

**DATA SHARING AGREEMENT FOR RELEASE
OF DATA UNDER "SCHOOL OFFICIAL" EXCEPTION**

This Data Sharing Agreement ("Agreement") between Independent School District No. 709, Duluth Public Schools ("District") and the State of Minnesota, DEED, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, is entered into as of July 1, 2018 ("Effective Date"). The District and the State of Minnesota, DEED, Vocational Rehabilitation Services are referred to collectively as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, certain individuals affiliated with the State of Minnesota, DEED, Vocational Rehabilitation Services (hereinafter "Requesting Entity") will provide *EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT* to the District for the 2018-2019 school year; and

WHEREAS, the services to be provided by individuals affiliated with Requesting Entity are institutional services and functions for which the District would otherwise use its own employees; and

WHEREAS, the District anticipates individuals affiliated with Requesting Entity will be required to access personally identifiable information related to students and educational data in order to effectively provide services to the District; and

WHEREAS, both the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") and the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act ("MGDPA") allow certain contractors, consultants, volunteers, and other parties to access information that would otherwise be protected from disclosure under a "school official" exception; and

WHEREAS, individuals affiliated with Requesting Entity will be providing services in a manner that meets the relevant requirements to qualify as a "school official" under both FERPA and the MGDPA; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to enter into this Agreement in order to outline in greater detail the terms and conditions upon which individuals affiliated with Requesting Entity will be granted access to certain protected student data as a "school official."

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement, the parties agree to the following:

1. **Services Provided to District.** Requesting Entity is a STATE AGENCY *whose TRANSITIONAL COUNSELOR* will provide *EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT* to the District. The services to be provided to the District are institutional services and functions for which the District would otherwise use its own employees.
2. **Protected Student Data Defined.** "Protected Student Data" means any data defined as "personally identifiable information" contained in educational records as the term is defined in FERPA and its implementing regulations, 20 U.S.C. §

1232g and 34 C.F.R. § 99.31, or “educational data” as defined in the MGDPA, Minn. Stat. § 13.32.

3. **Types of Data to be Accessed.** In the course of providing the services described in Paragraph 1, individuals affiliated with Requesting Entity will have a legitimate need to access Protected Student Data in the form of ATTENDANCE, GRADES, GRADEBOOK, TRANSCRIPTS, TEST SCORES AND SCHEDULES. The data described in this Paragraph is subject to disclosure restrictions imposed by FERPA and the MGDPA.

4. **District’s Control over Use and Maintenance of Data.** The following terms and conditions will govern the manner in which individuals affiliated with Requesting Entity will have access to Protected Student Data:
 - a. *The TRANSITIONAL COUNSELOR* shall be the only representatives of Requesting Entity granted access to Protected Student Data in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Protected Student Data shall not be shared with any employee, agent, volunteer, or other affiliate of Requesting Entity who is not within the group of individuals defined in this Paragraph. Prior to being granted access to Protected Student Data, the TRANSITIONAL COUNSELOR must review and sign the acknowledgement and consent form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

 - b. Requesting Entity shall not attempt to use, access, or maintain Protected Student Data for any reason other than purposes legitimately necessary for its the TRANSITIONAL COUNSELOR to provide the services referenced in Paragraph 1. Requesting Entity shall not maintain its own files, documents, or any other form of records containing Protected Student Data or attempt to obtain access to Protected Student Data for anyone other than an individual described Paragraph 4(a).

 - c. The use and maintenance of Protected Student Data by the TRANSITIONAL COUNSELOR shall be at all times subject to the District’s direct control.

 - d. Individuals providing services as a TRANSITIONAL COUNSELOR shall be granted access to Protected Student Data through the District’s Infinite Campus system in a manner deemed appropriate by the District. Requesting Entity shall supply the District with a list of the names as well as signed consent forms for the individuals to whom the “Youth Employment Specialist” will be providing services. Upon receipt of the list of names, the District will determine using its sole discretion the extent to which each individual will be granted access to Protected Student Data through the Infinite Campus system. Under no circumstance will an individual be granted greater access to Protected Student Data than what is

legitimately necessary to effectively provide the services listed in Paragraph 1. The District retains the right to alter at any time and in its sole discretion the manner in which individuals providing services as a TRANSITIONAL COUNSELOR access Protected Student Data. No individual will be granted access to Protected Student Data unless the person has signed the form attached as Exhibit A and provided a copy to the principal of the building in which the individual will be providing services.

- e. The individuals providing services as a TRANSITIONAL COUNSELOR shall not copy, duplicate, alter, modify, or otherwise make changes to or reproductions of Protected Student Data unless legitimately necessary to perform the services described in Paragraph 1. If any individual who has been granted access to data in accordance with this agreement has maintained copies or other reproductions of Protected Student Data for legitimate purposes, such copies or other reproductions must be destroyed within 30 days of the expiration of this Agreement.
- f. The District reserves the right to restrict, modify, or discontinue the use and maintenance of Protected Student Data authorized by this agreement for any reason. If the District exercises its sole discretion to restrict or cancel access to data, Requesting Entity and/or its affected representatives shall destroy any copies or reproductions of data which they no longer have access in accordance with the timeframe and requirements of Paragraph 4(f) of this Agreement.

- 5. **Redisclosure of Protected Student Data.** In the course of performing the services described in Paragraph 1, the Parties agree that individuals providing services to the district as a TRANSITIONAL COUNSELOR shall not redisclose Protected Student Data to any representative of Requesting Entity not within the class of individuals identified in Paragraph 4(a) or any person or party other than a school official with a legitimate need to access the data unless disclosure is specifically authorized or required by law. In the event a parent or eligible student requests disclosure of Protected Student Data to a third party, Requesting Entity and its representatives shall direct the requesting parent or eligible student to the appropriate building principal, who will process each request to disclose Protected Student Data in accordance with applicable District policies and procedures.
- 6. **Data Related to Evaluations.** The Parties agree that data maintained by the District with respect to individuals who perform services on a voluntary basis for the District is defined as personnel data by the MGDPA, Minn. Stat. § 13.43. In the event Requesting Entity requests information from the District that is not classified as public data pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13.43, subd. 2, Requesting Entity shall obtain a written consent of the subject of the data prior to requesting the data from the District.

7. **Term.** This agreement shall be valid from the date duly approved by both Parties through June 30, 2019. On July 1, 2019, this agreement shall terminate and the District will terminate the ability of the individuals described in Paragraph 4(a) to access Protected Student Data.

8. **Successors and Assigns.** This Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns. No Party may assign or transfer this Agreement or any of its rights, interests or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other Party.

9. **Amendment/Modification.** This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a writing executed by the Parties. No custom or practice of the Parties at variance with the terms hereof will have any effect.

10. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties relative to the subject matter hereof. The parties have not relied upon any promises, representations, warranties, agreements, covenants or undertakings, other than those expressly set forth or referred to herein. This Agreement replaces and supersedes any and all prior oral or written agreements, representations and discussions relating to such subject matter.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above:

DATE: 10-8-18

By: 
 Director of Assessment / Evaluation / Performance

~~DATE:~~ 10-11-18

By: Sonia Vinnes
 Title: Rehabilitation Manager
 Phone: 218-302-8421

DATE: _____

By: _____
 School Board Chair, Duluth School District 709