

**Memorandum of Agreement
Between the Duluth Independent School District (“ISD 709”)
And the University of Minnesota
Through its Duluth Campus (“UMD”)
For the Enweyang Ojibwe Language Nest**

- I. The ISD 709 and UMD, in the interest of fostering cooperation between institutions and to improve the cultural and language education experience of children and student teachers, hereby enter into this agreement involving the Language Nest. This working relationship involves the regular attendance (8:30 am - 3:30 am, Monday through Friday) of ISD 709 students in an Ojibwe language immersion program at UMD. This agreement is in effect for programming beginning September 9th, 2010 and continuing until June 9th, 2011.
- II. The following articles delineate the understanding between Duluth ISD 709 and UMD:
 - A. Staff at the UMD Language Nest will be responsible for the recruitment and selection of 15 children from families for the program.
 - B. After a child’s guardian has signed a FERPA waiver substantially in the form attached hereto as Attachment A, the Offices of ISD 709 and the UMD Language Nest agree to share information on student in the following ways:
 - i. Regularly communicating on student performance, dispositions, and readiness.
 - ii. Jointly sharing information on home-school experience and communications.
 - C. Students will be contiguously enrolled in the UMD Language Nest program from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, and from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM in the ISD 709 Kindergarten program. The Language Nest site is licensed through the Minnesota Department of Human Services (“DHS”).
 - D. Language Nest staff will work with Duluth ISD 709 Curriculum specialists to incorporate familiar Duluth Kindergarten routines, curriculum, and assessment strategies and topics in the delivery of language programming.
 - E. UMD agrees to provide the following in the establishment of the Language Nest
 - i. transportation costs for field trips (including bus monitor)
 - ii. licensed teacher who is a fluent Ojibwe speaker (between the hours of 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM)
 - iii. curriculum materials and supplies for morning Kindergarten level programming in specialty subject areas.
 - iv. a safe and supportive environment (classroom and playground) that meets safety standards) and that is equipped for Kindergarten program needs

ATTACHMENT A

EDUCATION INFORMATION RELEASE

Child's Name: _____
(Please Print)

Date: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Name: _____
(Please Print)

I would like my child to participate in the Language Nest/ Kindergarten program of the University of Minnesota Duluth ("UMD") and the Duluth Independent School District 709 ("ISD 709") hosted by UMD. As part of that participation, I understand that Duluth ISD 709 staff and UMD staff will share information about my child's educational performance, disposition, readiness, and other information related to the child's education.

In compliance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974" (as amended), ("FERPA"), I voluntarily grant to ISD 709 staff and UMD staff access to confidential records within my child's educational file and grant the staff permission to discuss such information with each other for the educational benefit of my child.

I am requesting this waiver be in effect so long as my child is enrolled in the Language Nest / Kindergarten programs.

Signed: _____