

## AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered on 12/4/2023, by and between The Stepping Stones Group LLC, 123 N Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606 hereinafter referred to as “Contractor” and, Perris Union High School District, 1151 North A Street, Perris, CA 92570, hereinafter referred to as “School District.” It is hereby agreed as follows:

**SERVICES, RATES AND BILLING:** Contractor agrees to provide the services, at the designated rates, as listed in Appendix A to this Agreement.

School District agrees to be billed (except during holidays) by Contractor for up to 40 hours per week for each of Contractor’s employees, unless agreed otherwise. No employee of Contractor will work above 40 hours per week without advanced authorization from both Contractor and the designated supervisor assigned by School District. Any hours worked that are considered overtime by state or federal law will be billed at 150% of bill rate. School District will not be billed during school closures and school holidays.

When Statutory Costs and other employee costs of living increase, Contractor will pass those increases along to School District with no mark-up. School District agrees to pay such increases at the same time as any billed fees pursuant to this Agreement. Statutory Costs include any costs and expenses of Contractor that are associated with Workers Comp, FICA, FUTA, SUTA, and incremental costs associated with the Affordable Care Act (ACA), among others.

**TRAVEL TIME & MILEAGE:** To the extent applicable, travel between schools will be considered billable time and the mileage will be billed at the current IRS mileage rate. No travel will be billed when work is completed at one site.

**PAYMENT TERMS:** School District will be billed every two weeks via email and agrees to pay all outstanding invoices within 30 days of receipt. School District agrees and understands that School District is billed on actual hours of service provided by the Contractor’s employee, based on the total hours listed on a biweekly timesheet. To ensure billing accuracy and timeliness, School District will complete the Billing Details just above the signature section of this Agreement.

A finance charge of 1.5% per month on the unpaid amount of an invoice, or the maximum amount allowed by law, will be charged on past due accounts. Payments by School District will thereafter be applied first to accrued interest and then to the principal unpaid balance. Any attorneys’ fees, court costs, or other costs incurred in collection of delinquent accounts shall be paid by School District. If payment of invoices is not current, Contractor may suspend performing further work.

**REMITTANCE DETAILS:** School District will make payments to Contractor at the following address:

PO Box 6280  
Carol Stream, IL 60197

If School District prefers to make payments via electronic ACH, instructions can be obtained from the Contractor representative.

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND INSURANCE:** Contractor will be responsible for providing all employee benefits and insurance including workers' compensation, general liability, and professional liability insurance coverage (with policy limits and deductibles that are appropriate for similarly situated school districts).

**NO SOLICITATION:** During the term of this Agreement and for a period of two years after the termination of this Agreement, School District agrees not to directly or indirectly contract with, offer employment to or hire any employee of the Contractor assigned to School District or any candidate submitted by Contractor to School District. School District agrees that if School District breaches this no solicitation covenant, direct and indirect damages may be assessed and recovered by Contractor, and Contractor shall be entitled to seek and obtain specific performance.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** School District agrees not to provide any information pertaining to the contents of this Agreement to any individual or any entity that may be considered a competitor of the Contractor. School District further agrees not to discuss or disclose any information pertaining to the contents of this Agreement, including but not limited to fees/costs, duration and terms, etc. to the Contractor's employee assigned to provide services to the School District. Disclosure of such information to the Contractor's employee will be considered a breach of this Agreement.

Both parties may receive information that is proprietary to or confidential to the other party or its affiliated companies and their clients in connection with the parties' performance of services under this Agreement. Both parties agree to hold such information in strict confidence and not to disclose such information to third parties or to use such information for any purpose whatsoever other than performing under this Agreement or as required by law. No knowledge, possession, or use of School District's confidential information will be imputed to Contractor as a result of any of Contractor's employees having access to such information. The provisions set forth in the foregoing paragraph and this paragraph shall survive expiration or other termination of this Agreement, regardless of the cause of such termination.

Contractor agrees that it is subject to, and shall comply with, all federal and state laws and School District policies relating to the confidentiality of student information, including, without limitation, compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

**COOPERATION:** School District agrees to cooperate fully and to provide assistance to Contractor in the investigation and resolution of any complaints, claims, actions, or proceedings that may be brought by or that may involve any employees of Contractor.

**TERMINATION:** This Agreement will end on June 30, 2024 and may be renewed by mutual written consent or Addendum. School District agrees not to terminate the Agreement until the end of the Term unless (a) Contractor's employee assigned to School District as a whole is deficient in performance of the services hereunder or (b) any employee of Contractor assigned to School District commits an act of professional or ethical misconduct or (c) breach of contract. School District agrees to notify Contractor of any deficiencies in services or possible unethical or unprofessional conduct as soon as School District becomes aware of such deficiencies or misconduct and further agrees to permit Contractor the opportunity to cure any deficiency or misconduct within thirty (30) days of Contractor's receipt of such notice prior to School District delivering notice of termination of this Agreement. Contractor may terminate this Agreement (i) if School District discontinues operations or (ii) if School District fails to make any payments as required by this Agreement. Contract can be terminated by District without cause with 30 days notice.

**NONDISCRIMINATION:** Contractor represents and warrants that it does not discriminate in hiring and employment practices regarding race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, pregnancy, or sexual orientation.

**INDEMNIFICATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:** To the extent permitted by law, Contractor will defend, indemnify, and hold School District and its equity holders, subsidiaries, directors, officers, agents, representatives, and employees harmless from all claims, losses, and liabilities (including reasonable attorneys' fees) to the extent caused by or arising from Contractor's breach of this Agreement; its failure to discharge its duties and responsibilities under this Agreement; or the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Contractor or Contractor's officers, employees, or authorized agents in the discharge of those duties and responsibilities under this Agreement.

To the extent permitted by law, School District will defend, indemnify, and hold Contractor and its parents, subsidiaries, directors, officers, agents, representatives, and employees harmless from all claims, losses, and liabilities (including reasonable attorneys' fees) to the extent caused by or arising from School District's breach of this Agreement; its failure to discharge its duties and responsibilities under this Agreement; or the gross negligence or willful misconduct of School District or School District's officers, employees, or authorized agents in the discharge of those duties and responsibilities under this Agreement.

Except as expressly set forth herein, neither party shall be liable for or be required to indemnify the other party for any incidental, consequential, exemplary, special, punitive, or lost profit damages that arise in connection with this Agreement, regardless of the form of action (whether in contract, tort, negligence, strict



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liability, or otherwise) and regardless of how characterized, even if such party has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

As a condition precedent to indemnification, the party seeking indemnification will inform the other party within ten (10) business days after it receives notice of any claim, loss, liability, or demand for which it seeks indemnification from the other party; and the party seeking indemnification will cooperate in the investigation and defense of any such matter.

The provisions in this section of the Agreement constitute the complete agreement between the parties with respect to indemnification, and each party waives its right to assert any common-law indemnification or contribution claim against the other party.

**NOTICES:** Notices to Contractor shall be sent to:

The Stepping Stones Group  
123 N Wacker Drive, STE 1150  
Chicago, IL 60606

AND

K12ops.contracts@ssg-healthcare.com

Notices to School District shall be sent to:

Perris Union High School District  
1151 North A Street  
Perris, CA 92570

**JURISDICTION:** This agreement shall be governed by, construed, and is enforceable in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any action or proceeding relating to or arising out of this Agreement shall be commenced and heard in the State or Federal Court sitting in California. Both parties hereby consent to the jurisdiction and venue of such courts.

**GENERAL:** No provision of this Agreement may be amended or waived unless agreed to in writing and signed by the parties. The provisions of this Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding on the parties and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

**CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK:** This contract is subject to the provisions of Education Code Section 45125.1. Contractor's employees are required to submit fingerprints to the Department of Justice where an employee may come into contact with students at any site. The Department of Justice will ascertain whether the employee has a pending criminal proceeding for a violent or serious felony or has been convicted of a violent or serious felony as they are defined in Penal Code Sections 667.5c and 1192.7c respectively. Contractor shall not permit an employee to come in contact with students until the Department of Justice has ascertained that the employee has not been convicted of a felony as defined in Education Code Section 45122.1. Contractor shall certify in writing to the District that none of its employees who may come in contact with students have been convicted of a felony as defined in Education Code Section 45122.2. District may request the removal of an employee from a site at any time. Failure to comply with this provision may result in termination of the Contract.



**BILLING DETAILS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Billing Contact Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (for invoice): \_\_\_\_\_

Special Billing Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed for Contractor:

Signature: Molly Pirollo

Name: Molly Pirollo

Title: Client Services Manager

Date: 11/3/2023

Signed for School District:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Appendix A**

The services that may be provided under this Agreement and the corresponding hourly bill rates for each service for the are listed below:

**Specialty**

**Hourly Rate**

See attached 23/24 rate sheet



# THE STEPPING STONES GROUP

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## Perris Union High School District Rate Sheet 23/24

Speech-Language Pathologist	\$108 per hour
Occupational Therapist	\$108 per hour
Physical Therapist	\$108 per hour
SLPA/COTA/PTA	\$74 per hour
School Psychologist PPS	\$114 per hour
School Counselor	\$103 per hour
OMS & VI Teacher	\$103 per hour
DHH Teacher & Audiologist	\$103 per hour
APE Teacher	\$86 per hour
ASL Interpreter	\$83 per hour
Special Education Teacher & Resource Specialist	\$91 per hour
CNA	\$51 per hour
LVN	\$62 per hour
RN	\$71 per hour
Certificated School Nurse	\$121 per hour

\*An additional overtime fee will be charged for all candidates that work over 8 hours in a day and/or 40 hours in a week. Overtime will be charged at a rate of 1.5 times the individual's bill rate specified on the Candidate Rate Confirmation sheet.

\*\*Mileage is to be reimbursed at the federal reimbursement rate.

Licensed Mental Health Professional - LMHP	\$103 per hour
LMFT	\$103 per hour
Social Worker	\$86 per hour
Mental Health Professional - MHP	\$86 per hour
Mental Health Interventionist - MHI	\$62 per hour

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