



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is between the Southeast Island School District (SISD – the District), and the _____ **School teacher(s)** for the purpose of establishing parameters around keeping chickens, rabbits or any other livestock or pets that are owned by or housed on school property. This includes livestock owned and cared for by teachers living on site.

The District acknowledges that having animals on a school campus can have many benefits. The project must have valid educational intent and involve the students. Expenses and supplies associated with the animals, such as feed, straw and hay will be taken out of the school site budget. The District will pay for materials for an approved shelter or enclosure. No approval will be made without a suitable care and housing plan.

The purposes for keeping animals or livestock at any of our schools are:

- 1) To teach students responsible, humane care of the animals
- 2) To provide teachers with a hands-on project as a means of delivering instruction (e.g. chicken egg development stages; temperature requirements for incubation; weighing eggs; pricing eggs for sale, etc.) The possibilities are endless.
- 3) To teach students where their food comes from

Just as when a visitor walks into a well-organized, clean school, the animal area will be maintained at the same standard. The animals’ area(s) should be kept clean and should be maintained at a minimum on a weekly basis. There should be a schedule posted on the cage or in the general animal area, with information about who is responsible for daily feeding during school, and on weekends, holidays and summer breaks. The sign will include the person’s phone number and email address with a clipboard and checklist including the date of care.

If the District principal(s), superintendent or greenhouse manager observes the animals in poor condition or with unsuitable living conditions, the issue will be corrected immediately or the animals will be removed from the school.

By taking on this project, I understand that the care of the animals is of utmost importance. Animals need to be cared for on an approved schedule. This includes regular removal of manure, bedding and maintaining suitable living conditions. If District staff involvement is required, these costs will come from the site budget.

Signatures and dates:

_____	_____	_____	_____
Lead Teacher or Principal	Date	Superintendent or Designee	Date

_____	_____	_____	_____
Teacher	Date	Teacher	Date