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**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM NO: 3.1**

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Monday, July 21, 2025

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:** Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)  
between Catalina Foothills School District and Jefferson  
County Educational Services Center

**SUBMITTED BY:** Erin Matyjasik, Director of Special Services

**PRESENTED BY:** Denise Bartlett, Superintendent

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In May 2022, the CFSD Governing Board approved a three-year agreement with Jefferson County Educational Service Center (JCESC) to provide an online platform called Virtual Learning Academy (VLA) for our Catalina Foothills High School special education classrooms. VLA provides traditional courses adapted to an online format of 36 lessons per 1 credit course (18 lessons per .5 credit). JCESC/VLA continues to enhance their online programs in order to help districts offer alternatives to students while they remain fully enrolled in their schools. It also serves students who are homebound and/or in need of credit recovery.

The JCESC/VLA's curriculum is in alignment with CFSD's standards and benchmarks in language arts, social studies, math, and science. Students work with the IEP team to select their courses in order to meet graduation requirements. Students then move through the courses at their own pace with accommodations.

Other online programs were reviewed to determine whether they would meet the needs of our students in the same capacity that the VLA curriculum does. After this review, we wish to renew our participation agreement for three years beginning July 21, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

The agreement is attached for your review.

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** I move that the governing board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Catalina Foothills School District and the Jefferson County Educational Services Center, as presented.