

EMID Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Revisions 2017



Background:

EMID was created in 1995 as a Joint Powers district as a means for multiple districts to share resources to operate the integration schools.

A Joint Powers entity is the only legal organizations governmental entities may jointly create.

The EMID Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) was last updated in January 2011, before the schools were conveyed; and is very-out-of-date.

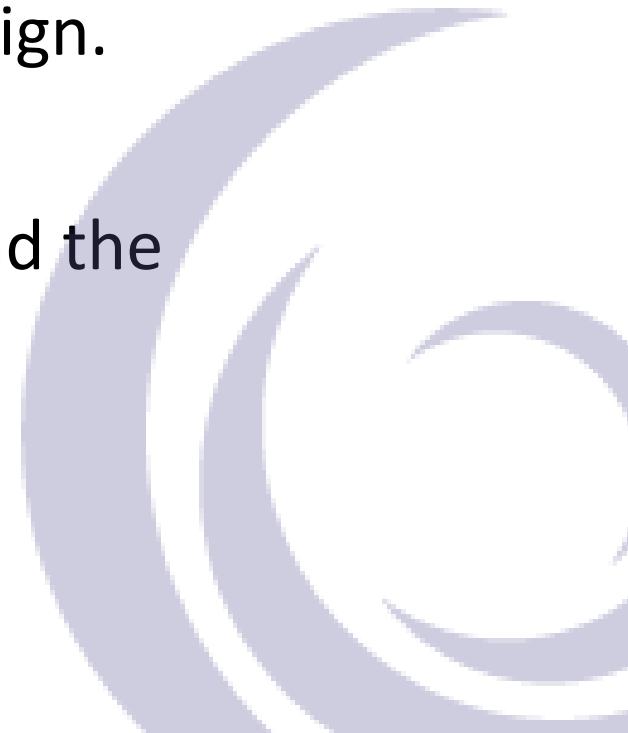


Why Change the JPA Now?

The JPA is the legal organizing document of the collaborative. It outlines the membership processes, board structure, etc.

As we move into our new model, we want to be able to have new organizations join us. They need a current document to sign.

We waited until we were clearer on our new direction, and the remaining districts were supportive of the move.



What is Being Changed?

- Preface – list of members updated
- Article 1 – new Equity Alliance MN purpose statement
- Article 2 – additional of “dba Equity Alliance MN” as legal part of name
- Article 3 – update of titles (“district” and “Exec. director”) and option to include youth on board as non-voting members
- Article 4 – elimination of vice chairperson position
- Articles 6 and 7 – update of titles (see #3 above)



What is Being Changed (con't)?

- Article 8 – clarification of role in “assisting” in the creation of a non-profit (foundation); removal of obsolete language (space and loan clauses); authority to sell programs and services
- Article 9 – update of titles (see #3 above)
- Article 10 – deleted (Advisory Councils were specific to the schools)
- New Article 10 (Membership) – combination of former Articles 16 and 17 and new content; defines membership and clarifies the organizations eligible to join; creates an associate membership level; clarifies the final notice date (Jan. 31st) for districts with letters of intent to withdraw.



What is Being Changed (con't)?

- Article 11 – update obsolete language (collective bargaining, schools, etc.)
- Article 12 – delete – State aid was specific to the schools.
- New Article 12 – title change (see #3 above)
- New Article 13 – language aligned to new Equity Alliance MN vision
- Article 15 – deleted – transportation language specific to the schools
- Articles 16 & 17 – incorporated into New Article 10
- New Article 14 – updated language and dates; deletion of references to real estate



What is Being Changed (con't)?

- New Article 15 – updated language and numbering
- New Article 16 – updated language; addition of a “misc.” clause allowing additional details in the policies or administration procedures



What is Not Being Changed?

- EMID Board – make-up (except for adding students and removing vice Chairperson), responsibilities, processes
- Role of Executive Director
- Processes of joining or leaving as members (except for clarifying final notice date)
- Processes for redistributing assets and liabilities in the case of the dissolution of the organization
- How disputes are resolved



What is the Approval Process and Timeline?

- EMID Board gives final approval to draft on April 19
- Approved JPA is sent out to July 1 district members
- Each and every district must ratify the revised JPA (unanimous approvals are NOT needed within Boards) – May / June
- New JPA goes into effect – July 1, 2017





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