

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2689 (hereinafter referred to as “District”)
And
PIPESTONE AREA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (hereinafter referred to as “Union”)**

WHEREAS the district and Union are parties to a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) for the period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS the District and Union desire to address the time commitment, compensation, schedule, location of training, and deadlines for teachers required to complete the state of Minnesota mandated Read Act training; and

Whereas the District and Union have agreed that teachers will participate in district approved **READ ACT TRAINING**; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the parties agree to the following:

1. Eligibility

The Union and District will establish a list of eligible teachers, who must:

- a. Hold a license issued by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board;
- b. Be employed by the District between **7/1/2023 and 6/30/2027**; and,
- c. Be required by the District to complete approved training described under Minn. Stat. 120B.123, subdivision 5.

2. Compensation earned for READ ACT TRAINING

Teachers will earn compensation as follows:

Teachers will be paid curriculum pay at the current rate in Appendix B of the contract. Compensation will occur for work outside of the contract day.

Compensation shall be limited to a maximum of 144 hours for Read Act Training over two years.

3. Credit Recognition

CEU's will be awarded through the district by the end of the year each school year.

Staff will claim the hours for re-licensure purposes.

Credits will not be allowed for advancement in salary

4. Proof of completion and payment timeline

In all cases, teachers shall submit proof of training completion to Curriculum Director.

5. Failure to comply with the READ ACT

Compliance with Minnesota READ ACT (Minn. Stat. 120B.123) is mandatory for both the district and eligible teachers. Failure by the district to comply with these requirements may result in action taken by the Minnesota Department of Education. Failure by an eligible teacher to comply with the training requirements may result in a teacher being out of compliance with the READ ACT requirements related to reading instruction in accordance with state statute and could result in discipline pursuant to the CBA.

6. Effective Date and Duration

This MOU shall continue in effect until June 30, 2027.

NOW THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the parties agree to the following:

Impact on Precedent. Nothing in this MOU may be deemed to establish a precedent or practice to alter any established precedent or practice arising out of or relating to the CBA between the District and the Union. Neither the District nor the Union may refer to this MOU or submit it in any proceeding or case as evidence of a precedent or practice.

Entire Agreement. This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the parties related to compensation for teachers for completing READ ACT training. Neither party has relied on any statements, promises, or representations that are not stated in this MOU. The terms of this MOU constitute the entire agreement between the parties and supersede any prior written or oral, or other agreement, statement, or practice between the parties relating to the subject matter of this MOU. No changes to this MOU will be valid unless they are in writing and signed by both parties . A copy of this MOU will have the same legal effect as the original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have voluntarily entered into this MOU on the dates shown by their signatures. This MOU will not become effective unless and until it is approved by the District’s School Board and is signed by both parties.

For the District:

For the Union:

Dated:

Dated:
