MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
AND AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE TEACHING and COUNSELING EXPERIENCE

This Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement to Provide Teaching and Counseling Experience ("Agreement"), is entered into this 1st day of July 2026, by and between the *University of San Francisco* ("University") and the *Santa Rosa City Schools* ("District").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Education Code of the State of California, the governing board of any school district is authorized to enter into agreements with any institution approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing as a teacher and counselor education institution to provide teaching or counseling experience to students enrolled in the teacher or counselor training curricula of such institutions; and

WHEREAS, University is approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing as a teacher and counselor education institution; and

WHEREAS, any such agreement may provide for the payment in money or in services for the services rendered by the school district in any amount not to exceed the actual cost to the school district of the services rendered; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined between the parties hereto that the value of the services to be rendered to District under this Agreement do not exceed the actual cost to District of the services rendered by District.

TERMS

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained in this Agreement, University and District agree as follows:

I. DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

A. District shall provide teaching experience in the schools or classes of District, not to exceed **30** students from University possessing valid certificates of clearance and assigned by University to teach in the schools and classes of District. Such teaching shall be provided in such schools or classes of District, and under the direct supervision, evaluation, and instruction of such employees of District, as District and University, through their duly authorized representatives, may agree upon.

"Teaching" as used herein and elsewhere in this Agreement means active participation in the duties and functions of classroom teaching under the supervision and instruction of employees of District holding valid teaching credentials issued by the State Board of Education and/or the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, other than emergency or provisional credentials, authorizing them to serve as classroom teachers in the schools and classes of District.

The assignment of a student of University to teach in District shall be deemed effective for the purpose of this Agreement as of the date the student presents the assignment letter to District.

Mentor/cooperating teachers and administrators will be informed about the expectations for candidates to take and pass a Commission approved literacy performance assessment that includes a focus on foundational literacy skills and the additional cross cutting themes in literacy (meaning making, effective communication, language development and content knowledge).

Candidates will have the opportunity to practice screening and diagnostic techniques that inform teaching and assessment and early intervention techniques, as appropriate to the credential and as identified in the CA Teaching Performance Expectations and CA Standard 7 - Literacy.

Candidates will receive supervised field experiences in planning and implementing evidence-based literacy instruction (including integrated content and literacy instruction) grounded in an understanding of the California Dyslexia Guidelines, including the definition and characteristics of dyslexia and structured literacy (i.e., instruction for students at risk and with dyslexia that is comprehensive, systematic, explicit, cumulative, and multimodal and that includes phonology, orthography, phonics, morphology, syntax, and semantics).

B. District shall provide counseling experience in the schools or classes of District, not to exceed **30** students from University possessing valid certificates of clearance and assigned by University to counsel in the schools and classes of District. Such counseling shall be provided in such schools or classes of District, and under the direct supervision and instruction of such employees of District, as District and University, through their duly authorized representatives, may agree upon.

"Counseling" as used herein and elsewhere in this Agreement means active participation in the duties and functions of school counseling under the supervision and instruction of employees of District holding valid PPS credentials issued by the State Board of Education and/or the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, other than emergency or provisional credentials, authorizing them to serve as school counselors in the schools and classes of District.

The assignment of a student of University to counsel in District shall be deemed effective for the purpose of this Agreement as of the date the student presents the assignment letter to District.

C. District may, for good cause, refuse to accept for supervised teaching or counseling any student of University assigned to teach or counsel in District, and upon request of District, made for good cause, University shall terminate the assignment of any student of University to teach or counsel in District.

II. UNIVERSITY RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The assignment of a University student to teach in the schools or classes of District shall be at the discretion of University and shall be for a period of approximately eighteen (18) weeks. University may give students more than one assignment to teach in such schools or classes.

B. The assignment of a University student to counsel in the schools or classes of District shall be at the discretion of the University and shall be for a period of approximately one academic year. University may give students more than one assignment to counsel in such schools or classes.

University agrees that University students receiving counseling experience within District may not displace certificated District employees. University acknowledges that District hiring policies must comply with local teacher union contracts.

III. COMPENSATION FOR MASTER TEACHERS

University will pay for the performance by District teachers of all services required to be performed by District under this Agreement, financial compensation for serving as full-time Master Teachers at the rate of two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) per student for each semester within District, said payment to be distributed directly to the supervising teacher(s)to whom students of University are assigned. University shall determine the number of semester units of credit for teaching to be provided for each student of University assigned to teach under this Agreement.

If University terminates the assignment of a student to teach in the schools or classes of District, District shall receive payment of an amount for such student as though there had been no termination of the assignment, except that if such assignment is terminated before the end of the eighth week of the term of the assignment, District shall receive payment for an assignment for nine (9) weeks only.

Within a reasonable time following the close of each semester of the University of San Francisco, the University shall submit and process an invoice, in duplicate, for payment, for all supervised teaching under and in accordance with this agreement during said semester.

IV. INDEMNITY

University and District agree to defend, indemnify and hold one another, their respective officers, employees, students and agents harmless from and against all liability, loss, expense (including reasonable attorney's fees), or claims for injury or damages arising out of the performance of this Agreement but only in proportion to and to the extent such liability, loss, expense, attorney's fees, or claims for injury or damages are caused by or result of negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the indemnifying party, its officers, employees, students or agents.

V. DISTRICT AND UNIVERSITY INSURANCE

District and University each agree to keep in full force and effect, during the term of this Agreement, insurance to meet their respective obligations and liabilities hereunder and such insurance shall include but not be limited to the following:

Commercial General Liability and Auto Liability with limits of not less than $1,000,000 per occurrence, and $3,000,000 in the aggregate, for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage, endorsed to name the other party to the contract as additional insured;

Workers' Compensation coverage with statutory limits; and

Employers Liability coverage with limits of not less than $1,000,000 per occurrence, and $3,000,000 in the aggregate.

Each insurance policy required above shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, or canceled by either party, except after sixty (60) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the other party to this Agreement.

Upon request, District and University shall each cause to be issued to the other evidence of such insurance prior to the commencement of this Agreement and annually thereafter.

VI. DISPUTES

In the event that a dispute arises between the parties with regard to the rights or duties created by this Agreement, or in the event of a breach of this Agreement by either party, the parties hereto agree to meet and confer in good faith in an effort to resolve the dispute or issue.

In the event the parties are unable to informally resolve the dispute within thirty (30) days after the dispute has arisen, the parties agree to decide whether to attempt to settle the dispute through arbitration or litigation. In order to send a dispute to arbitration, both parties must agree in writing that arbitration is their chosen method of resolving the dispute in question.

VII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Term of Agreement. The term of this Agreement shall commence on the *1st* day of *July 2026* and shall terminate on the *30th* day of *June 2031*.

B. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by either party without cause upon thirty (30) days prior written notice; provided, however, that any such termination by District shall not be effective as to any student who at the date of mailing of the notice by District was receiving teaching or counseling experience within District until the student has completed his or her assignment, except at the election of University.

C. Entire Agreement; Modification. This Agreement contains all the terms between the parties and may be modified only in writing signed by both parties.

D. Applicable Law. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

E. Severability. In the event any court of competent jurisdiction determines that any paragraph or subparagraph of this Agreement is invalid or unenforceable for any reason, all remaining paragraphs or subparagraphs shall remain in full force and effect.

F. Confidentiality. Both parties shall protect the confidentiality of each other's records and information, and shall not disclose confidential information without the prior written consent of the other party. University agrees to comply with District policy and procedure related to patient confidentiality.

G. Notices. Any notice to either party hereunder must be in writing signed by the party giving notice, and shall be served either personally or by registered or certified mail addressed as follows:

To University:

Dean Shabnam Koirala-Azad
USF School of Education
2130 Fulton Street
San Francisco, CA 94117

With a copy to:

General Counsel
University of San Francisco
101 Howard Street, Suite 200
San Francisco, CA 94105

To District:

Santa Rosa City Schools
Attn: Melanie Martin
110 Stony Point Rd.
Santa Rosa, CA 94501

H. Non-Discrimination. The parties agree not to discriminate in employment, academic programs, or the provision of services on the basis of an individual's race, color, religion, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, age (except minors), sex, sexual orientation, marital status, medical condition (cancer-related), disability or other category protected by applicable law.

I. Status of the Parties. It is expressly understood and agreed that this Agreement is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association between University and District; rather it is an affiliation between independent contractors, these being University and District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by and on behalf of the parties hereto, the day and year first above written.

University of San Francisco

By: _____
Rebecca Hong, Ed.D.

Vice Provost
Title

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Date

Santa Rosa City Schools

By: _____
Name (Signature)

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Name (Print)

_____
Title

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Date