

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
THE SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 AND  
THE TECHNOLOGY ACCESS FOUNDATION  
REGARDING A PARTNERSHIP TO CREATE  
A HIGH QUALITY 6<sup>th</sup> THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROGRAM

Recognizing the tremendous success of TAF Academy, a 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade STEM school designed by TAF and co-managed with the Federal Way School District, Seattle School District No. 1 (hereinafter referred to as the "District"), a municipal corporation in the State of Washington, and the Technology Access Foundation (TAF), a 501(c)3 nonprofit, hereby outline their intent to enter into an agreement to create TAF Academy Seattle by implementing the TAF model into an existing public school. The underlying assumptions are that the school is a neighborhood District school, co-managed by the District and TAF, staffed with teachers who belong to the Seattle Education Association, a principal who belongs to the Principals Association of Seattle Schools, and others who belong to their respective unions.

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") does not intend to create a binding legal or financial obligation of any nature on either party, but instead, will serve simply as a summary of the tentative understandings of the parties, as of this date, regarding the proposed Project defined herein. Once this MOU is fully executed, the parties shall proceed in good faith to research the possibilities, engage the community, and ultimately negotiate a final Agreement based upon this MOU to establish the parties' relationship and responsibilities to each other and the project. Both parties are mutually committed to work towards the following:

- **Identify a school to host a TAF Academy Seattle Program**

In order to close the academic gaps experienced by students of color, the District is interested in changing the structure and academic model of one of its existing schools.

The new configuration is envisioned as a 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade program that will use the STEMbyTAF model that focuses on building an academic environment that eliminates race-based disparity in academic achievement and promotes the highest level of student learning and teacher development.

The program is envisioned for a neighborhood school and is tentatively referred to herein as TAF Academy Seattle. TAF Academy Seattle will roll-up middle school starting with 6<sup>th</sup> grade and adding one grade per year, and may add 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> each subsequent year. The parties will work together to identify an appropriate proposed school location for the program.

- **Identify funding sources and pro forma funding, ongoing and initial setup transformation**

The program will require additional external sources of funding to support the implementation of the STEMbyTAF academic model. The parties will work together to identify potential funding and strategies to develop a financial sustainable program. The proposed funding structure will be analyzed versus the existing district-wide WSS model currently in use.

- **Identification of capacity challenges, enrollment trends over the next 10 years of selected school and surrounding school impacts**

The parties will utilize the District's Facilities Master Plan and enrollment trends to ensure the program and District have sufficient student capacity for the first 10 years of the partnership. This may include changing the Student Assignment Plan (SAP) to allow students to choose out of the school hosting the TAF Academy Seattle program for middle school or attend the comprehensive high school based on the location of their residence. Enrollment and program planning will also ensure that Advanced Learning qualified students have access to suitable coursework.

- Community Engagement

The District and TAF will develop and implement an extensive community engagement plan prior to instituting a formal partnership. The community includes students, teachers, families and community advocates.

- Developing Implementation Plan

The District, school staff and TAF will develop the program implementation plan once a location is chosen.

### Schedule of Actions

In order to open the newly configured program by September 2020, the parties must meet a series of key milestones to sign the Joint Operating Agreement. The tentative schedule is as follows:

Milestone	Complete Date
Sign this Memorandum of Understanding	April 30, 2019
Identify school to implement the program model	May 2019
Start Community Engagement	May 2019
TAF submits preliminary funding commitments	June 2019
Complete TAF Academy Seattle Implementation Plan	September 2019
Sign a Joint Operating Agreement between the District and TAF	September 2019

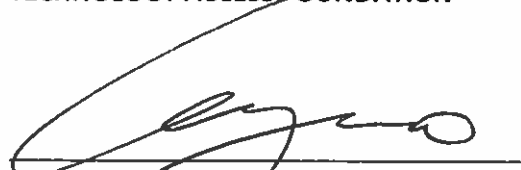
### Key Players

The representatives for TAF under this MOU will be Executive Director Trish Millines Dziko, Executive Director of Education Heather Lechner and Executive Director of Operations Sherry Williams. The District will be represented in this work by Superintendent Denise Juneau, School Board President Leslie Harris and other representatives of their choosing.

Dated this 2 day of May 2019

**TECHNOLOGY ACCESS FOUNDATION**

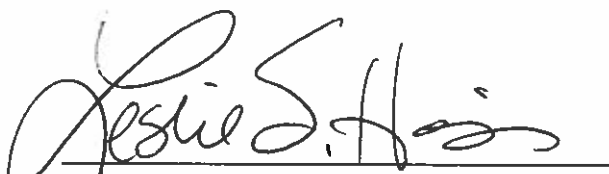
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