

**2025-2026 AGREEMENT BETWEEN
DUNLAP COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 323
AND NORTHMINSTER LEARNING CENTER
FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Dunlap Community Unit School District ("District 323") is a school district organized pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Northminster Learning Center ("Northminster") is a private daycare facility; and

WHEREAS, District 323 is able to make efficient and effective use of its existing equipment and personnel and desires to provide for certain transportation services to Northminster; and

WHEREAS, Northminster desires to contract with District 323 for certain transportation services for after school daycare services; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of both District 323 and Northminster to enter into a transportation agreement for the provision of bus services for Northminster aftercare students as described herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Request for Transportation Services.** District 323 shall provide transportation services to Northminster for aftercare services during the regular school year on student attendance days according to the District 323 school calendar on a daily basis.
2. **Fee.** In consideration of the above-described provision of services, Northminster shall pay to District 323 a flat trip fee of \$2725.80 per Dunlap Elementary school Dunlap transportation is transporting students from during the 2025-2026 school year during which District 323 provides transportation services to Northminster. Such amounts will be billed by District 323 and will be due from Northminster before the first day of school, August 14, 2025. If this agreement is terminated prior to the end of the 2025-2026 school year, District 323 shall refund to Northminster Learning Center on a pro-rata basis the unused portion of the fee paid by Northminster to District 323.
3. **Request for Field trip Transportation Services.** District 323 shall provide transportation services to Northminster for field trips during the regular school year and during the summer on an as needed basis and upon request, when such field trip does not conflict with other transportation needs of District 323 and when such request is

feasible in terms of advance notice, distance, cost, length of time, number of buses needed, and other circumstances of the field trip request. Whether a field trip request is feasible is determined at the sole discretion of District 323.

4. **Field Trip Fee** In consideration of the above-described provision of services, Northminster shall pay to District 323 a flat trip fee of \$200 for each field trip for which District 323 provides transportation services to St. Jude. In addition to the flat trip fee of \$200, field trips will be billed at an hourly rate of \$28.28 per hour. Such amounts will be billed by District 323 and will be due from St. Jude within thirty (30) days of receipt.
5. **Equipment and Personnel.** District 323 shall furnish a properly equipped school bus and driving personnel sufficient to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement.
6. **Transportation Policies and Procedures.** District 323 reserves the right to refuse service to any rider based upon a safety risk or rules violation.
7. **Severe Weather.** In the event of severe weather conditions, District 323 and Northminster shall make a joint decision with respect to the transportation of students. However, any decision by District 323 to cancel school for the day for District 323 students shall be at the sole discretion of District 323.
8. **Routing and Scheduling.** Routing and scheduling shall be at the discretion of District 323. District 323 shall not be held responsible for being late or for being unable to provide a bus and a driver due to unforeseen circumstances.
9. **Insurance.** District 323 shall obtain, at its own expense, and agrees to—continue in force during the life of this contract worker's compensation and—comprehensive general liability insurance. General liability policies shall identify Northminster as an additional insured. Northminster shall obtain, at its own expense, and agrees to continue in force during the life of this contract worker's compensation and comprehensive general liability insurance. Such policies shall identify District 323 as an additional insured.
10. **Term.** This contract shall continue through the 2025-26 school year and may be extended by the mutual agreement of the parties. Either party may terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days' notice to the other party.

11. **Indemnification of Northminster.** District 323 shall protect, indemnify, save and keep harmless Northminster and its agents, employees, and officers against and from all damages, suits, liability claims, loss, cost, or expense (including court costs and attorney's fees) arising out of or from any of the following:
- A. Any accident or other occurrence arising in connection with the operation, maintenance or use of the bus by District 323;
 - B. Any act or omission of District 323 or its employees, agents, suppliers or officers during the aftercare trip;
 - C. Any violation by District 323 or any of its employees, agents, suppliers or officers of any law or ordinance in, on, at or in any way related to the bus;
 - D. Any damages, liens or expenses arising as a result of a default by District 323 with respect to any of the terms of this Agreement.
12. **Indemnification of District 323.** Northminster shall protect, indemnify, save and keep harmless the District 323 and its agents, board members, employees and officers against and from all damages, suits, liability claims, loss, cost or expense (including court costs and attorney's fees) arising out of or from any of the following:
- A. Any accident or other occurrence arising in connection with the aftercare trip not related to the operation of the bus;
 - B. Any act or omission of Northminster or its employees, volunteers, agents, invitees, suppliers, students, or officers;
 - C. Any violation by Northminster or any of its employees, volunteers, agents, invitees, suppliers, students or officers of any law or ordinance in, on, at or in any way related to the aftercare trip;
 - D. Any damages, liens or expenses arising as a result of a default by Northminster with respect to any of the terms of this Agreement.
13. **Default.** In the event of default by either party to this Agreement, the non-defaulting party may seek any remedies available at law or in equity, including specific performance. Should either party be required to incur attorney's fees, costs, and/or other expenses as a

result of the other party's failure to perform any obligation hereunder, the defaulting party shall be liable to the prevailing party for reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and expenses incurred by the prevailing party.

14. **Delay Does Not Constitute Waiver.** No failure or delay on the part of either party in exercising any right, power or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof and both parties may exercise rights granted under the terms of this Agreement regardless of any prior forbearance.

15. **Force Majeure.** In the event District 323 is unable to provide transportation services herein specified because of any act of God, civil disturbance, fire, flood, riot, war, loss of transportation facilities, oil or fuel shortage or any condition or cause beyond the control of District 323, Northminster shall excuse District 323 from performance under this Agreement.

16. **Assignment and Amendment.** This Agreement shall not be assigned by the parties hereto. No waivers, alterations, amendments or modifications of this Agreement or any agreements in connection with it shall be valid unless in writing and duly executed by both parties.

17. **Severability.** If any provision, covenant, or portion of this Agreement or its application to any person, entity or property is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the application or validity of any other provisions, covenants or portions of this Agreement (and to that end, any provisions, covenants, or portion of this Agreement are declared to be severable).

18. **Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws and decisions of the State of Illinois.

19. **Notices.** All notices herein shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be effective as of the date of actual delivery if by personal delivery or as of the third day from and including the day of posting if mailed with postage prepaid:

to District 323: Dunlap Community Unit School District 323
 400 S. Fourth St.
 Dunlap, IL 61525

To Northminster: Northminster Learning Center
 10720 N. Knoxville Ave
 Peoria, IL 61615

or to such replacement parties as may from time to time be identified by written notice.

20. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and will supersede all previous negotiations and commitments whether written or oral.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2025.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
DUNLAP COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 323

Northminster Learning Center

By _____
Its President

By _____
Its _____

ATTEST:
By _____
Its Secretary

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