

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Released Time for Religious Instruction

This Memorandum of Agreement is entered into between the XXXX School District Board of Education ("Board" or "District") and LifeWise Academy ("LifeWise") to commemorate the parties agreement concerning students' released time for religious instruction.

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Policy XXXX, which addresses released time for religious instruction; and

WHEREAS, LifeWise has proposed a plan for students to be released for religious instruction to be provided by LifeWise at XXXX beginning in XXXX; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to comply with its Policy XXXX to allow students to be released in compliance with the Policy.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties mutually agree to the following terms regarding releasing students for religious instruction:

1. Students will be excused to attend LifeWise's program only if:
 - a. The student's parent or guardian gives consent in writing;
 - b. LifeWise maintains attendance records and makes them available to the District;
 - c. LifeWise provides and assumes liability for the student; and
 - d. The student assumes responsibility for any missed schoolwork.
2. The District will not excuse students from any core curriculum subject course to attend LifeWise's program.
3. Transportation for students participating in LifeWise's programs is entirely the responsibility of LifeWise, the student, and/or his or her parent or guardian. The District shall not be liable for any injuries arising from such transportation and no District funds will be expended for, or District personnel involved in the provision of any religious instruction.
4. No District employees will be involved in promoting or discouraging participation in LifeWise's program. The District's compliance with its Policy XXX does not, in any way, constitute an endorsement of religion or infringe upon any individual's rights under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.
5. Failure to comply with any of the terms set forth herein and/or the terms of Board Policy XXXX may result in the termination of released time for individual students or all students.

For LifeWise:

For the Board of Education

Jeff Peterson, Vice President of Operations

Superintendent

Date: _____, 2024
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Date: _____,