

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a collaborative partnership between the following Missouri public school districts (hereinafter "the Districts"): Ash Grove, Ava, Bolivar, Branson, Camdenton, Clever, Hollister, Laclede CO R-1, Lebanon, Logan Rogersville, Marion C. Early, Nixa, Ozark, Reeds Spring, Republic, Springfield, Willard.

WHEREAS the Districts desire to create a nonprofit educational service agency to be known as Greater Ozarks Cooperating School Districts, which will serve school districts in the region;

WHEREAS the purpose of the Greater Ozarks Cooperating School Districts will be to leverage the combined strengths of the Districts to provide high quality and cost-effective services and resources to maximize learning for all students;

WHEREAS the Districts mutually agree and commit to the creation and development of Greater Ozarks Cooperating School Districts;

NOW THEREFORE, the Districts do hereby agree as follows:

I. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the MOU is to declare a mutual agreement and commitment to the creation and development of the Greater Ozarks Cooperating School Districts, and to support the primary purposes of the Greater Ozarks Cooperating School Districts, as detailed above. The Districts understand that in addition to the creation of the educational service industry, the Greater Ozarks Cooperating School Districts may seek federal tax exempt status or create related entities for that purpose.

II. Responsibilities

Each member district will work to develop the Greater Ozarks Cooperating School Districts, and to support its purposes. The Districts also agree to pay all necessary membership and/or initiation fees as developed by the membership and contained in the by-laws of the Greater Ozarks Cooperating School Districts. The Districts understand that the costs associated with membership will be cooperatively developed, and that other costs associated with the incorporation of the Greater Ozarks Cooperating School Districts will be assessed to the Districts. In addition to any necessary financial contributions, the Districts will make intellectual contributions to the formation of the Greater Ozarks Cooperating School Districts.

III. Term of Understanding

This MOU shall expire as to each participating District upon the execution of an Educational Service Agency Contract with the Greater Ozarks Cooperating School Districts, or upon the provision of written notice to all other participating Districts.

Signature Page of a Participating School District:

Name of Participating School District:

_____ **Authorized Signatory for Participating School District:**

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date of Execution: _____

Address of Participating School District:

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