

DATA SHARING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
DESOTO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND
BEACON HILL PREPARATORY INSTITUTE

This Data Sharing Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made between the DeSoto Independent School District, a political subdivision of the State of Texas and a legally constituted independent school district located in Dallas County, Texas (the “District”) and Beacon Hill Preparatory Institute, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (“Beacon Hill”). The District and Beacon Hill may be referred to individually as a “Party,” and collectively as the “Parties.”

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 For Beacon Hill to provide certain services to the District, it may become necessary for the District to share certain Data with Beacon Hill. Specific services provided by Beacon Hill are included in the Partnership Agreement entered upon:

- **August 1, 2025 – May 30, 2026**

- 1.2 The purpose of this Agreement is to outline the responsibilities and commitments of the Parties in providing the Data that is specifically outlined in **Exhibit A** of this Agreement. The specific Data sharing process will be as outlined in **Exhibit B** of this Agreement.

2. DEFINITION, USE, AND TREATMENT OF DATA

- 2.1 “Data” - Includes, but is not limited to, the following: student data, employee data, metadata, user content, court content, materials, and any and all data and information that the District (or any authorized end user) uploads, enters, or submits to Beacon Hill, including through the use of Beacon Hill’s products or services. “Data” also specifically includes all Personally Identifiable Information in education records, directory data, and other non-public information.
- 2.2 “Personally Identifiable Information” – As used in this Agreement, “Personally Identifiable Information” or “PII” means any representation of information that permits the identify of an individual to whom the information applies to be reasonably inferred by either direct or indirect means. Further, PII is defined as information: (i) that directly identifies an individual (e.g., name, address, social security number or other identifying number or code, telephone number, email address, etc.); or (ii) by which an agency intends to identify specific individuals in conjunction with other data elements, i.e., indirect identification. PII also means any student information, if any, identified as such in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”), 20 U.S.C. § 1232(g) and specifically in the definition of “Personally Identifiable Information” in 34 C.F.R. 99.3.

- 2.3 “De-identified Information” – As used in this Agreement, “De-identified Information” means Data or information that neither identifies nor provides a reasonable basis to identify an individual where, without limitation, the following identifiers have been removed: the name; the name of a parent or other family members; the address or the address of a family member; a personal identifier, such as a social security number, student/employee number, or biometric record; other indirect identifiers, such as the date of birth, place of birth, and mother’s maiden name; other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific individual that would allow a reasonable person in the community and/or school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify a person with reasonable certainty; or information requested by a person who Beacon Hill reasonably believes knows the identity of the individual to whom the record relates.
- 2.4 All Data accessed or used by Beacon Hill shall at all times be treated as confidential by Beacon Hill and shall not be copied, used, or disclosed by Beacon Hill for any purpose not related to providing services to the District. Beacon Hill recognizes that PII is protected against disclosure by federal and state statutes and regulations, and Beacon Hill agrees to comply with said restrictions. Any publication or dissemination of Data by the Parties must be converted to De-identified Information, as further outlined in this Agreement. The Parties shall not re-disclose PII in any way that causes a breach in confidentiality. The Parties will limit access to PII only to persons identified in this Agreement as having a legitimate interest in accessing PII.
- 2.5 The Parties acknowledge that the District is subject to FERPA, which generally addresses certain obligations of an educational agency or institution that receives federal funds regarding disclosure of PII in education records. As detailed in Section 2.6, the Parties agree that Beacon Hill is a “school official” under FERPA and has a legitimate educational interest in PII from education records because Beacon Hill: (1) provides a service or function for which the District would otherwise use employees; (2) is under the direct control of the District with respect to the use and maintenance of education records; and (3) is subject to the requirements of FERPA governing the use and redisclosure of PII from education records.
- 2.6 The Parties expect and anticipate that Beacon Hill may receive PII in education records from the District only as an incident of service or training that Beacon Hill provides to the District. Beacon Hill shall be permitted to use any such PII in education records as a function of performing its duties and obligations. Beacon Hill represents that it shall not use or further disclose any PII in education records other than as a function of performing its duties and obligations.
- 2.7 Beacon Hill acknowledges and agrees that the District owns and retains all rights, title, and interest to, or has appropriate possessory rights in Data. Beacon Hill makes no claim of license, title, or ownership to or in Data.

3. TERM AND TERMINATION

- 3.1 This Agreement will commence as of the later date that both Parties have signed the Agreement below and shall terminate on **May 30, 2026**. At any time, this Agreement may be extended by mutual agreement of the Parties in writing.
- 3.2 Either Party may terminate this Agreement for any reason by giving thirty (30) days' written notice of termination to the other Party.

4. METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION, USE, ACCESS, AND TRANSFER

- 4.1 Beacon Hill will only collect Data as necessary to fulfill its duties and services under this Agreement.
- 4.2 Beacon Hill will use Data only for the purpose of fulfilling its duties, providing services, and improving its services under this Agreement.
- 4.3 Beacon Hill and its agents will establish specific safeguards to assure the confidentiality and security of PII. If encrypted identifiable information is transferred electronically through means such as the Internet, then said transmissions will be consistent with the rules and standards promulgated by federal statutory requirements regarding the electronic transmission of PII. Beacon Hill shall store and process Data in accordance with industry best practices. This includes appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to secure Data from unauthorized access, disclosure, and use.
- 4.4 Beacon Hill must maintain reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the confidentiality of information transmitted online, including but not limited to encryption, firewalls, and Secure Sockets Layer (SSL). If applicable, Beacon Hill must implement policies and practices pursuant to various security rules and regulations relating to the security and safeguarding of Data, including the Payment Card Industry Security Standards (PCI-DSS). All of Beacon Hill's personnel handling Data must be trained by Beacon Hill on information security. Beacon Hill's information security policy must require that all personnel who come into contact with District Data receive training on the proper techniques for handling such Data.
- 4.5 Beacon Hill shall also have a written incident response plan, which shall include but is not limited to, prompt notification to the District in the event of a security or privacy incident, as well as procedures for responding to a breach of any of the District's Data that is in Beacon Hill's possession. Beacon Hill agrees to share its incident response plan upon request.
- 4.6 Beacon Hill shall not use any Data to advertise or market products or services to District students, their parents, or District employees or officials.
- 4.7 Beacon Hill is prohibited from mining Data for any purposes other than those agreed in writing by the Parties. Data mining or scanning of user content for the purpose of advertising or marketing to District students or their parents, or to District employees is prohibited. "Data mining" is defined as the process of analyzing data from different

perspectives and summarizing it into useful information by finding correlations or patterns among data fields in relational databases.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 5.1 To the extent that both Parties will come into possession of student records and information, and to the extent that both Parties will be involved in the survey, analysis, or evaluation of students incident to this Agreement, both Parties agree to strictly comply with all the applicable requirements of FERPA, the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act ("COPPA"), and the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment ("PPRA").
- 5.2 Beacon Hill may employ third parties to assist with the performance of the services; however, Beacon Hill is solely responsible for ensuring that any third party performing services under the Agreement is bound by the obligations of confidentiality and assignment provided herein. Beacon Hill shall pay all fees, wages, salaries, and other amounts due any third party in connection with Beacon Hill's performance of its obligations under the Agreement, if any, and shall be responsible for all reports and obligations respecting any such third party relating to any taxes, insurance, and similar matters.

6. RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPROPER DISCLOSURE OF PII

- 6.1 TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED UNDER TEXAS LAW, BEACON HILL SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE IMPROPER DISCLOSURE OF PII TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY THE CONDUCT OF BEACON HILL, ITS BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, OR AGENTS. BEACON HILL AGREES TO INDEMNIFY THE DISTRICT AND HOLD THE DISTRICT HARMLESS FOR ANY DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE IMPROPER DISCLOSURE OF PII, TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY THE CONDUCT OF BEACON HILL, ITS BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, OR AGENTS, AND TO DEFEND THE DISTRICT AGAINST SUCH CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES.
- 6.2 The Parties agree that the terms and requirements in this Section shall survive the expiration of the Term of this Agreement.

7. ASSURANCES AND NOTIFICATIONS

- 7.1 By signing this Agreement, each Party represents to the other Party that it has not been previously determined by a court of law, administrative agency, hearing officer, or similar decision-maker, to be in violation of FERPA, Texas law, or federal or state regulations governing the handling and disclosure of PII, and that no court of law, administrative agency, hearing officer, or similar decision-maker has determined that the conduct of the Party or its officers or employees have caused any district to be in violation of the laws and regulations governing PII. If any such determination is made during the term of this Agreement, the violating Party shall promptly notify the other Party.
- 7.2 Beacon Hill shall notify the District promptly in writing if Beacon Hill determines, or knows, that PII has been improperly disclosed to Beacon Hill personnel, an entity with

whom Beacon Hill contracts, or to any other third-party who does not have a legitimate interest in the PII under this Agreement. Beacon Hill shall take immediate steps to limit and mitigate the damage of such security breach to the greatest extent possible (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code § 552.001-152).

- 7.3 Beacon Hill, unless otherwise prohibited by law, shall promptly notify the District if Beacon Hill determines or knows if a court of law, administrative agency, hearing officer, or similar decision-maker determines that Beacon Hill has improperly disclosed PII that Beacon Hill obtained from the District. The Parties agree that this notification requirement shall survive the expiration of the term of this Agreement and for as long as Beacon Hill has access to District PII.

8. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 8.1 To affect the transfer of Data and to ensure that the required confidentiality of PII shall always be maintained, both Parties agree:

- 8.1.1 To comply in all respects with the provisions of FERPA and Texas law as they apply to PII. Parties will notify each other in writing in the event of a security breach of any measures to keep confidential the PII received pursuant to this Agreement. Parties will also make all reasonable efforts to cure any such security breach and to prevent further security breaches, and to inform each other of such efforts. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to allow Parties to maintain, use, disclose, or share PII received pursuant to this Agreement in a manner prohibited by any federal or Texas laws or regulations. Beacon Hill shall not provide any PII obtained under this Agreement to any entity or person ineligible to receive PII protected by FERPA or prohibited from receiving PII from any entity by virtue of a finding under 34 CFR § 99.31(a)(6)(iv). As applicable, the Parties will also comply with the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA").

- 8.1.2 For purposes of this Agreement and for ensuring Parties' compliance with the terms of this Agreement and all applicable local and federal laws, Beacon Hill shall designate an official to act as temporary custodian of the PII received by the District pursuant to this Agreement and the contact person for all matters related to this Agreement. Beacon Hill will promptly notify the District in writing of the name and contact information for any newly designated Temporary Custodian. The Temporary Custodian shall be responsible for transmitting all Data requests and maintaining a log or other record of all Data requested and received pursuant to this Agreement, destruction of Data, when appropriate, and certification of that destruction. This Temporary Custodian shall be the only official who serves in the capacity described in this subsection. No other official or staff person shall service in this capacity unless otherwise agreed to in writing.

- 8.1.3 Beacon Hill shall put procedures in place to safeguard the confidentiality and integrity of PII, to place limitations on its use and to maintain compliance with applicable privacy laws. Beacon Hill shall require all its employees, contractors,

and agents with access to District PII to comply with this Agreement and all applicable provisions of FERPA and other laws with respect to the PII shared under this Agreement.

- 8.1.4 PII collected and shared is confidential. Beacon Hill will not disclose Data produced under this Agreement in any manner that could identify any student, except as authorized by FERPA, to any entity other than each other, or authorized employees, contractors, and agents of the Parties. Parties and persons participating on behalf of Beacon Hill shall neither disclose nor otherwise release data and reports relating to any student, nor disclose information relating to a group or category of individuals without ensuring the confidentiality of individuals in that group.
- 8.1.5 Publications and reports of PII and information related to them, including preliminary project descriptions and draft reports, shall involve only De-identified Information and no PII that could lead to the identification of any individual student and/or person.
- 8.1.6 If applicable, Beacon Hill is not authorized to continue research using the PII obtained under this Agreement upon the termination of this Agreement. Beacon Hill will destroy all PII obtained under this Agreement in accordance with Section 8.1.11.
- 8.1.7 Parties have the right to present, publish, or use the PII that they have gained in the course of the research under this Agreement, if any, but Beacon Hill may only present, publish, and use the Data in an aggregated form, converted to De-identified Information, with no PII included. Beacon Hill may share De-identified Information with the other Party's partners who have executed a written confidentiality agreement with Beacon Hill agreeing not to share or disseminate such Data provided by Beacon Hill. No PII will be shared with these members except to the extent specific authorization for such PII sharing has been provided for by District and all state and federal laws have been complied with.
- 8.1.8 If applicable, Beacon Hill agrees to provide the District any proposed publications or presentations, which are to make public any findings, data, or results related to the District (collectively, "Publications") for the District's review, comment, and approval at least fourteen (14) days prior to proposed publication date. Lack of response by the District to Beacon Hill by the proposed publication date will be considered approval of the Publications as presented. If there are no changes to the Publications, only changes to the layout and design of the Publications, then the fourteen (14) day approval is waived. The District shall confirm in writing if only changes to the layout and design of Publications are required.

- 8.1.9 Beacon Hill will provide the District with one electronic and at least one paper copy of the final versions of all reports and other documents, if any, associated with this Agreement, as detailed in Section 8.1.8.
- 8.1.10 Beacon Hill will use Data shared under this Agreement for no purpose other than to meet the objectives of the research study specified under this Agreement.
- 8.1.11 Beacon Hill will destroy all District files and hard copy records that contain District Data and purge any copies for such Data from its computer system. Within thirty (30) business days after receipt of a written request from the District that the Data is no longer needed for the purposes stated in this Agreement.
- 8.1.12 Beacon Hill will ensure that all Data in the possession of any subcontractors or agents to which Beacon Hill may have transferred Data are destroyed or transferred to the District under the direction of the District when the Data is no longer needed for the specific purpose or at the termination of this Agreement.
- 8.2 Beacon Hill understands that this Agreement does not convey ownership of the District's Data to Beacon Hill. Any and all Data shared by the District pursuant to this Agreement is, and always will remain, the sole property of the District. Parties agree that all rights, including all intellectual property rights, to Data shall remain the exclusive property of the District, and Beacon Hill has a limited, nonexclusive license solely for the purpose of performing its obligations as outlined in the Agreement. This Agreement does not give Beacon Hill any rights, implied or otherwise, to Data, content, or intellectual property, except as expressly stated in the Agreement. This includes the right to sell or trade Data.
- 8.3 The Parties shall exercise due care to protect PII from unauthorized physical and electronic access. In so doing, the Parties shall establish and implement at least the following minimum physical, electronic, and managerial safeguards for maintaining the confidentiality of PII provided by each Party pursuant to this Agreement:
 - 8.3.1 Access to the PII provided by the Parties will be restricted to only those authorized staff, officials, and agents of the Parties who need it to perform their official duties in the performance of the work requiring access to the PII as detailed in this Agreement.
 - 8.3.2 The Parties will store the PII in an area that is safe from access by unauthorized persons during duty hours as well as non-duty hours or when not in use.
 - 8.3.3 The Parties will protect PII in a manner that prevents unauthorized persons from retrieving the PII by means of computer, remote terminal, or other means.

9. NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO POLICIES

- 9.1 Beacon Hill shall not change how Data is collected, used, or shared under the terms of this Agreement in any way without advance written notice to and consent from the District.
- 9.2 Beacon Hill shall provide written notice to the District of any proposed change to its Terms of Use, Privacy Policy, and/or any similar policies or procedures thirty (30) days prior to the implementation of any such changes. The District may terminate the Agreement with Beacon Hill upon notification of amendment to such terms without any penalty.
- 9.3 The terms and conditions in this Agreement will govern if there is a conflict between the terms or conditions listed in this Agreement and any terms or conditions listed in any applicable Terms of Use, Privacy Policy, and/or any similar policies or procedures of Beacon Hill.

10. NOTICES

The following individuals are the contact points for each Party under this Agreement. These individuals are responsible for the management and coordination of the requirements for each respective Party under this Agreement. Copies of correspondence related to the modification, amendment, extension, or termination of this Agreement, or any other legal matter pertaining to this Agreement, shall be furnished to these individuals with additional copies to:

For the District:

Name:
Title:
Address:
Email:

With a copy to:

Name:
Title:
Address:
Email:

For Beacon Hill:

Name: Llewellyn Derry
Title: IT / Security Consultant
Address: 1402 Corinth Suite 257, Dallas Tx 75215
Email: lderry@beacnhillprep.org

With a copy to:

Name: Charnella Derry
Title: President & CEO
Address: 1402 Corinth Street Suite 257 Dallas Tx 75215

11. MISCELLANEOUS TERMS

- 11.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a partnership or joint venture between the Parties, nor authorize either Party to incur any liability on behalf of the other.
- 11.2 Neither the District nor Beacon Hill shall use the other Party's name, trademarks, or other logos, or the names of any individuals involved in the Agreement in any publication or other public presentation without the prior written consent of such other Party.
- 11.3 No alteration, cancellation, variation, or addition to this Agreement shall be of any force or effect unless reduced to writing as an addendum to this Agreement and signed by the Parties or their authorized signatories.
- 11.4 This document contains the entire agreement between the Parties, and neither Party shall be bound by any undertaking, representation, or warranty not recorded herein or added hereto without the consent of the Parties.
- 11.5 None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be considered waived by any Party unless such waiver is given in writing to the other Party. The failure of a Party to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms and conditions hereof, or failure to delay to exercise any rights provided herein or by law, shall not be deemed a waiver of any rights of any Party.
- 11.6 The headings appearing in this Agreement have been used for reference purposes only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.
- 11.7 If any clause or term of this Agreement should be invalid, unenforceable, or illegal, then the remaining terms and provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to be severable therefrom and shall continue in full force and effect.
- 11.8 Neither Party shall assign, cede, or otherwise transfer any of its rights and obligations in terms of this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party.
- 11.9 By signing below, each Party represents that they are authorized to execute this Agreement and that each Party is bound to all terms of the Agreement.
- 11.10 This Agreement shall only become effective and legally binding on the Parties once it has been signed by the Parties.
- 11.11 No Party shall have the right to commit the other Party to any contractual, legal, or financial liability, unless said Party has received the prior agreement from the other Party in writing.
- 11.12 The Parties understand and agree that nothing herein shall be interpreted as establishing any form of exclusive relationship between Beacon Hill and the District. The Parties further understand and agree that nothing herein shall be interpreted as precluding

either Party from entering into agreements similar to this Agreement with third parties or from conducting educational, research, or other activities that may involve the same or similar subject matter as this Agreement, the conduct of which is outside and independent of this Agreement.

11.13 The Parties agree that no individual shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, subjected to discrimination under, or denied employment in the administration of or in connection with any aspects of this Agreement because of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation, including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The Parties agree to abide by the standards of responsibility toward the disabled as specified by the Americans with Disabilities Act. In the event that either Party refuses to comply with this provision, this Agreement may be cancelled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part by the other Party.

11.14 Each Party shall maintain at its sole expense adequate insurance or self-insurance coverage to satisfy its obligations under this Agreement.

11.15 Any dispute arising under this Agreement shall be resolved in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

11.16 The terms of this Agreement may be modified only upon a prior written amendment agreement executed by all Parties to this Agreement.

11.17 This Agreement constitutes and contains the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any prior and contemporaneous oral or written agreements between the Parties.

12. SIGNATURE CLAUSE

The Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives. By signing this Agreement, the District and Beacon Hill signify that each Party understands and will comply with the conditions stated above.

DeSoto Independent School District

Beacon Hill Preparatory Institute

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: Charnella Derry _____

Title: _____

Title: President & CEO _____

Date: _____

Date: August 3, 2025 _____

Exhibit A

Data Overview and Specific Data Requested

Table 1: Data Overview

Student Data

School Years of Data Requested	2024-2025, 2025-2026
Students Included	Participating grades and campus
Timeframe for Collection	12 months
Other	N/A

Non-Student Data

Years of Data Requested	2025 – 2026
Timeframe for Collection	2025 – 2026
Other	N/A

Table 2: Data Requested

Student Data

Data Type	Data Details
Student Identifiers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Student ID • Student First Name • Student Middle Name • Student Last Name • Free & Reduce Lunch Eligibility
Static Student Demographics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade Level • English Learning Status • Student Gender • Student Race • Student Ethnicity date • Student Birth • Students Age • Student Address Zip Code
Student Academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant assessment data for learning gaps • IPT Scores • STAAR Scores – Full Access • MAP Full Access • IReady Full Access • NWEA MAP – Full Access • Home School Attendance • Report Card Grades Throughout School Year • LEP Status
Student Attendance and Referrals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/Guardian Firm Name

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent/Guardian Last Name ● Parent/Guardian Phone Number ● Parent/Guardian Email Address ● Parent/Guardian Native Language
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Non-Student Data

Data Type	Data Details
N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Homeroom Teacher / Subject Teacher Name ● School Name

Exhibit B

Data Sharing Process

Beacon Hill uses the security tools and features of Salesforce and DropBox to store, transfer and manage Student PII. Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) is required by all Beacon Hill Teaching and Support Staff to access the Beacon Hill DropBox and Salesforce accounts.

Beacon Hill uses DropBox to accept Student PII from our partner Districts. Dropbox uses AES-256 Encryption for data storage on their platform and TLS/SSL for the secure transfer of Data to and from their platform.