Memorandum of Understanding

Alcester-Hudson School District and

The University of South Dakota Head Start Program

ESEA Section 1119: Each local educational agency receiving assistance under this part shall carry out the activities described in subsection (b) with Head Start agencies and, if feasible, other entities carrying out early childhood development programs. Each local educational agency shall develop agreements with such Head Start agencies and other entities to carry out such activities.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate and coordinate the following activities between the Alcester-Hudson School District and University of South Dakota Head Start Program:

- (1) developing and implementing a systematic procedure for receiving records regarding such children, transferred with parental consent from a Head Start program or, where applicable, another early childhood education program;
- (2) establishing channels of communication between school staff and their counterparts (including teachers, social workers, and health staff) in such Head Start agencies or other entities carrying out early childhood education programs, as appropriate, to facilitate coordination of programs;
- (3) conducting meetings involving parents, kindergarten or elementary school teachers, and Head Start teachers or, if appropriate, teachers from other early childhood education programs, to discuss the developmental and other needs of individual children;
- (4) organizing and participating in joint transition-related training of school staff, Head Start program staff, and, where appropriate, other early childhood education program staff; and
- (5) linking the educational services provided by such local educational agency with the services provided by local Head Start agencies.

ACTIVITIES

The Alcester-Hudson School District and University of South Dakota Head Start Program will:

- 1. Transfer records by July 1, 2024;
- 2. Ensure that Kindergarten teachers know who they should be working with by July 1, 2024;
- 3. Ensure opportunities to discuss the developmental and other needs of individual children will be provided through meetings with July 1, 2024;

- 4. Conduct joint transition related training for school staff and University of South Dakota Head Start Program by July 1, 2024
- 5. Ensure that educational services provided by the LEA are linked with local Head Starts or Pre-schools by July 1, 2024

This agreement is in effect from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and will be reviewed and renewed on an annual basis.

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