Memorandum of Understanding between the Placer County Office of Education and Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into by and between the Placer County Office of Education, referred to as "PCOE" and Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District, referred to as "TTUSD". This document is dated September 1, 2024 for reference purposes only.

I. Recitals

The purpose of this MOU is to outline the roles and responsibilities of PCOE and TTUSD in operational readiness for the Multi-Payer Fee Schedule (Fee Schedule) through the "School-Linked Partnership and Capacity Grants" (Capacity Grants). These grants are being implemented through the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) to reimagine the systems, regardless of payer, that support behavioral health for all California's children, youth, and their families.

As a part of CYBHI, the Department of Health Services (DHCS) is awarding \$400 million in one time funds. DHCS has contracted with Sacramento County Office of Education and Santa Clara County Office of Education to distribute these funds to county offices of education who are then required to distribute a share of these funds to LEAs within the COE's county. These funds, called the "School-Linked Partnership and Capacity Grants" (Capacity Grants), aim to strengthen the planning, development, and implementation of school-linked behavioral health services in California's K-12 public schools and public universities, in order to participate in the Multi-Payer Fee Schedule (Fee Schedule). The School-Linked Partnership and Capacity Grants program has three primary goals:

1. Fee Schedule Readiness

Increase the number of Local Education Agencies (LEA) who meet the "Operational Readiness" requirements needed to join the behavioral health provider network and utilize the Fee Schedule. LEAs include county offices of education, school district, charter schools, the California Schools for the Deaf, and the California Schools for the Blind. The Statewide Multi-Payer School-Linked Fee Schedule (Fee Schedule) is a new model that establishes a specific set of behavioral health services and rates at which Medi-Cal and commercial plans are required to reimburse LEAs, public institutions of higher education, and other school-linked providers. Developing Fee Schedule readiness will ensure that one-time funds are used to promote long-term sustainability.

2. Expanded Access

Increase the availability and range of behavioral health services in schools and school-linked agencies by augmenting LEAs capabilities and capacity. This provides an opportunity for LEAs to increase capacity and expand service delivery in the nearer term. Similarly, investments in the systems around school-linked services can help expand access to behavioral health services in schools.

3. Collaborative Infrastructure

Develop or enhance collaborative infrastructure across LEAs, Medi-Cal and commercial managed care plans (MCP), county behavioral health departments, and community-based organizations (CBO) providers that focus on children and youth well-being. Grant funds can be spent on developing plans to achieve common goals, policies to improve collaboration, and tools to improve systems and measure success.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to disseminate a Capacity Grant to TTUSD and outline the responsibilities of TTUSD and PCOE, entered into and effective from September 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, unless terminated early pursuant to the provisions below.

III. Termination of the MOU

In the event of a material breach of this MOU, an aggrieved party may terminate this MOU by giving a 15-day written notice to cure. If the grievance is not cured within that period, the aggreeved party may terminate the agreement in writing immediately.

In the event of a funding reduction by PCOE's grantees (including but not limited to Sacramento County Office of Education, Santa Clara County Office of Education, and/or the Department of Health Care Services), PCOE may reduce the services provided under this MOU and/or terminate this MOU with 15 days written notice.

IV. PCOE and TTUSD Obligations

PCOE agrees to:

- A. Disseminate funds to TTUSD to use for operation readiness and other related activities for the Fee Schedule.
- B. Provide guidance on reports due to Sacramento County Office of Education and will review reports as requested by TTUSD.
- C. Keep TTUSD updated on any communication from Sacramento and Santa Clara County Offices of Education.
 - PCOE will email TTUSD at least 3x per year with any relevant information regarding the Capacity Grant program.

TTUSD Agrees to:

- A. Actively move towards developing readiness to participate in the Multi-Payer Fee Schedule.
- B. Revise district and/or organization policies and procedures, as needed to support operational readiness of the Fee Schedule.
- C. Serve as an exemplar for implementation to other districts in the county.
- D. Submit an Implementation Plan, progress reports, and other updates required by Sacramento County Office of Education.

E. Collaborate with PCOE to complete the scope of work within the timeline and to produce deliverables of the highest possible quality.

V. Communication Between Parties

- A. PCOE and TTUSD agree that consistent, clear communication between both parties supports the vision of the program and leads to success for the students we jointly serve. The following individuals have been identified as the primary contacts for this project:
 - PCOE Capacity Grants and Fee Schedule Leads:
 - Ali Murphy; Director, Mental Health. Email: amurphy@placercoe.org
 - Stephanie Kaiser; Coordinator, Mental Health. Email: skaiser@placercoe.org
 - Luke Anderson; Executive Director, Prevention, Supports, and Services.
 Email: luanderson@placercoe.org
 - TTUSD Capacity Grants and Fee Schedule Leads:
 - Annamarie Cohen; Executive Director of Student Services. Email: acohen@ttusd.org
 - Kim Bradley; Wellness Coordinator. Email: kbradley@ttusd.org

VII. Fiscal and Other Reporting

- A. PCOE will disseminate Capacity Grant funds in the total amount of \$331,790.64. This total will be disseminated on the following schedule. TTUSD will invoice PCOE for these amounts, which are contingent on participation of the deliverables outlined in TTUSD's implementation Plan and subsequent Progress Reports.
 - Fiscal Year 2024-2025
 - \$82,947.66 (September 1, 2024-December 31, 2024) Due by February 15, 2025
 - \$82,947.66 (January 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) Due by July 15, 2025
 - Fiscal Year 2025-2026
 - \$82,947.66 (July 1, 2025-December 31, 2025) Due by February 15, 2026
 - \$82,947.66 (January 1, 2026-June 30, 2026) Due by July 15, 2026
 - B. TTUSD will submit progress reports to Sacramento County Office of Education and/or PCOE (per instructions from Sacramento County Office of Education). These reports may include information including but not limited to TTUSD's spending of grant funds, progress towards completion of deliverables identified in the Implementation Plan, requests to modify the Implementation Plan. Due dates for these reports are as follows:
 - Progress Report #1 (work completed between January 1, 2025-June 30, 2025):
 Due to Sacramento County Office of Education on July 31, 2025.

■ Progress Report #2 (work completed between July 1, 2025-December 31, 2025): Due to Sacramento County Office of Education on January 31, 2026.

Progress Report #3 (work completed between January 1, 2026-June 30, 2026):
Due to Sacramento County Office of Education on July 31, 2026.

On behalf of PCOF		
Signed: Manual Manual Position: Placer County Superintendent of Schools	Date: _	9/9/24
On behalf of TTUSD		
Position: Superintendent Chief	Date: _	10/1/24