LEA shall have the right to examine and audit all of the books, records, documents, accounting procedures and practices and other evidence that reflect all costs claimed to have been incurred or fees claimed to have been earned under this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA access to all records as defined in Section 9 of this Master Contract. CONTRACTOR shall make all records available at the office of LEA or CONTRACTOR'S offices (to be specified by LEA), at all reasonable times and without charge. All records shall be provided to LEA within five (5) working days of a written request from LEA. CONTRACTOR shall, at no cost to LEA, provide assistance for such examination or audit. LEA's rights under this section shall also include access to CONTRACTOR'S offices for purposes of interviewing CONTRACTOR'S employees. If any document or evidence is stored in an electronic form, a hard copy shall be made available to LEA, unless LEA agrees to the use of the electronic format.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain from its subcontractors and suppliers written agreements to the requirements of this section and shall provide a copy of such agreements to LEA upon request by LEA.

If an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm determines that CONTRACTOR owes LEA monies as a result of CONTRACTOR'S over billing or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Master Contract, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR written notice demanding payment from CONTRACTOR and specifying the basis or bases for such demand. Unless CONTRACTOR and LEA otherwise agree in writing, CONTRACTOR shall pay to LEA the full amount owed as a result of CONTRACTOR'S over billing and/or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Master Contract, as determined by an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm. CONTRACTOR shall make such payment to LEA within thirty (30) days of receipt of LEA's written notice demanding payment.

### **62. RATE SCHEDULE**

The attached rate schedules (Exhibits A and B) limit the number of LEA students that may be enrolled and the maximum dollar amount of the contract. It may also limit the maximum number of students that can be provided specific services. Per Diem rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted proportionally. In such cases only, the adjustments in basic education rate shall be based on the required minimum number of minutes per grade level as noted in the California Education Code Sections 46200-46208.



Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR shall be provided by qualified personnel as per State and Federal law, and the codes and charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this Master Contract, shall be as stated in Exhibits A and B.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school associated with a Residential Treatment Center (“NPS/RTC”), Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) are provided in an integrated, intensive, educationally related therapeutic residential setting which includes social emotional/behavior support through individual counseling, group counseling, family consultation and support, as appropriate. It is a collaborative model which includes educational professionals and related service providers, where all supports and services are integrated in the NPS/RTC program. Costs for ERMHS are all inclusive and combined with the daily rate as ERMHS+RB (“ERMHS + Room and Board”). ERMHS plus Room and Board payments are based on positive attendance (payable for up to a maximum of 365 days) only, with up to a maximum of 10 days payment per student, per contract year, when a bed is unoccupied, for home visits of a therapeutic nature.

**63. DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION**

By signing this agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that:

- (a) CONTRACTOR and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency, and
- (b) Has/have not, within a three-year period preceding this contract, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

The Parties hereto have executed this Master Contract by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives. This Master Contract is effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2017 and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2018, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

CONTRACTOR

LEA

DISTRICT

Nonpublic School/Agency

By:

Signature

Date

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed to:

Name and Title

Nonpublic School/Agency/Related Service Provider

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

Email\*

(\*Required)

By:

Signature

Date

By:

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Notices to LEA shall be addressed to:

Name and Title

DISTRICT

LEA

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

Email

**Additional LEA Notification**

(Required if Completed)

Name and Title

LEA

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

Email

**EXHIBIT B: RATES – NON-PUBLIC AGENCY ONLY – 2017-2018 CONTRACT YEAR**

CONTRACTOR McGrew Behavior Intervention Services CONTRACTOR NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ CDE TOTAL ENROLLMENT ALLOWED \_\_\_\_\_

**Rate Schedule.** This rate schedule limits the number of LEA students who may be enrolled and the maximum dollar amount of the contract. It may also limit the maximum number of students who can be provided specific services. Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR, and the charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this contract shall be as follows:

Payment under this contract may not exceed \$50,000  
 Total LEA enrollment may not exceed \_\_\_\_\_  
 (per Master Contract Section 62)

SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	RATE
<b>Language and Speech Therapy</b>	PER DIEM – NPA provides all services at assigned school site for a flat per diem rate based on a full work day for this discipline. Rate will be pro-rated if NPA staff works less than a full work day.	\$ _____ Per Diem
	DIRECT THERAPY 1:1 or small group	
	CONSULTATION: student observation as it relates to program development and/or data collection; IEP team member training; collaboration with IEP team member(s)	\$ _____ Per Hour
	OTHER SERVICES: (requires prior approval of LEA per Section 36 of the Master Contract) formal assessment and report writing; written annual progress report; benchmark reporting on SEIS; sizing and adjustment of equipment; attendance at IEP meetings	
<b>Occupational Therapy</b>	PER DIEM – NPA provides all services at assigned school site for a flat per diem rate based on a full work day for this discipline. Rate will be pro-rated if NPA staff works less than a full work day.	\$ _____ Per Diem
	DIRECT THERAPY 1:1 or small group	
	CONSULTATION: student observation as it relates to program development and/or data collection; IEP team member training; collaboration with IEP team member(s)	\$ _____ Per Hour
	OTHER SERVICES: (requires prior approval of LEA per Section 36 of the Master Contract) formal assessment and report writing; written annual progress report; benchmark reporting on SEIS; sizing and adjustment of equipment; attendance at IEP meetings	
<b>Physical Therapy</b>	PER DIEM – NPA provides all services at assigned school site for a flat per diem rate based on a full work day for this discipline. Rate will be pro-rated if NPA staff works less than a full work day.	\$ _____ Per Diem
	DIRECT THERAPY 1:1 or small group	
	CONSULTATION: student observation as it relates to program development and/or data collection; IEP team member training; collaboration with IEP team member(s)	\$ _____ Per Hour
	OTHER SERVICES: (requires prior approval of LEA per Section 36 of the Master Contract) formal assessment and report writing; written annual progress report; benchmark reporting on SEIS; sizing and adjustment of equipment; attendance at IEP meetings	
<b>Behavior Intervention Services</b>	PER DIEM – NPA provides all services at assigned school site for a flat per diem rate based on the work day for this discipline. Rate will be pro-rated if NPA staff works less than the identified work day: <i>Check the applicable work day:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Full Work Day <input type="checkbox"/> Half Work Day	\$ _____ Per Diem
	DIRECT STUDENT AIDE 1:1 or small group, implementing behavior plan, data collection.	\$ <u>30.00</u> Per Hour
	CONSULTATION: student observation as it relates to program development and/or data collection; IEP team member training; collaboration with IEP team member(s).	\$ _____ Per Hour
	SUPERVISING CONSULTANT: student observation as it relates to program development and/or data collection; IEP team member training; collaboration with IEP team member(s).	\$ _____ Per Hour
	Behavior Specialist	\$105.00 Per Hour
<b>Other:</b>	PER DIEM – NPA provides all services at assigned school site for a flat per diem rate based on a full work day for this discipline. Rate will be pro-rated if NPA staff works less than a full work day.	\$ _____ Per Diem
		\$ _____ Per Hour