Memorandum of Understanding

Between the Alaska Office of Children’s Services and

      School District

To Ensure the Educational Stability of Children in Foster Care

# Interagency Cooperative Agreement to Ensure Educational Stability

To clarify roles, definitions, and procedures for working together to support students in foster care, we agree to abide by the *Joint Guidance on Ensuring the Educational Stability of Children in Foster Care* issued by the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development and Office of Children’s Services*.* In doing so we demonstrate our fulfillment of provisions of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015* and the *Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008*.

# Point of Contact

In order to facilitate collaboration between the two organizations, we designate the following individuals as Point of Contact (POC), while agreeing that if the assigned staff member changes, the host organization will contact the other to provide contact information for the new POC:

**School District Foster Care Point of Contact:**

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| **Name:** |       |
| **Title:** |       |
| **Email:** |       |
| **Phone:** |       |

**Office of Children’s Services Point of Contact:**

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| **Name:** |       |
| **Title:** |       |
| **Email:** |       |
| **Phone:** |       |

# Transportation to School of Origin

We agree to work together to arrange, provide and fund cost-effective transportation to the school of origin when in the student’s best interest. We agree that no child in foster care will experience disruptions to school attendance due to any dispute between the agencies regarding transportation. **See attached document which will be used to arrange student transportation.**

# Term of Agreement

This agreement shall be effective as of the date of signing by both parties and shall continue until modified or replaced at the discretion of either party. To modify or replace the agreement, an agency must provide 30 days’ written notice.

# Signature of Authorized Agent

By our signatures below, we agree to abide by the *Joint Guidance on Ensuring the Educational Stability of Children in Foster Care* to comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act and to ensure the Educational Stability of Children in Foster Care.

**School District Authorized Entity:**

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| **Signature:** |       |
| **Date:** |       |
| **Name:** |       |
| **Title:** |       |
| **Email:** |       |

**Office of Children’s Services PSM I or II:**

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| **Signature:** |       |
| **Date:** |       |
| **Name:** |       |
| **Title:** |       |
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