Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative

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Billie Jo Steen ~ Special Education Director

2026 – 2027
CONTRACT FOR BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED SERVICES

This agreement, entered into this 28th day of October, 2026 by and between Floodwood ISD #698 (herein referred to as the District), and Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative (hereinafter referred to as Contractor) witnesses that:

Whereas, the District has determined that it is necessary to retain the services of a qualified Blind/Visually Impaired teacher to provide services to children ages birth through 21, to attain the following objectives:

1. **To meet the needs of students with disabilities, as defined under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. That Blind/Visually Impaired services are deemed necessary by the child study process and documented in the students' individual education plans (IEP), Individual Family Service Plans (IFSP), or Individual Interagency Intervention Plans (IIIP).**

2. **The services provided are necessary for the students to make progress on IEP, IIIP or IFSP goals.**

WHEREAS, the Contractor is duly qualified to perform these services and whereas personnel will hold appropriate licensure by the Board of Teaching or the Commissioner of MDE for the necessary service for which they provide. If neither issues a license for the necessary service, the professionals will be members of good standing in their professional organization. Furthermore, a copy of the licensure or appropriate board certification for each person who will be providing services will be submitted to the District prior to the initiation date of the contract and on an annual basis thereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **The Contractor shall provide a qualified Blind/Visually Impaired teacher to meet the objectives stated above.**

2. **The Contractor shall provide services to students with disabilities as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.**

3. **Services will be provided in a classroom or facility at the public school buildings in a room that is essentially equivalent to the regular education program or in the students' homes.**

4. **The Contractor will manage all billing and service tracking under this agreement and will generate and issue an invoice directly to the District at the end of the school year.**

5. **The District shall make payment for services-based receipt of invoice.**

6. **The District agrees that all payments for services under this agreement shall be submitted directly to the service providers host district at the following payment address:**

ISD #704 Proctor School District
131 9th Ave.
Proctor, MN 55810

7. **The employee's total annual base salary of $85,998, along with corresponding employer-provided benefits and travel expenses, shall be proportionally split between Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative and Floodwood based upon the actual service hours rendered by the employee.**

8. **The Contractor shall maintain appropriate liability coverage commensurate with the services provided and submit a copy of the policy upon request to the District.**

9. **The Director of Special Education shall be responsible for the oversight of the contracted services contained within this agreement.**

10. **This agreement shall be in force from <u>August 8, 2026</u> to <u>June 3, 2027</u>. Either party shall provide written notice regarding reduction/discontinuation of services hours with a 30-day notice.**

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PO Box 287
Floodwood, MN 55736

By: _____

Date: _____

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