

Kathryn McElhaney

July 1, 2023

Mr. Chris Combass  
Hamilton County School District  
5686 US Highway 129 South, Ste 1  
Jasper, FL 32052

RE: One-Year Renewal of Contract No. HCSB 2022-012

Dear Mr. Combass:

This letter is to verify my intent to exercise the 2<sup>nd</sup> option to renew the contract referenced above for the 2023-2024 school year. I do wish to make a change to the price to increase the amount of the contract by \$100.00. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Kathryn McElhaney  
Kathryn McElhaney

Lee Wetherington-Gamora  
District Authorized Signature

APPROVED BY HAMILTON SCHOOL BOARD

ON

8/8/23  
Lee Wetherington-Gamora  
SUPERINTENDENT

APPROVED BY HAMILTON SCHOOL BOARD

OK  
8/2/23  
Dr. [Signature]  
SUPERINTENDENT

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made as of the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 2021, between The School Board of Hamilton County, Florida, whose address is 5683 US Highway 129 South – Suite 1, Jasper, FL 32052 (hereinafter referred to as the "SCHOOL BOARD"), and Kathryn McElhaney, whose address is 725 NW Zack Dr, Lake City, FL 32055 (hereinafter referred to as the "PROFESSIONAL").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits accruing to the parties to this Agreement, and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Services:** The PROFESSIONAL shall perform the following services:
  - A. Assist in the preparation, revision and updating of certain plans which FDOE requires and USDOE may require to be prepared and filed by and for K-12 public schools in Florida, as well as grant applications related to school improvement.
  - B. Assist HCSB by revising, updating and completing the Student Progression Plan (herein referred to as the "Document") and grant materials for both Hamilton County High School and Hamilton County Elementary School, all in compliance with the requirements of FDOE and the Policies of HCSB.
  - C. Complete the Document to the reasonable satisfaction of HCSB and FDOE and as applicable USDOE, no later than the following date: September 30, 2022. The PROFESSIONAL understands and agrees that time is of the essence under this agreement.
  - D. PROFESSIONAL will communicate with HCSB on a regular basis until the Document is completed and filed with FDOE and as applicable the USDOE.

Nothing herein shall limit the SCHOOL BOARD's right to obtain proposals or services from other professionals for similar projects.

2. **Insurance:** The PROFESSIONAL, when a non-public entity, shall maintain throughout this Agreement insurance in the types and amounts provided in Appendix A which is attached and made a part of this agreement. Further:
  - A. "The School Board of Hamilton County, Florida and its members, officers and employees" shall be an additional named insured on all those coverages/policies listed in Appendix A except Workers' Compensation Insurance and Professional Liability Insurance, if required.
  - B. The insurance coverage required shall include those classifications, as listed in standard liability insurance manuals, which most nearly reflect the operations of the PROFESSIONAL.

C. The PROFESSIONAL shall ensure that all insurance policies required by this section are issued by companies with either of the following qualifications:

- (i). The company must be (1) authorized by existing certificates of authority by the Department of Insurance of the State of Florida or (2) an eligible surplus lines insurer under Florida Statutes. In addition, the insurer must have a Best's Rating of "B+" or better according to the latest edition of Best's Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company; or
- (ii). With respect only to the Workers' Compensation Insurance, the company must be (1) authorized as a group self-insurer pursuant to Florida Statutes or (2) authorized as a commercial self-insurance fund pursuant to Florida Statutes.

D. The PROFESSIONAL shall be responsible for assuring that the insurance remains in force for the duration of this Agreement, including any and all option years that may be granted to the PROFESSIONAL. The certificate of insurance shall contain the provision that the SCHOOL BOARD be given no less than thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation. If the insurance is scheduled to expire during the contractual period, the PROFESSIONAL shall be responsible for submitting new or renewed certificates of insurance to the SCHOOL BOARD at a minimum of fifteen (15) calendar days in advance of such expiration.

E. Unless otherwise notified, the certificate of insurance shall be delivered to:

Hamilton County Schools  
Attn: Business Services Department  
5683 US Highway 129 South – Suite 1  
Jasper, Florida 32052

F. The name and address of the Certificate Holder on the certificate of insurance must be:

The School Board of Hamilton County, Florida  
5683 US Highway 129 South – Suite 1  
Jasper, Florida 32052

G. In the event that PROFESSIONAL fails to maintain insurance as described in Section 2 and Appendix A of this Agreement, such failure will constitute a material breach of this Agreement and will be cause for immediate termination of this Agreement. If such a breach occurs, then PROFESSIONAL agrees that SCHOOL BOARD may take any action necessary at law or in equity to preserve and protect SCHOOL BOARD'S rights.

3. **Indemnification:** PROFESSIONAL shall indemnify SCHOOL BOARD and hold it harmless from and against any loss or damage, claim or cause of action, and any attorneys' fees and court costs, arising out of: any unpaid bills for labor, services or materials furnished to this project; any failure of performance of PROFESSIONAL under this Agreement; or the negligence of the PROFESSIONAL in the performance of his or her duties under this Agreement, or any act or omission on the part of the PROFESSIONAL, his agents, employees, or servants. PROFESSIONAL shall defend, indemnify, and save harmless the SCHOOL BOARD or any of its officers, agents, or servants and each and every one of them against and from all claims, suits, and costs of every kind and description, including attorney's fees, and from all damages to which the SCHOOL BOARD or any of its officers, agents, or servants may be put by reason of injury to the persons or property of others resulting from the performance of PROFESSIONAL'S duties under this Agreement, or through the negligence of the PROFESSIONAL in the performance of his or her duties under this Agreement, or through any act or omission on the part of the PROFESSIONAL, his agents, employees, or servants.
4. **Codes, Laws, and Regulations:** PROFESSIONAL will comply with all applicable codes, laws, regulations, standards, and ordinances in force during the term of this Agreement.
5. **Permits, Licenses, and Fees:** PROFESSIONAL will obtain and pay for all permits and licenses required by law that are associated with the PROFESSIONAL'S performance of the Scope of Services.
6. **Access to Records:** PROFESSIONAL will maintain accounting records, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices, to substantiate all invoiced amounts. PROFESSIONAL shall ensure that such records are available for examination by the SCHOOL BOARD during PROFESSIONAL'S normal business hours. PROFESSIONAL shall maintain such records for a period of three (3) years after the date of the final invoice.
7. **Payment:** SCHOOL BOARD shall compensate PROFESSIONAL for their services in the following manner:

Within 30 days of the completion of the Document to the reasonable satisfaction of HCSB and FDOE and as applicable USDOE, HCSB shall pay McElhaney one thousand five hundred dollars and no/cents. (\$1500.00)

Invoices for hourly rate services shall be submitted on a monthly basis and shall include the following detail for each separate task performed:

- (a) The date the task was performed;
- (b) identification, by name or initials, of the person performing the task;
- (c) a description, with reasonable particularity, of the task;
- (d) the actual time expended to perform the task; provided, however, that the actual time may be rounded up to the nearest one-tenth of an hour;
- (e) the hourly rate applicable to the individual performing the task; and
- (f) the fee being charged for the task.

8. **Independent Contractor:** The PROFESSIONAL agrees that it is an independent contractor and not an agent, joint venturer, or employee of the SCHOOL BOARD, and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to be inconsistent with this relationship or status. None of the benefits provided by the SCHOOL BOARD to its employees, including but not limited to, workers' compensation insurance, unemployment insurance, or retirement benefits, are available from the SCHOOL BOARD to the PROFESSIONAL. PROFESSIONAL shall be responsible for paying its own Federal income tax and self-employment tax, or any other taxes applicable to the compensation paid under this agreement. The PROFESSIONAL shall be solely and entirely responsible for his or her acts during the performance of this Agreement. It is also agreed between the parties that PROFESSIONAL shall be responsible for providing their own office space, computer/word processing capacity, telephone/communications capacity, and other equipment and furniture, as needed as well as their own transportation, insurance, and all expenses in connection with the furnishing of the work or services described above.
9. **Assignment:** Neither party shall have the power to assign any of the duties or rights or any claim arising out of or related to the Agreement, whether arising in tort, contract, or otherwise, without the written consent of the other party. These conditions and the entire Agreement are binding on the heirs, successors, and assigns of the parties hereto.
10. **No Third-Party Beneficiaries:** This Agreement gives no rights or benefits to anyone other than the PROFESSIONAL and the SCHOOL BOARD.
11. **Jurisdiction:** The laws of the State of Florida shall govern the validity of this Agreement, its interpretation and performance, and any other claims related to it. In the event of any litigation arising under or construing this Agreement, venue shall lie only in the appropriate court of subject matter jurisdiction, in and for Hamilton County, Florida.
12. **Term and Termination:** The term of this Agreement shall be for an initial term, up through and including one (1) year. All or part of this Agreement may be terminated by the SCHOOL BOARD, for its convenience, upon no less than thirty (30) days written notice to the PROFESSIONAL of such intent to terminate. In such event, the PROFESSIONAL will be entitled to compensation for services competently performed up to the date of termination. The agreement may be renewed for up to two additional one-year periods upon the mutual written consent of both parties.
13. **Approval of Personnel:** The SCHOOL BOARD reserves the right to approve the contact person and the persons actually performing the PROFESSIONAL services on behalf of PROFESSIONAL pursuant to this Agreement. If SCHOOL BOARD, in its sole discretion, is dissatisfied with the contact person or the person or persons actually performing the services on behalf of PROFESSIONAL pursuant to this Agreement, SCHOOL BOARD may require that the PROFESSIONAL assign a different person or persons to be the contact person or to perform the PROFESSIONAL services hereunder.
14. **Disclosure of Conflict:** The PROFESSIONAL has an obligation to disclose to the SCHOOL BOARD any situation that, while acting pursuant to this Agreement, would create a

potential conflict of interest between the PROFESSIONAL and its duties under this Agreement.

15. **Background Investigations:** The PROFESSIONAL represents and warrants to the SCHOOL BOARD that the PROFESSIONAL has read and is familiar with Florida Statute Sections 1012.32, 1012.465, 1012.467, and 1012.468 regarding background investigations. PROFESSIONAL covenants to comply with all requirements of the above-cited statutes and shall provide SCHOOL BOARD with proof of compliance upon request. PROFESSIONAL agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the SCHOOL BOARD, its officers, agents and employees from any liability in the form of physical injury, death, or property damage resulting from the PROFESSIONAL'S failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph or Florida Statute Sections 1012.32, 1012.465, 1012.467 and 1012.468.
16. **Modifications and Amendments:** This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written document signed by authorized representatives of the PROFESSIONAL and SCHOOL BOARD.
17. **Subcontracts and Assignment:** PROFESSIONAL shall not subcontract or assign any of the work contemplated under this Agreement without first obtaining written approval from the SCHOOL BOARD. Any subcontractor or assignee shall be bound by the terms of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the fingerprinting, insurance and indemnification provisions. Any subcontractors used pursuant to this paragraph and written consent of the School Board is required to provide PROFESSIONAL with an affidavit attesting that subcontractor does not employ, contract or subcontract with an unauthorized alien as defined by Fla. Stat. § 448.095. PROFESSIONAL shall retain a copy of this affidavit throughout the duration of this Agreement and is responsible for providing a copy of such affidavit to the School Board upon receipt
18. **Entire Agreement:** This constitutes the entire agreement between SCHOOL BOARD and PROFESSIONAL and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous understanding or agreement with respect to the services contemplated herein.
19. **Severability Clause:** If any provision of this Agreement is held in whole or in part to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of that provision and/or the entire agreement shall be severable and remain in effect.
20. **Authority:** Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of either party individually warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing, and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement.
21. **Maintenance and Public Access to Records.** Appendix B is attached and made a part of this agreement.
22. **Non-Collusion.** In accordance with Fla. Stat. § 287.133, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal or reply on a contract with a public

entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplies, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

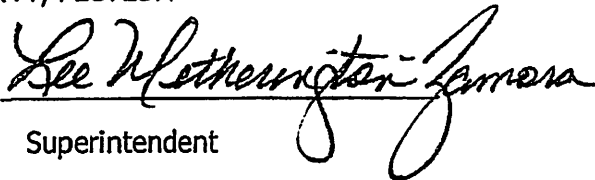
23. Use of E-Verify System. In accordance with Fla. Stat. § 448.095, PROFESSIONAL agrees to register with and use the E-Verify system for any employees they may hire during the term of this Professional Services Agreement. PROFESSIONAL will verify its use of the E-Verify System by executing APPENDIX C to this Agreement, which is incorporated and made a part of this Agreement and must be signed by PROFESSIONAL before services may commence under this Agreement. Sole Proprietors are not required to register and use the E-Verify system, however, should a sole proprietor employ anyone else, the sole proprietor will be required to execute an addendum to this Agreement acknowledging his or her use of the E-Verify system.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the respective dates under each signature.

"SCHOOL BOARD"

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HAMILTON  
COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:

  
Superintendent

Date:

07-19-21

"PROFESSIONAL"



By:

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