

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES REQ # 0000

Newsela Inc

This Independent Consultant Agreement for Services ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of 06/05/2026 by and between the Redwood City School District ("District") and Newsela Inc ("Consultant"), (together, "Parties").

The District is in need of Consultant's services and/or advice, and Consultant is free from the control and direction of District in connection with the performance of the Services (as defined below), both under the Agreement and in fact; Consultant's Services are outside the usual course of District's business; and Consultant is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, or business of the same nature as that involved in the Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration for the agreements provided below and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

AGREEMENT TERMS

- 1. **Services.** Consultant shall provide only the services as described in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference ("Services").
- 2. **Term.** Consultant shall commence providing services under this Agreement on 07/01/2026 and will diligently perform as required and complete performance by 06/30/2027 unless this Agreement is terminated and/or otherwise cancelled prior to that time.
- 3. **Validity of Agreement.** This Agreement shall not be a valid contract until it is executed by both Parties, and approved or ratified by the District's Board of Trustees. Any Services performed by Consultant in advance of Board approval or ratification will be provided at the Consultant's risk.
- 4. **Submittal of Documents.** Consultant shall not commence the Services under this Agreement until Consultant has submitted and District has approved the certificate(s) and affidavit(s), and the endorsement(s) of insurance required as indicated below:

- Signed Agreement
- Workers' Compensation Certification - **Exhibit C**
- Fingerprinting/Criminal Background Investigation Certification - **Exhibit D**
- Tuberculosis Certification (for classified/certificated employees under contract) - **Exhibit E**
- Insurance Certificates and Endorsements
- W-9 Form
- Other: _____

- 5. **Compensation.** District agrees to pay Consultant for Services satisfactorily rendered pursuant to this Agreement a total fee not to exceed eighty thousand, three hundred thirty nine and ninety nine cents Dollars (\$ 80,339.99). District shall pay Consultant according to the terms and conditions included at **Exhibit B**. District shall not be liable to Consultant for any costs or expenses paid or incurred by Consultant in performing Services for District except as set forth in **Exhibit B**. Any payment terms in **Exhibit B** which are not consistent with this Agreement shall be null and void, and the terms of this Section and/or Agreement shall control.
- 6. **Materials.** Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties pursuant to a separate agreement, Consultant shall furnish, at its own expense, all labor, materials, equipment, supplies and other items necessary to complete the Services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, District shall not be responsible for any damages to persons or property as a result of the use, misuse or failure of any equipment used by Consultant or Consultant's agents, personnel, employee(s), and/or subcontractor(s), even if such equipment is furnished, rented or loaned to Consultant by the District.
- 7. **Audit.** Consultant shall establish and maintain books, records, and systems of account, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, reflecting all business operations of Consultant transacted under this Agreement. Consultant understands it is asked to retain these books, records, and systems of account during the Term of this Agreement and for five (5) years thereafter. Consultant shall permit District, its agent, other representatives, or an independent auditor to audit, examine, and make excerpts, copies, and transcripts from all books and records, and to make audit(s) of all billing statements, invoices, records, and other data related to the Services covered by this Agreement, excluding privileged documents. Audit(s) may be performed once per calendar year, provided that District shall give reasonable prior notice to Consultant and shall conduct audit(s) during Consultant's normal business hours, unless Consultant otherwise consents and that a reasonable basis for the audit is provided.

8. **Independent Contractor.** Consultant, in the performance of this Agreement, shall be and act as an independent contractor. Consultant represents and warrants that: (i) Consultant is free from the control and direction of District in connection with the performance of the Services, both under the Agreement and in fact; (ii) Consultant's Services are outside the usual course of District's business; and (iii) Consultant is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, or business of the same nature as that involved in the Services.

Consultant understands and agrees that it and all of its employees shall not be considered officers, employees, agents, partner, or joint venture of District, and are not entitled to benefits of any kind or nature normally provided employees of District and/or to which District's employees are normally entitled, including, but not limited to, State Unemployment Compensation or Workers' Compensation. Consultant shall assume full responsibility for payment of all federal, state and local taxes or contributions, including unemployment insurance, social security and income taxes with respect to Consultant's employees.

9. **Performance of Services.**

9.1. **Standard of Care.** Consultant represents that Consultant has the qualifications and ability to perform the Services in a professional manner, without the advice, control or supervision of District. Consultant's services will be performed, findings obtained, reports and recommendations prepared in accordance with generally and currently accepted principles and practices of its profession for services to California school districts.

9.2. **Certificates/Permits/Licenses/Registration.** Consultant and all Consultant's employees or agents shall secure and maintain in force such certificates, permits, licenses and registration as are required by law in connection with the furnishing of Services pursuant to this Agreement. By signing this Agreement, Consultant represents and warrants that Consultant and all Consultant's employees or agents have obtained and completed all certificates, permits, licenses and registration as are required by law in connection with the furnishing of Services.

9.3. **Safety and Security.** Consultant is responsible for maintaining safety in the performance of this Agreement. Consultant shall be responsible to ascertain from the District the rules and regulations pertaining to safety, security, and driving on school grounds, particularly when children are present.

9.4. **Meetings.** If desired and agreed upon, Consultant and District may participate in regular meetings on at least a monthly basis to discuss strategies, timetables, implementations of services, and any other issues deemed relevant to the operation of Consultant's performance of Services.

9.5. **District Approval.** The Services provided herein must meet the approval of District. District may evaluate Consultant in any way District is entitled pursuant to applicable law, including, without limitation, announced and unannounced observance of Consultant, Consultant's employee(s), and/or subconsultant(s).

10. **Originality of Services.** If relevant and to the extent applicable to the Services, Consultant agrees that all technologies, formulae, procedures, processes, methods, writings, Ideas, dialogue, compositions, recordings, teleplays and video productions prepared for, written for, or submitted to District and/or used in connection with this Agreement, shall be wholly original to Consultant and shall not be copied in whole or in part from any other source, except that submitted to Consultant by District as a basis for such services.

11. **Work Product.** If relevant and to the extent applicable to the Services, Consultant understands and agrees that only products not previously existing and developed and created under this Agreement specifically for and at the request of the District shall become the property of District and cannot be used without District's express written permission. District shall have all right, title and interest in said matters, including the right to secure and maintain the copyright, trademark and/or patent of said matter in the name of the District.

12. **Curriculum.** If relevant and to the extent applicable to the Services, all original curricular materials provided in conjunction with Consultant's Services must be authorized for use by the District only and remain exclusively the intellectual property of the authors.

13. **Termination.**

13.1. **For Convenience by District.** District may, at any time, with or without reason, terminate this Agreement with thirty (30) days prior written notice to Consultant. Written notice by District shall be sufficient to stop further performance of Services by Consultant following the Notice Period. Notice shall be deemed given when received by Consultant or no later than three (3) calendar days after the day of mailing, whichever is sooner. The Parties may decide to agree upon a mutual termination

date if stoppage of Services is not practical or District requires additional time to find a replacement.

13.2. With Cause by Either Party. Either Party may terminate this Agreement for cause. Cause shall include:

- 1321. material violation by either Party of any term of this Agreement; or
- 1322. any act by Consultant exposing District to liability to others for personal injury or property damage.

In the event of such breach or violation, the notifying Party shall provide written notice to the receiving Party specifying the nature of the breach. If the receiving Party fails to cure the breach or make satisfactory arrangements to do so within (30) calendar days after receiving the notice, the notifying Party may terminate this Agreement immediately upon further written notice to the receiving Party. In the event of termination with cause by District, District may secure the required Services from another Consultant. The foregoing provisions are in addition to and not a limitation of any other rights or remedies available to the terminating Party.

13.3. Upon termination and written request by the District, if relevant and to the extent applicable to the Services, Consultant shall provide the District with all documents produced, maintained or collected by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement, whether or not such documents are final or draft documents.

14. Indemnification. To the furthest extent permitted by California law, Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless District, its Governing Board, agents, representatives, officers, consultants, employees, trustees, and volunteers (the "Indemnified Parties") from any and all claims third party arising out of, pertaining to, or relating to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Consultant. Consultant shall, to the furthest extent permitted by California law, defend the Indemnified Parties at Consultant's own expense, from any and all Claim(s) and allegations relating thereto with counsel approved by District where such approval is not to be unreasonably withheld.

In no event shall Consultant's maximum aggregate liability arising out of or related to this Agreement exceed an amount equal to the fees received by Consultant from the Customer during the previous twelve (12) month period prior to the event giving rise to the first claim brought under this agreement.

15. Insurance.

15.1. Consultant shall procure and maintain at all times it performs any portion of the Services the following insurance with minimum limits equal to the amount indicated below. To the extent reasonable, the Parties may negotiate these coverages and limits only upon the condition that they are approved by the District's risk manager.

Type of Coverage	Minimum Requirement
Commercial General Liability Insurance , including Bodily Injury, Personal Injury, Property Damage, Advertising Injury, and Medical Payments Each Occurrence General Aggregate	\$1,000,000 \$ 2 000 000
Automobile Liability Insurance - Any Auto Each Occurrence General Aggregate	\$1,000,000 \$ 2 000,000
Professional Liability Insurance (if applicable)	\$ 1 000,000
Workers' Compensation Insurance	Statutory Limits
Employer's Liability Insurance	\$ 1 000 000
Abuse and Molestation Insurance Each Occurrence General Aggregate	\$1,000,000 \$ 3,000,000

15.1.1. Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance. Commercial General Liability Insurance and Any Auto Automobile Liability Insurance that shall protect Consultant, District, and the State from all claims of bodily injury, property damage, personal injury, death, advertising injury, and medical payments arising performing any portion of the Services. (Form CG 0001 and CA 0001, or forms substantially similar, if approved by District.)

- 15.12. **Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance.** Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance for all of its employees performing any portion of the Services in accordance with provisions of section 3700 of the California Labor Code. If any class of employee or employees engaged in performing any portion of the Services under this Agreement are not protected under the Workers' Compensation Statute, adequate insurance coverage for the protection of any employee(s) not otherwise protected must be obtained before any of those employee(s) commence performing any portion of the Services. That policy shall provide employer's liability coverage per accident for bodily injury or disease. Consultant shall complete the Worker's Compensation Certificate attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.
- 15.13. **Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions).** If applicable to the Services, Professional Liability Insurance as appropriate to Consultant's profession, coverage to continue through completion of construction plus two (2) years thereafter.
- 15.14. **Abuse and Molestation Insurance.** Abuse and Molestation Insurance shall protect the Consultant and the District from all claims of bodily injury (including emotional distress), personal injury, or advertising injury because of sexual abuse, molestation, or exploitation arising out of negligent hiring, training, and supervising practices by Consultant.

15.2. **Proof of Insurance.** Consultant shall not commence performing any portion of the Services until all required insurance has been obtained and certificates indicating the required coverage have been delivered in duplicate to District and approved by District. Certificates and insurance policies shall include the following:

- 1521. Language stating In particular those Insured, extent of insurance, location and operation to which insurance applies, expiration date, to whom cancellation and reduction notice will be sent, and length of notice period.
- 1522. An endorsement for each policy stating that coverage shall not be canceled except after thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to District.
- 1523. An endorsement stating that District and its Governing Board, agents, representatives, employees, trustees, officers, consultants, and volunteers are named additional insured under all policies except Workers' Compensation Insurance, Professional Liability, and Employer's Liability Insurance. Any failure to comply with reporting or other provisions of the policies including breaches of warranties shall not affect coverage provided to the Additional Insureds.
- 1524. An endorsement stating that Consultant's insurance policies shall be primary to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by District.
- 1525. An endorsement stating that there shall be a waiver of any subrogation against the District and its respective elected officials, officers, employees, agents, representatives, contractors, trustees, and volunteers.
- 1526. All policies except the Professional Liability, Workers' Compensation, and Employer's Liability Insurance Policies shall be written on an occurrence form.
- 1527. Consultant's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

15.3. **Acceptability of Insurers.** Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A: VII, unless otherwise acceptable to District.

16. **Compliance with Laws.** Consultant shall observe and comply with all rules and regulations of the Governing Board of District and all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations. Consultant shall give all notices required by any law, ordinance, rule and regulation bearing on conduct of the Services as indicated or specified. If Consultant observes that any of the Services required by this Agreement are at variance with any such laws, ordinance, rules or regulations, Consultant shall notify District, in writing, and, at the sole option of District, any necessary changes to the scope of the Services shall be made and this Agreement shall be appropriately amended in writing, or this Agreement shall be terminated effective upon Consultant's receipt of a written termination notice from District. If Consultant performs any work that is in violation of any laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, without first notifying the District of the violation, Consultant shall bear all costs arising therefrom.

17. **Employment with Public Agency.** To the extent applicable to Consultant's employee status with other public agencies, Consultant, if an employee of another public agency, agrees that Consultant will not receive salary or remuneration, other than vacation pay, as an employee of another public agency for the actual time in which Services are actually being performed pursuant to this Agreement.
18. **Non-Discrimination.** The District is committed to providing equal opportunity for all individuals in education. Consultant understands and agrees that in providing Services to the District, it is Consultant's obligation to comply with **Board Policy 0410 (Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities) and/or Board Policy 6141 (Curriculum Development and Evaluation)**, which requires that all District programs, activities, and practices be free from discrimination based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. The Services provided by Consultant shall not reflect adversely upon persons because of their race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. By signing this Agreement, Consultant certifies that its programs, activities, and practices are free from discrimination and that it shall strictly adhere to and comply with District policies.
19. **Fingerprinting.** Pursuant to Education Code Section 45125.1, prior to the commencement of any services by Consultant, Consultant shall ensure that it and any of its personnel (officers, principals, paid or unpaid employees, volunteers, agents, subtenants and subcontractors of Consultant) ("Consultant Personnel") who may interact with pupils outside the immediate supervision and control of the student's parent or guardian or a school employee, has a valid criminal records summary as described in Education Code Section 44237 on file with the District, and shall not permit any Consultant Personnel to provide services to the District until the California Department of Justice has determined that none of the Consultant Personnel has been convicted of a felony, as that term is defined in Education Code section 45122.1. The Fingerprinting/Criminal Background Investigation Certification attached hereto as **Exhibit D** must be completed and attached to this Agreement prior to Consultant's performing of any portion of the Services. Consultant expressly acknowledges that the following conditions shall also apply to any work performed by Consultant Personnel while on a school site:
 - 19.1. All site visits shall be arranged through the District;
 - 19.2. Consultant Personnel shall inform District of their proposed activities and location at the school site, allowing District time to arrange site visits without a disruption to the educational process;
 - 19.3. Consultant Personnel shall check in with the school office each day immediately upon arriving at the school site;
 - 19.4. Once at such location, Consultant Personnel shall not change locations without contacting the District;
 - 19.5. Consultant Personnel shall not use student restroom facilities; and
 - 19.6. If Consultant Personnel find themselves alone with a student, Consultant Personnel shall immediately contact the school office and request that a member of the school staff be assigned to the work location.
20. **Tuberculosis Certification.** The Tuberculosis Certification must be completed and attached to this Agreement for any person employed under contract in a certificated or classified position per Education Code Section 49406.
21. **No Rights in Third Parties.** This Agreement does not create any rights in, or inure to the benefit of, any third party except as expressly provided herein.
22. **Limitation of District Liability.** Other than as provided in this Agreement, District's financial obligations under this Agreement shall be limited to the payment of the compensation provided in this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in no event, shall District be liable, regardless of whether any claim is based on contract or tort, for any special, consequential, indirect or incidental damages, including, but not limited to, lost profits or revenue, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement for the services performed in connection with this Agreement.

23. **Confidentiality.** Consultant and all Consultant's agents, personnel, employee(s), and/or subconsultant(s) shall maintain the confidentiality of all information received in the course of performing the Services. Consultant understands that student records are confidential and agrees to comply with all state and federal laws concerning the maintenance and disclosure of student records. This requirement to maintain confidentiality shall extend beyond the termination of this Agreement.
24. **Notice.** Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given, served, and received if given in writing and either personally delivered or deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt required, or sent by overnight delivery service, addressed as follows:

District:

Redwood City School District
 ATTN: Business Office

750 Bradford Street
 Redwood City, CA 94063

Consultant:

Newsela, Inc.
 ATTN: _____

ADDRESS: 169 Madison Ave. STE 2770
New York, NY 10016
 EMAIL: legal@newsela.com

Any notice personally given or sent by electronic mail shall be effective upon receipt. Any notice sent by overnight delivery service shall be effective the business day next following delivery thereof to the overnight delivery service. Any notice given by mail shall be effective three (3) calendar days after deposit in the United States mail.

25. **Disputes.** In the event of a dispute between the parties as to performance of the Services, the interpretation of this Agreement, or payment or nonpayment for work performed or not performed, the parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute in good faith. Pending resolution of the dispute, Consultant agrees it will neither rescind the Agreement nor stop the performance of the Services, but will allow determination by the court of the State of California, in San Mateo County, having competent jurisdiction of the dispute. Disputes may be determined by mediation if mutually agreeable, otherwise by litigation. Notice of the demand for mediation of a dispute shall be filed in writing with the other party to the Agreement. The demand for mediation shall be made within a reasonable time after written notice of the dispute has been provided to the other party, but in no case longer than ninety (90) days after initial written notice. If a claim, or any portion thereof, remains in dispute upon satisfaction of all applicable dispute resolution requirements, Consultant shall comply with all claims presentation requirements as provided in Chapter 1 (commencing with section 900) and Chapter 2 (commencing with section 910) of Part 3 of Division 3.6 of Title 1 of Government Code as a condition precedent to Consultant's right to bring a civil action against District.
26. **Attorney's Fees/Costs.** Should litigation be necessary to enforce any terms or provisions of this Agreement, then each party shall bear its own litigation and collection expenses, witness fees, court costs and attorney's fees.
27. **Integration/Entire Agreement of Parties.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, and agreements, whether oral or written. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by both Parties.
28. **California Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and the rights, duties and obligations of the Parties shall be determined and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California. The Parties further agree that any action or proceeding brought to enforce the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be maintained in San Mateo County, California.
29. **Waiver.** The waiver by either party of any breach of any term, covenant, or condition herein contained shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term, covenant, condition, or any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant, or condition herein contained.
30. **Severability.** If any term, condition or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force and effect, and shall not be affected, impaired or invalidated in any way.
31. **Assignment.** The obligations of Consultant pursuant to this Agreement shall not be assigned by Consultant. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary in this Agreement, Company shall have the right without consent to assign this Agreement or rights hereunder or delegate obligations (a) to any affiliate of Company, or (b) to any third party that has acquired all or substantially all of its assets or business, whether by merger, acquisition, transfer, reorganization or otherwise; provided that any such assignment or delegation to any affiliate or third party

acquirer is conditioned upon assignee's assumption of all obligations and liabilities of the Company hereunder.

32. **Provisions Required By Law Deemed Inserted.** Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be inserted in this Agreement shall be deemed to be inserted herein and this Agreement shall be read and enforced as though it were included therein.
33. **Authority to Bind Parties.** Neither party in the performance of any and all duties under this Agreement, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, has any authority to bind the other to any agreements or undertakings.
34. **Captions and Interpretations.** Paragraph headings in this Agreement are used solely for convenience, and shall be wholly disregarded in the construction of this Agreement. No provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted for or against a party because that party or its legal representative drafted such provision, and this Agreement shall be construed as if jointly prepared by the Parties.
35. **Calculation of Time.** For the purposes of this Agreement, "days" refers to calendar days unless otherwise specified.
36. **Signature Authority.** Each party has the full power and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement, and the person signing this Agreement on behalf of each Party has been properly authority and empowered to enter into this Agreement.
37. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original. A facsimile or electronic signature shall be deemed to be the equivalent of the actual original signature. All counterparts so executed shall constitute one Agreement binding all the Parties hereto.

Incorporation of Recitals and Exhibits. The Recitals and each exhibit attached hereto are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date Indicated below.

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

Redwood City School District

Consultant/Company: Newsela, Inc.

By: _____

By: Bryan Caplin

Print Name: John R. Baker, Ed.D

Print Name: Bryan Caplin

Print Title: Superintendent

Print Title: Chief Revenue Officer

Redwood City School District

Dated: _____

By: _____

Print Name: Rick Edson RE

Print Title: Chief Business Official

Information regarding Consultant:

License No.: _____

47-1882828

Registration No.: _____

Employer Identification and/or
Social Security Number

Address: 169 Madison Ave. STE 2770
New York, NY 10016

Telephone: 646-450-0005

Facsimile: _____

E-Mail: legal@newsela.com

NOTE: Section 6041 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 6041) and Section 1.6041-1 of Title 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations (26 C.F.R. 1.6041-1) requires the recipients of \$600.00 or more to furnish their taxpayer information to the payer. In order to comply with these requirements, District requires Consultant to furnish the information requested in this section.

Type of Business Entity:
 Individual
 Sole Proprietorship
 Partnership
 Limited Partnership
 Corporation, State: Delaware
 Limited Liability Company
other: _____

EXHIBIT A
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CONSULTANT

Consultant's entire Proposal is **not** made part of this Agreement.

Newsela is an instructional content platform designed to make learning more engaging and effective for K-12 students. Newsela provides articles and other content that are differentiated and accessible for students at various reading levels.

**EXHIBIT B
HOURLY BILLING RATES AND/OR UNIT PRICES**

Blended Learning District Suite - \$17.49/student

Newsela Writing - \$1.53/student

Individual Virtual Add-On Session - \$750/session

EXHIBIT C

WORKERS' COMPENSATION CERTIFICATION

Labor Code Section 3700 in relevant part provides:

Every employer except the State shall secure the payment of compensation in one or more of the following ways:

- By being insured against liability to pay compensation by one or more insurers duly authorized to write compensation insurance in this State.
- By securing from the Director of Industrial Relations a certificate of consent to self-insure, which may be given upon furnishing satisfactory proof to the Director of Industrial Relations of ability to self-insure and to pay any compensation that may become due to its employees.

I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Services of this Agreement.

Date: 06 / 12 / 2026
Name of Consultant: Newsela, Inc.
Signature: *Bryan Caplin*
Print Name and Title: Bryan Caplin, Chief Revenue Officer

(In accordance with Article 5 – commencing at Section 1860, Chapter 1, part 7, Division 2 of the Labor Code, the above certificate must be signed and filed with District prior to performing any Services under this Agreement.)

EXHIBIT D
FINGERPRINT AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK CERTIFICATION

In accordance with the Department of Justice fingerprint and criminal background investigation requirements of Education Code section 45125.1 et seq.

With respect to the Independent Consultant Agreement for Services ("Agreement") between the Redwood City School District ("District") and Newsela, Inc. ("Consultant"):

One of the boxes below must be checked with regard to Consultant and Consultant's personnel (officers, principals, paid or unpaid employees, volunteers, agents, subtenants and subcontractors of Consultant who will provide services under the Agreement) ("Consultant's Personnel") and the arrangements verified by an authorized representative of District prior to commencement of the Agreement.

Fingerprinting/Background Check requirements do not apply because Consultant/Consultant's Personnel will not have any interaction with District pupils based on the type of service being provided, the location at which services will be provided, or for other reason (Specify):

Consultant/Consultant's Personnel qualify for a waiver of fingerprint/criminal background check requirements on the following basis:

_____ The services provided by Consultant/Consultant's Personnel are for an emergency or exceptional situation, such as when pupil health or safety is endangered or when repairs are needed to make school facilities safe and habitable. [Ed. Code, §45125.1(b)]

_____ Consultant/Consultant's Personnel will have no interaction with District pupils that is not under the immediate supervision and control of the pupil's parent/guardian. Enter details of parental supervision:

_____ Consultant/Consultant's Personnel will have no interaction with pupils that is not under the immediate supervision and control of a District employee who has been properly fingerprinted and undergone background checks. Enter details of District employee supervision arrangements:

Consultant is a sole proprietor who may interact with District pupils not under the immediate supervision of a pupil's parent, guardian or District employee, and in accordance with the fingerprinting requirements of Education Code section 45125.1(h), hereby agrees to the District's preparation and submission of fingerprints so that the California Department of Justice may determine (A) that Consultant has not been convicted of a felony, as that term is defined in Education Code section 45122.1 and/or (B) that the prohibition does not apply to an employee as provided by Education Code section 45125.1(e)(2) or (3). No work or action under the Agreement shall commence until the Department of Justice ascertains that Consultant has not been convicted of a felony as defined in Government Code Section 45122.1.

Consultant is not a sole proprietor and has complied with the fingerprinting requirements of Education Code section 45125.1 with respect to all Consultant's Personnel who may interact with District pupils not under the immediate supervision of a pupil's parent, guardian or District employee during the term of the Agreement, and the California Department of Justice has determined (A) that none of Consultant's Personnel has been convicted of a felony, as that term is defined in Education Code section 45122.1 and/or (B) that the prohibition does not apply to an employee as provided by Education Code section 45125.1(e)(2) or (3). When the Consultant performs the criminal background check, it shall immediately provide any subsequent arrest and conviction information it receives to the District pursuant to the

subsequent arrest service. A complete and accurate list of Consultant's Personnel who may come in contact with District pupils during the course and scope of the Agreement is attached hereto. No work or action under the Agreement shall commence until the Department of Justice ascertains that none of Consultant's Personnel has been convicted of a felony as defined in Government Code Section 45122.1.

CONSULTANT CERTIFICATION

I am a representative of the Consultant entering into this Agreement with the District, and I am familiar with the facts herein certified, and am authorized and qualified to execute this certificate on behalf of the Consultant. By signing below, I certify that the information contained on this certification form is accurate. I understand that it is Consultant's sole responsibility to maintain, update, and provide the District with current "Fingerprint and Criminal Background Check Certification" information for all Consultant's Personnel throughout the duration of the Agreement. **A list of Consultant's Personnel is attached hereto as Attachment A.**

Date: 06 / 12 / 2026
Consultant: Newsela, Inc.
Signature: *Bryan Caplin*
Print Name: Bryan Caplin
Title: Chief Revenue Officer

ATTACHMENT "A" to FINGERPRINT CERTIFICATION

Consultant's Personnel

Name/Company: _____

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If further space is required for the list of personnel, attach additional copies of this page.

EXHIBIT E
TUBERCULOSIS CERTIFICATION

***In accordance with the tuberculosis ("TB") certification requirements of
Education Code section 49406 (Contract Employees Only)***

With respect to the Agreement between the Redwood City School District ("District") and
Newsela, Inc. ("Consultant"):

PLEASE CHECK ALL APPROPRIATE BOXES AND SIGN BELOW.

Consultant hereby certifies to the District that it and, if applicable, its employees shall only have limited or no contact (as determined by the District) with District students at all times during the Term of this Agreement; OR

Consultant and, if applicable, the following employees of Consultant shall have more than limited contact (as determined by the District) with District students during the Term of this Agreement and, at no cost to the District, has or have received a TB risk assessment or examination in full compliance with the requirements of Education Code section 49406:

1. _____
2. _____
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[Attach and sign additional pages, as needed.]

Consultant shall maintain on file the certificates showing that the individuals listed above submitted a TB risk assessment, and, if TB risk factors were identified, were examined to determine that he or she is free of infectious TB. These forms shall be regularly maintained and updated by Consultant and shall be available to District upon request or audit.

Consultant further agrees and acknowledges that all new personnel hired after the Effective Date of this Agreement are subject to the TB certification requirements and shall be prohibited from having any contact with District students until the TB certification requirements have been satisfied and District determines whether any such contact is permissible.

CERTIFICATION

I am the Consultant or a representative thereof, and I am familiar with the facts herein certified, and am authorized and qualified to execute this certificate on behalf of Consultant. By signing below, under penalty of perjury, I certify that the information contained on this certification form and attached employee list(s) is accurate. I understand that it is Consultant's sole responsibility to maintain, update, and provide the District with current "Tuberculosis Certification," along with the employee list, throughout the duration of Consultant's-provided services.

Date: 06 / 12 / 2026
Name of Consultant: Newsela, Inc.
Signature: *Bryan Caplin*
Print Name and Title: Bryan Caplin, Chief Revenue Officer

Order Form

Billing Information:Billing Frequency: Upfront in full
Payment Terms: Net 30
Billing Schedule: Upon license start date**Order Form No.** Q-172894
Newsela Contact: Meghan Kennedy
Contact Email: meghan.kennedy@newsela.com
Offer Date: June 12, 2026
Expiration Date: June 30, 2026**To:**
Cathy James
Redwood City Elementary School District
750 Bradford St
Redwood City, CA 94063-1727

Qty	Products/Services	Line Total
1	Newsela	\$80,339.99
Contract Total		\$80,339.99

*See table above or Appendix for Product/Services details and License Dates.

This Order Form, the Terms of Service [available here](#), and the terms of any Statement of Work provided for the order of any Custom Collection, if applicable, which are hereby incorporated by this reference, is entered into by and between Newsela, Inc., and its parents, subsidiaries and affiliates, having an office at 169 Madison Ave., #2770, New York, NY 10016 (together "Newsela") and the customer named above, having an office at the address set forth above ("Customer"). All capitalized terms used in this Order Form and not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Terms of Service linked above. This Order Form is subject to the Terms of Service linked above, Newsela's Privacy Policy and, where applicable, any additional Terms and Conditions, or other binding RFP or binding bid signed by and between the Parties (together the "Customer Agreement").

The Customer Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with regards to this subject matter, and supersedes all written or oral understandings, proposals, bids, offers, purchase or delivery orders, negotiations, agreements or communications of every kind. Additionally, the Customer Agreement specifically supersedes the terms and conditions of any Purchase Order delivered to Newsela after this Customer Agreement is executed and any such terms and conditions shall not be applicable or considered a part of the terms and conditions that govern this engagement. The Customer's internal requirements for Purchase Orders does not relieve Customer of its obligation to pay Newsela for all years included herein. This Customer Agreement and the terms contained therein are intended only for the Customer and should be kept confidential.

Term: The subscription for the above-identified Newsela Products will commence and end as defined above, or in the License Dates Section of the Appendix in this Customer Agreement. By signing this Order Form, the Customer agrees to the pricing per product and quantity breakdowns underlying this Order Form, which will be provided by Newsela upon request at any time and will also be provided on the invoice unless requested otherwise. Failure of the Customer to make

use of the Products during their respective License Dates specified herein will not extend Newsela’s obligation to deliver those Products/Services beyond those dates.

Following the Subscription End Date, unless prohibited by law, this Customer Agreement will renew for the Products/Services licensed hereunder for successive periods equal in length to the greater of the Term or 12 months (a ‘Renewal Term’). If this Customer Agreement is so renewed, Customer agrees the prices payable for such Renewal Term shall be the prevailing rates then offered by Newsela for the licensed products stated above.

Fees: The Customer agrees to pay the Contract Grand Total set forth above per the Billing Terms noted above upon execution of this Customer Agreement. If a Purchase Order is required, Customer shall submit the Purchase Order to Newsela in accordance with the Billing Information set forth hereinabove by emailing it to billing@newsela.com and including “Customer Agreement No. Q-172894” in the subject line, otherwise a purchase order shall not be required for payment. Service will be suspended at Newsela’s discretion if payment is not received by Newsela in accordance with the Billing Terms noted above. Failure of the Customer to use the Products/Services will not relieve Customer of its obligation to pay hereunder.

The individual executing this Customer Agreement has the authority to execute this agreement and bind the Customer, and Newsela has the right to rely on that authorization. The individual executing this Customer Agreement also certifies that there is funding in place for years included herein.

1. Purchase Order Information

If you need a Purchase Order, please fill out the following information.

PO Required:

PO Number:

PO Amount:

2. Billing Information

Provide the billing service representative to whom the invoice should be addressed.

Bill-To Name:

Bill-To Email:

By initialing here, I agree that the billing details stated above are current and accurate. _____

Prices shown above do not include any state and local taxes that may apply. Any such taxes are the responsibility of the Customer and will appear on the final invoice (if applicable). If the contracting entity is exempt from sales tax, please send the required tax exemption documents along with the order form number (Q-172894) to salestax@newsela.com.

3. Is your organization exempt from sales tax?

Please enter **Yes** or **No**:

Authorized Signature:

Date of Signature:

Appendix

Products Breakdown

Sites	Product Code	Products Names	License Dates
12	ATG129	Blended Learning District Suite	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
12	ATG204	Newsela Writing	07/01/26 - 06/30/27

Services Breakdown

Qty	Product Code	Services	License Dates
1	ATG016	Individual Virtual Add-On Session	07/01/26 - 06/30/27

Product/Service Breakdown Per School

Line#	Schools	Products/Services	License Dates
1	ADELANTE SELBY SPANISH IMMERSION SCHOOL	Blended Learning District Suite	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
2	ADELANTE SELBY SPANISH IMMERSION SCHOOL	Newsela Writing	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
3	CLIFFORD ELEMENTARY	Blended Learning District Suite	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
4	CLIFFORD ELEMENTARY	Newsela Writing	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
5	FORD (HENRY) ELEMENTARY	Blended Learning District Suite	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
6	FORD (HENRY) ELEMENTARY	Newsela Writing	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
7	GARFIELD SCHOOL	Blended Learning District Suite	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
8	GARFIELD SCHOOL	Newsela Writing	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
9	HOOVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL	Blended Learning District Suite	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
10	HOOVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL	Newsela Writing	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
11	KENNEDY (JOHN F.) MIDDLE SCHOOL	Blended Learning District Suite	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
12	KENNEDY (JOHN F.) MIDDLE SCHOOL	Newsela Writing	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
13	McKINLEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	Blended Learning District Suite	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
14	McKINLEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	Newsela Writing	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
15	NORTH STAR ACADEMY (ELEM)	Blended Learning District Suite	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
16	NORTH STAR ACADEMY (ELEM)	Newsela Writing	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
17	ORION ALTERNATIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Blended Learning District Suite	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
18	ORION ALTERNATIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Newsela Writing	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
19	REDWOOD CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT	Individual Virtual Add-On Session	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
20	ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY	Blended Learning District Suite	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
21	ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY	Newsela Writing	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
22	ROY CLOUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Blended Learning District Suite	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
23	ROY CLOUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Newsela Writing	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
24	TAFT COMMUNITY SCHOOL	Blended Learning District Suite	07/01/26 - 06/30/27
25	TAFT COMMUNITY SCHOOL	Newsela Writing	07/01/26 - 06/30/27