

## CUSTOM MASTER SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

This Custom Master Subscription Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between NWEA, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company with a business address located at 125 High Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02110 ("NWEA"), and DeKalb County School District, with a business address at 1701 Mountain Industrial Blvd., Stone Mountain, GA 30083 ("Subscriber") and is effective July 1, 2023 ("Effective Date").

The parties agree as follows:

### 1. Definitions.

**1.1 Anonymized Data:** means any Student Education Record rendered anonymous in such a manner that the student is no longer identifiable. For example, this includes non-identifiable student assessment data and results, and other metadata, testing response times, scores (e.g. goals, RIT), NCES codes, responses, item parameters, and item sequences that result from the Services.

**1.2 Assessment System:** means, to the extent included in an applicable Schedule, the following assessment, reporting, and administration systems: (i) MAP® Growth or (ii) MAP® Reading Fluency, each a product ("Product"). Assessment System excludes Subscriber's operating environment and any other systems not within NWEA's control.

**1.3 Content:** means test items, including images, text, graphs, charts, and pictures.

**1.4 Deidentified Data (Pseudonymized Data):** means a Student Education Record processed in a manner in which the Student Education Record can no longer be attributed to a specific student without the use of additional information, provided that such additional information is kept separately using technical and organizational measures.

**1.5 Documentation:** means Product documentation made available to Subscriber by NWEA, which includes technical manuals, but excludes any marketing materials or brochures.

**1.6 FERPA:** means the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(a)(4)(A)(ii), 1232g(b)(1), as amended from time to time.

**1.7 GRD:** means the Growth Research Database used to generate longitudinal studies, alignment studies, linking studies, norming studies, and other research reports that Subscriber and other subscribers may receive.

**1.8 NWEA Confidential Information:** means all NWEA non-public, proprietary or confidential information, in oral, visual, written, electronic or other tangible or intangible form, whether or not marked or designated as confidential, including without limitation all NWEA Content, test scripts, underlying ideas, algorithms, item calibrations, concepts, procedures, processes, principles, know-how, and methods of operation that comprise the Services, including updates, enhancements, modifications, and improvements.

**1.9 Reporting:** means Product reports, learning statements, research studies, and scoring.

**1.10 Schedule:** means one or more applicable order schedules or other order documents, including, upon renewal, any confirmation page generated by NWEA's online account renewal portal, which are considered incorporated into this Agreement.

**1.11 Security Breach:** has the meaning ascribed to that term by the applicable state law, or, if not defined by state law, means actual evidence of a confirmed unauthorized acquisition of, access to, or unauthorized use of any Student Education Record(s).

**1.12 Services:** means the Assessment System, Content, Documentation, Product training, professional learning, Reporting, Software, GRD, and other services as described in this Agreement and set forth in an applicable Schedule.

**1.13 Software:** means (i) any web-based or client-server software made available to Subscriber by NWEA; (ii) a lockdown browser sublicensed through NWEA from a third party that facilitates access to the Services; (iii) NWEA software that supports client server assessments; and (iv) any other software set forth in the Supplemental Terms.

**1.14 Student Education Record:** means personally identifiable information of Subscriber's students as defined by FERPA and any applicable state law.

**1.15 Supplemental Terms:** means the Services-specific terms available at [http://legal.nwea.org/msa\\_supplemental\\_terms.pdf](http://legal.nwea.org/msa_supplemental_terms.pdf) which are incorporated herein by reference.

**1.16 Systems Administrator:** means the Subscriber-designated individual who, within the Assessment System, is authorized to: (i) modify assessment preferences for Subscriber; (ii) create and modify user profiles for roles including lead roles (i.e. data administrator, assessment coordinator); and (iii) declare testing complete for Subscriber.

**2. Grant of License.** NWEA grants to Subscriber a nonexclusive, nontransferable, limited license to access, use, display, and install or download a copy, as needed, of the Services solely for Subscriber's internal use. The license is effective for a period of one (1) year commencing on the date NWEA makes the Software available to Subscriber, unless otherwise specified in an applicable Schedule. The Services extend only to the quantity indicated on an applicable Schedule. Subscriber acknowledges Product limitations on the number of test events per academic year (see Supplemental Terms).

### **3. Protection from Unauthorized Use or Access.**

Subscriber shall not: (i) copy, distribute, reproduce, resell, publish, license, create derivative works, transfer, rent, lease, or sublicense any or all of the Services; (ii) exploit for any commercial purposes any portion of the Services or permit use of the Services by anyone not employed by or under the control of Subscriber; (iii) remove any proprietary notices or labels from the Services; (iv) use the Services in an attempt to, or in conjunction with, any device, program, or service designed to circumvent technological measures employed to control access to, distribution of, or rights in, the Services. Subscriber shall use reasonably secure measures to prevent unauthorized use (e.g., copying test items) by its end users. Further, Subscriber shall reproduce all copyright, trademark, and other proprietary notices and legends on each copy, or partial copy, of the Services. Subscriber will deactivate and remove from any equipment under its control any prior versions of the Services.

**4. Ownership.** The Services are owned and copyrighted by NWEA and are licensed through this Agreement to Subscriber, except certain Software is sublicensed from an NWEA supplier. All right, title, and interest in the Services and all copies, updates, enhancements, modifications, and improvements, along with all associated intellectual property rights, remain with NWEA, regardless of either: (i) the source giving rise to the intellectual property; or (ii) any modifications or adaptations made for the benefit of Subscriber. The Services, and all updates, enhancements, modifications, and improvements, are protected by United States and international intellectual property laws and treaties. Subscriber is not granted any license to use NWEA's or its suppliers' trade or service marks. Additionally, NWEA retains all right, title, and interest in its trade and service marks. Subscriber shall allow NWEA to use, without restriction or royalty obligation, any comments, suggestions, or contributions provided by Subscriber with respect to the Services. Subscriber grants and assigns to NWEA any intellectual property rights that Subscriber may incidentally obtain or have with respect to any such comments, suggestions, or contributions.

**5. NWEA Confidential Information.** Subscriber shall not use, disclose, or distribute any NWEA Confidential Information, directly or indirectly, without the prior written consent of NWEA, except that NWEA authorizes Subscriber to disclose NWEA Confidential Information: (i) to Subscriber's employees or agents who have signed written confidentiality and nondisclosure agreements before such disclosure; and (ii) as required by applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation, or a Legal Order. Before making any disclosure under Section 5(ii), Subscriber shall provide NWEA: (a) prompt written notice of such requirement so that NWEA may seek, at its sole cost and expense, a protective order or other remedy; and (b) reasonable

assistance, at NWEA's cost and expense, in opposing such disclosure or seeking a protective order or other limitations on disclosure. If, after providing such notice and assistance as required in this Section, the Subscriber remains subject to a Legal Order to disclose any NWEA Confidential Information, the Subscriber (or its representatives or other persons to whom such Legal Order is directed) may disclose no more than that portion of the NWEA Confidential Information which, on the advice of Subscriber's legal counsel, specifically requires the Subscriber to disclose. For any such disclosure, Subscriber shall use best efforts to obtain written assurances from the applicable court or agency that such NWEA Confidential Information will be afforded confidential treatment. NWEA understands and agrees that Subscriber must comply with the Georgia Open Records Act O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70 and release public documents as defined by the Act upon request, including this Agreement all public records prepared and maintained in relation to this Agreement. NWEA shall have two (2) business days, upon Subscriber's written notice of such public records request to determine whether any portion of any public records are private information of NWEA and redact such portions of the public record, as applicable.

### **6. Student Education Records.**

#### **6.1 Privacy - Student Education Records.**

Subscriber shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws regarding use, access, and disclosure of Student Education Records. The foregoing obligation includes but is not limited to, Subscriber's compliance with its policies regarding parental and guardian consents required for NWEA and its contractors to provide Services to Subscriber under this Agreement. NWEA and Subscriber acknowledge that NWEA will collect, use and disclose Student Education Records consistent with the [NWEA Privacy Policy – Assessment System](#).

**6.2 Subscriber's Ownership of Student Education Records.** Subscriber owns the Student Education Records.

**7. FERPA.** In accordance with FERPA, NWEA may maintain and use Student Education Records to perform the Services and may disclose Anonymized Data to third parties for legitimate educational research. Subscriber is responsible for any notices to parents required under FERPA and for providing parents and guardians with an opportunity to inspect and challenge the contents of a Student Education Record. If NWEA receives a request from a parent or guardian challenging the content of a Student Education Record maintained by NWEA, NWEA shall contact Subscriber to validate the identity of the parent or guardian and student and request instructions regarding corrective action to be taken, if any. Once validated, NWEA shall correct the erroneous Student Education Record as directed by Subscriber in writing.

**8. GRD.** Subscriber authorizes NWEA to use Student Education Records in the GRD, commencing on the Effective Date or upon the date that Subscriber used or ordered Services, whichever is earlier. NWEA and Subscriber acknowledge that the permissions and obligations expressed in this Agreement survive the termination of this Agreement and any renewals. As described in Section 15, NWEA will maintain Student Education Records after termination of this Agreement for Services which may include, but are not limited to, Subscriber's access to Reporting and research-related Services and to validate the authenticity of data in such Reporting. If NWEA receives Subscriber's written request to opt out of participation in the GRD, NWEA will deidentify Student Education Records in the GRD. As a result of opting out of the GRD, certain research reports are unavailable to Subscriber due to the inability to accurately link student data with research data. Subscriber's written request must be sent via email to [legalservices@nwea.org](mailto:legalservices@nwea.org) and include the following: (i) requestor's name, title and contact information; (ii) the name of requesting school or entity with NCES #; (iii) a request to deidentify Student Education Records in the GRD; and (iv) an attestation that requestor is duly authorized and has legal capacity to execute the request.

**9. Security and Privacy Obligations.**

**9.1 Subscriber Responsibilities.** Subscriber is solely responsible for configuring role-based access for its employees and authorized third parties to Student Education Records within the Assessment System and for ensuring the security and availability of Subscriber's own passwords, computers, computer networks, and internet connections, including security patches, choice of browser and browser configuration settings to be used with the Assessment System, email, and other transmissions. Subscriber acknowledges that its Systems Administrator controls the access and security points of the Assessment Systems. Annually, Subscriber shall remove any inactive Systems Administrators and confirm to NWEA the names of its active Systems Administrators. The Assessment System may contain mechanical or electronic methods to prevent unauthorized use or distribution of the Services. Subscriber shall not disable or circumvent such control devices. Subscriber acknowledges that the validity and accuracy of the Reporting depends upon the accuracy and completeness of the class roster file Subscriber submits.

**9.2 NWEA Responsibilities.** Subject to the limitations of warranty set forth in Section 18 of the Agreement, NWEA shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to protect Student Education Records from unauthorized access, acquisition, or disclosure, destruction, alteration, accidental loss, misuse, or damage that are no less rigorous than accepted industry practices to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Student

Education Records. NWEA has an incident response program that specifies the actions to be taken in the event of a Security Breach. NWEA shall notify Subscriber by email or telephone in accordance with applicable state law or without unreasonable delay, whichever occurs sooner, after a Security Breach. In the event of a Security Breach, Subscriber shall cooperate fully with NWEA so that NWEA can comply with its notification obligations to the affected parent(s), legal guardian(s), eligible student(s), or any other parties for which notification by NWEA is required under applicable state law. More information regarding NWEA's information security program can be found in our [MAP@ Growth™ Security Whitepaper](#).

**10. Fees and Taxes.** Subscriber shall pay the fees set forth on the applicable Schedule. Subscriber is a tax-exempt entity, and shall send NWEA written evidence of such tax exemption and any other documentation as NWEA may reasonably request related to assessing taxes applicable to Subscriber.

**11. Billing; Payment; and Orders.** Subscriber shall use its best efforts to determine the number of students to be tested by Subscriber. NWEA shall send an invoice based on the applicable Schedule to Subscriber, and Subscriber shall pay the amount due within 30 days of the invoice date by mailing a check or depositing the amount due via a wire transfer. Subscriber must contact NWEA at [accountsreceivable@nwea.org](mailto:accountsreceivable@nwea.org) for wire transfer instructions. If Subscriber underestimates the number of students tested, NWEA may submit an amended invoice to capture the additional students tested, and Subscriber shall pay the variance within 30 days of the amended invoice date. Any purchase order, credit card order, or other order document with sufficient information for NWEA to process the order that is accepted by NWEA will be governed by this Agreement, provided however, the terms and conditions in any purchase order accepted by NWEA shall not be binding upon NWEA and shall not modify the terms of this Agreement. All orders, including Schedules, license renewals, and/or other order documents will be governed by the terms of this Agreement. NWEA reserves the right to increase its then-current list prices and introduce new list prices upon 30 days notice to Subscriber. Any such increases will only become effective upon renewal of a Subscription term.

**12. Amendments and Renewals.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, terms of any purchase orders or written authorizations issued by Subscriber or any other communications which are additional to or inconsistent with this Agreement are not binding unless NWEA expressly assents to such terms in writing. Any Renewal Term exercised pursuant to Section 14 herein as well as any expansions during the Initial Term or any Renewal Term are governed by this Agreement (including all NWEA order forms). The conditions of payment described in Sections 10 and 11 apply to all

renewals and expansions. Subscriber shall make all payments under this Agreement to NWEA.

**13. Product Training.** If Subscriber is new to the Services, Subscriber's teachers and staff administering the Services must, at Subscriber's cost, participate in NWEA introductory product training before testing begins (e.g. MAP Admin Workshop if Subscriber subscribes to MAP Growth or Client Server MAP). Before testing commences, Subscriber shall assign a member of its staff to coordinate the logistics of setting up the training. If Subscriber experiences staff change that affects the administration of the Services, Subscriber shall promptly notify NWEA in writing. NWEA may require Subscriber to send any new staff to introductory NWEA product training.

**14. Publicity.** Intentionally Deleted

**15. Term; Termination; and Remedies.** This Agreement remains in effect from its effective date and shall continue for a period of one year from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 ("Initial Term"). In addition to the Initial Term, there are three (3) annual options to renew this Agreement (each a "Renewal Term") to be exercised at the sole discretion of Subscriber. Either party may terminate by providing the other party thirty (30) days written notice of its intent to terminate for convenience. NWEA may terminate immediately and/or suspend Services with 30 days prior written notice to Subscriber upon Subscriber's breach of this Agreement. Prior to terminating or suspending, Subscriber shall be given 30 days to cure any alleged breach. In the event of Subscriber's breach which remains uncured for which fees have been previously paid by Subscriber during the Initial Term or any Renewal Term, NWEA is not obligated to refund any fees. Either party may seek any legal or equitable remedy available against the other party for breach of the terms of this Agreement, including without limitation, injunctive relief and specific performance. After termination of the Agreement, NWEA shall continue to maintain Student Education Records until: (i) NWEA receives Subscriber's written request to destroy Student Education Records via email to [legalservices@nwea.org](mailto:legalservices@nwea.org) that includes requestor's name, title, contact information, name of requesting school or entity with NCES #, and attestation that Subscriber is duly authorized and has legal capacity to execute the request; and (ii) NWEA confirms the information in Subscriber's written request or for a period of 1 year as required by applicable records requirements laws, whichever period is longer. Thereafter, NWEA shall destroy the Student Education Records without undue delay or as otherwise required under applicable state law. Subscriber understands and agrees that if NWEA destroys Subscriber's Student Education Records, NWEA will not be able to provide such data to Subscriber after its destruction.

**16. Support.** NWEA will provide to Subscriber limited support, updates, enhancements, modifications, improvements, and maintenance services.

**17. Scheduled Maintenance.** NWEA has system maintenance periods throughout the year that affect Subscriber's use of the Services, including Subscriber's ability to (i) upload or download student and test data; (ii) access Reporting; or (iii) interact with any of NWEA's websites. NWEA provides notice of regularly scheduled maintenance at NWEA.org (<https://www.nwea.org>). NWEA may perform emergency maintenance, at any time without notice.

**18. Limited Warranty.**

**18.1 Performance Warranty.** NWEA warrants, during the subscription period, that the Product(s), as delivered by NWEA and when used in accordance with the Documentation and the terms of this Agreement, will substantially perform in accordance with the Documentation. If any Product does not operate as warranted and Subscriber has provided written notice of the non-conformity to NWEA within thirty (30) days of discovery of such non-conformity, NWEA shall at its option (i) repair the applicable Product; (ii) replace the applicable Product with a system of substantially the same functionality; or (iii) terminate the license to the non-conforming Product and provide Subscriber a pro-rata refund representing the portion of any fees previously paid for the unused portion of the terminated license for such Product measured from the effective date of termination. The foregoing warranty specifically excludes defects in or non-conformance of the Assessment System resulting from (a) use of the Assessment System in a manner not in accordance with the Documentation except as otherwise authorized in writing by NWEA; (b) modifications or enhancements to the Assessment System made by or on behalf of Subscriber except as otherwise authorized in writing by NWEA; (c) combining the Assessment System with products, software or devices not provided by NWEA; (d) improper or inadequate maintenance of Subscriber's own computers, computer networks, operating environment, security programs, and internet connections; or (e) computer hardware malfunctions, unauthorized repair, accident, or abuse.

**18.2 Disclaimer.** EXCEPT FOR THE EXPRESS LIMITED WARRANTY PROVIDED IN SECTION 18, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED "AS-IS" WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF (i) MERCHANTABILITY; (ii) FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE; (iii) QUALITY; (iv) PRODUCTIVENESS; OR (v) CAPACITY, OR THAT THE OPERATION OF THE SERVICES IS ERROR-FREE. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HERE, THE ENTIRE RISK AND LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF USE OF THE SERVICES REMAINS WITH SUBSCRIBER. THERE IS NO WARRANTY FOR DATA SECURITY OR PERFORMANCE ISSUES (a) CAUSED BY FACTORS

OUTSIDE OF NWEA'S REASONABLE CONTROL; OR (b) RESULTING FROM ANY ACTION OR INACTION OF SUBSCRIBER OR ANY THIRD PARTIES; OR (c) RESULTING FROM SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE PERIODS. NWEA CANNOT CONTROL PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICES BASED ON THE FLOW OF DATA TO OR FROM NWEA'S NETWORK OR OVER THE INTERNET, WHICH DEPEND IN LARGE PART ON THE PERFORMANCE OF INTERNET SERVICES PROVIDED OR CONTROLLED BY THIRD PARTIES. AT TIMES, ACTIONS OR INACTIONS OF SUCH THIRD PARTIES CAN IMPAIR OR DISRUPT SUBSCRIBER'S CONNECTIONS TO THE INTERNET. ALTHOUGH NWEA USES COMMERCIAL REASONABLE EFFORTS TO REMEDY AND AVOID SUCH EVENTS, NWEA DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT SUCH EVENTS WILL NOT OCCUR. ACCORDINGLY, NWEA DISCLAIMS ANY LIABILITY RESULTING FROM OR RELATED TO SUCH EVENTS. THE REMEDIES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION 18 ARE SUBSCRIBER'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES AND NWEA'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE LIABILITY REGARDING THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FAILURE TO PERFORM AS WARRANTED IN THIS SECTION 18.

19. Limitation of Liability. EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT PROHIBITED BY APPLICABLE LAW, IN NO EVENT IS NWEA LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES OR EXPENSES WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, DAMAGES FOR LOST PROFITS, LOST OPPORTUNITY, LOST SAVINGS, LOSS OF GOODWILL, LOST BUSINESS, LOSS OF ANTICIPATED BENEFITS, BUSINESS INTERRUPTION, LOSS OF BUSINESS INFORMATION, LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO DATA, COMPUTER FAILURE OR MALFUNCTION, OR ANY OTHER INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, OR PECUNIARY LOSS, WHETHER BASED IN CONTRACT, TORT, OR OTHERWISE, ARISING OUT OF THE USE OF OR INABILITY TO USE THE SERVICES, EVEN IF NWEA HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. NWEA'S ENTIRE LIABILITY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT ACTUALLY PAID BY SUBSCRIBER FOR THE RIGHT TO USE THE PRODUCT IN THE TWELVE MONTHS PRECEDING THE INCIDENT GIVING RISE TO THE CLAIM. THIS LIMITATION ALSO APPLIES TO NWEA'S DEVELOPERS AND SUPPLIERS OF THE SERVICES AND IS THE MAXIMUM FOR WHICH THEY AND NWEA ARE COLLECTIVELY RESPONSIBLE. THE FOREGOING LIMITATIONS SHALL APPLY NOTWITHSTANDING THE FAILURE

OF THE ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OF ANY LIMITED REMEDY.

20. Indemnification.

20.1 By Subscriber. Intentionally Deleted.

20.2 By NWEA. If all the conditions in this section are met, NWEA shall (i) defend Subscriber against claims made by an unaffiliated third party that the Assessment System infringes its US patent, copyright, or trademark; and (ii) pay the amount of any resulting adverse final judgment against Subscriber (after any appeals) or settlement to which NWEA consents. Subscriber must notify NWEA promptly in writing of the claim. Subscriber must also give NWEA sole control over its defense and settlement. NWEA's obligations under this Section will not apply to the extent the claim (or adverse final judgment) is based on: (a) Subscriber using the Assessment System after NWEA has informed Subscriber to discontinue use due to such a claim; (b) the combination or use of the Assessment System with non-NWEA information, data, or materials except as otherwise authorized in writing by NWEA; (c) modification of the Assessment System except as otherwise authorized in writing by NWEA; (d) use of NWEA's trademark(s) without express written permission; or (e) Subscriber's acts or omissions which result in a claim under this Section. If NWEA receives information about a claim under this Section related to the Assessment System in whole or in part, NWEA may do any of the following, at its discretion and expense: (i) procure the right to continue its use; (ii) replace the infringing portion of the Assessment System with a functional equivalent; (iii) modify the infringing portion of the Assessment System to make it non-infringing (if NWEA does this, Subscriber will stop using the allegedly infringing portion of the Assessment System immediately); or (iv) terminate this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, NWEA's commitment under this Section is Subscriber's exclusive remedy for third-party infringement and trade secret misappropriation claims. Nothing in this section obligates NWEA to indemnify Subscriber from and against any claims, suits, actions, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses attributable to the acts or omissions of Subscriber, its officers, employees, or agents.

21. Evaluation License. This Section 21 applies if NWEA has provided the Services (including but not limited to Assessment System, Reporting, and/or Software) to Subscriber for evaluation purposes. NWEA grants Subscriber a thirty (30) day (or as otherwise indicated by NWEA in writing) limited license to use such Services solely for the purposes of evaluation. NWEA is not obligated to provide support for the evaluation Services. SUBSCRIBER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR EVALUATION MAY FUNCTION FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME, HAVE LIMITED FEATURES, AND HAVE OTHER LIMITATIONS NOT CONTAINED IN A

COMMERCIAL VERSION OF THE SERVICES. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THIS AGREEMENT, NWEA IS PROVIDING THE SERVICES "AS IS", AND NWEA DISCLAIMS ANY AND ALL WARRANTIES INCLUDING ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, MERCHANTABILITY, AND STATUTORY WARRANTIES OF NON-INFRINGEMENT, LIABILITIES, AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS OF ANY KIND. IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN THIS SECTION 21 AND OTHER TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT, THIS SECTION 21 WILL SUPERSEDE SUCH TERMS WITH RESPECT TO THE SERVICES LICENSED TO SUBSCRIBER FOR EVALUATION PURPOSES.

## **22. Miscellaneous.**

**22.1 Force Majeure.** Neither party is liable for any delay or failure to perform any obligation hereunder due to causes beyond its control, including without limitation, war, riot, insurrection, civil commotion, terrorist activity, fire, industrial dispute, act of nature, computer-related crimes (including, but not limited to, denial of service attacks), epidemic, pandemic, act or omission of a third-party vendor or supplier, equipment failure, public enemy of government, failure of telecommunications, system malfunction, or other casualty.

**22.2 Waiver and Severability.** Waiver of any default or breach under this Agreement by NWEA does not constitute a waiver of any subsequent default or a modification of any other provisions of this Agreement. If any part of this Agreement is held illegal or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the parties intend that the remainder of this Agreement nevertheless remains in full force and effect. Upon a determination that any term or provision is illegal or unenforceable, the court may modify this Agreement to affect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible.

**22.3 No Third-party Beneficiaries.** The parties do not intend to confer any right or remedy on any third party.

**22.4 Survival.** The following sections survive any termination of this agreement or the termination of any license granted under this agreement: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.1, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20.1, 22.2, 22.3, 22.4, 22.5, 22.9, 22.10, 22.11, and 22.12.

**22.5 Entire Agreement; Order of Precedence.** This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties regarding the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous negotiations and agreements, whether written or oral, between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. The terms of this Agreement apply to all order documents, including but not limited to purchase orders and credit card orders, accepted by NWEA, and this Agreement will

supersede any inconsistent or different pre-printed terms of any such order document. If there is a conflict among any of the terms of this Agreement, the parties intend that it be resolved by giving precedence to Agreement documents in the following order (i.e. the earlier listing governing the later): (i) any Supplemental Terms to the extent related to Services described in an applicable Schedule; (ii) this Agreement without any Schedules or Supplemental Terms; (iii) the most recent Schedule; followed by (iv) any other Schedules in reverse chronological order.

**22.6 Assignment.** Subscriber may not assign this Agreement to any third party without the prior written consent of NWEA, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**22.7 Binding.** This Agreement binds and inures to the benefit of each party and its respective successors and approved assigns, if any.

**22.8 Merger or Sale of NWEA.** If either (i) NWEA and a third-party merge; or (ii) NWEA is sold to a third party, then the surviving or resulting entity shall maintain the Student Education Records in accordance with this Agreement, if the entity is subject to this Agreement.

**22.9 Representation of Signatories.** Each person signing this Agreement represents and warrants that such person is duly authorized and has legal capacity to execute and deliver this Agreement for its respective party.

**22.10 Notices.** Any notice required under this Agreement shall be in writing and effective when (i) delivered personally against receipt, (ii) deposited in the mail and registered or certified with return receipt requested, postage prepaid, (iii) shipped by a recognized courier service and addressed to either party as designated in this Agreement, (iv) delivered by email to an email address designated by the recipient, or (v) when delivered via any of the foregoing at such other address as may be provided by the recipient in accordance with this section.

**22.11 Controlling Law and Venue.** Unless the law of the jurisdiction where Subscriber is domiciled requires otherwise, the parties intend that this Agreement be construed and controlled by the laws of the State of Georgia, U.S.A., without giving effect to principles of conflict of laws. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, Uniform Commercial Code, and Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act are specifically disclaimed and do not apply to this Agreement. Any litigation arising out of this Agreement must be conducted in courts located in DeKalb County, Georgia.

**22.12 Attorney Fees.** If any lawsuit is instituted to interpret, enforce, or rescind this Agreement, the prevailing party on a claim may recover, in addition to any other relief awarded, its reasonable attorney fees and other fees, costs, and expenses

incurred in connection with the lawsuit, the collection of any award, or the enforcement of any order as determined by a judge.

**22.13 Counterparts.** The parties may execute this Agreement in counterparts, each of which is an original, and the counterparts constitute one and the same Agreement. The parties may also deliver and accept facsimile or electronically scanned signatures, which bind a party as if the signature were an original.

**22.14 Vendor Status and Independent Contractor.** NWEA provides Services within its normal business operations and operates in a competitive environment. The Services constitute a vendor relationship, as defined by OMB Circular A-133 and, therefore, any monies to pay for this Agreement are not

subject to the federal audit requirements of OMB Circular A-133. NWEA is an independent contractor, and neither NWEA nor its employees are Subscriber's employees. Nothing contained in this Agreement creates or implies an agency relationship, joint venture, or partnership between the parties.

**22.15 UK Bribery Act.** Each party agrees to comply with the UK Bribery Act. Subscriber acknowledges and agrees that Subscriber has not received, requested, been offered, agreed, paid or promised, any offer, promise or gift of any financial or other advantage from and to any person that would constitute a violation under the UK Bribery Act, or which would have influenced or secured any business or other advantage to NWEA.

Agreed by:

**NWEA, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company:**

**DeKalb County School District:**

By: William Bayers

By: DeDeron G. Horton

Printed Name: William Bayers

Printed Name: D. Deron G. Horton

Title: EVP & General Counsel

Title: Superintendent

Date: July 6, 2023

Date: 7.25.2023