



Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Executive Advisory Board

FROM: Marianne Fidishin, PhD, Executive Director

DATE: August 1, 2018

RE: Elmhurst University Standard Clinical Affiliation Agreement

Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative has collaborated with Elmhurst College since 2015 to provide clinical opportunities (student teaching) for those enrolled in the graduate program in speech-language pathology. This current agreement, which will commence September 1, 2018 for a duration of five (5) years, will include the additional provision for those enrolled in the graduate program in occupational therapy.

The process of hosting student teachers and clinicians is potentially an important contributory factor to school improvement, especially in relation to the quality of teaching and learning. One key proposal is that mentoring and hosting student teachers can be seen as an opportunity for lifelong learning and continuous professional development for all involved in school.