

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT
Education Law § 4401(2)(e)

This Agreement is entered into this **22nd day of March 2021** by and between the Board of Education of the **Berlin Central School District** (hereinafter the "DISTRICT"), having its principal place of business for the purpose of this Agreement at **17400 Route 22, Cherry Plain, New York 12040** and the **Averill Park Central School District** (hereinafter the "SCHOOL"), having its principal place of business for the purpose of this Agreement at **146 Gettle Road, Station 1, Averill Park, New York 12018**.

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS the DISTRICT is authorized under the Education Law to contract with private, non-residential schools within the State of New York for the instruction of students with disabilities in those situations where the DISTRICT is unable to provide for the education of such students with disabilities in special classes in the schools of the DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, the SCHOOL is a private, non-residential school within the State of New York authorized to provide special education and related services to students with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties mutually agree as follows:

A. TERM

The term of this Agreement shall be from **September 1, 2020** through **June 30, 2021** inclusive, unless terminated early as provided for in this Agreement. It is understood that the DISTRICT is under no obligation to renew this Agreement upon its expiration.

B. SERVICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. During the term of this Agreement, the services to be provided by the SCHOOL shall include, but not be limited to the following:
 - Instructional Services
 - Special Education and Related Services as set forth in each student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
2. The SCHOOL shall provide the services set forth in this Agreement to those student(s) referred by the DISTRICT in writing.
3. All services provided by the SCHOOL to students under this Agreement shall be in accordance with each student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), as it may be modified from time to time. Prompt written notice shall be given by the DISTRICT to the SCHOOL upon any modification of a student's IEP.
4. The SCHOOL shall perform all services under this Agreement in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, and regulations, as well as established policy guidance from the New York State Education Department.

5. Services provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided without regard to race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, disability, or sponsorship.
6. The SCHOOL shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) Act, including, but not limited to background checks and fingerprinting of all staff directly providing services to students. All persons providing services to the DISTRICT pursuant to this Agreement must receive clearance for employment by the New York State Education Department prior to the provision of such services.
7. The SCHOOL represents that services under this Agreement shall be provided by qualified individuals of good character and in good professional standing. The SCHOOL represents that no individuals providing services under this Agreement are currently charged, nor in the past have been charged with any relevant criminal or professional misconduct or incompetence.
8. Upon the execution of this Agreement, the SCHOOL shall provide copies of required licenses/certifications of all professionals providing services to student(s) under this Agreement. In the event that the required license/certification of any agent or employee of the SCHOOL providing services under this Agreement is revoked, terminated, suspended, or otherwise impaired, the SCHOOL shall immediately notify the DISTRICT in accordance with the requirements for all notices pursuant to this Agreement set forth below.
9. The SCHOOL shall maintain its status as an approved special education provider. In the event that the SCHOOL fails to maintain such status, the SCHOOL shall immediately notify the DISTRICT. The DISTRICT shall not be required to pay the SCHOOL for services rendered during any period of time in which the SCHOOL fails to maintain its status as an approved special education provider, and the SCHOOL shall reimburse the DISTRICT for any payments already received for services rendered during said period of time.
10. The SCHOOL shall provide all services pursuant to this Agreement in a competent, professional and timely manner.
11. The SCHOOL will work cooperatively with the DISTRICT's Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE). The SCHOOL shall make relevant personnel available to participate in meetings of the DISTRICT's Committee on Special Education (CSE), where appropriate, upon reasonable prior notice to the SCHOOL of such meetings.
12. The SCHOOL shall maintain records, logs and/or reports in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, requirements of the New York State Education Department or Health Department. The DISTRICT shall have the right to examine any or all records or accounts maintained and/or created by the SCHOOL in connection with this Agreement, and upon request shall be entitled to copies of same.
13. Both parties to this Agreement understand that they may receive and/or come into contact with protected health information as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). The parties hereby acknowledge their respective responsibilities pursuant to HIPAA and shall comply with said Regulations, if applicable.
14. Both parties, their employees, and/or agents agree that all information obtained in connection with the services performed pursuant to this Agreement is deemed confidential information. Both parties, their employees, and/or agents shall not use, publish, discuss, disclose or communicate the contents of such information, directly or indirectly with third parties, except as provided for in this Agreement. Both parties further agree that any

information received by either party's employees and/or agents in connection with this Agreement which concerns the personal, financial, or other affairs of the parties, their employees, agents, and/or students will be treated as confidential and will not be revealed to any other persons, firms, organizations, or third parties. In addition, both parties agree that information concerning any student covered by the terms of this Agreement shall not be released except as provided for by applicable law, rule, or regulation, including but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

15. The DISTRICT shall obtain whatever releases, prescriptions, or other legal documents that are necessary for the SCHOOL to provide services pursuant to this Agreement.
16. The DISTRICT shall obtain releases or other legal documents necessary for the SCHOOL to render full reports concerning the education and progress of the student(s) to the DISTRICT at the same time that such reports are made to the parent(s) of student(s) covered by the terms of this Agreement.
17. Upon reasonable prior written notice, the SCHOOL shall be subject to visitation by the DISTRICT and/or its designated representatives during the normal business hours of the SCHOOL.
18. In the event that the parent or person in parental relation to a student(s) receiving services pursuant to this Agreement files a request for an impartial hearing or administrative complaint or initiates litigation in connection with such services, the SCHOOL shall promptly give written notice of same to the DISTRICT.
19. Insurance
 - a. The SCHOOL, at its sole expense, shall procure and maintain such policies of commercial general liability, malpractice and other insurance as shall be necessary to insure the SCHOOL and the DISTRICT, including the Board of Education, employees and volunteers, as additional insured, against any claim for liability, personal injury, or death occasioned directly or indirectly by the SCHOOL in connection with the performance of the SCHOOL's responsibilities under this Agreement; each such policy shall provide a minimum coverage of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence subject to an annual aggregate of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000).
 - b. The insurance is to be underwritten by a licensed and/or admitted New York State Insurer with a minimum Bests rating of A-minus.
 - c. In the event any of the aforementioned insurance policies are cancelled or not renewed, the SCHOOL shall notify the DISTRICT in writing within thirty (30) days of such cancellation or non-renewal.
 - d. Upon the execution of this Agreement, the SCHOOL will supply the DISTRICT with a Certificate of Insurance including the DISTRICT, Board of Education, Employees and Volunteers as Additional Insured, a copy of the Declaration pages of the policies, and a copy of the additional insured endorsement.

C. COMPENSATION:

1. The SCHOOL shall be entitled to recover actual cost from the DISTRICT for the student receiving services pursuant to this Agreement. **The actual cost is \$18,402.78 for a 10 month period (school year).**
2. Requests for payment by the SCHOOL shall be made by submission of a detailed written invoice to the DISTRICT which references the time period for which payment is being requested, and a breakdown of the total amount due for the period specified.
3. The DISTRICT shall pay the SCHOOL within thirty (30) days of receipt of each invoice by the DISTRICT.
4. The DISTRICT shall give the SCHOOL notice of any invoice disputes within twenty (20) days of its receipt of the invoice, and reserves the right to withhold payment pending the resolution of the dispute.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Termination

- a. Either the DISTRICT or the SCHOOL may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. Such notice shall be given in accordance with the requirements for all notices pursuant to this Agreement set forth below.
- b. The parties agree that either party's failure to comply with any terms or conditions of this Agreement will provide a basis for the other party to immediately terminate this Agreement without any further liability to the party which violated the Agreement.
- c. In the event the DISTRICT or the SCHOOL terminates this Agreement with or without cause, such termination of the Agreement shall not discharge the parties' existing obligations to each other as of the effective date of termination.

2. Independent Contractor:

- a. SCHOOL will be engaged as an independent Contractor, and therefore be solely responsible for the payment of federal and state income taxes applicable to this Agreement.
- b. Neither SCHOOL nor any of its employees, agents, or assigns will be eligible for any employee benefits whatsoever relative to this contract including, but not limited to, Social Security, New York State Worker's Compensation, unemployment insurance, New York State Employee's Retirement System, health or dental insurance, or malpractice insurance, or the like.
- b. DISTRICT, if required by Federal or State requirements, will submit a Form 1099 and IT 2102.1 respectively at year-end to the Federal Government for all individuals having a gross income exceeding \$600, which thereupon will be reported for income tax purposes.

3. Defense / Indemnification

- a. The SCHOOL agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the DISTRICT, its officers, directors, agents, or employees against all claims, demands, actions, lawsuits, costs, damages and expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts arising from any willful act, omission, error, recklessness or negligence of the SCHOOL, its officers, directors, agents or employees in connection with the performance of services pursuant to this Agreement. The obligations pursuant to this provision shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- b. The DISTRICT agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the SCHOOL, its officers, directors, agents, or employees against all claims, demands, actions, lawsuits, costs, damages and expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts arising from any willful act, omission, error, recklessness or negligence of the DISTRICT, its officers, directors, agents or employees in connection with the performance of services pursuant to this Agreement. The obligations pursuant to this provision shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

4. Notices: All notices which are required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be deemed to have been given if delivered personally or sent by registered or certified mail, addressed as follows:

To District: Karen Capozzi, Business Official
Berlin Central School District
17400 Route 22
Cherry Plain, New York 12040

To School: Averill Park Central School District
146 Gettle Road, Sta. 1
Averill Park, New York 12018
Attn: Michael Ouimet

5. Assignment: It is expressly understood that this Agreement shall not be assigned or transferred without prior written consent of the other party.
6. No Waiver: The failure of either party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or limitation of that party's right to subsequently enforce every provision of this Agreement.
7. Severability: Should any provision of this Agreement, for any reason, be declared invalid and/or unenforceable, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Agreement. Such remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect as if this Agreement had been executed with the invalid provision(s) eliminated.
8. Governing Law: This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be construed in accordance with, and governed by, the laws and regulations of the State of New York and applicable Federal laws and regulations.
9. Venue: Any dispute arising under this Agreement shall be litigated in the Courts of Rensselaer County, New York.
10. Entire Agreement: This Agreement is the complete and exclusive statement of the Agreement between the parties, and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous, oral or

written: agreements, proposals, understandings, representations, conditions or covenants between the parties relating to the subject matter of the Agreement.

11. Amendment: This Agreement may not be changed orally, but only by an agreement, in writing, signed by authorized representatives of both parties.
12. Execution: This Agreement, and any amendments to this Agreement, will not be in effect until agreed to in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

SCHOOL

DISTRICT

By: _____

By: _____

For the Board of Education

Date: _____

Date: _____