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This contract ("Master Contract") is entered into by and between San Pasqual Union School ("LEA") and Specialized Therapy Services ("CONTRACTOR") (collectively "Parties") pursuant to California Education Code section 56366 and California Code of Regulations section 5 CCR 3062 for the provision of special education and/or related services for 2022-2023 academic year.

SECTION 1: TERM

The term of this Master Contract shall be for the period of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. The Parties agree to use their best efforts during the term of this Master Contract to negotiate a successor agreement prior to its expiration. If the Parties execute this contract after July 1, 2022, then the provisions of this Master Contract shall be retroactive to the beginning of the Master Contract Term (July 1, 2022), to cover services provided by CONTRACTOR to LEA pupils, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by both parties.

SECTION 2: CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The documents that make up the Master Contract shall include this Main Document and Appendices A (Schools), B (Agencies), and C (Room and Board), as applicable.

SECTION 3: SERVICES PROVIDED TO PUPILS

3.1 INDIVIDUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

The LEA and CONTRACTOR shall enter into an Individual Services Agreement ("ISA") for each pupil for whom the LEA requests and CONTRACTOR agrees to provide special education and/or related services. The LEA is responsible for completing each pupil's ISA. The ISA for each such pupil shall identify the services to be provided to the pupil pursuant to the pupil's Individualized Education Program ("IEP") or Individualized Family Service Plan ("IFSP"), and the provider of each service identified therein. It is understood that this Master Contract does not commit the CONTRACTOR to provide special education and/or related services to any individual unless and until an Individual Services Agreement (ISA) is executed between the LEA and the CONTRACTOR on behalf of such individual or interim written approval is given to the CONTRACTOR by an authorized representative of the LEA's Special Education Unit.

3.2 INTERIM WRITTEN APPROVAL

The LEA may provide interim written approval for CONTRACTOR to provide services to a pupil pending completion of an ISA and Master Contract. The interim written approval may be for a maximum period of one hundred and eighty (180) days, beginning with the anticipated pupil start date. If an Individual Services Agreement is not completed and executed by the LEA and the CONTRACTOR within this one hundred and eighty (180) day period, the LEA or the CONTRACTOR may request an IEP meeting to be held as soon as possible to discuss a change in placement for the pupil. The LEA shall continue to reimburse the CONTRACTOR as set forth in the interim written approval, or as otherwise agreed by the parties in writing, until such time as there is a change in placement or subsequent execution of an Individual Services Agreement and Master Contract.

3.3 SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED UNDER ISA OR INTERIM WRITTEN APPROVAL

The ISA and any interim written approval shall require Contractor to provide all special education and related services to pupil specified IEP or IFSP, as applicable, for the time specified in the IEP or IFSP unless otherwise specified therein. Changes to a pupil's educational program, including instruction, services, or instructional setting provided under this Master Contract and the ISA for that pupil, may only be made on the basis of revisions to the pupil's IEP or IFSP. In no case may Contractor expel or exit a pupil placed with Contractor except as provided under Section 11 of this Master Contract.

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3.4 MODIFICATIONS TO IEP/IFSP

3.4.1 At any time during the term of this contract, the parent, the CONTRACTOR or LEA may request a review of the pupil's IEP/IFSP, subject to all procedural safeguards required by law, in which case the LEA shall convene an IEP meeting within 30 days of said notice.

3.4.2 In the event CONTRACTOR believes a pupil requires something other than what is specified in the ISA, Contractor shall immediately notify the LEA.

3.4.3 CONTRACTOR, including the pupil's then-present teacher, shall participate in all IEP/IFSP meetings for such time as the ISA remains in force and effect. If LEA or CONTRACTOR will be recommending significant changes to the pupil's program, placement or services, the LEA's assigned Case Manager and CONTRACTOR'S representatives shall discuss such recommendations prior to the IEP/IFSP meeting.

3.4.4 Any changes to the pupil's IEP or IFSP shall be incorporated into the ISA for that pupil via written amendment.

3.4.5 When an IEP team has determined that a pupil should be transitioned into the public school setting, the CONTRACTOR shall assist the LEA in implementing the IEP team's recommendations activities to support the transition.

3.5 ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS

If CONTRACTOR receives a parent request for evaluation or assessment of a pupil, CONTRACTOR shall advise the parent to submit the request in writing to the LEA. The LEA shall collaborate with the CONTRACTOR to develop the evaluation plan and submit it to the parent for approval. The LEA retains the responsibility for conducting triennial evaluations.

3.6 TRANSPORTATION

Transportation, where specified to be provided to a pupil in the ISA, may only be provided directly by the LEA or by a subcontractor engaged by CONTRACTOR for such purpose. Where the ISA specifies transportation is to be provided by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall have in place a transportation safety plan that prescribes procedures to ensure safe transport of pupils including, adequate supervision during the transport and with staff trained in vehicle emergency procedures and passenger safety, as appropriate to the pupil needs.

In the event that the CONTRACTOR provides unscheduled transportation for pupils to or from school (due to health, behavior, other emergencies, or as otherwise agreed to by the CONTRACTOR and LEA), the transportation rate for such unscheduled transportation services will be at rates to be agreed upon by LEA and the CONTRACTOR.

3.7 BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws applicable to serving pupils with behavioral needs, including but not limited to, laws governing the use of emergency interventions, required reporting, referral, assessment, and modification of the applicable behavioral intervention plan, IEP and/or IFSP, as applicable.

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3.8 PUPIL DISCIPLINE

3.8.1 CONTRACTOR shall maintain and abide by a written policy for pupil discipline that is consistent with state and federal law.

3.8.2 CONTRACTOR shall provide pupils who exhibit serious behavioral challenges timely and appropriate assessments and positive supports and interventions in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and its implementing regulations.

3.8.3 CONTRACTOR shall report to LEA all incidents of discipline of any pupil where there has been violation of EC 48900 or 48915 which results in in- or out-of-school suspension, expulsion, or other means of correction.

3.8.4 CONTRACTOR shall immediately submit a written discipline report to the LEA if CONTRACTOR seeks to remove a pupil from his/her current educational placement for disciplinary reasons. The written discipline report shall include, but not be limited to: the pupil's name; the time, date, and description of the misconduct; the disciplinary action taken by the CONTRACTOR; and the rationale for such disciplinary action. Upon receipt, LEA will schedule an IEP meeting and/or manifestation determination review.

3.9 QUARANTINE OF PUPILS

Where a pupil is required to quarantine due to a Public Health Order, or applicable federal, state or local public health guidance, CONTRACTOR will notify the LEA immediately of the pupil's quarantine (as used in this Master Contract, "immediately" shall mean within one business day of CONTRACTOR'S actual knowledge.). So long as the CDE or other regulatory body institutes or provides remote learning or independent study guidance which allows for LEA to obtain ADA funding applicable during such quarantine, CONTRACTOR shall provide services accordingly. In such instances where CONTRACTOR is continuing to deliver such services during quarantine which complies with any remote learning or independent study funding requirements, and provides the services outlined in the pupil's IEP, the pupil will not be deemed absent under the terms of the Master Contract and payment for services will not be withheld by the LEA.

SECTION 4: LEA OVERSIGHT

4.1 INITIAL VISIT PRIOR TO PLACEMENT

If the LEA does not already have a pupil placed at CONTRACTOR'S nonpublic school, the LEA shall be entitled to schedule and conduct, at a minimum, one onsite visit to CONTRACTOR'S nonpublic school prior to placement of any pupil at said school.

4.2 ANNUAL VISIT

The LEA shall be entitled to schedule and conduct, at a minimum, one onsite monitoring visit each year during which the LEA has a pupil attending CONTRACTOR'S nonpublic school. The monitoring visit shall include, but shall not be limited to, a review of services provided to the pupil through the ISA, a review of the progress the pupil is making towards the goals set forth in the pupil's IEP, a review of the progress the pupil is making towards the goals set forth in the pupil's behavioral intervention program, if any, an observation of the pupil during instruction and a walkthrough of the facility, and CONTRACTOR'S compliance with the state and federal related special education mandates.

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4.3 UNANNOUNCED VISITS

LEA, SELPA and/or their designee(s) shall be entitled to make unannounced visits.

4.4 EVALUATION OF PUPIL PROGRESS

LEA will conduct evaluation of pupil progress in accordance with applicable law, as follows:

4.4.1 Evaluate the educational progress of each pupil placed in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school, including all state assessment results pursuant to the requirements of Section 52052.

4.4.2 Consider whether or not the needs of the pupil continue to be best met at the nonpublic, nonsectarian school and whether changes to the individualized education program of the pupil are necessary, including whether the pupil may be transitioned to a public school setting. This consideration shall be made at the meeting required by subdivision (d) of Section 56343 of the California Education Code.

4.4.3 Ensure the nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency provides all services in each IEP unless the ISA for that pupil provides otherwise.

4.4.4 CONTRACTOR shall have written procedures in place for measuring pupil's progress on goals identified in the pupil's IEP or IFSP and shall provide written progress to parents and the LEA in accordance with applicable law.

4.4.5 CONTRACTOR shall submit an updated report if there is no current progress report when pupils are scheduled for a review by the IEP/IFSP team or when a pupil's enrollment is terminated.

SECTION 5: NONPUBLIC CERTIFICATION

CONTRACTOR is required to obtain and keep current any and all certifications required to provide such special education and related services to pupils as are required by the ISA of each pupil CONTRACTOR enrolls per this Master Contract. This Master Contract shall be null and void if such certification is expired, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this contract. However, such nullification shall not affect LEA's obligations to pay for services provided by CONTRACTOR while validly certified. Nonpublic Certification or waiver of such certification issued by CDE pursuant to EC 56366.2 is attached hereto.

SECTION 6: PERSONNEL

6.1 REQUIRED CREDENTIALS, LICENSE AND/OR OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall assign only appropriately qualified personnel to provide contracted special education, and/or related services required by the IEP/IFSP, Master Contract and Individual Services Agreement, including appropriately credentialed teachers and/or licensed or license-eligible personnel or other education related mental health provider consistent with the California laws and regulations. All non-credentialed teachers and non-licensed service providers shall be required to obtain a waiver. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for monitoring the status of waiver applications submitted to the state for all non-credentialed teachers and non-licensed service providers.

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6.2 VERIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS

CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for verification of credentials and licenses held by its employees, agents and subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall upon request provide LEA with a copy of the credential or license for each staff member or subcontractor providing services to children with disabilities. Thereafter, the CONTRACTOR shall supply LEA with copies of any changes in the credentials or licenses of staff within forty-five (45) days of the change in accordance with CCR 3062.

6.3 TRAINING

CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all training necessary to provide appropriate services per IEP/IFSP, including training in implementing Behavior Intervention Plan(s) as applicable.

6.4 STAFF TO PUPIL RATIOS

Staff to pupil ratios for any given pupil shall be as specified in the pupil's ISA.

6.5 FINGERPRINTING AND TUBERCULOSIS TESTING

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that employee background checks and tuberculosis screenings are conducted in accordance with state and federal law and shall maintain a record of same. Upon Request by LEA, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA its verification documents provided to the CDE.

6.6 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MANDATED REPORTER OBLIGATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall provide such training as is required under California law regarding child abuse reporting and shall maintain signed statements from all personnel acknowledging their training and understanding of the reporting requirements regarding observed or suspected cases of child abuse.

SECTION 7: COMPENSATION

CONTRACTOR shall be paid in accordance with the terms set forth in Appendix A, B and/or C, as applicable.

SECTION 8: BILLING AND PAYMENT

8.1 INVOICES

CONTRACTOR shall submit invoices monthly for services rendered, no later than thirty (30) days from the end of the attendance accounting period calendar month in which said services are actually provided. Invoices should clearly reflect rates set forth in Appendix A, B &/or C, as applicable for services provided in accordance with the applicable ISA or interim written approval. Any related mental health services should be billed by the CONTRACTOR in a separate invoice.

8.2 LATE INVOICES

If LEA does not receive a properly submitted invoice within thirty (30) days from the end of the attendance accounting period calendar month, LEA may deduct 1.5% per month, calculated proportionately per day, of that total invoice, unless LEA has agreed to an extension of time for

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CONTRACTOR to submit the invoice. An invoice shall be deemed received on the confirmed date of receipt by LEA.

8.3 PAYMENT

LEA shall make payment within forty-five (45) days of receipt of a properly prepared and submitted invoice. Payment shall reference the invoice number or date and shall be in the amount of the invoice unless LEA has issued a Notice of Withholding pursuant to Section 8.5. This payment shall be at the rates agreed to in the Rate Schedule (See Appendix A for Schools, B for Agencies, and C for Room and Board) of this contract and shall be in an amount equal to the number of creditable days of attendance during both the regular and extended school years, make-up sessions (including "excused" absences) per the Individual Services Agreement for each pupil. This calculation shall include the Extended School Year if the pupil is enrolled in the Extended School Year, and any other absence for which the LEA has agreed to pay the CONTRACTOR and any related services and transportation costs as specified in the Rate Schedule (See Appendix A for Schools, B for Agencies, and C for Room and Board) of this contract and in accordance with the Individual Services Agreements.

8.4 LATE PAYMENT

If the payment by LEA is not postmarked within forty-five (45) days of the receipt of the invoice, LEA agrees to pay an additional fee of 1.5% interest per month on amounts not paid. Such interest shall be calculated beginning day forty-six (46) from receipt of the invoice in accordance with standard accounting procedures.

8.5 RIGHT TO WITHHOLD

LEA shall be entitled to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR, only if LEA notifies CONTRACTOR within 10 days of receipt of CONTRACTOR'S invoice, that LEA has reliable evidence, which shall be described in writing to Contractor in the notice of withholding of any of the following:

8.5.1 Service is provided to one or more pupils by personnel who are not appropriately credentialed/licensed;

8.5.2 Records required by LEA prior to school closure with respect to one or more LEA pupil(s) enrolled in the CONTRACTOR'S educational program have not been received;

8.5.3 CONTRACTOR confirms a pupil's change of residence to another district and fails to notify LEA within five (5) days thereof;

8.5.4 CONTRACTOR fails to notify LEA within five (5) days after the 10th consecutive school day of a pupil's absence.

Nothing in this Section waives the LEA's right to later seek reimbursement for CONTRACTOR's actual failure to comply with the requirements outlined in subsections 8.5.1; 8.5.2; 8.5.3; or 8.5.4 of this section, provided however, that LEA may not seek any such reimbursement after 90 days from the end of the operative Master Contract term.

8.6 CALCULATION OF WITHHOLDING

If the basis for withholding is subsection 8.5.1 of this section, the amount withheld by LEA shall be limited to payment for services provided by the relevant personnel. If the basis of the withholding is 8.5.2 to 8.5.4 of this section, LEA shall withhold a proportionate amount for services provided to that pupil.

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8.7 OPPORTUNITY TO CURE

CONTRACTOR shall have ten business days from receipt of LEA's notice of withholding to take all necessary and appropriate action to correct the deficiencies that form the basis for LEA's withholding. Upon request and a showing of good cause, LEA shall extend that time by an additional ten (10) business days. Upon verification of remediation of identified deficiencies and receipt of rebilling, LEA shall pay the resubmitted invoice in accordance with section 8.3, above. If the CONTRACTOR does not resubmit sufficient rebilling or verify remediation of identified deficiencies within forty-five (45) calendar days of the notice of withholding, the withheld amount shall be forfeited.

8.8 SERVICES PROVIDED FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OF THE MASTER CONTRACT

In the event that a successor Master Contract is not agreed upon prior to the expiration of this Master Contract, and CONTRACTOR continues to provide services to LEA'S pupils, LEA shall make payment to CONTRACTOR in accordance with the rates set forth in Appendix A, B or C, as applicable, pending the agreement on a successor Master Contract.

8.9 MEDI-CAL REIMBURSEMENT

CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, upon request, documentation of all services which may be reimbursable by Medi-Cal. LEA shall have the sole right to submit claims for reimbursement to Medi-Cal, including through the LEA Billing Option Program.

SECTION 9: RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING

9.1 ACCESS TO PUPIL RECORDS

CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA and/or parent upon request, copies of all requested records pertaining to any pupil assigned by LEA to Contractor within the time required by law for the provision of such pupil records. Notwithstanding this provision, LEA shall remain the custodian of the pupil's records pursuant to Education Code Section 49062.

9.2 PUPIL DATA REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA all pupil information required for LEA to report to the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) as well as other data as required by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) or any federal data reporting requirements, including, but not limited to, data required to calculate enrollment and dropout and graduation rates, discipline, restraints and seclusion.

9.3 PUPIL INJURY REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall prepare a written report and provide such report to the LEA case manager no later than the end of the following day when a pupil suffers an injury requiring medical attention.

9.4 ANNUAL REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall provide copies of all pupil records on an annual basis including, but not limited to, current transcripts, IEP/IFSPs and results of performance testing and all information required for compliance with federal and state data reporting requirements. Upon specific request by LEA in the event of an investigation or litigation involving a pupil, CONTRACTOR shall provide any other accessible documents pertaining to the pupil, whether or not considered a "pupil record" under state or federal law.

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9.5 TRANSFER OF PUPIL RECORDS UPON SCHOOL CLOSURE OR DISENROLLMENT

Upon school closure or disenrollment of a pupil CONTRACTOR shall immediately transfer to LEA all "pupil records" under state or federal law. Upon specific request by LEA in the event of an investigation or litigation involving a pupil, CONTRACTOR shall provide any other accessible documents pertaining to the pupil, whether or not considered a "pupil record" under state or federal law.

9.6 CONTRACTOR REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all reporting required by state or federal law including, but not limited to, child abuse reporting, reporting of missing pupils, pupil injury reporting, and shall retain all records pertaining to training and acknowledgment of duties pertaining to required reporting.

9.7 FISCAL RECORDS

CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain operations in a manner consistent with law, regulations, safety, and good practice and shall maintain records in sufficient detail to verify its billed services to LEA. CONTRACTOR shall provide access to, or forward copies of, documents relating to services provided under this Master Contract to LEA within twenty (20) days upon reasonable request, except as otherwise required by law. Such documents may include: 1) registers and roll books of teachers; 2) daily service logs and notes or other documents used to record the provision of related services; 3) absence verification records; 4) transportation records; 5) staff lists specifying credentials held, business and/or professional licenses held documents evidencing other qualifications; 6) dates of hire, and dates of termination; 7) staff time sheets; 8) non paid volunteer sign-in sheets; 9) related services contracts; 10) school calendars; 11) bell/class schedules; 12) liability and workers' compensation insurance policies; 13) state nonpublic school certifications; Such records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR for five (5) years and shall be available for audit upon LEA request.

9.8 AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

CONTRACTOR shall be responsible to receive, reply to, and/or comply with any audit exceptions identified by appropriate LEA personnel, consultants or state or federal audit agencies occurring as a result of CONTRACTOR'S performance of this contract. Upon being notified of any financial penalties by or assessed against the LEA attributable to the CONTRACTOR for failure to properly perform any of its obligations under this contract, the CONTRACTOR shall pay LEA within thirty (30) days, unless contested by CONTRACTOR. After resolution of CONTRACTOR's contention, any remaining funds owed to the LEA shall be paid within thirty (30) days. Any, and all audit exceptions must be specified in detail before any demand from the LEA for any amount requested.

9.9 CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS

CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for and required to protect the confidentiality of pupil records as required by law.

SECTION 10: MODIFICATIONS/AMENDMENTS

This Master Contract and any ISA agreed to hereunder may not be amended without the prior written consent of both parties.

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SECTION 11: TERMINATION

This Master Contract and/or any ISA may be terminated as follows:

11.1 Upon the mutual agreement of the parties.

11.2 For cause by either party, upon twenty (20) days written notice to the other party, or earlier by mutual agreement. Cause for termination shall include, but not be limited to:

11.2.1 The expiration, revocation, rescission, or cancellation of any certification required for CONTRACTOR to provide special education and/or related services as may be required by the ISA of each pupil enrolled by Contractor pursuant to this Master Contract.

11.2.2 The material breach of this Master Contract by either party, including but not limited to CONTRACTOR's failure to maintain required insurance.

11.2.3 For an ISA, the pupil requires services beyond the capacity of CONTRACTOR'S certification or level of staffing.

11.2.4 For an ISA, the pupil's continued presence materially and adversely affects the provision of services to other pupils.

11.2.5 For an ISA, the pupil presents a safety risk to other pupils or staff.

11.2.6 For an ISA, the acts or omissions of the pupil's parent, guardian or advocate materially interfere with CONTRACTOR in the IEP formulation or delivery of services to the pupil or other pupils.

11.2.7 Any ISA agreed to pursuant to this Master Contract shall be terminated upon termination of this Master Contract.

11.3 Cause shall not be the availability of a public class initiated during the period of the contract unless the parent agrees to the transfer of the pupil to a public school program.

11.4 Termination of the Master Contract or ISA shall not affect LEA's payment obligations under Section 8, for services rendered prior to termination.

11.5 In the event CONTRACTOR believes that a pupil involved in a pending ISA termination presents a risk of substantial disruption or harm to others or the pupil, the parties shall confer on an immediate basis to determine alternate means of safely delivering services during the notice period.

SECTION 12: RENEWAL

This Master Contract may be renewed upon the written agreement of the Parties. In the event that a pupil is enrolled with the CONTRACTOR during the term of this Master Contract and said pupil continues to receive special education and/or related services from CONTRACTOR after expiration of this Master Contract and a new master contract has not yet been executed, the terms of this Master Contract and associated Individual Service Agreements shall apply to any and all special education and/or related services provided by the CONTRACTOR until the successor Master Contract is executed. LEA's payment obligation under Section 8 shall apply to all services provided by CONTRACTOR under this section. This provision is solely for the purpose of avoiding interruption of services during extended contract negotiations. However, nothing in this provision shall obligate CONTRACTOR to provide

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services after the expiration of this Master Contract. If CONTRACTOR intends not to renew the Master Contract, CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA at least 30 days written notice of such intent. If the renewal Master Contract includes a rate increase, the rates shall be retroactive to the start of the Master Contract term, unless the parties agree otherwise.

SECTION 13: COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

During the term of this contract, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the provision of services under this Master Contract and any associated ISAs.

SECTION 14: NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

CONTRACTOR and LEA do not discriminate on the basis of a person's race, religion, color, national origin, age, physical or mental handicap or disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, or sexual orientation with regard to employment, contracting and the provision of services. CONTRACTOR and LEA shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, policies, rules, and requirements related to equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in employment, contracting, and the provision of any services that are the subject of this Agreement.

SECTION 15: INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

This Master Contract is by and between two independent contractors and is not intended to and shall not be construed to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association.

SECTION 16: STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE

CONTRACTOR shall perform all services required pursuant to this Agreement in the manner and according to the standards of each services provider's licensure or certification in the State of California, or as applicable, under the standards prescribed by the California Department of Education.

SECTION 17: SUBCONTRACT AND ASSIGNMENT

CONTRACTOR may not subcontract or assign its obligation under this Master Contract or related ISA without the express written consent of LEA. However, CONTRACTOR may subcontract out transportation services. CONTRACTOR may subcontract individual service providers on a temporary basis in the case of staffing absences or staff shortages without written consent, however if such temporary staffing persists longer than one-month, then written consent of LEA is required. Any other subcontract or assignment shall require written consent of the LEA, and such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

SECTION 18: INDEMNIFICATION

CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless LEA and its officers, employees, and agents (hereinafter "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all costs, claims, demands, expenses or liabilities (collectively "liabilities"), to the extent such liabilities arise from CONTRACTOR'S wrongful acts, omissions, or negligent performance under this Master Contract.

LEA shall indemnify and hold harmless CONTRACTOR and its officers, employees, and agents (hereinafter "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all costs, claims, demands, expenses or liabilities

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(collectively "liabilities"), to the extent such liabilities arise from LEA'S wrongful acts, omissions, or negligent performance under this Master Contract.

The terms of this section shall survive termination of this Master Contract.

SECTION 19: INSURANCE

During the entire term of this contract and any extension or modification thereof, CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain in effect for the term of this Master Contract a policy or policies of insurance and coverage limits as follow.

General Liability	\$1,000,000/3,000,000
Professional Liability	\$1,000,000/2,000,000
Auto liability owned and non-owned vehicles	\$1,000,000/3,000,000
(This provision is applicable only if CONTRACTOR provides transportation services)	
Workers Compensation	(per statute)

The parties agree that the above-listed coverage limits are expected to be sufficient to insure the indemnity and defense obligation undertaken by CONTRACTOR pursuant to Section 18, above, and shall be endorsed to name LEA as an additional insured. Said additional insured endorsement must specify that any coverage which may otherwise be available to LEA is primary and non-contributory.

The CONTRACTOR shall at its own cost and expense procure and maintain insurance under the applicable State's Workers' Compensation laws. Failure to maintain the above-mentioned insurance coverage shall be cause for termination of this contract.

Not later than the effective date of this Master Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall provide the LEA with a satisfactory certificate or evidence of insurance for all coverage required under this Master Contract. The insurance maintained by CONTRACTOR shall include a provision for the insurance provider to send written notice of cancellation or modification to LEA at least thirty (30) calendar days before cancellation or adverse material change, or ten (10) days for nonpayment of premium. Independently from the insurer's obligation to provide notice to the LEA, the CONTRACTOR shall provide the LEA written notice of cancellation or adverse material modification within one (1) business day after receiving such notice from the insurer.

SECTION 20: ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Master Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. There are no understandings, agreement, or representations not specified in this Master Contract.

SECTION 21: SEVERABILITY

If any provision or portion of a provision of this contract is held in whole or in part to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of the provision and of the entire contract shall be severable and shall remain in effect.

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SECTION 22: VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW

This contract, and conditions of this contract, shall be governed by the laws of the State of California with venue in San Diego County, California.

SECTION 23: ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

CONTRACTOR and LEA consent to conducting transactions for this Master Contract via electronic signature, which will have the same validity and effect as a signature affixed by hand, through an electronic system established and maintained by LEA.

23.1 Under the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (California Civil Code sections 1633.1-1633.17), CONTRACTOR and LEA agree to conduct transactions relating to the Agreement by use of an electronic signature, which is an electronic mark that is held to the same standard as a legally binding equivalent a handwritten signature. CONTRACTOR and LEA further agree that, for the purposes of authorizing, approving, and authenticating records, information, and transactions relating to this Agreement, the electronic signature has the full force and effect of a signature affixed by hand to a paper document. CONTRACTOR and LEA agree that the transactions conducted electronically relating to this Agreement shall be binding upon each of them.

23.2 CONTRACTOR and LEA agree that the electronic signature will be valid from date of issuance until the end of the Agreement term or earlier if it is revoked or terminated under this Agreement. Each party understands that the other may suspend or terminate the use of electronic signatures in its reasonable discretion (but such action shall not affect previous electronically signed documents).

23.3 CONTRACTOR and LEA will use the electronic signature to establish identity and sign electronic documents and forms relating to the Master Contract and Amendments. CONTRACTOR and LEA are solely responsible for protecting the electronic signature. If either party suspects or discovers that the electronic signature has been stolen, lost, used by an unauthorized party, or otherwise compromised, then the discovering party will immediately notify the other party and request that the electronic signature be revoked. CONTRACTOR and LEA will then immediately cease all use of the electronic signature. CONTRACTOR and LEA agree to keep the electronic signature secret and secure by taking reasonable security measures to prevent it from being lost, modified, or otherwise compromised, and to prevent unauthorized disclosure of, access to, or use of it or of any media on which information about it is stored.

SECTION 24: NOTICES

Notices provided for by this Master Contract shall be in writing, be delivered to the individual identified below in this section, and shall be delivered via certified, registered, or return receipt requested mail, postage prepaid, email or facsimile transmission, unless a specific section of this contract requires or allows notice or contact to be made in a different manner or to a different individual. The effective date of all notices shall be the date of the postmark, email or facsimile transmittal date identified in the document. In the event there is a change in the individual to be notified, the CONTRACTOR or the LEA shall provide written notice of the change, after which all future notices shall be addressed to that individual. If the LEA or the CONTRACTOR does not identify an individual to be notified in this section, notification may be given to the individual executing this Master Contract, or the individual with whom the notifying party normally communicates on related matters for the other party. If the individual designated below is no longer employed by the party, or is no longer in the designated position, notification may be made to the person currently in the position (whether in a permanent or interim capacity).

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Notices to the LEA:

Rhonda Brown, Chief Business Officer
Name/Title

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Local Education Agency

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Escondido CA 92027
City State Zip

(760) 745-4931
Phone

(760) 745-2473
Facsimile

rhonda.brown@sanpasqualunion.net
Email Address

Notices to the CONTRACTOR:

Steve Oas
Name/Title

Specialized Therapy Services
Nonpublic

4204A Adams Ave.
Address

San Diego CA 92116
City State Zip

(619) 252-4557
Phone

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Facsimile

steve@theoascenter.com
Email Address

SECTION 25: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Disagreements concerning the meaning, requirements or performance of this contract shall first be brought to the attention of the other party in writing, pursuant to the notice provisions of this Master Contract, in an attempt to resolve the dispute at the lowest level. Any remaining disputes or disagreements may be resolved either 1) as voluntarily agreed to by the parties, 2) through third party mediation before a mutually agreed upon mediator, or 3) by civil court action.

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SECTION 26: SIGNATURES

This Master Contract, including its component parts, may be signed in counterparts and the signatures may appear on separate signature pages. A copy and/or original, with all signatures attached, shall be deemed a fully executed document. A facsimile version of any party's signature shall be deemed an original. The parties hereto have executed this Master Contract by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives as indicated by their signatures.

This Master Contract is effective on January 12, 2023 and terminates at 5:00 p.m. on June 8, 2023 unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

CONTRACTOR

Nonpublic School Agency



Authorized Representative Signature

12/28/2022

DATE: _____

Steve Oas, Director

(Type) Name and Title

LEA

Local Educational Agency



Authorized Representative Signature

DATE: 12.22.2022

Rhonda Brown, Chief Business Officer

(Type) Name and Title

LEA Board Approval

DATE: _____