

**2026-27 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE (CEI)
PEER LEADING AND LEARNING NETWORK (PLLN) DISTRICT/LEA AGREEMENT
COHORT VI AND/OR COHORT VII**

This AGREEMENT is made by and among the Marin County Superintendent of Schools and the Marin County Office of Education (collectively, “Administrative Agent”), acting on behalf of the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (“CCEE”), and **Redwood City Elementary** (“LEA”). Hereinafter, the Administrative Agent (on behalf of the CCEE) and DISTRICT shall be referred to collectively as “PARTIES.”

Background

The Community Engagement Initiative (“CEI”) was established by the California State Legislature and the Governor on June 27, 2018 (Section 140 of Assembly Bill No. 1808 (“AB 1808”), Chapter 32 of the Statutes of 2018) for the purpose of all of the following:

- (1) Building capacity in communities and school districts to have difficult conversations with each other and build trust, with a focus on improving outcomes for pupils.
- (2) Identifying effective models of community engagement and metrics to evaluate those models.
- (3) Developing effective peer-to-peer partnerships between school districts and county offices of education, utilizing the existing professional learning networks structure administered by the CCEE, to deepen community engagement using lessons learned from the work identified in paragraph (1) and the models identified in paragraph (2).
- (4) Scaling up the work identified in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) to improve community engagement statewide and incorporate practices that prove effective towards school district and county office of education continuous improvement efforts.

Pursuant to AB 1808 and the resulting Request for Applications (“RFA”), the California Department of Education (“CDE”) and the CCEE, with approval from the executive director of the State Board of Education (“SBE”) selected the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (“SBCSS”), Families In Schools (“FIS”), and the California Association for Bilingual Education (“CABE”) as the expert Lead Agency Consortium, consistent with Section 52073.1 of the Education Code, to co-administer the CEI with the CCEE.

The CCEE and the Lead Agency Consortium were charged with soliciting teams to participate in the CEI and included professional learning networks. For the first professional learning network, they were required to select four to six geographically diverse teams that represent different regions of the state and include community members, pupils, school site staff and leadership, school district staff and leadership, and county office of education staff and leadership affiliated with a common single school district. In the selection process, AB 1808 required positive consideration be given to teams that are engaging in activities consistent with building capacity in communities and school districts to have difficult conversations with each other and build trust, with a focus on improving outcomes for pupils, and teams that have been successful in engaging community members that have not historically been engaged with their school district.

The 2022-23 Education Omnibus Budget Trailer Bill (Assembly Bill 181, Chapter 52 of the Statutes of 2022) funded and established an expansion of the CEI (now known as CEI 2.0). The initiative's next phase is being led by the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) in partnership with the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE), the University of San Diego (USD), and Eskolta School Research and Design, as the Lead Agency Consortium. The expansion builds on CEI 1.0's foundation to reach more California districts, schools, county offices, community partners, families, and students.

The PARTIES hereby agree as follows:

SECTION I: Privileges and Obligations of DISTRICT and DISTRICT TEAM MEMBERS, to be enforced by DISTRICT

A. Peer Leading and Learning Network. DISTRICT agrees to participate in Cohort VI and/or Cohort VII PLLN in pursuit of the statutorily-defined goals set forth above. Participating in the PLLN includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Organizing a team to participate in the Cohort VI and/or Cohort VII PLLN through June 30, 2027, with a minimum of eight meetings per year. DISTRICT shall provide CCEE and LEAD AGENCY CONSORTIUM with a list of all 2026-27 DISTRICT TEAM MEMBERS no later than September 1, 2026. All DISTRICT TEAM MEMBERS shall participate in all PLLN meetings.
 - If a DISTRICT TEAM MEMBER has a reasonable and irreconcilable conflict that prevents attendance at a meeting, the DISTRICT shall inform the CCEE (info@californiaengage.org) and LEAD AGENCY CONSORTIUM immediately and seek a replacement who can fill the vacated role. DISTRICT shall secure a replacement for any DISTRICT TEAM MEMBER who is unable to continue participating in the PLLN within one month of the TEAM MEMBER providing notice of withdrawal, and, in such a circumstance, shall notify the CCEE and LEAD AGENCY CONSORTIUM of any proposed replacement with sufficient time for them to ensure the proposed replacement meets all participant requirements.
 - If a DISTRICT TEAM misses a meeting, the DISTRICT shall confer with the CCEE and LEAD AGENCY CONSORTIUM to determine whether continued participation in the PLLN is appropriate or if this AGREEMENT should be terminated. If a DISTRICT TEAM misses **two** meetings, this AGREEMENT shall be terminated pursuant to Section III.E below unless the CCEE and LEAD AGENCY CONSORTIUM determines an exception is warranted.
- Communicating regularly with the CCEE and LEAD AGENCY CONSORTIUM regarding the PLLN, including reading, and responding promptly to, all PLLN-related communications from the CCEE and LEAD AGENCY CONSORTIUM.
- Responding to all research inquiries regarding the CEI and the PLLN from, or facilitated by, the CCEE, the LEAD AGENCY CONSORTIUM, or anyone conducting an evaluation on behalf of the CCEE and/or LEAD AGENCY CONSORTIUM. Inquiries may include, but are not limited to, surveys, focus groups, and end-of-year reflection documents.
- Permitting any CCEE or LEAD AGENCY CONSORTIUM staff member or representative to attend all or part of any DISTRICT team meeting.
- Sharing resources developed through engagement in the PLLN with the CCEE, LEAD AGENCY CONSORTIUM and future CEI PLLNs.

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- Engaging in open dialogue on issues related to improving local pupil outcomes. Individual DISTRICT TEAM MEMBERS will be expected to share professional and personal experiences related to topics within the scope of the CEI and its goals to support the success of the PLLN.
 - Partnering with other communities and school districts on improving community engagement.
 - Actively supporting the goals and objectives of the PLLN.
 - Keeping DISTRICT's governing board regularly informed of the DISTRICT's engagement in the PLLN as needed.
 - Providing meeting space at a DISTRICT school site (or a nearby location accessible to all TEAM MEMBERS) for PLLN meetings that is video-conference capable at no cost for any participant, when necessary.
 - Pursuant to *Education Code* Section 52073.3 (f)(3A), the CEI shall support the districts/LEA's Community Engagement/Community School efforts, and team members' participation in the CEI (including internal staff, family/caregivers, community-based organizations, etc.)
- B. Content License. DISTRICT agrees to grant CCEE, LEAD AGENCY CONSORTIUM, and all participants in current and future CEI PLLNs a free, transferable, non-exclusive license to use, reproduce, and distribute all information and content created by the DISTRICT or DISTRICT TEAM MEMBERS and presented or distributed at a PLLN meeting or as part of communications with or between PLLN participants provided (i) the use, reproduction, and distribution is limited to educational and training purposes, (ii) the information and content is not sold, reproduced, or used, in whole or in part, as part of any fee-generating activity or product, and (iii) the DISTRICT or TEAM MEMBER, as appropriate, is identified as the creator and/or owner of the information and content by including the appropriate name or logo on the information or content. The information and content produced, either in whole or in part, by a DISTRICT or TEAM MEMBER and presented or distributed at a PLLN meeting or as part of communications with or between PLLN participants shall not be copyrighted or patented by anyone other than the owner.
- C. Assignment. Neither this AGREEMENT nor any duties or obligations under this AGREEMENT may be assigned by DISTRICT without the prior written consent of CCEE. Any assignment or purported assignment of this AGREEMENT by DISTRICT without prior written consent of CCEE will be deemed void and of no force or effect.
- D. Conflict of Interest. DISTRICT covenants, by itself and on behalf of its officers and directors, that it presently has no financial interest, including but not limited to, other projects or independent contracts, and shall not acquire any such interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the satisfaction of the obligations under this AGREEMENT. DISTRICT further covenants, by itself and on behalf of its officers and directors, that in satisfying this AGREEMENT, no person having any such interest shall knowingly be employed or retained by it under this AGREEMENT.
- E. Non-Discrimination. Neither DISTRICT, nor any officer, agent, employee, or subcontractor of DISTRICT shall discriminate in the provision of services, allocation of benefits, accommodation in facilities, or employment of personnel on the basis of ethnic group identification, race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, military and veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law, in the performance of this AGREEMENT. To the extent they shall be found to be applicable hereto, DISTRICT and any officer, agent, employee, or subcontractor of DISTRICT shall comply with the provisions of Section 508 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Federal Civil

Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §1210 et seq.), and the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12900 et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, §11000 et seq.), the provisions of Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code (Gov. Code §§11135-11139.5), and the regulations or standards adopted by the awarding state agency to implement such article.

- F. Insurance Requirements. DISTRICT shall, at DISTRICT’S expense, procure and maintain for the duration of this AGREEMENT general liability, workers' compensation, if required by applicable law, automobile liability and other insurance to protect against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Services or this AGREEMENT by DISTRICT and DISTRICT’S Subcontractors, officers, employees, agents, or representatives. MCOE/CCEE in no way represents or warrants that the insurance required under this Section F is sufficient to protect DISTRICT for liabilities that may arise from or relate to this AGREEMENT.

The general liability insurance shall have a per-occurrence limit of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000). All such insurance will be equivalent to coverage offered by a commercial general liability form, including, without implied limitation, personal injury and contractual liability coverage for the performance by Provider of the indemnity provisions set forth in this AGREEMENT.

The workers' compensation insurance, if required by applicable law, shall insure DISTRICT’S obligations and liabilities under the workers' compensation laws of California, including, without implied limitation, employer's liability insurance in the limits required by the laws of California.

- G. Invoicing. To defray some of the costs of DISTRICT TEAM MEMBERS, including family/caregivers, students, community partners, and other non-district employees on the TEAM, participating in the Cohort VI and/or Cohort VII PLLN meetings, DISTRICT may submit a quarterly invoice, along with supporting documentation, pursuant to the activities outlined in Section I.A. of this AGREEMENT, which include the following:

- Participation in Cohort VI and/or Cohort VII PLLN Meetings
- Provide resources and compensation for team members’ participation in the CEI (including internal staff, family/caregivers, community-based organizations, etc.) pursuant to *Education Code* Section 52073.3 (f)(3A)

The sum of all invoices submitted by DISTRICT under this AGREEMENT shall not exceed **\$70,000** for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. CCEE will provide an invoice template aligned with the following participation rate structure, applicable to eight meeting days total:

In Person and Virtual Participation Level	Rate per Cohort VI and/or Cohort VII PLLN Meeting Day	Rate Description
Full Participation (70-100%)	\$8,750	At least 70% attendance and engagement with tools, resources, and activities. Full participation with CEI tools, resources, and activities includes completion of all required asynchronous assignments, note catchers, and end-of-year tracking/sustainability plan documents. Incomplete CEI work may be considered

		limited engagement and may not qualify as full participation.
Prorated Participation (<70%)	\$6,125	CCEE may implement a prorated participation amount for any of the following: • Attendance by fewer than (70%) of designated team members at a scheduled PLLN meeting. • Completion of less than (70%) of required engagement activities, including incomplete or blank asynchronous assignments, note catchers, and end-of-year tracking/sustainability plan documents.

Invoices may be submitted at any time, but no later than 30 days after each quarter. The final invoice must be submitted within 30 calendar days after the termination date of this AGREEMENT and must be marked “FINAL” by the DISTRICT. No payments will be made to the DISTRICT after this period. All invoices shall state the total amount due. Invoices and all supporting documentation shall be submitted quarterly in accordance with the invoicing instructions provided by the CEI Team. If requested by the Administrative Agent, DISTRICT shall provide additional documentation supporting an invoice.

SECTION II: Privileges and Obligations of CCEE/Administrative Agent

- A. Funding. In accordance with the invoicing provisions and requirements set forth in Section I.G. above, CCEE/Administrative Agent shall provide DISTRICT up to **\$70,000**, for satisfactory participation in the 2026-27 Cohort VI and/or Cohort VII PLLN meetings.

Associated costs of services (e.g., copying and printing) shall be borne by DISTRICT or DISTRICT TEAM MEMBERS within the existing contract budget and are not reimbursable expenses under this AGREEMENT. Neither the Administrative Agent, nor the CCEE, nor the LEAD AGENCY CONSORTIUM has any financial obligation to DISTRICT or DISTRICT TEAM MEMBERS other than those detailed in this AGREEMENT. It is agreed between the PARTIES that this total amount may only be amended in writing by mutual agreement of the PARTIES. DISTRICT will be responsible for any costs related to satisfying this AGREEMENT beyond this sum.

- B. Content License. CCEE agrees to grant DISTRICT a free, non-transferable, non-assignable, non-exclusive license with respect to all information and content CCEE develops with or for use by LEAD AGENCY CONSORTIUM MEMBERS and/or PLLN participants provided (i) the use, reproduction, and distribution is limited to educational and training purposes and (ii) the information and content is not sold, reproduced, or used, in whole or in part, as part of any fee-generating activity or product.

SECTION III: Further agreement by all PARTIES

- A. Term. The term of this AGREEMENT shall be from **September 1, 2026** through **June 30, 2027**.
- B. Partial Satisfaction. Acceptance by all PARTIES of some obligations to be satisfied under this AGREEMENT does not operate as a release from any remaining obligations under this AGREEMENT.

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- C. Independent Contractor. It is agreed that DISTRICT and all officers, employees and agents of DISTRICT are acting as an independent contractor of CCEE/Administrative Agent and not as a partner, joint venturer, agent or employee of Administrative Agent or CCEE. Personnel tasked by each DISTRICT with ensuring satisfaction of the obligations under this AGREEMENT shall at all times be under the DISTRICT'S exclusive direction and control. DISTRICT shall pay all the wages, salaries and other amounts due such personnel in connection with satisfying its obligations under this AGREEMENT and as required by law. DISTRICT shall be responsible for all reports and obligations respecting such personnel, including but not limited to, social security taxes, income tax withholdings, unemployment insurance, and workers' compensation insurance. It is further understood and agreed by the PARTIES hereto that DISTRICT in the satisfaction of its obligations hereunder is subject to the control or direction of CCEE/Administrative Agent merely as to the result to be accomplished by the obligations hereunder agreed to be rendered, performed, and satisfied, and not as to the means and methods for accomplishing the results. It is agreed that Administrative Agent/CCEE will not withhold any federal or state income tax from payment made pursuant to this AGREEMENT but will provide DISTRICT with a statement of payments upon request if necessary.
- D. No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing contained in this AGREEMENT shall create a contractual relationship with or a cause of action in favor of any third party against one or more of the PARTIES.
- E. Termination. Any of the PARTIES may terminate this AGREEMENT without cause upon 30 days written notice served upon all other PARTIES stating the effective date of termination. A notice of termination shall be effective when received.
- F. Waiver of Default. Any waiver by any of the PARTIES of any breach of any one or more of the terms of this AGREEMENT shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent or other breach of the same or of any other term hereof. Failure on the part of any of the PARTIES to require exact, full and complete compliance with any terms of this AGREEMENT shall not be construed as in any manner changing the terms hereof, or stopping CCEE from enforcement hereof.
- G. Force Majeure.
1. In the event any DISTRICT is unable to comply with any provision of this AGREEMENT due to causes beyond its control such as acts of God, acts of war, civil disorders, flu pandemics, or other similar acts, no DISTRICT shall be held liable to CCEE for such failure to comply.
 2. In the event CCEE/Administrative Agent is unable to comply with any provision of this AGREEMENT due to causes beyond its control relating to acts of God, acts of war, civil disorders, flu pandemics, or other similar acts, CCEE shall not be held liable to any DISTRICT for such failure to comply.
- H. Hold Harmless. Administrative Agent/CCEE shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless DISTRICT, its Directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers and authorized representatives from and against any and all liability, loss, damage or claims for injury or damages arising out of DISTRICT'S performance of this AGREEMENT but only to the extent such liability, loss or claims for injury or damages are caused by or result from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of Administrative Agent and/or CCEE.
- DISTRICT shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Administrative Agent and CCEE, their Directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers and authorized representatives from and against any and all liability, loss, damage or claims for injury or damages arising out of DISTRICT'S performance of this

AGREEMENT but only to the extent such liability, loss or claims for injury or damages are caused by or result from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of DISTRICT.

- I. Notices. All correspondence and notices required or contemplated by this AGREEMENT shall be delivered in electronic form to the respective PARTIES at the e-mail addresses set forth below and shall be delivered in physical form to the respective PARTIES at the addresses set forth below. Any notice or other document shall be deemed to have been duly given on the date of personal service on the Parties or on the second business day after mailing if the document is mailed by registered or certified mail, addressed to the Parties at the addresses listed below, or at the most recent address specified by the addressee through written notice under this provision. Failure to conform to the requirement that mailings be registered or certified mail shall not defeat the effectiveness of notice actually received by the addressee. Any notice to CCEE shall also be made to Administrative Agent, and any notice to Administrative Agent shall also be made to CCEE. The address to which correspondence or notices may be given to any Party may be changed by written notice given in accordance with this Paragraph. Any notice to the DISTRICT shall be made to the following individuals:

DISTRICT

Redwood City Elementary
Attn: Patrinia Redd
750 Bradford St.
Redwood City, CA 94063-1727
predd@rcsdk8.net

CCEE

California Collaborative for
Educational Excellence
Attn: Emma Oh
1029 J Street, Suite 450
Sacramento, CA 95814
ap_ccee@ccee-ca.org

Administrative Agent

Marin County Office of Education
Attn: Iishwara Ryar
1111 Las Gallinas Avenue
San Rafael, CA 94903
iryar@marinschools.org

- J. Review by Legal Counsel. Each of the PARTIES has had the opportunity to, and have, to the extent each deemed appropriate, obtained legal counsel concerning the content and meaning of this AGREEMENT. Each of the PARTIES agrees and represents that no promise, inducement or agreement not herein expressed has been made to effectuate this AGREEMENT.
- K. Litigation Costs. Except as otherwise provided in this AGREEMENT, if any PARTY becomes involved in litigation arising out of this AGREEMENT or the performance thereof, each PARTY shall bear its own litigation costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees.
- L. Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Venue; Interpretation; Severability. This AGREEMENT shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any legal action related to the satisfaction, performance, or interpretation of this Contract shall be filed only in the Superior Court of Marin County, and the PARTIES waive any provision of law, including California Code of Civil Procedure, § 394, subdivision (a), providing for a change of venue to another location. Prior to the filing of any legal action, the PARTIES shall be obligated to attend a mediation session with a third party mediator in an attempt to resolve the dispute, with each PARTY to bear its own costs of mediation and the costs of the mediator to be evenly divided between CCEE/Administrative Agent and each DISTRICT involved in the dispute. In the event any provision in this AGREEMENT is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.
- M. Authority to Enter into Agreement. Each Party to this AGREEMENT warrants that it has the full power and authority to enter into this AGREEMENT and to carry out the transactions contemplated by it and has taken all action necessary to authorize the execution, delivery, and performance of this AGREEMENT.

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- N. Entire Agreement/Amendment. This AGREEMENT, including any Attachments to which it refers, constitutes the final, complete, and exclusive statement of the terms of this AGREEMENT between the PARTIES pertaining to the subject matter of this AGREEMENT. It supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings or agreements of the PARTIES. No PARTY has been induced to enter into this AGREEMENT by, nor is any PARTY relying on, any representation or warranty outside those expressly set forth in this AGREEMENT. The provisions of this AGREEMENT may be modified only by mutual agreement of the PARTIES. No modification shall be binding unless it is in writing and signed by the PARTY against whom enforcement of the modification is sought.
- O. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures. This AGREEMENT may be executed in two or more counterparts, including copies and signatures sent by facsimile, electronic mail, or other electronic means, each of which shall be deemed an original, and together will constitute a binding and enforceable agreement as if all PARTIES had executed the same copy hereof, consistent with the provisions of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (Civil Code § 1633.1 et seq.).

(SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date hereof.

Administrative Agent

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name and Title: Iishwara Ryaru, Assistant Superintendent - CCEE Liaison

Address: 1111 Las Gallinas Avenue

City: San Rafael State: CA Zip Code: 94903

California Collaborative for Educational Excellence

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name and Title: Matthew Navo, Executive Director

Address: 1029 J Street, Suite 450

City: Sacramento State: CA Zip Code: 95814

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name and Title: Mindy Fattig, Deputy Executive Director

Address: 1029 J Street, Suite 450

City: Sacramento State: CA Zip Code: 95814

Redwood City Elementary

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Dr. Christian J. Rubalcaba, Superintendent

Signature: _____ Date: _____
RE Rick Edson, Chief Business Official

Address: 750 Bradford Street

City: Redwood City State: CA Zip Code: 94063