

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Between J. Sterling Morton High School District 201 and Student-Centered Services, LLC (SCS)

This Professional Services Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of the date of the last signature below by and between **J. Sterling Morton High School District 201**, located at [Insert Address], hereinafter referred to as the "District," and **Student-Centered Services, LLC (SCS)**, an educational consulting organization composed of current and former award-winning educators, hereinafter referred to as "SCS."

1. Purpose and Scope of Services

SCS agrees to provide consulting services to the District, utilizing **Cathy Johnson** as the designated consultant. Services may include individual and team coaching, financial and programmatic assessments, strategic planning, and support in district operations as described below.

Services may be delivered in the following phases or as targeted support based on mutual agreement:

- **Phase 1:** High-level review of critical financial data to assess overall financial condition.
- **Phase 2:** Assessment of budget, tax levy, grant reporting, transportation claim, and other key financial components.
- **Phase 3:** Ongoing strategic financial consultation, including scheduled calls and customized planning with the superintendent and/or business office.
- **Targeted Financial Services:** Support may include financial forecasting, cash/investment/debt management, personnel management, food service, purchasing, facilities planning, and student activities.

All services are designed to build capacity within the district, enhance financial health, and support leadership in focusing on student-centered outcomes.

2. Consultant

The services will be provided by **Cathy Johnson**, acting as a consultant on behalf of SCS. The District understands that Cathy Johnson will be the primary point of contact and service provider.

3. Compensation

The District agrees to compensate SCS at the rate of **\$200.00 per hour** for services rendered by Cathy Johnson. Services will be invoiced monthly and include a breakdown of hours worked and services delivered. Payment is due within **thirty (30) days** of receipt of invoice.

4. Term of Agreement

This Agreement will begin on July

July 1, 2026 and continue until **June 30, 2027**, unless terminated earlier by either party with **thirty (30) days' written notice**.

5. Independent Contractor Relationship

SCS and Cathy Johnson shall perform all services under this Agreement as independent contractors. Nothing herein shall be construed to establish an employer-employee relationship, partnership, or joint venture between the parties.

6. Confidentiality

SCS agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all proprietary or sensitive data and comply with all federal and state confidentiality requirements, including FERPA where applicable.

7. Insurance and Indemnification

SCS shall maintain adequate liability insurance during the term of this Agreement. Proof of insurance will be provided upon request.

8. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.

9. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes any prior discussions or agreements. Modifications must be in writing and signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the dates written below:

For J. Sterling Morton High School District 201

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

For Student-Centered Services, LLC (SCS)

Signature: _____

Name: Cathy Johnson

Title: Consultant

Date: _____