

## PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Between DeSoto Independent School District and Beacon Hill Preparatory Institute.

Effective September 1, 2025, through May 30, 2026.

This Partnership Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the DeSoto Independent School District ("District") and Beacon Hill Preparatory Institute, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization ("Beacon Hill"), effective September 1, 2025, for the provision of targeted academic tutoring services.

### 1. Purpose

This Agreement establishes a partnership between the District and Beacon Hill for the delivery of high-impact academic tutoring in mathematics, aligned with curriculum standards and instructional best practices. The goal is to support measurable student growth at the elementary level.

### 2. Program Overview

School Site Selection: Frank Moates Elementary School - The District will identify one elementary campus within the DeSoto Independent School District to participate in the 2025–2026 academic year.

- Subject Focus: The District shall designate either reading or mathematics as the focus subject for the tutoring program.
- Service Term: From September 1, 2025, through May 30, 2026.
- Instructional Days:
  - If a single subject (reading or math) is selected, services will be provided two (2) days per week.
  - If both subjects are selected (pending additional funding), services will be provided four (4) days per week.

### 3. Program Expansion \*\*

This Agreement pertains to a single campus currently funded through philanthropic support. Additional subjects and/or school campuses may be added to this partnership upon confirmation of supplementary funding from external sources and will require 4 – 6 weeks to begin additional tutoring services.

### 4. Staffing and Instructional Delivery

Beacon Hill will assign two full-time personnel to each campus: one Campus Manager and one Certified Instructor. All personnel will be trained and certified in the Gideon Math and Reading Curriculum, which is based on the Science of Reading. Instruction will take place in small-group formats and will be tailored to meet the academic needs of students as identified through diagnostic data.

## **5. Curriculum and Learning Environment**

Instruction will utilize the Gideon curriculum, tailored for either reading or math. Beacon Hill will establish a dedicated Learning Lab on the selected campus, featuring:

- A Beacon Hill Store for student incentives and engagement.
- Four instructional centers:
  - Math Center
  - Reading Center
  - Writing Center
  - Technology Center

Beacon Hill will provide all instructional materials, center setups, and lab decorations and will remain the property of Beacon Hill.

## **6. Responsibilities of DeSoto Independent School District**

The District agrees to:

- Designate the participating elementary campus and subject focus.
- Provide classroom infrastructure, including:
  - Dedicated Learning Lab space
  - Tables and chairs
  - One (1) lockable filing cabinet
  - Access to Chromebooks or laptops
- Identify and assign participating students.
- Ensure that selected students are released (required) to attend tutoring services.
- Collaborate on the campus master schedule.
- Include Beacon Hill in school events such as Back-to-School Night, Open House, and pre-launch staff meetings.

## **7. Responsibilities of Beacon Hill**

Beacon Hill agrees to:

- Provide tutoring services with certified personnel.
- Ensure students are served according to the approved schedule.
- Provide all curriculum materials and instructional tools.
- Oversee the Learning Lab environment.
- Collect and share student performance data (BOY, MOY, EOY).
- Use i-READY assessments for benchmarking.
- Attend scheduled data review meetings with school leadership.

## **8. Data Privacy and Sharing**

A separate Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) provided by the district and the Data Privacy policy from Beacon Hill will ensure the secure and FERPA-compliant transfer of student information. All shared data will be used solely for instructional and evaluation purposes

## **9. Program Funding and Valuation \*\***

The total contract value is \$ 78,000, entirely funded through donations from philanthropic partners:

- Math (40 students): \$78,000 – Chi Omega Christmas Market Foundation & Beacon Hill other funding partners.

The DeSoto Independent School District will incur no financial obligation.

## **10. Insurance and Liability**

Beacon Hill will maintain general liability insurance and provide proof upon request. Beacon Hill agrees to indemnify and hold the district harmless from any claims arising from its personnel or contractors.

## **11. Non-Discrimination**

Both parties affirm their compliance with local, state, and federal laws prohibiting discrimination.

## **12. Termination**

This Agreement may be terminated by either party with thirty (30) days' written notice. Both parties agree to collaborate on a smooth and orderly transition.

## **13. Dispute Resolution**

Disputes will be resolved collaboratively by designated representatives. If they remain unresolved, matters may be escalated to executive leadership for mediation.

## **14. Amendment**

This Agreement may be amended only through a written document signed by both parties.

## **15. Entire Agreement**

This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties and overrides all previous communications or agreements.

## Signatures

For DeSoto Independent School District

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For Beacon Hill Preparatory Institute

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Charnella Derry

Title: President & CEO

Date: \_\_\_\_\_