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telecommunications, by mail or by fax. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, or in the pupil's ISA, CONTRACTOR acknowledges its obligation to provide all services specified in the pupil's IEP/IFSP. The LEA acknowledges its responsibility to pay for all services rendered to LEA pupils by CONTRACTOR. The ISA shall be executed within ninety (90) days of an LEA pupil's enrollment. (Education Code Section 56366(c)(1)) LEA and CONTRACTOR shall enter into an ISA for each LEA pupil served by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify the LEA in writing in advance of providing any service(s) when CONTRACTOR is unable to meet the requirements of this Master Contract or of any Individual Services Agreement.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings (hereinafter referred to as "OAH") order, a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and parent or authorized by LEA for a transfer student pursuant to California Education Code section 56325, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with nonpublic school placement until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a nonpublic school placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by the student's parent.

2. CERTIFICATION AND LICENSES

CONTRACTOR shall be certified by the California Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as "CDE") as a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency. All nonpublic school and nonpublic agency services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code, section 56366 *et seq* and within the professional scope of practice of each provider's license, certification and/or credential. A current copy of CONTRACTOR's nonpublic school/agency certification or a waiver of such certification issued by the CDE pursuant to Education Code section 56366.2 must be provided to LEA on or before the date this contract is executed by CONTRACTOR. This Master Contract shall be null and void if such certification or waiver is expired, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Master Contract. Total pupil enrollment shall be limited to capacity as stated on CDE certification.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide, respectively, special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 *et seq.*).

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution (hereinafter referred to as "LCI"), CONTRACTOR shall be licensed by the state, or other public agency having delegated authority by contract with the state to license, to provide nonmedical care to children, including, but not limited to, individuals with exceptional needs. The LCI must also comply with all licensing requirements relevant to the protection of the child, and have a special permit, if necessary, to meet the needs of each child so placed. If the CONTRACTOR operates a program outside of this State, CONTRACTOR must obtain all required licenses from the appropriate licensing agency in both California and in the state where the LCI is located.

A current copy of CONTRACTOR's licenses and nonpublic school/agency certifications, or a validly issued waiver of any such certification must be provided to LEA on or before the date this Master Contract is executed by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR must immediately (and under no circumstances longer than three (3) calendar days) notify LEA if any such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, challenged pursuant to an administrative or legal complaint or lawsuit, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Master Contract. If any such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Master Contract, this Master Contract shall be null and void.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if current (re)certification documents are not available through no fault of the NPS/A, this Master Contract shall remain in effect until such documents are made available to the NPS/A, which shall in turn submit copies of same to the LEA within five (5) business days of receipt by the NPS/A. The NPS/A shall, within five (5) business days of any change in the status of its approved capacity to serve a specific number of pupils notify the LEA of the change.

ISAs are void upon termination or expiration of the Master Contract. In the event that this Master Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR and the LEA shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed ISAs between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized LEA pupils, until such time as a new Master Contract is executed.

Any and all changes to a LEA pupil's educational placement/program provided under this Master Contract and/or an ISA shall be made solely on the basis of a revision to the LEA pupil's IEP/IFSP. At any time during the term of this Master Contract, a LEA pupil's parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of a LEA pupil's IEP/IFSP subject to all procedural safeguards required by law, including notice to and participation by the CONTRACTOR in the IEP Team meeting.

Unless otherwise provided in this Master Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall provide all services specified in the IEP/IFSP unless the CONTRACTOR and the LEA agree otherwise in the ISA. (California Education Code sections 56366(a) (5) and 3062(e)). In the event the CONTRACTOR is unable to provide a specific service at any time during the term of the ISA, the CONTRACTOR shall notify the LEA in writing within five (5) business days of the last date a service was provided.

If a parent or LEA contests the termination of an ISA by initiating a due process proceeding with the California Office of Administrative Hearings (hereinafter referred to as "OAH"), CONTRACTOR shall abide by the "stay-put" requirement of state and federal law unless the parent agrees otherwise or an interim alternative educational placement is deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH.

Disagreements between LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the formulation of an ISA or the Master Contract may be appealed to the local SELPA office prior to appeal to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code section 56366 (C) (2).

8. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this contract:

- a. The term "CONTRACTOR" means a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency certified by the California Department of Education and its officers, agents and employees.
- b. The term "authorized LEA representative" means a LEA administrator designated to be responsible for nonpublic school/agencies. It is understood, a representative of the Special Education Plan Local Area (SELPA) of which the LEA is a member is an authorized LEA representative in collaboration with the LEA. The LEA maintains sole responsibility for the contract, unless otherwise specified in the contract.
- c. The term "credential" means a valid credential, life diploma, permit, or document in special education or pupil personnel services issued by, or under the jurisdiction of, the State Board of Education if issued prior to 1970 or the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, which entitles the holder thereof to perform services for which certification qualifications are required as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(j).
- d. The term "qualified" means that a person holds a certificate, permit or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold to provide special education and designated instruction and services and has met federal and state certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements which apply to the area in which he or she is providing special education or related services, including those requirements set forth in Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58, and those requirements set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 3064 and 3065, and adheres to the standards of professional practice established in federal and state law or regulation, including the standards contained in the California Business and Professions Code.

10. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

All records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR as required by state and federal laws and regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, CONTRACTOR shall maintain all records for at least five (5) years after the termination of this Master Contract. For purposes of this Master Contract, "records" shall include, but not be limited to: pupil records as defined by California Education Code section 49061(b); cost data records as set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3061; registers and roll books of teachers and/or daily service providers; daily service logs and notes and other documents used to record the provision of related services including supervision; daily service logs and notes used to record the provision of services provided through additional instructional assistants, NPA behavior intervention aides, and bus aides; absence verification records (parent/doctor notes, telephone logs, and related documents) if the CONTRACTOR is funded for excused absences, however, such records are not required if positive attendance is required; bus rosters; staff lists specifying credentials held and documents evidencing other staff qualifications, social security numbers, dates of hire, and dates of termination; records of employee training and certification, staff time sheets; non-paid staff and volunteer sign-in sheets; transportation and other related services subcontracts; school calendars; bell/class schedules when applicable; liability and worker's compensation insurance policies; state nonpublic school and/or agency certifications; by-laws of current board of directors/trustees, if incorporated; statement of income and expenses; general journals; cash receipts and disbursement books; general ledgers and supporting documents; documents evidencing financial expenditures; federal/state payroll quarterly reports; and bank statements and cancelled checks or facsimile thereof.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain LEA pupil records in a secure location to ensure confidentiality and prevent unauthorized access. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a current list of the names and positions of CONTRACTOR's employees who have access to confidential records. CONTRACTOR shall maintain an access log for each LEA pupil's record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record and the legitimate interests thereof (California Education Code Section 49064). Such log shall be maintained as required and include the name, title, agency/organization affiliation, and date/time of access for each individual requesting or receiving information from the LEA pupil's record. Such logs need to record access to the LEA pupil's records by: (a) the LEA pupil's parent; (b) an individual to whom written consent has been executed by the LEA pupil's parent; or (c) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record (Education Code Section 49064). CONTRACTOR/LEA shall maintain copies of any written parental concerns granting access to student records. For purposes of this paragraph, "employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR" do not include subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall grant parents access to pupil records, and comply with parents' requests for copies of pupil records, as required by state and federal laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR agrees, in the event of school or agency closure, to forward LEA pupil records to LEA within five (5) business days. These records shall include, but not be limited to, the LEA pupil's current transcripts, IEP/IFSPs, and reports. LEA and/or SELPA shall have access to and receive copies of any and all records upon request within five (5) business days.

11. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision or portion of a provision of this Master Contract is held, in whole or in part, to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of that provision and of the entire Master Contract shall be severable and remain in effect.

12. SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST

This Master Contract binds CONTRACTOR's successors and assignees.

13. VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW

The laws of the State of California shall govern the terms and conditions of this Master Contract with venue in the County where the LEA is located.

borrowed by the CONTRACTOR. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the LEA, its subsidiaries, officials and employees.

2. For any claims related to the services, the CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the LEA, its subsidiaries, officials and employees. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the LEA, its subsidiaries, officials and employees shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

3. Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the LEA.

E. Insurance is to be placed with insurers admitted by the State of California and with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A-: VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the LEA.

F. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish the LEA with original or photocopies of endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All Certificates of Insurance shall reference the contract number, the name of school or agency submitting the contract number, the name of school or agency submitting the certificate, an indication if the school or agency is an NPS or NPA, and the location of the school or agency submitting the certificate.

If LEA or CONTRACTOR determines that change in insurance coverage obligations under this section is necessary, either party may reopen negotiations to modify the insurance obligations.

17. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold LEA and its Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, volunteers, and subcontractors ("LEA Indemnities") harmless against all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of this Master Contract or its performance, to the extent that such loss, expense, damage or liability was caused by sole negligence or willful misconduct of CONTRACTOR, including, without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontractors or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it (excluding LEA and LEA Indemnities).

LEA shall indemnify and hold CONTRACTOR and its Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, and subcontractors ("CONTRACTOR Indemnities") harmless against all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of this Master Contract or its performance, to the extent that such loss, expense, damage or liability was proximately caused by the gross negligence or willful act of LEA, including, without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontracts or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it (excluding CONTRACTOR and/or any CONTRACTOR indemnities).

LEA represents that it is self-insured in compliance with the laws of the state of California, that the self-insurance covers district employees acting within the course and scope of their respective duties and that its self-insurance covers LEA's indemnification obligations under this Master Contract.

18. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

This Master Contract is by and between two independent entities that have an independent contractual relationship. CONTRACTOR shall provide all services under this Agreement as an independent contractor, and neither party shall have the authority to bind or make any commitment on behalf of the other. Nothing contained in this Master Contract shall be deemed to create any association, partnership, joint venture or relationship of principal and agent, master and servant, or employer and employee between the LEA and CONTRACTOR and any of their employees, agents, affiliates or other representatives, or between the LEA and any individual assigned by CONTRACTOR to perform any services for the LEA. CONTRACTOR shall provide all services under this Master Contract as an independent contractor, and neither shall have the authority to bind or make any commitment on behalf of the other.

III. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

22. FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION (FAPE)

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with a copy of the IEP/IFSP including the Individualized Transition Plan (hereinafter referred to as "ITP") of each LEA pupil served by CONTRACTOR. Unless otherwise agreed to by the CONTRACTOR and the LEA, CONTRACTOR shall provide to each LEA pupil special education and/or related services (including transition services) within the nonpublic school or nonpublic agency consistent with the LEA pupil's IEP/IFSP and as specified in the ISA. If CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall not accept an LEA pupil if it cannot provide or ensure the provision of the services outlined in the pupil's IEP/IFSP (California Education Code Section 56366.10(a)).

Unless otherwise agreed to between CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the provision of all appropriate supplies, equipment, or facilities for LEA pupils, as specified in the LEA pupil's IEP/IFSP and ISA. Supplies and equipment purchased and/or provided by the LEA remains the property of the LEA. Supplies and/or equipment provided by the CONTRACTOR remains the property of the CONTRACTOR, if CONTRACTOR is not specifically reimbursed by the LEA for that specific supply or equipment. CONTRACTOR shall make no charge of any kind to parents for special education and/or related services as specified in the LEA pupil's IEP/IFSP and ISA (including, but not limited to, screenings, assessments, or interviews that occur prior to or as a condition of the LEA pupil's enrollment under the terms of this Master Contract).

Voluntary services and/or activities not necessary for the LEA pupil to receive a free appropriate public education shall not interfere with the LEA pupil's receipt of special education and/or related services as specified in the LEA pupil's IEP/IFSP and ISA.

23. GENERAL PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION

General Program

All nonpublic school and nonpublic agency services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code section 56366 et seq. No service will be provided by the CONTRACTOR outside of the CONTRACTOR's certification unless otherwise agreed to by the LEA.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction shall: (a) be consistent with LEA's standards regarding required courses of study and curriculum; (b) include curriculum that addresses mathematics, literacy and the use of educational, assistive technology and transition services; (c) be consistent with CDE's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (d) provide the services as specified in the LEA pupil's IEP/IFSP and ISA. The State Standards and coursework selected for each pupil shall be aligned with the pupil's IEP/IFSP to meet the individual pupil's needs. LEA pupils shall have access to the following educational materials, services, and programs that are consistent with each student's individualized educational program: (a) For kindergarten and grades 1-8 inclusive, state adopted Common Core State Standards ("CCSS") for curriculum and instructional materials; and for grades 9-12 inclusive, standards-aligned, core curriculum and instructional materials used by any local educational agency that contracts with the non-public, non-sectarian school; (b) college preparation courses; (c) extracurricular activities, such as art, sports, music and academic clubs; (d) career preparation and vocational training, consistent with transition plans pursuant to state and federal law and; (e) supplemental assistance, including individual academic tutoring, psychological counseling, and career and college counseling (California Education Code 56366.10). CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction shall be described in writing and a copy provided to LEA prior to the effective date of this Master Contract.

When NPS CONTRACTOR serves LEA pupils in grades nine through twelve inclusive, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR a specific list of the course requirements to be satisfied by LEA pupils leading toward graduation or completion of diploma requirements.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and/or related services provider, the total number of minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be specified in the LEA pupil's ISA developed in accordance with the LEA pupil's IEP/IFSP.

25. CLASS SIZE

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that class size shall not exceed a ratio of one teacher per fourteen (14) pupils. Upon written approval by an authorized LEA representative, class size may be temporarily increased by a ratio of 1 teacher to sixteen (16) pupils when necessary to provide services to pupils with disabilities. For any billing period where the class size has exceeded sixteen (16) pupils for five consecutive school days, the CONTRACTOR shall have a 10% decrease in its approved daily rate for those LEA pupils that exceeded sixteen (16), for those days (over five).

In the event a nonpublic school is unable to fill a vacant teaching position responsible for direct instruction to students, and the vacancy has direct impact on the California Department of Education Certification of that school, the nonpublic school shall develop a plan to assure appropriate coverage of student by first utilizing existing certificated staff. The nonpublic school and the LEA may agree to one 30 school day period per contract year where class size may be increased to assure coverage by an appropriately credentialed teacher. Such an agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties. This provision does not apply to a nonpublic agency.

CONTRACTOR providing special education instruction for individuals with exceptional needs between the ages of three and five years, inclusive, shall also comply with the appropriate instructional adult to child ratios pursuant to California Education Code sections 56440 et seq.

26. CALENDARS

When CONTRACTOR is a Non-Public School, the CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a school calendar with the total number of billable days not to exceed 180 days for the regular school year, plus extended school year billable days as determined by the IEP/IFSP team ((34 CFR § Section 300.106); a minimum of 20 instructional days (excluding July 4th). Billable days shall include only those days that are included in the submitted and approved school calendar, and/or required by the IEP/IFSP for each pupil. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to the requirements for providing Extended School Year as outlined in Title 5, Article 4 of the California Code of Regulations. Unless otherwise specified by the pupils' IEP/IFSP, educational services shall occur at the school site.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, CONTRACTOR shall be provided with a LEA developed/approved calendar; CONTRACTOR herein agrees to observe holidays as specified in the LEA-developed/approved calendar. CONTRACTOR shall provide services pursuant to the LEA-developed/approved calendar, or as specified in the LEA pupil's IEP/IFSP and ISA. Unless otherwise specified in the LEA pupil's IEP/IFSP and ISA, CONTRACTOR shall provide related services to LEA pupils on only those days that the LEA pupil's school of attendance is in session and the LEA pupil attends school. CONTRACTOR shall bill only for services provided on billable days of attendance as indicated on the LEA calendar unless otherwise specified in the LEA pupil's IEP/IFSP and ISA.

27. DATA REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall agree to provide all data related to student information and billing information with LEA. CONTRACTOR shall agree to provide all data related to any and all sections of this contract and requested by and in the format require by the LEA. CONTRACTOR shall provide the LEA with invoices, attendance reports and progress reports for LEA pupils enrolled in CONTRACTOR's nonpublic school or nonpublic agency.

The LEA shall provide the CONTRACTORS with approved forms and/or format for such data including but not limited to invoicing, attendance reports and progress reports. The LEA may approve use of CONTRACTORS-provided forms at their discretion.

behavior impedes his or her learning or the learning of others, the IEP team is required to consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. This could mean that instead of developing a BIP, the IEP team may conclude it is sufficient to address the student's behavioral problems through the development of behavioral goals and behavioral interventions to support those goals.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written policy pursuant to California Education Code section 56521.1 regarding emergency interventions and Behavioral Emergency Reports.

CONTRACTOR providing behavior support shall ensure that all of its relevant staff members are trained annually in crisis intervention and emergency procedures as related to appropriate behavior management strategies. Other contracted agency personnel shall be trained as needed. This is not to be construed as in lieu of general positive behavior management training.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.1 emergency interventions shall not be used as a substitute for a Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP), and instead may only be used to control behavior that is unpredictable and spontaneous. For an emergency intervention to be used, the behavior must pose a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the individual with exceptional needs, or others. Before emergency interventions may be applied, the behavior must be of the kind that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior. Emergency intervention shall not be employed longer than necessary to contain the behavior. If a situation requires prolonged use of emergency intervention, staff must seek assistance from the school site administrator or a law enforcement agency.

CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER when an emergency occurs that is defined as a serious, dangerous behavior that staff has determined to present a clear and present danger to others. It requires a non-violent physical intervention to protect the safety of student, self, or others and a physical intervention has been used; or a physical intervention has not been used, but an injury or serious property damage has occurred. Personal Safety Techniques may or may not have been used. Emergencies *require* a BER form be completed and submitted to the LEA within twenty-four (24) hours for administrative action. CONTRACTOR shall notify Parent within twenty-four (24) hours via telephone. If the student does not have a Behavior Intervention Plan ("BIP") or Positive Behavior Intervention Plan ("PBIP"), an IEP team shall schedule a meeting to review the BER, determine if there is a necessity for a functional behavioral assessment, and to determine an interim plan. If the student already has a BIP, the IEP team shall review and modify the BIP if a new serious behavior has been exhibited or existing behavioral interventions have proven to be ineffective. CONTRACTOR shall schedule with LEA an IEP meeting within two (2) days.

CONTRACTOR shall not authorize, order, consent to, or pay for any of the following prohibited interventions, or any other intervention similar to or like the following: (a) any intervention that is designed to, or likely to, cause physical pain; (b) releasing noxious, toxic, or otherwise unpleasant sprays, mists, or substances in proximity to the LEA pupil's face; (c) any intervention which denies adequate sleep, food, water, shelter, bedding, physical comfort, or access to bathroom facilities; (d) any intervention which is designed to subject, used to subject, or likely to subject the LEA pupil to verbal abuse, ridicule, or humiliation, or which can be expected to cause excessive emotional trauma; (e) restrictive interventions which employ a device, material, or objects that simultaneously immobilize all four extremities, including the procedure known as prone containment, except that prone containment or similar techniques may be used as a short term emergency intervention by CONTRACTOR's trained and qualified personnel as allowable by applicable law and regulations; (f) locked seclusion except as allowable by applicable law and regulations; (g) any intervention that precludes adequate supervision of individual; and (h) any intervention which deprives the LEA pupil of one or more of his or her senses, pursuant to California Code of Regulations 3052(l) (1-8).

35. DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in special education due process proceedings including mediations and hearings, as requested by LEA. CONTRACTOR shall also fully participate in the investigation and provision of documentation related to any complaint filed with the State of California, the Office of Civil Rights, or any other state and/or federal governmental body or agency. Full participation shall include, but in no way be limited to, cooperating with LEA representatives to provide complete answers raised by any investigator and/or the immediate provision of any and all documentation that pertains to the operation of CONTRACTOR's program and/or the implementation of a particular student's IEP/Individual and Family Service Plan ("IFSP").

36. COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and adhere to its written procedures for responding to parent complaints. These procedures shall include annually notifying and providing parents of LEA pupils with appropriate information (including complaint forms) for the following: (1) Uniform Complaint Procedures pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4600 et seq.; (2) Nondiscrimination policy pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4960 (a); (3) Sexual Harassment Policy, California Education Code 231.5 (a) (b) (c); (4) Title IX Pupil Grievance Procedure, Title IX 106.8 (a) (d) and 106.9 (a); and (5) Notice of Privacy Practices in compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). CONTRACTOR shall include verification of these procedures to the LEA.

37. LEA PUPIL PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS AND ASSESSMENTS

Unless LEA requests in writing that progress reports be provided on a monthly basis, progress reports shall be sent by CONTRACTOR to LEA and parents no later than October 30th, January 30th, April 30th, and July 30th or as otherwise specified on the IEP/IFSP or requested in writing by the LEA, with respect to LEA pupils enrolled in CONTRACTOR's educational program. An updated report shall be submitted if there is no current progress report when LEA pupil is scheduled for a review by the LEA's IEP/IFSP team or when an LEA pupil's enrollment is terminated. Payment of invoices may be held until progress reports are provided. A copy of the progress reports/report cards shall be maintained at the CONTRACTOR's place of business and made available upon request of LEA and/or the LEA pupil's parent(s).

CONTRACTOR shall complete academic or other assessment of the LEA pupil one month prior to the LEA pupil's annual or triennial review IEP/IFSP team meeting for the purpose of reporting the LEA pupil's present levels of performance at the IEP/IFSP team meeting as required by state and federal laws and regulations and pursuant to LEA policies, procedures, and/or practices. Supporting documentation, such as test protocols and data collection, shall be made available to LEA upon request. CONTRACTOR shall not charge the LEA pupil's parent(s) or LEA for the provision of progress reports, report cards, and/or any assessments, interviews, or meetings. Additional formalized standardized assessments shall be at the determination of the IEP team and the responsibility of the LEA unless otherwise agreed upon between LEA and CONTRACTOR. If Contractor is asked to provide formalized standardized assessment, such service will be paid at the rate stated in Section 62.

38. TRANSCRIPTS

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR, at the close of each semester or upon LEA student transfer, shall prepare transcripts for LEA pupils in grades nine through twelve inclusive, and submit them on LEA approved forms to the LEA pupil's district of residence, for evaluation of progress toward completion of diploma requirements, or if appropriate, a Certificate of Completion, as specified in LEA Procedures. CONTRACTOR shall submit to the LEA names of LEA pupils and their schools of residence for whom transcripts have been submitted as specified by the LEA.

39. LEA PUPIL CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

Within three (3) school days after CONTRACTOR or LEA becomes aware of a LEA pupil's change of residence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA and/or the LEA shall notify CONTRACTOR of the LEA pupil's change of

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic, nonsectarian school that is owned, operated by, or associated with a LCI, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, on a quarterly basis, a list of all LEA pupils, including those identified as eligible for special education. For those identified special education pupils, the list shall include: 1) special education eligibility at the time of enrollment, and 2) the educational placement and services specified in each pupil's IEP/IFSP at the time of enrollment.

44. STATE MEAL MANDATE

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall satisfy the State Meal Mandate under California Education Code sections 49530, 49530.5 and 49550.

45. MONITORING

CONTRACTOR shall allow access by LEA to its facilities for periodic monitoring of each LEA pupil's instructional program and shall be invited to participate in the review of each pupil's progress. LEA shall have access to observe each LEA pupil at work, observe the instructional setting, interview CONTRACTOR, and review each LEA pupil's records and progress. Such access shall include unannounced monitoring visits. When making site visits, LEA shall initially report to CONTRACTOR's site administrative office.

If CONTRACTOR is also a LCI, LEA shall annually evaluate whether CONTRACTOR is in compliance with Education Code section 56366.9 and Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b).

During the term of this Master Contract, CONTRACTOR shall participate in a District Validation Review to be conducted as aligned with the CDE On-site Review or more often if necessary. This review will address programmatic aspects of the Nonpublic School/Agency, compliance with relevant state and federal regulations, and Master Contract compliance. CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit a Nonpublic School/Agency Self-Assessment Checklist submitted as specified in the LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall participate in compliance reviews of LEA in accordance with requirements of CDE. CONTRACTOR will use and follow all LEA forms and procedures required for compliance.

CONTRACTOR understands that LEA reserves the right to institute a program audit with or without cause. The program audit may include, but is not limited to, a review of core compliance areas of health and safety; curriculum/instruction; related services; and contractual, legal, and procedural compliance.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall prepare a School Accountability Report Card in accordance with California Education Code Section 56366(a)(9) and 33126 and state guidelines.

IV. PERSONNEL

46. FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code section 44237, 35021.1 and 35021.2 including, but not limited to: obtaining clearance from both the California Department of Justice (hereinafter referred to as "CDOJ") and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI") for CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers, unless CONTRACTOR determines that the volunteers will have no direct contact with LEA pupils, prior to service with any LEA pupil. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers, unless CONTRACTOR determines that the volunteers will have no direct contact with LEA pupils, shall not come in contact with LEA pupils until CDOJ and FBI clearance are ascertained. CONTRACTOR shall certify in writing to LEA that none of its employees, and volunteers, unless CONTRACTOR determines that the volunteers will have no direct contact with LEA pupils, or contractors who may come into contact with LEA pupils have been convicted of a violent or serious felony as those terms are defined in California Education Code section 44237(h), unless despite the employee's conviction of a violent or serious felony, he or she has met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code

CONTRACTOR shall monitor the status of licenses, credentials, permits and/or other documents for all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR to provide special education services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA updated information regarding the status of licenses, credentials, permits and/or other documents as specified in LEA Procedures. CONTRACTOR will be considered to be in breach of this contract for any service provided by an unqualified provider or one who has an expired credential. In such an event, the provider shall be paid at 70% of the agreed upon rate.

49. STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school and CONTRACTOR's classroom teacher is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage on LEA substitute teacher log. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA shall not be responsible for payment for instruction and/or services when an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher is not provided. If a teacher is absent and a non-qualified substitute has been provided, CONTRACTOR will notify the LEA immediately. The LEA will determine how to address the denial of FAPE.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and/or related services provider, and CONTRACTOR's service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in section eight (8) of this Master Contract and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR's service providers. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides a mutually agreed upon plan evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. Provider shall notify LEA immediately of the development of the plan for any missed services that include: 5 or more consecutive days of specialized academic instruction (SAI) or more than 2 weeks of missed related services. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and LEA.

V. HEALTH AND SAFETY MANDATES

50. HEALTH AND SAFETY

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, state, local, and LEA laws, regulations, ordinances, policies, and procedures regarding pupil and employee health and safety. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 35021 et. seq. regarding the examination of CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers for tuberculosis. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation for each individual volunteering, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR of such compliance before an individual comes in contact with an LEA pupil. CONTRACTOR will comply with the requirements of California Education Code section 35021 et seq., regarding preventing registered sex offenders from volunteering and to request fingerprinting clearance of volunteers.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with OSHA Blood Borne Pathogens Standards, Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 1910.1030, when providing medical treatment or assistance to a pupil. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training regarding universal health care precautions and to post required notices in areas designated in the California Health and Safety Code.

51. FACILITIES, FACILITIES MODIFICATIONS AND FIRE DRILLS

a. Facilities

CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services to LEA pupils in facilities that comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances related to, but not limited to: disability access; fire, health, sanitation, and building standards and safety; fire warning systems; zoning permits; and occupancy capacity. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for any structural changes and/or

CONTRACTOR shall notify the LEA of general concerns regarding the health and safety of a pupil that may impact the pupil's educational program, including the need for mental health services, injuries requiring medical attention or injuries resulting from physical restraint.

55. SEXUAL HARASSMENT

CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide upon request, a Sexual and Gender Identity harassment policy that clearly describes the kinds of conduct that constitutes sexual harassment and that is prohibited by the CONTRACTOR's policy, as well as federal and state law. The policy should include procedures to make complaints without fear of retaliation, and for prompt and objective investigations of all sexual harassment complaints. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training to all employees regarding the laws concerning sexual harassment and related procedures.

56. REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN

CONTRACTOR assures LEA that all staff members, including volunteers, are familiar with and agree to adhere to requirements for reporting missing children as specified in California Education Code section 49370. A written statement acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be properly submitted to the LEA. The written statement shall be submitted as specified by the LEA.

VI. FINANCIAL

57. ENROLLMENT, CONTRACTING, SERVICE TRACKING, ATTENDANCE REPORTING, AND BILLING PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall assure that the school or agency has the necessary financial resources to provide an appropriate education for the children enrolled and will distribute those resources in such a manner to implement the IEP/IFSP for each and every child.

CONTRACTOR shall be paid for the provision of special education and/or related services specified in the LEA pupil's IEP/IFSP and ISA. All payments by LEA shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Master Contract.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain registers for the basic education program and each related service. Original attendance forms shall be completed by the actual service provider whose signature shall appear on such forms and shall be available for review, inspection, or audit by LEA during the effective period of this contract and for a period of five (5) years after the date of origination. CONTRACTOR shall verify the accuracy of minutes of reported attendance that is the basis of services being billed for payment.

CONTRACTOR shall submit accurate and timely invoices and related documents to LEA for payment, for each calendar month when education or related services were provided to an LEA student. Invoices shall be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the attendance accounting period in which the services were rendered. LEA shall make payment to CONTRACTOR based on the number of billable days of attendance and hours of service at rates specified in this contract within forty-five (45) days of LEA's receipt of properly submitted hard copy of invoices prepared and submitted as specified in California Education Code Section 56366.5. CONTRACTOR shall correct deficiencies and submit rebilling invoices no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the invoice is returned by LEA. LEA shall pay properly submitted re-billing invoices no later than forty-five (45) days from the date a completely corrected re-billing invoice is received by LEA.

If the LEA fails to comply with the provision of payment within 45 days of receipt of the request for payment of services, the CONTRACTOR may require the LEA to pay an additional amount of 1-1/2 percent of the unpaid balance per month until full payment is made (California Education Code 56366.6 (b)). Upon written notification of dispute, CONTRACTOR shall not apply additional charges to the disputed bill until the matter is resolved.

59. PAYMENT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA when Medi-Cal or any other agency is billed for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services covered by this Master Contract or the ISA to LEA pupils. Upon request, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documentation regarding reports, billing, and/or payment by Medi-Cal or any other agency for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services covered by this Master Contract or ISA to LEA pupils.

60. PAYMENT FOR ABSENCES

Two accounting/billing options are offered at the discretion of the LEA: "Excused Absence" or "Positive Attendance." In neither case will CONTRACTOR bill for any absences during Extended School Year (ESY).

LEA shall not be responsible for payment for more than 8 cumulative days of absences...of which no more than 3 are unexcused.

On the 4th consecutive day of a pupil's absence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA of such absence. If CONTRACTOR fails to provide such notice by the 8th 4th day of consecutive absence, CONTRACTOR shall not be compensated for services delivered during continuing absence after the 8th consecutive day of excused absence.

The LEA shall not be responsible for payment for more than eight (8) cumulative days of absences in one semester unless a written time extension is granted by LEA.

All excused absences must be verified and a copy must be submitted to LEA with the monthly invoice. All documentation must be kept for at least five (5) years from the date of origination.

Only the individuals listed below may verify the reason for absence:

1. School or public health nurse
2. Physician
3. Principal
4. Teacher
5. School employee assigned to make such verification
6. Student eighteen years of age or over
7. Parent

Any reasonable method which established the reason for the absence may be used:

Written note from parent, guardian, representative or adult pupil (over 18 or emancipated)

Telephone conversation with parent, guardian, representative, or adult pupil (over 18 or emancipated)

Standards for excused absences are defined in the education code. Contractor is responsible for verification of excused absence in accordance with current requirements.

Positive Attendance:

A factor of 1.055 shall be applied to all approved rates when a Positive Attendance method is used. Actual days of attendance without exception shall be counted as a unit of service.

61. NONPUBLIC AGENCY PUPIL ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, it shall notify LEA of the absence of an LEA pupil no later than the fifth consecutive service day of the pupil's absence. A unit of service for payment purposes shall not be credited for an excused absence when CONTRACTOR is provided 24 hours advance verbal notification of the pupil's absence. A unit of service for payment purposes shall not be credited to CONTRACTOR for CONTRACTOR'S staff development days.

In the event of an NPS school closure due to an emergency consistent with guidelines followed by LEAs under Education Code Section 41422, the NPS would be permitted to schedule a makeup day of service. Days need to

RATE SCHEDULE

TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT \$ 25,000.00

63. CONTRACTOR

The attached rate schedule (Exhibit A) limits the number of students that may be enrolled and maximum dollar amount of the contract. It may also limit the maximum number of students that can be provided specific services. Per Diem rates for students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted proportionally. In such cases only, the adjustments in basic education rate shall be based on the percentage of a 240 -minute instructional day.

Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR shall be provided by qualified personnel as per State and Federal law, and the codes and charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this contract, shall be as stated in Exhibit A.

4.1 RATE SCHEDULE FOR CONTRACT YEAR

The CONTRACTOR: Via Center 195.00/day
The CONTRACTOR CDS NUMBER: 01-61143-7045552

PER ED CODE 56366 – TEACHER-TO-PUPIL RATIO: 75 max capacity

Education service(s) offered by the CONTRACTOR and the charges for such service(s) during the term of this contract, as negotiated by the SDCOE on behalf of the LEAs, shall be as follows:

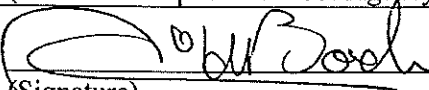
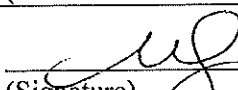
a. General Program Tuition Rate

1) Inclusive Education Program
(Includes Educational Counseling (not ed related mental health) services, Speech & Language services, Behavior Intervention Planning, and Occupational Therapy as specified on the student’s IEP.)
DAILY RATE:

2) Related Services

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
<u>Intensive Individual Services (340)</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>	<u>per day</u>
<u>Language and Speech (415) INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>\$90.00</u>	<u>per hour</u>
<u>Language and Speech (415) GROUP</u>	<u>\$64.00</u>	<u>per hour</u>
<u>Adapted Physical Education (425)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Health and Nursing: Specialized Physical Health Care (435)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Health and Nursing: Other Services (436)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Assistive Technology Services (445)</u>	_____	_____
<u>Occupational Therapy (450) INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>\$85.00</u>	<u>per hour</u>
<u>Occupational Therapy (450) GROUP</u>	_____	_____
<u>Physical Therapy (460) INDIVIDUAL</u>	_____	_____

The parties hereto have executed this Individual Services Agreement by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives as set forth below.

-CONTRACTOR-	-DISTRICT-
<u>VIA CENTER</u> (Name of Nonpublic School/Agency)	<u>MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL</u> (Name of School District)
 6/13/16 (Signature) (Date)	 7-12-16 (Signature) (Date)
<u>Anke Vandebosch, Director</u> (Name and Title of Authorized Representative)	<u>Dr. Wendi S. Aghily Special Education Director</u> (Name of Superintendent or Authorized Designee)
<u>Anke Vandebosch, Director</u> (Notices to Contractor shall be addressed to)	<u>Dr. Wendi S. Aghily Special Education Director</u> (Notices to LEA shall be addressed to)
<u>2126 6th Street</u> (Contractor Address)	<u>1936 Carlotta Drive</u> (LEA Address)
<u>Berkeley, Ca 94710</u> (Contractor City, State, Zip Code)	<u>Concord, Ca 94520</u> (LEA City, State, Zip Code)
Phone: 510-848-1616 Fax: Email: ankevandebosch@hotmail.com Website:	Phone: 925-682-8000 ext 4047 Fax: 925-687-3139 Email: aghilyw@mdusd.org Website: www.mdusd.org
	<u>Bryan Cassin, ADR Administrator</u> (Additional Notice to LEA shall be addressed to) Phone: 925-682-8000 ext. 4192 Fax: 925-687-3139 Email: cassinb@mdusd.org



Welcome to the Mount Diablo Unified School District



AGENDA ITEM REVIEW

Meeting Date: 6/27/2016 - 7:00 PM

Category: Consent Agenda

Type: Action

Subject: 12.31 (Item #33) Master Contract with Via Center, a Certified Non-Public School

Strategic Plan: Strategic Initiative 1.2 Academic Excellence and Learning
Implement programs that support 21st century skills, leading to college and career readiness, including collaboration, innovation, critical thinking, problem solving, communications, social and civic responsibility, cultural confidence, and career decision making skills.

Policy:

Enclosure:

File Attachment:  VIA INS..pdf
 VIA CONTRACT.pdf

Summary: Mt. Diablo Unified School District's (MDUSD) execution of non-public school placements for the 2016-2017 school year. Request for funds includes basic education, related services, and room & board/mental health services for students in day treatment programs/residential placements.

Funding: General Purpose/Special Education
Program Code 1660 Non-Public School

Fiscal Impact: The requested amount of \$25,000 is included in the 2016-17 school budget. No additional funds are requested.

Recommendation Approve master contract with Via Center as presented.

Recommended By:

Signed By: *Signature*

Bryan Cassin - None

Signed By: *Signature*

Wendi Aguilu - Director Special Education

Approvals: **Signed By:** *Signature*

Nance Juner - Director of Fiscal Services

Signed By: *Signature*

Donald A. Velez - General Counsel

Signed By: *Signature*

Dr. Nelle Meyer - Superintendent

Original Motion

Member **Barbara Oaks** Moved, Member **Linda Mayo** seconded to approve the **Original** motion 'Approve master contract with Via Center as presented.'. Upon a Roll-Call Vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**.

The motion **CARRIED** 5 - 0

Vote Results:

Linda Mayo Yes

Cheryl Hansen	Yes
Brian Lawrence	Yes
Barbara Oaks	Yes
Debra Mason	Yes