AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

TRACY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WITH

HMC Architects

FOR

Williams Middle School Modernization Project

_____ __, 2025

Commented [DWK1]: Set to actual date of agreement.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Article 1	Definitions	1
Article 2	Scope, Responsibilities and Services of Architect	3
Article 3	Architect Staff	7
Article 4	Schedule of Services	7
Article 5	Construction Cost Budget	8
Article 6	Fee and Method of Payment	9
Article 7	Payment for Extra Services or Changes	9
Article 8	Ownership of Data	10
Article 9	Termination of Contract	11
Article 10	Indemnity / Architect Liability	12
Article 11	Fingerprinting and Conduct on Project Site	13
Article 12	Responsibilities of the District	14
Article 13	Liability of District	15
Article 14	Nondiscrimination	15
Article 15	Insurance	15
Article 16	Covenant against Contingent Fees	15
Article 17	Entire Agreement/Modification	16
Article 18	Non-Assignment of Agreement	16
Article 19	Law, Venue	16
Article 20	Alternative Dispute Resolution	16
Article 21	Tolling of Claims	17
Article 22	Attorneys' Fees	17
Article 23	Severability	17
Article 24	Employment Status	17
Article 25	Certificate of Architect	19
Article 26	Cost Disclosure - Documents and Written Reports	19
Article 27	Notice & Communications	19
Article 28	Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Participation	20
Article 29	District's Right to Audit	20
Article 30	Other Provisions	20
Article 31	Exhibits "A" through "H"	21

EXHIBIT "A" – RESPONSIBILITIES AND SERVICES OF ARCHITECT **A-1**
EXHIBIT "B" – CRITERIA AND BILLING FOR EXTRA SERVICES **B-1**
EXHIBIT "C" – SCHEDULE OF SERVICES **C-1**
EXHIBIT "D" – PAYMENT SCHEDULE **D-1**
EXHIBIT "E" – INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS **E-1**
EXHIBIT "F" – RESERVED **F-1**
EXHIBIT "G" – RESERVED **G-1**
EXHIBIT "H" – FINGERPRINTING CERTIFICATION **H-1**

AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

This Agreement for Architectural Services is made as of _____ __, 2025 between the Tracy Unified School District, a California public school district ("District"), and HMC Architects ("Architect") (collectively "Parties"), for the following project ("Project"):

Commented [DWK2]: Set to actual date of agreement

Williams Middle School Modernization Project

1600 Tennis Lane

Tracy, CA 95376

For and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

Article 1. Definitions

1.1. In addition to the definitions above, the following definitions of words or phrases shall apply when used in this Agreement, including all Exhibits:

1.1.1. **Agreement**: The Agreement consists exclusively of this document and all identified exhibits attached and incorporated by reference.

1.1.2. **Architect**: The Architect identified in the first paragraph of this Agreement, including all Consultants to the Architect. The term Architect means the Design Professional in General Responsible Charge on this Project.

1.1.3. **As-Built Drawings ("As-Builts")**: Any document prepared and submitted by District's Contractor(s) that details on a Conforming Set, the actual construction performed during the Project, including changes necessitated by Construction Change Documents and change orders, and detailed by the District's construction contractor(s) on a Conforming Set.

1.1.4. **Bid Set**: The plans, drawings, and specifications at the end of the Construction Documents Phase that the Division of the State Architect ("DSA") has approved and that the District can use to go out to bid for construction of the Project.

1.1.5. **Conforming Set**: The plans, drawings, and specifications at the end of the Bidding Phase that incorporate all addenda, if any, issued during the Bidding Phase. The Architect shall ensure that DSA has approved all revisions to the Bid Set that are incorporated onto the Conforming Set and for which DSA approval is required.

1.1.6. **Construction Budget**: The total amount of funds indicated by the District for the entire Project plus all other costs,

including design, construction, administration, and financing.

1.1.7. **Construction Change Documents ("CCD")**: The documentation of changes to the DSA-approved construction documents.

1.1.8. **Construction Cost Budget**: The total cost to District of all elements of the Project designed or specified by the Architect, as adjusted at the end of each design phase in accordance with this Agreement. The Construction Cost Budget does not include the compensation of the Architect and the Architect's Consultants, the cost of land, rights-of-way, financing or other costs which are the responsibility of the District, including construction management.

1.1.9. **Construction Manager**: The District's representative on the Project if the District retains a construction manager, project manager, or owner's representative.

1.1.10. **Contractor**: One or more licensed contractors under contract with the District for construction of all or a portion of the Project.

1.1.11. **Consultant(s)**: Any and all consultant(s), sub-consultant(s), subcontractor(s), or agent(s) to the Architect.

1.1.12. **District**: The Tracy Unified School District.

1.1.13. **DSA**: The Division of the State Architect.

1.1.14. **Extra Services**: District-authorized services outside of the scope in **Exhibit "A"** or District-authorized reimbursables not included in Architect's Fee.

1.1.15. **Laboratory of Record**: The District-designated laboratory(ies) for testing of concrete, soils, materials, and other required testing.

1.1.16. **Project**: District's Williams Middle School Modernization Project at 1600 Tennis Lane, Tracy, CA 95376.

1.1.17. **Record Drawings**: A final set of drawings prepared by the Architect that incorporates all changes from all As-Builts, sketches, details, and clarifications.

1.1.18. **Service(s)**: All labor, materials, supervision, services, tasks, and work that the Architect is required to perform and that are required by, or reasonably inferred from, the Agreement, and that are necessary for the design and completion of the Project.

1.1.19. **Visually Verify**: To verify to the fullest extent possible by physical inspection and reasonable investigation and without any destructive action.

Article 2. Scope, Responsibilities, and Services of Architect

2.1. Architect shall render the Services described in **Exhibit "A**,**"** commencing with receipt of a written Notice to Proceed signed by the District representative. Architect's Services will be completed in accordance with the schedule attached as **Exhibit "C**.**"**

2.2. Architect shall provide Services that shall comply with professional architectural standards, including the standard of care applicable to architects designing public school facilities and applicable requirements of federal, state, and local law, including, but not limited to, the requirements of the California Business and Professions Code, the California Education Code, and the California Code of Regulations. All persons providing professional services hereunder shall be properly licensed as required by California law.

2.3. The District intends to award the Project to Contractor(s) pursuant to a competitive bid process. District reserves its right to use alternative delivery methods and the Architect's scope of work may be adjusted accordingly.

2.4. Architect acknowledges that all California public school districts are obligated to develop and implement the following storm water requirements for the discharge of storm water to surface waters from its construction and land disturbance activities where the project disturbs one (1) or more acres of land and is not part of a larger common plan of development or sale, the project disturbs one acre or more of land, or the project disturbs less than one (1) acre of land but is part of a larger common plan of development or sale, or where the District engages in maintenance (e.g., fueling, cleaning, repairing) or transportation activities.

2.4.1. Architect shall provide the design for the Project, without limitation:

2.4.1.1. A municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("MS4"). An MS4 is a system of conveyances used to collect and/or convey storm water, including, without limitation, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, and storm drains.

2.4.1.2. A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan ("SWPPP") that contains specific best management practices ("BMPs") and establishes numeric effluent limitations.

2.4.2. Architect shall conform its design work to the District's storm water requirements indicated above, that are approved by the District and applicable to the Project, at no additional cost to the District. In addition, as required Architect shall develop a

grading and drainage plan and a site plan from architectural information showing a final development of the site. This drawing will also include a horizontal and vertical control plan and a utility infrastructure plan. The Services described in this subparagraph shall be provided by a professional civil engineer who contracts with or is an employee of the Architect.

2.5. Architect shall contract for or employ at Architect's expense, Consultant(s) to the extent deemed necessary for completion of the Project including, but not limited to: architects; mechanical, electrical, structural and civil engineers; landscapers; and interior designers, licensed as such by the State of California as part of the Basic Services under this Agreement. The names of Consultant(s) shall be submitted to the District for approval prior to commencement of Services, as indicated below. The District reserves the right to reject Architect's use of any particular Consultant. Nothing in the foregoing procedure shall create any contractual relationship between the District and any Consultant employed by the Architect under terms of the Agreement. Architect shall require each of the Consultants retained by it to execute agreements with standard of care and indemnity provisions commensurate with this Agreement, but Architect shall remain solely responsible and liable to District for all matters covered by this Agreement.

2.6. Architect shall coordinate with District personnel or its designated representatives as may be requested and desirable, including with other professionals employed by the District for the design, coordination or management of other work related to the Project. This shall include, without limitation, coordination with State labor compliance, if any. If the Architect employs Consultant(s), the Architect shall ensure that its contract(s) with its Consultant(s) include language notifying the Consultant(s) of State labor compliance, if any.

2.7. Architect shall identify the regulatory agencies that have jurisdiction over essential building and design elements and coordinate with and implement the requirements of the regulatory agencies, including, without limitation, the California Department of Education, the Office of Public School Construction, the Department of General Services, DSA, including DSA Fire/Life Safety, DSA Access Compliance Section, DSA Structural Safety Section, the State Fire Marshal and any regulatory office or agency that has authority for review and supervision of school district construction projects.

2.7.1. If the Project is subject to DSA jurisdiction, then Architect, and its Consultants, if any, shall comply with all the DSA requirements, including without limitation, all the requirements included and/or referenced in the following forms, bulletins ("BU"), interpretations of regulations ("IR"), policies ("PL"), or procedures ("PR"):

2.7.1.1. DSA IR A-6, Construction Change Document Submittal and Approval Process.

2.7.1.2. [RESERVED]

2.7.1.3. DSA IR A-24, Construction Phase Duties of the School District, Contractor and Design Professional.

2.7.1.4. DSA PR 18-04.BB18: Electronic Plan Review for Design Professionals of Record Using Bluebeam 2018.

2.7.1.5. DSA PR 18-09.BB18: Electronic Plan Review for Over-the-Counter ("OTC") Projects Using Bluebeam 2018.

2.7.1.6. Form DSA PR 13-01, Construction Oversight Process.

2.7.1.6.1. Each of Architect's duties as provided in the DIR Construction Oversight Process shall be performed timely so as not to result in any delay to the Project.

2.7.1.7. Form DSA PR 13-02, Project Certification Process.

2.7.2. Notwithstanding the DSA forms, BUs, IRs, PLs, or PRs referenced anywhere in this Agreement, each of which is current as of the Effective Date, all Projects subject to DSA's jurisdiction shall be submitted for review, back check, and approval, under the electronic plan review process ("EPR process"), rather than paper submission, for all projects submitted to DSA. Architect, and its Consultants, if any, shall comply with the EPR process and related DSA procedures, including, without limitation, DSA PR 18-04.BB18 and DSA PR 18-09.BB18, and any subsequent or replacement procedures relating to the EPR process promulgated by DSA. Any reference herein to a particular DIR form, BU, IR, PL, or PR, shall mean and include the then-current DIR form, BU, IR, PL, or PR, respectively, and, to the extent that the EPR process has superseded such form or paper submission process, the EPR process then in effect shall control.

2.8. Architect shall provide Services as required to obtain any local, state and/or federal agencies' approval for on-site and off-site work related to the Project including review by regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over the Project.

2.9. Architect shall direct and monitor the work of the District's DSA project inspector(s) ("Project Inspector(s)") and the Laboratory of Record. Architect shall provide code required supervision of special inspectors not provided by the Laboratory of Record.

2.10. Architect shall give efficient supervision to Services, using its best skill and attention. Architect shall carefully study and compare all contract documents, drawings, specifications, and other instructions ("Contract Documents") and shall at once report to District, Construction Manager, and Contractor, any error, inconsistency, or omission that Architect or its employees may discover, in writing, with a copy to District's Project

Inspector(s). Architect shall have responsibility for discovery of errors, inconsistencies, or omissions.

2.11. Architect recognizes that the District may obtain the services of a Construction Manager and that Architect may have to assume certain coordination and management responsibilities, including tracking Requests for Information ("RFI"), providing RFI responses, and leading all coordination meetings between the District, Project Inspectors, and Contractors on the Project. The District reserves the right to retain the services of a Construction Manager at any time. The Construction Manager, if any, shall be authorized to give Architect Services authorizations and issue written approvals and notices to proceed on behalf of District. The District reserves the right to designate a different Construction Manager at any time. Any task, including, but not limited to, reviews or approvals that the District may perform pursuant to this Agreement may be performed by the Construction Manager, unless that task indicates it shall be performed by the Governing Board of the District. In addition, the District may have a constructability review of Architect's design documents. Architect shall conform any design documents to the constructability review as part of the Services under this Agreement and shall not be entitled to any compensation as Extra Services for this activity.

2.12. Architect shall provide computer-generated pictures downloaded to computer files, updated as requested by the District, that the District may use on its website.

2.13. As part of the basic Services pursuant to this Agreement, Architect is not responsible for:

2.13.1. Ground contamination or hazardous material analysis.

2.13.2. Any asbestos and/or lead testing, design or abatement; however, it shall coordinate and integrate its work with any such information provided by District.

2.13.3. Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), except that Architect agrees to coordinate its work with that of any CEQA consultants retained by the District, to provide current elevations and schematic drawings for use in CEQA compliance documents, and to incorporate any mitigation measures adopted by the District into the Project design at no additional cost to the District.

2.13.4. Historical significance report.

2.13.5. Soils investigation.

2.13.6. Geotechnical hazard report, except as indicated in **Exhibit "A."**

Article 3. Architect Staff

3.1. Architect has been selected to perform the Services herein because of the skills and expertise of key individuals.

3.2. Architect agrees that the following key people in Architect's firm shall be associated with the Project in the following capacities:

Principal In Charge: Vipul Safi_____

Project Manager: Affifa Kadhim_____

Major Consultants:

Electrical:	Optimized Energy
Mechanical:	Optimized Energy
Structural:	TBD
Civil:	Warren Consulting Engineers
Other:	Sierra West Consulting for Cost Estimating

3.3. Architect shall not change any of the key personnel listed above without prior written approval by the District, unless said personnel cease to be employed by Architect. In either case, the District shall be allowed to interview and approve replacement personnel.

3.4. If any designated lead or key person fails to perform to the satisfaction of the District, then upon written notice Architect shall have five (5) calendar days to remove that person from the Project and replace that person with one acceptable to the District. All lead or key personnel for any Consultant must also be designated by the Consultant and are subject to all conditions stated in this paragraph.

3.5. Architect represents that Architect has no existing interest and will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which could conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of Services required under this Agreement and that no person having any such interest shall be employed by Architect.

3.6. Architect shall comply with Education Code section 17302(a) and agrees that any plans and/or specifications included in the Services shall be prepared under the supervision of licensed personnel, and that licensed personnel shall be in "responsible charge" of persons who observe the construction.

Article 4. Schedule of Services

Architect shall commence Services under this Agreement upon receipt of a written Notice to Proceed and shall prosecute the Services diligently as described in **Exhibit "A**,**"** so as to proceed with and complete the Services in compliance with the schedule in **Exhibit "C**.**"** Time is of the essence and failure of Architect to perform Services on time as specified in this Agreement

is a material breach of this Agreement. It shall not be a material breach if a delay is beyond the Architect's or its Consultant(s)' reasonable control.

Article 5. Construction Cost Budget

5.1. Architect hereby accepts the District's established Construction Cost Budget and Project scope. In accordance with **Exhibit "A**,**"** the Architect shall have responsibility to further develop, review, and reconcile the Construction Cost Budget for the District at the beginning of the Project and at the completion of each design phase. The District and Construction Manager shall also have responsibility to develop, review, and reconcile the Construction Cost Budget with the Architect.

5.2. Architect shall complete all Services as described in **Exhibit "A**,**"** including all plans, designs, drawings, specifications and other Contract Documents, so that the cost to construct the work designed by the Architect will not exceed the Construction Cost Budget, as adjusted subsequently with the District's written approval. Architect shall maintain cost controls throughout the Project to deliver the Project within the Construction Cost Budget.

5.3. The District may, in its sole discretion, do one, or a combination, of the following if any of the events in Article 5.4 occur:

5.3.1. Within three (3) months' time of receipt of bids, instruct Architect to revise the drawings and specifications (in scope and quality as approved by the District) to bring the Project within the Construction Cost Budget for re-bidding at no additional cost to the District.

5.3.2. Give Architect written approval on an agreed adjustment to the Construction Cost Budget.

5.3.3. Authorize Architect to re-negotiate, when appropriate, and/or re-bid the Project within three (3) months' time of receipt of bids (exclusive of District and other agencies' review time) at no additional cost to the District.

5.3.4. Terminate this Agreement if the Project is abandoned by the District, without further obligation by either party.

5.4. If any of the following events occur, the District may exercise any one, or any combination, of the actions set forth in Article 5.3 above:

5.4.1. If the Construction Cost Budget increases in phases subsequent to the Schematic Design Phase due to reasonably foreseeable changes in the condition of the construction market in the county in which the District is located, in so far as these have not been caused by Acts of God, earthquakes, strikes, war, or energy shortages due to uncontrollable events in the world economy; or

5.4.2. The lowest responsive base bid received is in excess of five percent (5%) of the Construction Cost Budget; or

5.4.3. If the combined total of base bid and all additive alternates come in ten percent (10%) or more under the Construction Cost Budget.

Article 6. Fee and Method of Payment

6.1. The District shall pay Architect for all Services contracted for under this Agreement an amount equal to the following ("Fee"):

An amount not to exceed Eight Hundred Thousand dollars ($800,000) based on the rates set forth in **Exhibit "D**.**"**

6.2. The District shall pay Architect the Fee pursuant to the provisions of **Exhibit "D**.**"**

6.3. Architect shall bill for performance of Services under this Agreement in accordance with **Exhibit "D**.**"**

6.4. No increase in Fee will be due from CCDs and/or change orders generated during the construction period to the extent caused by Architect's error or omission. Architect shall be responsible for the cost of reviewing CCDs and/or change orders caused by the Architect's willful misconduct, recklessness, or negligent acts, errors or omissions. Without limiting Architect's liability for indirect cost impacts, the direct costs for change orders for which Architect shall be liable shall equal the difference between the cost of the change order and the reasonable cost of the work had that work been a part of the originally prepared Contract Documents. These amounts shall be paid by Architect to District or the District may withhold those costs from amounts owing to Architect.

6.5. The Architect's Fee set forth in this Agreement shall be full compensation for all of Architect's Services incurred in the performance hereof as indicated in **Exhibit "D**.**"**

6.6. Regardless of the structure of Architect's Fee, the Architect's Fee may be adjusted downward if the Scope of Services of this Agreement is reduced by the District in accordance with this Agreement.

6.7. Neither the District's review, approval of, nor payment for, any of the Services required under this Agreement shall be construed to operate as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement, and Architect shall remain liable to the District in accordance with this Agreement for all damages to the District caused by Architect's failure to perform any of the Services furnished under this Agreement.

Article 7. Payment for Extra Services or Changes

Any charges for Extra Services shall be paid by the District as described in **Exhibit "B"** only upon certification that the claimed Extra Service was

authorized as indicated herein and that the Extra Services have been satisfactorily completed. If any service is done by Architect without prior written authorization by the Construction Manager or the District's authorized representative, the District will not be obligated to pay for such service. The foregoing provision notwithstanding, Architect will be paid by the District as described in **Exhibit "B"** for Extra Services that the Construction Manager or the District's authorized representative verbally requests, provided that Architect confirms such request in writing pursuant to the notice requirements of this Agreement, and proceeds with such Extra Services not earlier than two (2) business days after the District receives confirmation of the request from the Architect.

Article 8. Ownership of Data

8.1. Pursuant to Education Code section 17316, this Agreement creates a non-exclusive and perpetual license for the District to use, at its discretion, all plans including, but not limited to, record drawings, specifications, estimates and other documents that Architect or its Consultants prepare or cause to be prepared pursuant to this Agreement.

8.2. Architect retains all rights to all copyrights over designs and other intellectual property embodied in the plans, record drawings, specifications, estimates, and other documents that Architect or its Consultants prepare or cause to be prepared pursuant to this Agreement.

8.3. Architect shall perform the Services and prepare all documents under this Agreement with the assistance of Building Information Management (BIM) or Computer Aided Design Drafting Technology ("CADD") (e.g., AutoCAD). Architect shall deliver to District all drawing in DXF or DWG format. As to any drawings that Architect provides in a BIM or CADD file format, the District acknowledges that anomalies and errors may be introduced into data when it is transferred or used in a computer environment, and that the District should rely on hard copies of all documents..

8.4. In order to document exactly what BIM or CADD information was given to the District, Architect and District shall each date and sign a "hard" copy of reproducible documents that depict the information at the time Architect produces the BIM or CADD information. The District agrees to release Architect from all liability, damages, and/or claims that arise due to any changes made to this information by anyone other than Architect or its Consultant(s) subsequent to it being given to the District.

8.5. Following the termination of this Agreement, for any reason whatsoever, Architect shall promptly deliver to the District upon written request and at no cost to the District the following items (hereinafter "Instruments of Service"), which the District shall have the right to utilize in any way permitted by statute:

8.5.1. One (1) set of the Contract Documents, including the bidding requirements, specifications, and all existing cost estimates for the Project, in hard copy, reproducible format.

8.5.2. One (1) set of fixed image BIM or CADD files in DWG or DXF format of the drawings that are part of the Contract Documents.

8.5.3. One (1) set of non-fixed image BIM or CADD drawing files in DWG or DXF or both formats of the site plan, floor plans (architectural, plumbing, structural, mechanical and electrical), roof plan, sections and exterior elevations of the Project.

8.5.4. All finished or unfinished documents, studies, reports, calculations, drawings, maps, models, photographs, technology data and reports prepared by the Architect under this Agreement.

8.5.5. The obligation of Section 8.5 of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever.

8.6. In the event the District changes or uses any fully or partially completed documents without Architect's knowledge or participation or both, the District agrees to release Architect of responsibility for such changes, and shall hold Architect harmless from and against any and all claims on account of any damages or losses to property or persons, or economic losses, arising out of that change or use, unless Architect is found to be liable in a forum of competent jurisdiction. In the event that the District uses any fully or partially completed documents without the Architect's full involvement, the District shall remove all title blocks and other information that might identify Architect and its Consultants.

Article 9. Termination of Contract

9.1. District's Request for Assurances: If District at any time reasonably believes that Architect is or may be in default under this Agreement, District may in its sole discretion notify Architect of this fact and request written assurances from Architect of performance of Services and a written plan from Architect to remedy any potential default under the terms this Agreement that the District may advise Architect of in writing. Architect shall, within ten (10) days of District's request, deliver a written cure plan that meets the requirements of the District's request for assurances. Architect's failure to provide such written assurances of performance and the required written plan, within ten (10) days of request, will constitute a material breach of this Agreement sufficient to justify termination for cause.

9.2. District's Termination of Architect for Cause: If Architect fails to perform Architect's duties to the satisfaction of the District, or if Architect fails to fulfill in a timely and professional manner Architect's material obligations under this Agreement, or if Architect shall violate any of the material terms or provisions of this Agreement, the District shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part,

effective immediately upon the District giving written notice thereof to the Architect. In the event of a termination pursuant to this subdivision, Architect may invoice the District for all Services performed until the notice of termination, but the District shall have the right to withhold payment and deduct any amounts equal to the District's costs because of Architect's actions, errors, or omissions.

9.3. District's Termination of Architect for Convenience: District shall have the right in its sole discretion to terminate the Agreement for its own convenience. In the event of a termination for convenience, Architect may invoice District and District shall pay all undisputed invoice(s) for Services performed until the District's notice of termination for convenience.

9.4. Effect on Pre-Termination Services: Except as indicated in this Article, termination shall have no effect upon any of the rights and obligations of the Parties arising out of any transaction occurring prior to the effective date of such termination.

9.5. Ceasing Services upon Termination: If, at any time in the progress of the Design of the Project, the Governing Board of the District determines that the Project should be terminated, Architect, upon written notice from the District of such termination, shall immediately cease Services on the Project. The District shall pay Architect only the fee associated with the Services provided since the last invoice that has been paid and up to the notice of termination.

9.6. Project Suspension: If the District suspends the Project for more than one hundred twenty (120) consecutive days, Architect shall be compensated for Services performed prior to notice of that suspension. When the Project is resumed, the schedule shall be adjusted and Architect's compensation shall be equitably adjusted to provide for expenses incurred in the resumption of the Architect's Services. Architect shall make every effort to maintain the same Project personnel after suspension. If the District suspends the Project for more than two (2) years, Architect may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice.

Article 10. Indemnity/Architect Liability

10.1. To the furthest extent permitted by California law, Architect shall indemnify and hold free and harmless the District, its Governing Board, agents, representatives, officers, consultants, employees, trustees, and volunteers ("the Indemnified Parties") from any and all claims, demands, causes of action costs, expenses, liability, loss, damage or injury of any kind, in law or equity ("Claim") that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the Architect, its officers, employees, subcontractors, consultants, or agents, including without limitation the payment of all consequential damages. Architect shall also, to the furthest extent permitted by California law, defend the Indemnified Parties at Architect's own expense, including attorneys' fees and costs, from any and all Claim(s) and allegations relating thereto with counsel approved by District

where such approval is not to be unreasonably withheld. Whereas the cost to defend the Indemnified Parties charged to the Architect shall not exceed the proportionate percentage of Architect's fault as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, any amounts paid in excess of such established fault will be reimbursed by the District. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, in the event one or more defendants is unable to pay its share of defense costs due to bankruptcy or dissolution of the business, the design professional shall meet and confer with other parties regarding unpaid defense costs.

10.2. Architect shall pay and satisfy any judgment, award, or decree that may be rendered against the Indemnified Parties in any Claim. Architect's obligation pursuant to Article 10.1 includes reimbursing the District for the cost of any settlement paid by the Indemnified Parties and for any and all fees and costs, including but not limited to legal fees and costs, expert witness fees, and consultant fees, incurred by the Indemnified Parties in the defense of any Claim(s), or to enforce the indemnity herein. Architect's obligation to defend or to indemnify shall not be restricted to insurance proceeds. District shall also have the right to accept or reject any legal representation that Architect proposes to defend the Indemnified Parties.

10.3. Architect shall be responsible for the cost of reviewing CCDs and/or change orders caused by Architect's willful misconduct, recklessness, or negligent acts, errors or omissions. Without limiting Architect's liability for indirect cost impacts, the direct costs for change orders for which Architect shall be liable shall equal the difference between the cost of the change order and the reasonable cost of the work had that work been a part of the originally prepared Contract Documents.

10.4. District may withhold any and all costs that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the Architect from amounts owing to Architect.

Article 11. Fingerprinting and Conduct on Project Site

11.1. If Architect and its subcontractors and employees interact with pupils without the immediate supervision and control of the pupil's parent or guardian or a school employee, Architect shall comply with the provisions of Education Code section 45125.1 regarding the submission of employee fingerprints to the California Department of Justice and the completion of criminal background investigations of its employees. Architect shall not permit any employee to have any contact with District pupils until such time as the Architect has verified in writing to the District's Board of Education that the employee has not been convicted of a felony, as defined in Education Code section 45122.1. Architect's responsibility shall extend to all employees, agents, and employees or agents of its Consultants regardless of whether those individuals are paid or unpaid, concurrently employed by District, or acting as Architect's independent contractors.

11.2. Architect shall provide to District verification of compliance with this section and the Criminal Background Investigation Certification (Exhibit

"H") in writing prior to each individual commencing employment or participating on the Project and prior to permitting contact with any student.

11.3. Architect expressly acknowledges that the following conditions shall apply to any work performed by Architect and/or Architect's employees on a school site:

11.3.1. All site visits shall be arranged through the District;

11.3.2. Architect and Architect's employees 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;

11.3.3. Architect and/or Architect's employees shall check in with the school office each day immediately upon arriving at the school site;

11.3.4. Once at such location, Architect and Architect's employees shall not change locations without contacting the District;

11.3.5. Architect and Architect's employees shall not use student restroom facilities; and

11.3.6. If Architect and Architect's employees find themselves alone with a student, Architect and Architect's employees shall immediately contact the school office and request that a member of the school staff be assigned to the work location.

Article 12. Responsibilities of the District

12.1. The District shall examine the documents submitted by the Architect and shall render decisions so as to avoid unreasonable delay in the process of the Architect's Services.

12.2. The District shall verbally or in writing advise Architect if the District becomes aware of any fault or defect in the Project, including any errors, omissions or inconsistencies in the Architect's documents. Failure to provide such notice shall not relieve Architect of its responsibility therefore, if any.

12.3. Unless the District and Architect agree that a hazardous materials consultant shall be a Consultant of the Architect, the District shall furnish the services of a hazardous material consultant or other consultants when such services are requested in writing by Architect and deemed necessary by the District or are requested by the District. These services shall include: asbestos and lead paint survey; abatement documentation; and specifications related to said matters, which are to be incorporated into bid documents prepared by Architect. If the hazardous materials consultant is furnished by the District and is not a Consultant of the Architect, the specifications shall include a note to the effect that the hazardous materials consultant's specifications

are included in the Architect's bid documents for the District's convenience and have not been prepared or reviewed by the Architect. The note shall also direct questions about the hazardous materials consultant's specifications related to asbestos and lead paint survey and/or abatement documentation to the preparer of the hazardous materials consultant's specifications.

Article 13. Liability of District

13.1. 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 or the Services performed in connection with this Agreement.

13.2. District shall not be responsible for any damage to persons or property as a result of the use, misuse or failure of any equipment used by Architect, or by its employees, even though such equipment be furnished or loaned to Architect by District.

13.3. Architect hereby waives any and all claim(s) for recovery from the District under this Agreement, which loss or damage is covered by valid and collectible insurance policies. Architect shall have its required insurance policies endorsed to prevent the invalidation of insurance coverages by reason of this waiver. This waiver shall extend to claims paid, or expenses incurred, by Architect's insurance company on the District's behalf.

Article 14. Nondiscrimination

Architect agrees to comply with the provisions of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act as set forth in part 2.8 of division 3 of the California Government Code, commencing at section 12900; the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as set forth in Public Law 88-352, and all amendments thereto; Executive Order 11246; and all administrative rules and regulations found to be applicable to Architect and all of its subcontractors. In addition, Consultant agrees to require like compliance by all of its subcontractor(s).

Article 15. Insurance

15.1. Architect shall comply with the insurance requirements for this Agreement, set forth in **Exhibit "E."**

15.2. Architect shall provide certificates of insurance and endorsements to District prior to commencement of the work of this Agreement as required in **Exhibit "E."**

Article 16. Covenant against Contingent Fees

Architect warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Architect, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Architect, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration contingent on or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the District shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability, or in its discretion, to deduct from the contract price or consideration or to recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage fee, gift, or contingency.

Article 17. Entire Agreement/Modification

This Agreement, including the Exhibits attached hereto, supersedes all previous contracts and constitutes the entire understanding of the Parties hereto. Architect shall be entitled to no other benefits than those specified herein. No changes, amendments or alterations shall be effective unless in writing and signed by both Parties. Architect specifically acknowledges that in entering this Agreement, Architect relies solely upon the provisions contained in this Agreement and no others.

Article 18. Non-Assignment of Agreement

In as much as this Agreement is intended to secure the specialized Services of the Architect, Architect may not assign, transfer, delegate or sublet any interest therein without the prior written consent of District and any such assignment, transfer, delegation or sublease without the District's prior written consent shall be considered null and void. Likewise, District may not assign, transfer, delegate or sublet any interest therein without the prior written consent of Architect and any such assignment, transfer, delegation or sublease without Architect's prior written consent shall be considered null and void. If an assignment is approved, this Agreement shall be binding on the successors and assign of the parties.

Article 19. Law, Venue

19.1. This Agreement has been executed and delivered in the State of California and the validity, enforceability and interpretation of any of the clauses of this Agreement shall be determined and governed by the laws of the State of California.

19.2. To the fullest extent permitted by California law, the county in which the District administration office is located shall be the venue for any action or proceeding that may be brought or arise out of, in connection with or by reason of this Agreement.

Article 20. Alternative Dispute Resolution

20.1. All claims, disputes or controversies arising out of, or in relation to the interpretation, application or enforcement of this Agreement may be decided through mediation as the first method of resolution. 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.

20.2. If a claim, or any portion thereof, remains in dispute upon satisfaction of all applicable dispute resolution requirements, the Architect 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 the Architect's right to bring a civil action against the District. For purposes of those provisions, the running of the time within which a claim must be presented to the District shall be tolled from the time the Architect submits its written claim until the time the claim is denied, including any time utilized by any applicable meet and confer process.

20.3. Pending resolution of the dispute, Architect agrees it will neither rescind the Agreement nor stop the performance of the Services.

Article 21. Tolling of Claims

Architect agrees to toll all statutes of limitations for District's assertion of claims against Architect that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to Contractors' or subcontractors' claims against District involving Architect's work, until the Contractors' or subcontractors' claims are finally resolved.

Article 22. Attorneys' Fees

In the event either party shall bring any action or legal proceeding for damages for any alleged breach of any provision of or performance under this Agreement, to terminate this Agreement, or to enforce, protect or establish any term or covenant of this Agreement or right or remedy of either party, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover, as a part of the action or proceeding, reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs, including consultants' fees, attorneys' fees and costs for appeal, as may be fixed by the court. The term "prevailing party" shall mean the party who received substantially the relief requested, whether by settlement, dismissal, summary judgment, judgment, or otherwise.

Article 23. Severability

If any term, covenant, condition or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated thereby.

Article 24. Employment Status

24.1. Architect shall, during the entire term of Agreement, be an independent contractor and nothing in this Agreement is intended nor shall it be construed to create an employer-employee relationship, a joint venture relationship, or to allow the District to exercise discretion or control over the professional manner in which Architect performs the Services

that are the subject matter of this Agreement; provided always, however, that the Services to be provided by Architect shall be provided in a manner consistent with all applicable standards and regulations governing such Services.

24.2. Architect understands and agrees that Architect's personnel are not and will not be eligible for membership in or any benefits from any District group plan for hospital, surgical or medical insurance or for membership in any District retirement program or for paid vacation, paid sick leave or other leave, with or without pay or for other benefits which accrue to a District employee.

24.3. Should the District, in its discretion, or a relevant taxing authority such as the Internal Revenue Service or the State Employment Development Department, or both, determine that Architect, or any employee or Consultant of Architect, is an employee of the District for purposes of collection of any employment taxes, the amounts payable under this Agreement shall be reduced by amounts equal to both the employee and employer portions of the tax due (and offsetting any credits for amounts already paid by Architect which can be applied against this liability). The District shall then forward those amounts to the relevant taxing authority.

24.4. Should a relevant taxing authority determine a liability for past services performed by Architect for the District, upon notification of such fact by the District, Architect shall promptly remit such amount due or arrange with the District to have the amount due withheld from future payments to Architect under this Agreement (again, offsetting any amounts already paid by Architect which can be applied as a credit against such liability).

24.5. A determination of employment status pursuant to the preceding two (2) paragraphs shall be solely for the purposes of the particular tax in question, and for all other purposes of this Agreement, Architect shall not be considered an employee of the District. Notwithstanding the foregoing, should any court, arbitrator, or administrative authority determine that Architect is an employee for any other purpose, then Architect agrees to a reduction in District's liability resulting from this Agreement pursuant to principles similar to those stated in the foregoing paragraphs so that the total expenses of District under this Agreement shall not be greater than they would have been had the court, arbitrator, or administrative authority determined that Architect or its employees of Consultants was not an employee.

24.6. Nothing in this Agreement shall operate to confer rights or benefits on persons or entities not a party to this Agreement.

Article 25. Certificate of Architect

25.1. Architect certifies that the Architect is properly certified or licensed under the laws and regulations of the State of California to provide the professional services that it has herein agreed to perform.

25.2. Architect certifies that it is aware of the provisions of the California Labor Code that 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 it certifies that it will comply with those provisions before commencing the performance of the Services of this Agreement.

25.3. Architect certifies that it is aware of the provisions of California Labor Code and California Code of Regulations that require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on certain "public works" and "maintenance" projects ("Prevailing Wage Laws"). Architect agrees to fully comply with and to require its Consultant(s) to fully comply with all requirements of the Prevailing Wage Laws, if applicable to Architect and its Consultants' professional services to be provided under this Agreement.

Article 26. Cost Disclosure - Documents and Written Reports

Architect shall be responsible for compliance with California Government Code section 7550, if the total cost of the Contract is over five thousand dollars ($5,000).

Article 27. Notice & Communications

Notices and communications between the Parties to this Agreement may be sent to the following addresses:

District:

Tracy Unified School District
1875 W. Lowell Avenue
Tracy, California 95376
ATTN: Tania Salinas
EMAIL: tsalinas@tusd.net

Architect:

HMC Architects
346 Concours St.,
Ontario, CA 91764
ATTN: Vipul Safi
EMAIL:
Vipul.safi@hmcarchitects.com

With a Copy to:
Dannis Woliver Kelley
200 California Street #400
San Francisco, CA 94111
ATTN: Deidree Sakai, Esq.

Any notice personally given shall be effective upon receipt. Any notice sent by electronic mail shall be effective the day after transmission. Any notice sent by overnight delivery service shall be effective the day after delivery. Any notice given by mail shall be effective five (5) days after deposit in the United States mail.

Article 28. Reserved

[This Section is Reserved]

Article 29. District's Right to Audit

29.1. District retains the right to review and audit, and the reasonable right of access to Architect's and any Consultant's premises to review and audit the Architect's compliance with the provisions of this Agreement ("District's Right"). The District's Right includes the right to inspect, photocopy, and to retain copies, outside of Architect's premises, of any and all Project-related records and other information with appropriate safeguards, if such retention is deemed necessary by the District in its sole discretion. The District shall keep this information confidential, as allowed by applicable law.

29.2. The District's Right includes the right to examine any and all books, records, documents and any other evidence of procedures and practices that the District determines is necessary to discover and verify whether Architect is in compliance with all requirements of this Agreement.

29.3. If there is a claim for additional compensation or for Extra Services, the District's Right includes the right to examine books, records, documents, and any and all other evidence and accounting procedures and practices that the District determines is necessary to discover and verify all direct and indirect costs, of whatever nature, which are claimed to have been incurred, or anticipated to be incurred.

29.4. Architect shall maintain complete and accurate records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices in the industry. Architect shall make available to the District for review and audit all Project-related accounting records and documents and any other financial data. Upon District's request, Architect shall submit exact duplicates of originals of all requested records to the District.

29.5. Architect shall include audit provisions in any and all of its subcontracts, and shall ensure that these sections are binding upon all Consultants.

29.6. Architect shall comply with these provisions within fifteen (15) days of the District's written request to review and audit any or all of Architect's Project-related records and information.

Article 30. Other Provisions

30.1. Each party warrants that it has had the opportunity to consult counsel and understands the terms of this Agreement and the consequences of executing it. In addition, each party acknowledges that the drafting of this Agreement was the product of negotiation, that no party is the

author of this Agreement, and that this Agreement shall not be construed against any party as the drafter of the Agreement.

30.2. The individual executing this Agreement on behalf of Architect warrants and represents that she/he is authorized to execute this Agreement and bind the Architect to all terms hereof.

30.3. 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.

30.4. Architect shall share, credit, or reimburse District fifty percent (50%) of the amount of any tax deduction and/or credit Architect receives for District Projects under the Commercial Buildings Energy-Efficiency Tax Deduction, 26 U.S. Code § 179D ("Section 179D") for any construction beginning prior to June 30, 2026. Architect shall provide District with all necessary documentation to enable District to verify the amounts of the Section 179D tax deduction. Architect shall notify District in writing of the Section 179D tax deduction within 30 days of when Architect receives IRS notice of the Section 179D tax deduction or receives the Section 179D tax refund, whichever occurs first.

Article 31. **Exhibits "A"** through **"H"** attached hereto are hereby incorporated by this reference and made a part of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date(s) indicated below.

TRACY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	**HMC ARCHITECTS**
Date: _____, 2025	Date: _____, 2025
By: _____	By: _____
Title: _____	Title: _____

Commented [DWK3]: Set to actual date of project