DATE: September 10, 2026

KIND OF MEETING: **BRS**

PLACE: Board of Education Board Room

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paretto at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi (entered 5:50 p.m.), Mrs. Dunn, Ms. Grandinetti, Mr. Lucky, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Zona (excused)

Staff in attendance: Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Jacklin, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Macri, Mrs. Buchman, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Zimmerman, Ms. McCreary, Mr. Granieri, District Clerk Glaser. Attorneys Mr. Massaro, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Brown.

The **Audit Committee** met immediately prior to this meeting. The transition to electronic overtime sheets was discussed as was the purchase of road salt. From September 21 – 23 auditors from Drescher & Malecki will be in the District reviewing financials. They will give the Board a report October 15.

Between February and July there were no confirmatories.

Strategic Vision: Mr. Wojton led a discussion of his Strategic Vision for the District, including equity and access, engaged communities, Pathways to Success, organizational focus, transformational leadership and AI integration. (Attached).

Mr. Wojton attended several open houses and talked with staff and students, as well as community partners. This gave added perspective, and that was embedded into the Strategic Vision.

Organizational Focus: focused on the present and future with an eye to fiscal responsibility. For example, at Central Office there are already returns on cost-saving measures. The District also embraces working collaboratively with the unions. Work will be intentionally performed and include grants and careful expenditure.

AI integration: AI is here, but t must have an appropriate place in the District. AI cannot replace teachers. Policy 5840 addresses AI use in the District. Teachers can determine whether students can use AI but they must do so appropriately. Magic School AI, Thinktech, and CoPilot (Microsoft) are examples of foundational pieces of AI in the District.

Students have reservations about AI and that is noted. AI should be a support to students, not a replacement.

Equity and access: Students need support to be on a level field; vigorous curriculum is also part of preparing students. The Portrait of a Graduate also requires culturally responsive instruction. Early intervention also is key for so many of our students.

Engaged Communities: This is a priority as well. Four stakeholder groups: students, staff, parent, and community engagement. Each of these is necessary to be successful. Parent groups started early; a family liaison from each school advocates are at work in the community, sharing what is offered to the District.

Pathways to Success: Each student has a different story, a different path to success. Five pathways at NFHS design, mechanical, engineering; human services, business finance, entrepreneurship,

Nursing will be added, in partnership with SUNY Niagara. Prep students and even younger need to be aware of this so they can consider as the learn and enter high school. This is in line with Portrait of a Graduate requirements.

Transformational Leadership: every employee should be heard with trust and collaboration, each should feel supported and valued.

Mr. Wojton appreciates the opportunity to roll this information out publicly. More specifics will follow.

NYSSBA Proposed Resolutions: Mrs. Jacklin led a discussion of the proposed NYSSBA Resolutions so the Board could decide how to vote on each of them at the annual meeting.

Board Member Grandinetti volunteered to be the NYSSBA voting delegate. The Board accepted her as its delegate.

A review of the agenda was held.

DATE: September 10, 2026

KIND OF MEETING: **Special**

PLACE: Board of Education Board Room

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paretto at 7 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Ms. Grandinetti, Mr. Lucky, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Zona (excused)

Staff in attendance: Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Jacklin, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Macri, Mrs. Buchman, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Zimmerman, Ms. McCreary, Mr. Granieri, District Clerk Glaser. Attorneys Mr. Massaro, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Brown.

REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED POLICY 7134

On a motion by Board member Cancemi seconded by Board member Grandinetti.

AYES: Ayes: Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Paretto.

NAYS: Board member Vilardo

MOTION TO WAIVE TABLING.

On a motion by Board member Grandinetti seconded by Board member Cancemi.

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY 7134 - SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHTS FOR IMMIGRANT STUDENTS

SUBJECT: SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANT STUDENTS

The District is committed to ensuring that all students have equal and uninterrupted access to a free public education and are able to learn in a safe, welcoming, and inclusive school environment regardless of their actual or perceived immigration status, citizenship, nationality, or country of origin, or that of their parents or guardians.

The District recognizes the rights afforded to all students under federal and state law, including New York Education Law Section 3201-b, and will maintain practices designed to protect students and families from unlawful discrimination, unauthorized disclosure of information, and unnecessary disruptions to a student's educational program based on immigration status. The District will work collaboratively with students, families, legal counsel, and governmental agencies, as appropriate, to ensure compliance with applicable law.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

a) "Civil immigration warrant" means any warrant for a violation of civil immigration law that is not issued by a judge or federal magistrate judge.

b) "Immigration authority" means an agency that primarily enforces immigration law including, but not limited to, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement or United States Customs and Border Protection, and any successor agencies having similar duties; or a federal agency making a request or taking an enforcement action pursuant to the civil enforcement provisions of the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act.

c) "Immigration detainer" means any document, form, or other communication requesting or directing that a school or school personnel detain or maintain custody of an individual, for any period of time, for pickup by or transfer to immigration authorities.

d) "Immigration enforcement" means the enforcement of any civil provision of the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act for the purpose of determining a person's lawful presence or status in the United States, or for the purpose of apprehending, detaining, transferring, or removing a person solely for civil immigration purposes because of such person's immigration status.

e) "Personally identifiable information" means personally identifiable information as defined in 34 CFR Section 99.3 implementing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC Section 1232g.

f) "School personnel" means any employee, agent, officer, or school resource officer of a school or any volunteer or employee of any firm, corporation, institution, or governmental agency who works on school property.

Immigrant Student Rights Liaisons

The District's Immigrant Student Rights Liaisons are responsible for reviewing immigration authorities' requests to enter school property or take custody of a student, as well as notifying parents or legal guardians of their legal rights and protections The District has designated the following persons to act as its Immigrant Student Rights Liaisons:

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Protection of Student Information and Educational Access

Restricting the Use of School Resources and Sharing Information

School personnel are prohibited from:

a) Using school resources for immigration enforcement purposes;

b) Disclosing, or threatening to disclose, information or records about actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status of a student or student's family, subject to the exceptions listed below;

c) Inquiring, or collecting information, about a student or student's family's citizenship, immigration status, nationality, or country of origin, subject to the exceptions listed below;

d) Disclosing to employees of an immigration authority personally identifiable information, including name, social security number, physical description, associated addresses, phone number, financial/medical info, place of employment of a student or family, subject to the exceptions listed below;

e) Designating immigration status, citizenship, nationality, or national origin as "directory information";

f) Using registration and enrollment requirements or procedures that have the intent or effect of delaying or denying the enrollment of non-citizen students, including delaying the enrollment and attendance in class of students if they cannot immediately provide all documents required for registration, including proofs of residency and age;

g) Implementing policies, procedures, practices, or actions that have the intent or effect of deterring a student from participating in or denying a student the benefits of programs or activities, or that exclude parents or guardians from participating in parental engagement activities, on account of perceived or actual citizenship or immigration status.

Exceptions to these prohibitions exist where disclosure is required by law, including, but not limited to:

a) Complying with a federal judicial warrant or court order signed by a Federal U.S. District Court or magistrate judge;

b) Administering a public program or benefit requested by the family;

c) Exchanging information regarding an individual's citizenship or immigration status with the United States Department of Homeland Security or any other federal, state, or local governmental entity, in compliance with law.

Restricting Access to School Property

School personnel must not grant or facilitate access to non-public areas of school property or facilities to any immigration authority unless presented with a valid federal judicial search or arrest warrant signed by a federal U.S. District Court or magistrate judge.

Civil immigration warrants, administrative detainers, notices to appear, and other non-judicial documents do not grant sufficient authority to access non-public areas of school property.

Restricting Access to Students

School personnel are prohibited from:

a) Granting permission for or facilitating the release, transfer, surrender, escort of or delivery of a student into the custody of an immigration authority solely because a parent or legal guardian has been arrested, detained, or taken into federal custody, subject to the exceptions listed below;

b) Releasing, transferring, surrendering, escorting, or otherwise delivering a student into the custody of an immigration authority based on a civil immigration warrant, immigration detainer, notice to appear, or other nonjudicial document;

c) Assisting immigration authorities in locating, questioning, or detaining a student, subject to the exceptions listed below;

d) Using an immigration authority as interpreters or translators for any law enforcement matters involving individuals they interact with during the course of their employment duties.

The following exceptions to these prohibitions apply when complying with applicable legal requirements, including:

a) A judicial warrant or court order from a competent state or federal court explicitly authorizing the removal, detention, or assumption of custody of that student by an immigration authority; to exchange information regarding an individual's citizenship or immigration status with the United States Department of Homeland Security or any other federal, state, or local governmental entity, in compliance with law.

b) Valid court orders or judicial warrants issued by an Article III federal judge or a federal magistrate judge (e.g., to locate, question or detain a student);

c) A judicial warrant, court order, or lawful criminal investigation conducted in accordance with applicable New York State criminal law and procedure.

Reviewing Immigration Authorities' Requests

In the event the District receives a request from an immigration authority to enter school property or take custody of a student, the Immigration Student Rights Liaisons will:

a) Seek guidance from an attorney for the District before responding to any requests from immigration authorities;

b) Review the request to determine whether they are accompanied by a valid judicial warrant or court order issued by a federal U.S. District Court;

c) Notify the New York State Education Department when the request is made.

District Response in the Event a Parent or Guardian is Detained

In the event a parent or guardian of a district student is detained by immigration authorities or fails to pick up a student as scheduled, the District will:

a) Keep the student safely on school premises;

b) Not contact the statewide central register for child abuse and maltreatment unless school personnel have made every reasonable effort to reach all other authorized emergency contacts.

Education Law Section 3201-b

AYES: Ayes: Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Paretto.

NAYS: Board member Vilardo

Adoption Date 9102026

Board Member Grandinetti remembered the late Legislator Bill Ross.

Board member Dunn impressed with the coaching Short Term Contract; this should be shared with the community.

Board members thanked Mr. Weiss and NFT; the teachers are doing a great job getting the school year under way, as is CSEA.

Superintendent Wojton shared that:

School opening was successful and sharp. Kudos to Mr. Zimmerman for smoothing transportation. Thank you to NFT Mr. Weiss for cooperation regarding enforcing the cell phone policy, also to Mr. Lucky for his input about this policy enforcement.

Mr. Wojton recalled the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001. We have a Social Studies teacher at NFHS who shared his recollections of being impacted by that event.

Remembrances will take place in schools, including a study of the *30,000 Stitches Flag* i Abate. The Board took a moment to remember the victims.

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED on a motion by Board member Cancemi, seconded by Board Member Vilardo.

AYES: Ayes: Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Paretto.

DATE:	September 24, 2026
KIND OF MEETING:	**ARS**
PLACE:	Board of Education Board Room
AGENDA REVIEW:	Prior to the Regular Meeting, an Agenda Review Session was held at 5:30 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paretto at 5:34 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass (entered 5:51 p.m.), Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Ms. Grandinetti, Mr. Lucky, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Zona (excused)

Staff in attendance: Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Jacklin, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Macri, Mrs. Buchman, Mrs. Vilardo, Mrs. Tompkins, Mr. Zimmerman, Ms. McCreary, Mr. Granieri, District Clerk Glaser. Attorneys Mr. Massaro, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Brown.

Topic:

Portrait of a Graduate: Mrs. Vilardo shared that Regents have been administered since 1878; they are outdated. New York is not among the leaders in adopting the new paradigm.

NY Inspires is part of Portrait of a Graduate, and is a historic transformation of public education to a competency-based system. Under the new framework, graduation requirements will move away from time-based measures toward demonstrated readiness in the knowledge, skills, and competencies students need to succeed in college, career, civic life, and the world beyond high school.

The plan includes a system that is competency-based and personalized with less focus on traditional, time-bound metrics. Kit focuses on cultural responsiveness, as well as the mental, social, emotional, and physical well-being of the student. Multiple ways are acceptable to demonstrate learning, and there will be a greater focus on students' individual interests.

Additionally, individual diploma designations will be sunsetted, with one, NYS diploma being earned by every student. Credits and learning experiences will be redefined, including project-based learning, real-world experience, and career-connected pathways work.

The entire framework will be fully adopted in 2029. Meanwhile, students must continue taking Regents exams under the current system until a regulatory amendment is passed. The timeline shared by NYSED is not a guarantee and everyone should operate under the current system until such time that new regulations go into effect.

Mr. Wojton added that the District is in a good place with respect to this, because of the Pathways program and the focus already on the prep level to begin introducing this concept. There must be a discussion about the financial cost of changing the paradigm, though the District has been fiscally responsible as it introduced its new programs relating to this so far.

In summary:

The Four Transformations
The New York State Education Department (NYSED) recently announced the next phase of NY Inspires, a statewide initiative designed to modernize graduation requirements and better prepare students for college, careers, and civic life. The four transformations of NY Inspires include:
Portrait of a Graduate — a statewide picture of the knowledge, skills, and dispositions every graduate should have, guiding curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

Credit and learning experiences — a shift toward competency-based learning: flexible pacing, credit through proficiency, individualized pathways, and instruction that reflects the Portrait, including personal finance and climate education.
Assessment requirements — districts will demonstrate student competency through multiple local measures (course sequences, Regents, dual enrollment, AP/IB, CTE, work-based learning, portfolios and capstones, seals and endorsements), supported by comprehensive local assessments and more equitable, standards-based grading.
One New York State diploma — a single diploma for all students.

Regents Exams Are Not Going Away
A common misconception is that Regents examinations are being eliminated. That is not the case.
Regents exams will continue to be administered and will remain an important measure of student achievement aligned to New York State learning standards. Regents examinations will serve as one measure among several that help schools evaluate student learning and achievement.
While the timeline from NYSED proposes that students will no longer be required to pass a prescribed set of Regents exams in order to earn a diploma starting with the current 11th grade class, it is important to note that students must continue taking Regents exams under the current system until a regulatory amendment is passed. The timeline shared by NYSED is not a guarantee and everyone should operate under the current system until such time that new regulations go into effect.

One New York State Diploma
Beginning with students graduating in 2028, New York State plans to transition from the current diploma structure, which includes Local Diplomas, Regents Diplomas, and Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation, to one New York State high school diploma.

Students will still have opportunities to distinguish their achievements through seals and endorsements that recognize accomplishments in specific areas of study and learning. Since Niagara Falls High School already has career pathways in place for all students through the Post-Secondary Success (PS2) program, as well as the Seal of Biliteracy, Seal of Civic Readiness, Career Development and Occupational Studies credential, and Independent Art Assessment Pathway, we as a district are well positioned to make this transition.

The focus of graduation is shifting from simply completing requirements to ensuring students are prepared for their next steps after high school.
The changes are designed to:
· Maintain rigorous academic expectations

· Expand opportunities for students to demonstrate their learning
· Strengthen career and college readiness
· Encourage deeper learning experiences and real-world application of skills
· Recognize multiple pathways to success

What Niagara Falls is doing now to prepare
This school year, key stakeholders will work together to build a shard understanding and capacity around the changes required by NYSED. Working through Erie 1 and O-N BOCES, key teammates will attend consortiums and participate in Professional Learning Communities that will provide the district updates and tools we can use to craft what implementation looks like in our District.

While there is still much to learn, our district is well positioned as a result of our early work on career pathways and seals at NFHS, project-based learning and assessment at the prep schools, financial literacy curriculum alignment for grades 5 – 12, and information sharing that began last winter and will continue throughout the school year.

Additional regulations and guidance are expected from NYSED over the coming months, with implementation scheduled to begin during the 2027-2028 school year. We expect

NYSED will release draft competencies and rubrics around the Portrait of a Graduate attributes, prioritized learning standards, a universal transcript, and an update on the supporting data systems.

As more information becomes available, our District will continue to share updates with families, students, and staff. We remain committed to ensuring that all students are prepared to thrive in college, careers, and their communities.

Athletics: Athletic Director Mr. Contento shared an overview of the athletic program with the Board, including a look at sports offered during the autumn and winter. The District offers varsity, junior varsity, and modified sports.
Athletics is an Extension of the Classroom
Student-athletes learn valuable lessons that complement their academic education. Through competition, athletes develop discipline, teamwork, leadership, time management, resilience, accountability, and the ability to overcome challenges—skills that prepare them for success in school, careers, and life.
93% of all varsity teams achieved team GPA ≥ 90%.
More than 300 varsity scholar athletes were individual State academic recognition pin recipients. Eligibility requires student-athletes must be passing four courses plus physical education; meet credit per year standards, and maintain an attendance rate of 85%.

Mr. Contento reviewed the athlete safety protocols including prevention, emergency medical responses, and concussion protocol.

Special commentary was made regarding Tony Surace, M. ED., ATC, Director of Sports Medicine, who does an outstanding job, who proactively runs drills with every team each year to be prepared for an emergency.

He further shared the technical support utilized by the athletics program.

2025 2026 highlights included: 7 league titles, 17 individual state qualifiers, multiple team/individual sectional finalists, and record-breaking performance milestones across Fall, Winter, and Spring, and two District students being named the 2026 Male and Female Hewitt Award Winners.

More than 20 senior student-athletes signed National Letters of Intent for NCAA Division I, II, III, Junior College competition. Over 1,000 hours of community service completed by teams.

Athletes completed more than 1,000 hours of community service.

Community partnerships were also reviewed. Presentation attached.

A review of the agenda was held.

DATE: September 24, 2026

KIND OF MEETING: **Regular**

PLACE: Board of Education Board Room

AGENDA REVIEW: Prior to the Regular Meeting, an Agenda Review Session was held at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paretto at 7:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Board Members Bass Bilson, Cancemi, Dunn, Lucky, Grandinetti, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Board member Zona.(excused)

Staff in attendance: Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Jacklin, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Macri, Mrs. Buchman, Mrs. Vilardo, Mrs. Tompkins, Mr. Zimmerman, Ms. McCreary, Mr. Granieri, District Clerk Glaser. Attorneys Mr. Massaro, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Brown.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
REFLECTION was offered by Board member Bilson.
ROLL CALL

AUGUST GRADUATES -
Kelvin Bradford Jr., Quincy Doran, Zier George, Dallas Green, Antonio Harris, Da'Naisha McCreary, Amiyah Neff, Rolonna Payne, Jai'Mere Pittman, Robinson Zymirr, Zion Williams
PERFECT SCORES - Jacob Jeffords - 100 on every Math Regents Exam (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II)
LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS –
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - ROUTINE MATTERS
Board member Cancemi moved for approval of the minutes. Board member Bilson seconded the motion.
Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

MINUTES –August 27, 2026 MEETINGS

Board member Cancemi moved for approval of the following transfers. Board member Bilson seconded the motion.
Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS - # 2, #14
Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BIDS – NONE.

The following was received and filed.
TREASURER'S REPORT –September 2026
The following was received and filed.

BUDGET STATUS REPORT – September 2026

Board member moved for approval of the following report. Board member seconded the motion.

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

PERSONNEL REPORT – CERTIFICATED
Board member Grandinetti moved for approval of the following report. Board member Vilardo seconded the motion.
Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Bass moved for approval of the following report. Board member Zona seconded the motion.

PERSONNEL REPORT - CLASSIFIED
Ayes:

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Cancemi moved for approval of the following report. Board member Zona seconded the motion.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION
The Committee on Special Education met on June 15, 2026 to review Annual Reviews, and March 26, 2026; and June 15, 18, 2026; and August 17, 20, 26, 27, 28, 31, 2026; and September 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 2026 to review and initiate the placement of students with disabilities.

The Board of Education is required by law to act upon the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education. If no action is taken tonight, the students involved in the recommendations will not begin to receive the services deemed necessary for their education. Furthermore, the parents of the students involved could take legal action against the Board.

This action item was prepared by Mrs. Cheryl Vilardo, Director of the Committee on Special Education. The recommended resolution was approved by Mr. Angelo Massaro, School District Attorney.

Mr. Stanley Wojton, Superintendent of Schools, will answer questions pertaining to this item.
ALTERNATIVE ACTION:
None.

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Report from the Committee on PreSchool Special Education

Board member Cancemi moved for approval of the following report. Board member Zona seconded the motion.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Report from the Committee on Pre-School Special Education

The Committee on Pre-School Special Education met on August 6, 11, 13, 19, 20, and 31, 2026; and September 3, 9, and 16, 2026; to review and initiate the placement of preschool students with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education to make known its recommendations to the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education is required by law to take action on the recommendations made by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the recommendations made by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education for the placement of students in the LOCAL SPECIAL EDUCATION programs listed for the 2026-2027 school year.

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Vilardo moved for approval of the following Short Term Contracts. Board member Cancemi seconded the motion.

SHORT-TERM CONTRACTS

1. Pickleball Kids, USA Afterschool Program Prep Schools
   $3,400.00 F 2110 400 098 2427 Fall 2026 10 weeks

2. Transformation Through Revitalization Community Partner/Transportation and Mentoring $75,000.00 A2110.400.045.2280 September 8, 2026 – June 30, 2027
3. Hope Club Weekly elementary club No cost 10/01/2026 Weekly
4. Coaching from the Fillmore Jeffrey Warren Coaching $18,000 F21104000490327 October 1st, 2026- June 30th, 2027
5. Fight Night Boxing Student boxing (High School) $32,000 A2110.400.045.2280 October 1st, 2026-June 30th, 2027
6. Niagara Strikers Bowling Student bowling (elementary) $10,000 A2330.400.007 October 1st, 2026-May 1st, 2027

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Cancemi moved for approval of the following report. Board member Bilson seconded the motion.

HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START REPORTS – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

Board member Zona moved for approval of the following report. Board member Bilson seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL MEETING (OCTOBER 15, 2026) OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, The provisions of the Education Law §1606(3) and Board Policy 1520 authorize the Board of Education to hold special meetings; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary that a special meeting of this Board of Education be held at the date and time and for the purposes below mentioned; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That a special meeting of this Board of Education shall be held at the Administration Board Auditorium, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, October 15, 2026, for the purpose of reviewing the agenda for the next voting meeting and considering such other business as might properly come before a regularly scheduled review meeting of the Board if held on such date; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk shall give due notice thereof to the public media and the members of the Board of Education as required by law and the rules, by-laws and regulations of this Board.

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Zona moved for approval of the following report. Board member Bilson seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL MEETING (OCTOBER 29, 2026) OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, The provisions of the Education Law §1606(3) and Board Policy 1520 authorize the Board of Education to hold special meetings; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary that a special meeting of this Board of Education be held at the date and time and for the purposes below mentioned; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That a special meeting of this Board of Education shall be held at the Administration Board Auditorium, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, October 29, 2026, for the purpose of considering and/or acting upon such other business as might properly come before a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board if held on such date; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk shall give due notice thereof to the public media and the members of the Board of Education as required by law and the rules, by-laws and regulations of this Board.

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Grandinetti moved for approval of the following report. Board member Zona seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND NIAGARA UNIVERSITY FOR PREP LEVEL LITERACY PROGRAMMING (SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027)

WHEREAS, The District partnered with Niagara University in the previous school years to provide program services for the 21st Century Preparatory Grant; and

WHEREAS, The Administration proposes that the District continue to partner with the University for 2026-2027 for literacy programming at the Prep level; and

WHEREAS, Niagara University agrees to provide the services aligned with grant objectives servicing students at LaSalle and Gaskill Preparatory; and

WHEREAS, At the Prep schools, targeted students will participate in after-school programming and virtual field trips to the Niagara University campus that will prepare them to enter the Early College High School Program; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Contract is effective for a term of one (1) year, commencing September 25, 2026 – June 30, 2027 for a total cost not to exceed $20,000; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara University for 21st Century Preparatory programming services for the 2026-2027 School Year; and further

RESOLVED, That the Agreement is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said contract; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL

SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25th day of September 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, Levesque Institute for Civil Engagement, 5795 Lewiston Road Unit 1906, Niagara University, New York 14109, (hereinafter "University").

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

1. Engagement of University. The District hereby engages the University as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the 21st Century Preparatory programming for the 2026/27 school year, and the University hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of the University: The University shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the 21st Preparatory Grant:

a) After-school programming for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 semesters for Gaskill Preparatory and LaSalle Preparatory students who are targeted for critical literacy interventions

b) All expenses paid field trips to Niagara University for students in the Prep program

All of these functions shall be performed under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, who shall also maintain oversight of the Second Party's performance to ensure that it is performing in according with the terms, and conditions specified in the contract. Such evaluation will be aligned to the terms of the agreement, and may include, but are not limited to, on-site visits and observations, participant surveys and/or interviews, and document collection and review.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. The University shall not be an employee of the District. The University is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement and the relationship to the District during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services herein before expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of an independent contractor only and in no event as servant or employee. The University is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns

4. Compensation to University. Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the District shall pay to the University for services rendered up to the invoice date, a sum not to exceed $20,000 in two equal installments each of $10,000 payable at the conclusion of each of the two semesters on December 31, 2026 and June 30, 2027. The University shall submit invoices for services rendered at the conclusion of each of the two semesters of

programming. The District shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquittance.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the University shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, its agents, servants, and/or employees from and against any and all costs, losses, and damages arising out of the performance of its services under this Agreement excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the District, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. The University and/or its subcontractor shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. The University and/or its subcontractor are responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Worker's Compensation insurance as required by law.

Certificates of insurance shall be filed with District prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificates. The certificates shall contain provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty days prior written notice is given to the District.

6. Term of Contract. This contract shall be effective from September 25, 2026 to June 30, 2027, provided however, that either party may at any given time terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

7. Indemnification Clause: The University shall to the fullest extent permitted by law, indemnify and hold harmless the District, its agents, servants and/or employees from and against any and all costs, losses and damages arising out of services performed pursuant to this Agreement.

8. Insurance Clause: The University shall maintain general liability insurance in amount(s) acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Certificates of insurance shall be filed with the District prior to the commencement of any activities under this Agreement.

9. Assignment: The services to be rendered by the University under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, the University party shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the District and any attempted such transfer, assignment delegation and/or subcontracting without such written consent shall be void.

10. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Karen Kwandrans, Ed.D. Anthony Paretto

Vice President for Community Relations President, Board of Education

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Grandinetti moved for approval of the following report. Board member Zona seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND NIAGARA UNIVERSITY FOR EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMMING (SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027)

WHEREAS, The Early College High School program has had a great impact on student engagement related to college and career readiness in the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again provide school year

Early College courses to high school juniors and seniors, and to contract with Niagara University to provide services to continue such higher educational experiences for students enrolled in Early College High School; and

WHEREAS, The Administration negotiated a Contract with Niagara University for it to provide academic course offerings and campus field trips tailored to the students rising into either 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade of the Niagara

Falls High School - Early College High School for a not to exceed agreed upon fee of $35,000 payable in two equal installments of $17,500.

WHEREAS, The Agreement shall be effective for a term commencing September 25, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the

Attached Agreement between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara University for Early College High School programming for the 2026/27 School Year; and further

RESOLVED, That the Agreement is subject to such modifications as

the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said Agreement; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 24th day of September 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, Levesque Institute for Civil Engagement, 5795 Lewiston Road Unit 1906, Niagara University, New York 14109, (hereinafter "University").

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

1. Engagement of University. The District hereby engages the University as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the Early College High School Programming for the 2026/27 School Year for students rising into grades 9, 10, 11, or 12, and the University hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of the University: The University shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the 2026/27 Early College High School Program:

a) College-credit bearing courses during the 2026/27 school year offered by Niagara University staff for rising junior and senior high school students (Critical Literacy 101, English 233)

b) Two (2) full-day campus academic field trips in Fall 2026 including college readiness workshops and department-led activities

c) Two (2) full-day campus or regional career/college exposure trips in Spring 2027, including civic leadership, industry engagement, and workforce exploration

d) Coordination of advisory support and preparation for participation in college-level coursework, financial literacy and civic engagement

All of these functions shall be performed under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, who shall also maintain oversight of the Second Party's performance to ensure that it is performing in according with the terms, and conditions specified in the contract. Such evaluation will be aligned to the terms of the agreement, and may include, but are not limited to, on-site visits and observations, participant surveys and/or interviews, and document collection and review.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. The University shall not be an employee of the District. The University is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement and the relationship to the District during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services herein before expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of an independent contractor only and in no event as servant or employee. The University is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns

4. Compensation to University. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the

District shall pay to the University for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $35,000 in two (2) equal installments of $17,500, all payable to the order of the University on December 31, 2026 and June 30, 2027. Invoices shall be submitted by the University on the dates herein stated. The University shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the University full payment to, and acquittance.

Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to the University for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $35,000. Payment checks payable to the order of the University in two (2) equal installments on December 31, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the University shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, its agents, servants, and/or employees from and against any and all costs, losses, and damages arising out of the performance of its services under this Agreement excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the District, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. The University and/or its subcontractor shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. The University and/or its subcontractor are responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Worker's Compensation insurance as required by law.

Certificates of insurance shall be filed with District prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificates. The certificates shall contain provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty days prior written notice is given to the District.

7. Term of Agreement. This contract shall be effective from September 25, 2026 to June 30, 2027, provided however, that either party may at any given time terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

8. Assignment: The services to be rendered by the University under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, the University party shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the District and any attempted such transfer, assignment delegation and/or subcontracting without such written consent shall be void.

9. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Karen Kwandrans, Ed.D.

Vice President for Community Relations President, Board of Education

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Grandinetti moved for approval of the following report. Board member Zona seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, AND NIAGARA FALLS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FOR THE 716 UNITED MENTORING PROGRAM (SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 – JANUARY 31, 2027)

WHEREAS, The District desires to retain the Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club as an independent consultant to provide youth mentoring and enrichment activities; and

WHEREAS, A proposed Contract has been negotiated with the Niagara Falls and the Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club providing for the services to be performed at both prep schools for the period of September 25, 2026 through January 31, 2027 at a cost not exceed $20,000 to be billed in two (2) installments of $10,000 therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract for professional between the City School District of City of Niagara Falls and Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club, Inc., at a sum not to exceed $20,000 for period September 25, 2026 through January 31, 2027 attached hereto, be and is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Agreement is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said contract; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR INDEPENDENT SERVICES BY
BY NIAGARA FALLS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 24th day of September, 2026 by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, the first party, and Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club, 725 17th Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14301, the second party.

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby, MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

1. Engagement of Second Party: The first party hereby engages the second party as an independent consultant to render to the first party professional independent engaging afterschool and summer activities hereinafter described, and the second party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party: The second party shall provide and render to the first party the usual and customary services of a consultant which shall include but not be limited to the following:

a. Youth mentoring to LaSalle and Gaskill Preparatory students through the 716 United Mentoring program

b. Social-emotional support to students

c. Collaboration with the site coordinators of the 21st Century Preparatory Grant

d. Attendance at the quarterly advisory meetings for 21st Century Preparatory Grant

e. Appropriate record keeping and tracking of student attendance while participating in after school programming.

All of these functions shall be performed under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, who shall also maintain oversight of the Second Party's performance to ensure that it is performing in according with the terms, and conditions specified in the contract. Such evaluation will be aligned to the terms of the agreement, and may include, but are not limited to, on-site visits and observations, participant surveys and/or interviews, and document collection and review.

3. Relationship Between the Parties: The second party shall not be an employee of the first party. The second party is engaged by the first party only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement and the relationship to the first party during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services hereinbefore expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of independent consultant only and in no event as servant or employee. Except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have the power to control the activities and operations of the other and their status at all times will continue to be that of independent contractor.

4. Compensation to Second Party: Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the first party shall pay to the second party for services rendered a sum not to exceed $20,000 for implementation of the 716 United Mentoring Program in two (2) installments of $10,000 on November 30, 2026 and January 31, 2027 up to the invoice date for weekly social-emotional support services to students at both prep schools. Invoice shall be submitted by the Second Party quarterly on the dates herein stated. The second party shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquittance.

5. Taxes and Insurance: As an independent contractor, the second party is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, Worker's Compensation and unemployment insurance. The second party as Independent Contractor shall obtain liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the first party and naming the first party, City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, as additional party insured and shall file certificates evidencing such insurance with the District prior to commencing services under this Agreement.

6. Indemnification: To the fullest extent permitted by law, the second party shall indemnify and hold harmless the first party its, agents servants and/or employees from and against any and all cost, losses and damages arising out of the performance of its services under

this Agreement excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the first party its agents servants and/or employees.

7.Term of Contract: This contract shall be effective from September 25, 2026 – January 31, 2027, provided, however, that any party may at any given time terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

8.Assignment: The services to be rendered by the second party under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, the second party shall not transfer or assign any of the duties or obligations under this Agreement and any attempted such transfer, assignment or delegation shall be wholly void.

9.Entire Agreement: This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by all of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

Niagara Falls Boys and Girls Club OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY

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Rebecca Vincheski
Chief Executive Officer

Anthony Paretto
School Board President

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Grandinetti moved for approval of the following report. Board member Zona seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND MAKEEDA BROOKS (SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 – DECEMBER 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to provide mental and social emotional support services for students; and

WHEREAS, For previous school years, the District has contracted with Makeeda Brooks to provide youth mentoring services; and

WHEREAS, Makeeda Brooks has extensive experience in mentoring and teaching youth the importance of focus, discipline, and respect; and the organization is able to reach many students who face difficult life challenges; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with Makeeda Brooks to provide mentoring, social, and emotional support services for students participating in the “Just BE” program and the “Fit for Success” program; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Makeeda Brooks to provide eight (8) weeks of "Just Be" programming at Gaskill and LaSalle Preparatory and nine (9) weeks of "Fit for Success" programming at Bloneva Bond Primary School a cost not to exceed $27,600 for period effective 9-25-2026 and to terminate 12-31-2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Makeeda Brooks for youth mentoring services at a sum not to exceed $27,600 for the period September 25, 2026 through December 31, 2026, attached hereto, be hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Contract is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said Contract; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL

SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

MAKEEDA BROOKS

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 24th day of September 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Makeeda Brooks, 130 62nd Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304.

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

1. Engagement of Independent Contractor. The District hereby engages Makeeda Brooks as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the mental health grant objectives and Makeeda Brooks hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Makeeda Brooks shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services including:

- Facilitation of "Just BE" (Girls Empowerment Program)
- Implementation of the "Fit for Success" Program
- Student mentoring to improve confidence and social emotional well-being
- Teaching of life lessons such as building self-esteem

• Presenting the programs of "Just BE" at Gaskill and LaSalle Preparatory, and "Fit for Success" at Bloneva Bond Primary School

All of these functions shall be performed under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, who shall also maintain oversight of the Second Party's performance to ensure that it is performing in according with the terms, and conditions specified in the contract. Such evaluation will be aligned to the terms of the agreement, and may include, but are not limited to, on-site visits and observations, participant surveys and/or interviews, and document collection and review.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. Makeeda Brooks shall not be an employee of the District. Makeeda Brooks is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement and the relationship to the District during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services herein before expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of an independent contractor only and in no event as servant or employee. Makeeda Brooks is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns.

4. Compensation to Independent Contractor. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to Makeeda Brooks for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $27,600 to be paid in two installments of $13,800 on November 15, 2026 and December 31, 2026 for implementation of the "Just BE" and "Fit for Success" programs at LaSalle Preparatory, Gaskill Preparatory, and Bloneva Bond Primary. Payment checks payable to the order of Makeeda Brooks shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Makeeda Brooks.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Makeeda Brooks shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, its agents, servants, and/or employees from and against any and all costs, losses, and damages arising out of the performance of its services under this Agreement excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the District, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Makeeda Brooks shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Makeeda Brooks is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Worker's Compensation insurance as required by law.

Certificates of Insurance shall be filed with District prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificates. The certificates shall contain provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty days prior written notice is given to the District.

7. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from September 25, 2026 to December 31, 2026, provided however, that either party may, at any given time, terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

8. Assignment: The services to be rendered by Makeeda Brooks under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Makeeda Brooks shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the District and any attempted such transfer, assignment delegation and/or subcontracting without such written consent shall be void.

9. Entire Contract. This Contract contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract on the date and year first above written.

MAKEEDA BROOKS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Grandinetti moved for approval of the following report. Board member Zona seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND MELINDA A. SCIME, PSYCHOLOGIST, PLLC. FOR PROFESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 – DECEMBER 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, The District proposes to hire a mental health services company to render professional services in the area of mental health counseling to fulfill grant objectives for individual student counseling; and

WHEREAS, A proposed Contract has been negotiated with Melinda A. Scime, Psychologist, PLLC, to provide the mental consulting services for the period of 9/25/26 – 12/31/26 at a fee not to exceed $27,000 to be billed in three monthly installments of $9,000 on the last day of October, November, and December 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Melinda A. Scime, Psychologist, PLLC., for professional mental health counseling and consultation services attached hereto, be and is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Agreement is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said contract; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING AND CONSULTATION SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT

MELINDA A. SCIME, PSYCHOLOGIST, PLLC

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 24th of September 2026 by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, the first party, and Melinda A. Scime, Psychologist, PLLC, 779 Cayuga Street, Suite D, Lewiston, NY 14092, the second party.

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby, MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

1. Engagement of Second Party: The first party hereby engages the second party as an independent consultant to render to the first party professional mental health counseling and consultation services hereinafter described, and the second party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party: The second party shall provide and render to the first party the usual and customary services of a consultant as they relate to professional mental health counseling and consultation which services shall include but not be limited to the following:

a. Twenty (20) hours of individual mental health counseling services (Tier 2 and Tier 3 social/emotional interventions) per week based on school referral and screening by the first party and the second party pursuant to goals and objectives of the School-Based Mental Health Services and Student Mental Health Supports Grants at District-wide schools.

b. Each school will receive direct support services and programming including individual student counselin

c. Participation in school-based S.T.A.R.T teams for appropriate individualized behavioral intervention services as needed.

d. Participation in advisory meetings.

All of these functions shall be performed under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, who shall also maintain oversight of the Second Party's performance to ensure that it is performing in according with the terms, and conditions specified in the contract. Such evaluation will be aligned to the terms of the agreement, and may include, but are not limited to, on-site visits and observations, participant surveys and/or interviews, and document collection and review.

3.Relationship Between the Parties: The second party shall not be an employee of the first party. The second party is engaged by the first party only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement and the relationship to the first party during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services hereinbefore expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of independent consultant only and in no event as servant or employee. Except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have the power to control the activities and operations of the other and their status at all times will continue to be that of independent contractor.

4.Compensation to Second Party: Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the first party shall pay to the second party for services rendered up to the invoice date, a sum not to exceed $27,000 in three monthly installments of $9,000. Invoices shall be submitted on the last day of October, November, and December 2026 for the provided service of twenty (20) hours of counseling per week. The second party shall submit invoices for services rendered monthly. The second party shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquaintance.

5.Taxes and Insurance: As an independent contractor, the second party is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, Worker's Compensation and unemployment insurance. The second party as Independent Contractor shall obtain liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the first party and naming the first party, Board of Education, as additional named insured and shall file certificates evidencing such insurance with the District prior to commencing services under this Agreement.

7.Indemnification: To the fullest extent permitted by law, the second party shall indemnify and hold harmless the first party its, agents servants and/or employees from and against any and all cost, losses and damages arising out of the performance of its services under this Agreement excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the first party its agents servants and/or employees.

8.Term of Contract: This contract shall be effective from September 25, 2026 – December 31, 2026, provided, however, that any party may at any given time terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

9.Assignment: The services to be rendered by the second party under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, the second party shall not transfer or assign any of the duties or obligations under this Agreement and any attempted such transfer, assignment or delegation shall be wholly void.

10. Entire Agreement: This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by all of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

CONSULTANT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

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Melinda A. Scime, Ph.D. Board President

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Grandinetti moved for approval of the following report. Board member Zona seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND NATIVE LANGUAGE SERVICES, LLC. FOR STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 – DECEMBER 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to provide social-emotional support, advocacy and bilingual communications support services for students; and

WHEREAS, For the last school year, the District has contracted with Jose Garcia's company, "Native Language Services, LLC", to provide mentoring, advocacy, and bilingual communications support services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia has extensive experience in mentoring and bilingual interpersonal communications and who is able to reach many students who face difficult life challenges as native language speakers both in school and in the community; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with Mr. Garcia's company, Native Language Services, LLC., to provide mentoring, advocacy and bilingual communications support services for students in the Niagara Falls City School District community; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Native Language Services, to provide mentoring and bilingual communications services at GJ Mann Elementary School, Henry J. Kalfas Elementary School, LaSalle Preparatory School and Niagara Falls High School for a cost not to exceed $15,000 for period effective 9-25-2026 and to terminate 12-31-2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Native Language Services, LLC for Student Support Services for the school year at a sum not to exceed $15,000 for the period September 25, 2026 through December 31, 2026, attached hereto, be and hereby is approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Contract is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said Contract; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

NATIVE LANGUAGE SERVICES, LLC

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 24th day of September 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Native Language Services, LLC, 1858 East River Road, Grand Island, NY 14072.

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

1.Engagement of Independent Contractor. The District hereby engages Native Language Services, LLC as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of English Language Learner support to students and Native Language Services, LLC hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2.Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Native Language Services, LLC shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, (September 25, 2026 – December 31, 2026), including:

- Provide social emotional support to students who are learning English as a new language

- Establish relationships with students and families through open conversation in their preferred language

- Identify learner needs and develop resolution strategies in concert with teachers, counselors or administration – to include real or perceived bullying or other factors that impact the child's academic or social emotional well being

- Support open conversation with a focus on social engagement to address the isolation that a language barrier can present

- Foster increased parent engagement through home visitation, in-person and virtual sessions as required to connect the parent with their child's education and the development of home-school partnerships

- Conduct home visits to address issues related to school attendance or other purposes as indicated by Niagara Falls City School District Staff

All of these functions shall be performed under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, who shall also maintain oversight of the Second Party's performance to ensure that it is performing in according with the terms, and conditions specified in the contract. Such evaluation will be aligned to the terms of the agreement, and may include, but are not limited to, on-site visits and observations, participant surveys and/or interviews, and document collection and review.

3.Relationship Between the Parties. Native Language Services, LLC shall not be an employee of the District. Native Language Services, LLC is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement and the relationship to the District during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services herein before expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of an independent contractor only and in no event as servant or employee. Native Language Services, LLC is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns.

4.Compensation to Independent Contractor. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the Native Language Services, LLC for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $15,000 to be paid in monthly installments of $5,000 on the last date of October, November, and December 2026. This is for eight (80) hours of monthly student support services provided by Native Language Services, LLC to GJ Mann Elementary School, Henry J. Kalfas Elementary School,

LaSalle Preparatory School and Niagara Falls High School. Payment checks payable to the order of Native Language Services, LLC shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance Native Language Services, LLC.

5.Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Native Language Services, LLC shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, its agents, servants, and/or employees from and against any and all costs, losses, and damages arising out of the performance of its services under this Agreement excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the District, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6.Taxes and Insurances. Native Language Services, LLC shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Native Language Services, LLC is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Worker's Compensation insurance as required by law.

Certificates of Insurance shall be filed with District prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificates. The certificates shall contain provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty days prior written notice is given to the District.

7.Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from September 25, 2026 to December 31, 2026, provided however, that either party may, at any given time, terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

8.Assignment: The services to be rendered by Native Language Services, LLC under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Native Language Services, LLC shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the District and any attempted such transfer, assignment delegation and/or subcontracting without such written consent shall be void.

9.Entire Contract. This Contract contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract on the date and year first above written.

NATIVE LANGUAGE SERVICES, LLC CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Grandinetti moved for approval of the following report. Board member Zona seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND HOGHOL (FORMERLY F-BITES) (SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 – DECEMBER 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, HOGHOL (formerly known as F-BITES and an acronym for "Heart of Gold, Head of Lettuce") has designed a program to give students the chance to learn important life skills and break the cycle of poverty; and

WHEREAS, The program does this by utilizing culinary education and cooking instruction as a vehicle to develop leadership, professional skills and career readiness; and

WHEREAS, The program is a hands-on solution to the problems facing at-risk youth as "Chef Bobby" helps prepare participants for the many obstacles they will face in life; and

WHEREAS, The District contracted with Chef Bobby's organization F-BITES to provide weekly mentoring services in previous school years and the program was a tremendous success; and

WHEREAS, District administration has negotiated a new Contract with HOGHOL to provide weekly youth mentoring through culinary arts at a cost not to exceed $60,000 to be paid in three (3) monthly installments of $20,000 on the last date of each month for October, November, and December 2026 for the period effective September 25, 2026 – December 31, 2026.

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and HOGHOL for professional services at a sum not to exceed $60,000 for the period September 25, 2026 – December 31, 2026, attached hereto, be hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Contract is subject to such modifications as the

Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said Contract; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL

SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

HOGHOL

THIS CONTRACT, made this 24th day of September 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and HOGHOL, 1 Symphony Circle, Buffalo, NY, 14213.

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

1. Engagement of Independent Contractor. The District hereby engages HOGHOL as an independent contractor to render to the District professional social and emotional student

support services and HOGHOL hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: HOGHOL shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services for September 25, 2026 – December 31, 2026 including:

a) Culinary and life skills weekly mentoring program at GJ Mann Elementary, Gaskill Preparatory, and Niagara Falls High School

b) The high school program will focus on a food truck culinary project and school catering service

c) The elementary and prep program will focus on social emotional supports through culinary arts and healthy nutrition

d) Saturday programming will be offered through the Saturday Academy and open to students and their families to receive hands-on instruction on designing healthy meals with cooking demonstrations

e) Collaboration with school administration as needed

All of these functions shall be performed under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, who shall also maintain oversight of the Second Party's performance to ensure that it is performing in according with the terms, and conditions specified in the contract. Such evaluation will be aligned to the terms of the agreement, and may include, but are not limited to, on-site visits and observations, participant surveys and/or interviews, and document collection and review.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. HOGHOL shall not be an employee of the District. HOGHOL is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Contract and the relationship to the District during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services herein before expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of an independent contractor only and in no event as servant or employee. HOGHOL is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns.

4. Compensation to Independent Contractor. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to HOGHOL for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $60,000 to be paid in monthly installments of $20,000 on the last day of each month for October, November, and December 2026. Payment checks payable to the order of HOGHOL shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by HOGHOL.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, HOGHOL shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, its agents, servants, and/or employees from and against any and all costs, losses, and damages arising out of the performance of its services under this Contract excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the District, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. HOGHOL shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. HOGHOL is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Worker's Compensation insurance as required by law.

Certificates of Insurance shall be filed with District prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificates. The certificates shall contain provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty days prior written notice is given to the District.

7. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from September 25, 2026 – December 31, 2026, provided however, that either party may, at any given time, terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

8. Assignment: The services to be rendered by HOGHOL under this Contract are unique and personal. Accordingly, HOGHOL shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Contract without the prior written consent of the District and any attempted such transfer, assignment delegation and/or subcontracting without such written consent shall be void.

9. Entire Contract. This Contract contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

HOGHOL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Grandinetti moved for approval of the following report. Board member Zona seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND GAME ON ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR (SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to increase academic achievement and provide mental, social, and emotional support services for students; and

WHEREAS, Game on Entertainment teaches coding and the design of electronic gaming to students; and

WHEREAS, Game on Entertainment teaches important life skills such as team work and building self-esteem through gaming; and the organization is able to reach many students who face difficult life challenges and worked previously in the after-school program at LaSalle Preparatory and Gaskill Preparatory Schools; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to enter into Contract with Game on Entertainment to provide weekly youth mentoring to students for the 2026-2027 School Year; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Game on Entertainment to provide such services seven (7) hours per week for thirty-two (32) weeks at a cost not to exceed $15,000 for period effective 9-25-2026 and to terminate 6-30-2027; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Game on Entertainment for the 2026-2027 School Year at a sum not to exceed $15,000 for the period September 25, 2026 through June 30, 2027, attached hereto, be hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Contract is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said Contract; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL

SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

GAME ON ENTERTAINMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 24th day of September 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Game on Entertainment, 637 60th Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14304.

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

1. Engagement of Independent Contractor. The District hereby engages Game on Entertainment as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding electronic gaming and Game on Entertainment hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Game on Entertainment shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, including:

- Student mentoring to improve confidence and social emotional well-being through computer programming
- Teaching of gaming and the use of coding to students
- Seven (7) hours per week for 32 weeks at the elementary and prep level

All of these functions shall be performed under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, who shall also maintain oversight of the Second Party's performance to ensure that

it is performing in according with the terms, and conditions specified in the contract. Such evaluation will be aligned to the terms of the agreement, and may include, but are not limited to, on-site visits and observations, participant surveys and/or interviews, and document collection and review.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. Game on Entertainment shall not be an employee of the District. Game on Entertainment is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement and the relationship to the District during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services herein before expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of an independent contractor only and in no event as servant or employee. Game on Entertainment is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns.

4. Compensation to Independent Contractor. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay Game on Entertainment for weekly services of seven (7) hours per week at the elementary and prep level hereunder a sum not to exceed $15,000 paid in three (3) equal installments of $5,000 on December 31, 2026, March 31, 2027, and June 30, 2027. Payment checks payable to the order of Game on Entertainment shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Game on Entertainment.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Game on Entertainment shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, its agents, servants, and/or employees from and against any and all costs, losses, and damages arising out of the performance of its services under this Agreement excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the District, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Game on Entertainment shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Game on Entertainment is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Worker's Compensation insurance as required by law.

Certificates of Insurance shall be filed with District prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificates. The certificates shall contain provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty days prior written notice is given to the District.

7. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from September 25, 2026 to June 30, 2027, provided however, that either party may, at any given time, terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

8. Assignment: The services to be rendered by Game on Entertainment under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Game on Entertainment shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the District and any attempted such transfer, assignment delegation and/or subcontracting without such written consent shall be void.

9. Entire Contract. This Contract contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract on the date and year first above written.

Shanna Smith CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Grandinetti moved for approval of the following report. Board member Zona seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN SAY READ TO SUCCEED AND THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

WHEREAS, The District wishes to engage Read to Succeed to effectively plan and strategically provide literacy tutoring to primary-aged students at Bloneva Bond Primary School and Harry F. Abate Elementary; and

WHEREAS, The opportunities will allow for not only academic growth, but personal and social growth through these expanded opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The agreement has been negotiated by the administration with Read To Succeed to provide such services at a cost not to exceed $25,000 for period effective October 1st, 2026 through June 30, 2027;now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Read To Succeed for implementation of literacy-based tutoring the rollout of four identified programs for students at a cost not to exceed $25,000, for the period of October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, attached hereto be and is hereby approved; and further

RESOLVED, That the Agreement is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said contract; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Grandinetti moved for approval of the following report. Board member Zona seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN SAY YES BUFFALO AND THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

WHEREAS, The District wishes to engage Say Yes Buffalo to effective plan and strategically roll out four collaborative programs; Saturday Academy, the Breaking Barriers Youth Leadership Development Program, the Modern Youth Apprenticeship program, and a tuition-free college promise for Niagara Falls public school students; and

WHEREAS, The opportunities will allow for not only academic growth, but personal and social growth through these expanded opportunities.

WHEREAS, The attached contract has been negotiated by the administration with Say Yes Buffalo to provide such services at a cost not to exceed $350,000 for period effective July 1st, 2026 through January 30th, 2027; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the attached Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Say Yes Buffalo to strategically plan the rollout of identified programs for students and families not to exceed $350,000 for the period of July 1st, 2026 through January 30th, 2027. Attached hereto be and is hereby approved; and further

RESOLVED, That the Agreement is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said contract; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Cancemi moved for approval of the following report. Board member Bilson seconded the motion.

APPROVAL TO BIND CYBER SECURITY INSURANCE WITH GREAT AMERICAN SPIRIT INSURANCE COMPANY THROUGH WRIGHT RISK MANAGEMENT AND NEW YORK STATE INSURANCE RECIPROCAL ("NYSIR"), AS PROPOSED, FOR THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF $33,500 FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2026 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2027

WHEREAS, the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls purchases property and equipment, general liability, automobile, umbrella, inland marine, crime, cyber

security, student accident, excess workers' compensation and builder's risk (for capital construction) insurance to protect the school system from many perils and legal liabilities.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education acknowledges it has insurance requirements that require specific endorsements and that without those endorsements the District would be exposed to significant out-of-pocket costs; and

WHEREAS, NYSIR provides one million dollars of cyber security coverage included in the annual general liability policy; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to bind an additional two (2) million dollars of Cyber Security insurance with Great American Spirit Insurance Company through Apex Insurance Services, Inc. and

WHEREAS, Great American Spirit is the preferred proposal for additional Cyber Security insurance; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Education approves binding an additional two (2) million dollars of Cyber Security insurance with Great American Spirit Insurance Company through Apex Insurance Services, Inc., as proposed, for the dollar amount of $33,500 for the period October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to bind the aforementioned insurances as described therein.
Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Grandinetti moved for approval of the following report. Board member Zona seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF ROTH CONTRIBUTIONS AND RESTATEMENT OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS 403(B) RETIREMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, has maintained a 403(b) retirement plan since January 1, 2009 for the benefit of eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, The Plan is an approved plan that is administered by The OMNI Group acting as the District's third party administrator to monitor compliance with all required laws and regulations and;

WHEREAS, It is the recommendation from management that the Plan be amended to permit Roth contributions and the District herby adopt the Plan as a complete restatement of the prior Plan, to be effective on January 1, 2026.

RESOLVED, That Ms. Julie Jacklin is authorized to execute the restated Plan document and authorize the performance of any other actions necessary to implement the adoption of the Plan restatement.
Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Board member Bilson moved for approval of the following report. Board member Bass seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES WITH INK LABS BUFFALO LLC TO FURNISH, INSTALL, AND MAINTAIN EVOLV EXPRESS TECHNOLOGY SINGLE LANE SYSTEM HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE PERIOD OF 2026 – 2030
WHEREAS, The District agrees to purchase the subscription with Ink Labs Buffalo, LLC for Evolv Express Technology weapons screening technology; and

WHEREAS, It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Education approve the Agreement for the Purchase from Ink Labs Buffalo, LLC, of a subscription of weapons screening technology services and equipment for the period beginning October 2026 through September 2030; and

WHEREAS, The fee for this subscription shall be paid at an annual rate of $21,910 for each of the nine (9) units to be installed at District schools for a period of 48 months, years 2, 3, and 4 include a $2,700 a year Premier Support Plan per site, and a one-time installation cost of $3,000 per unit for each of the nine (9) units, along with freight of $3,800 to be billed at time of installation. Total costs including installation and subscription amount to be paid is $884,360 over 48 months; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Subscription agreement is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it furthe

RESOLVED, That the Agreement for the purchase of subscription services for Ink Labs Buffalo, LLC to furnish, install, and maintain Evolv Express weapons screening technology at the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York per the quotes, attached hereto, be approved; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

Ayes: Board member Bass, Board member Bilson, Board member Cancemi, Board member Dunn, Board member Grandinetti, Board member Petrozzi, Board member Vilardo, Board member Zona. Board member Paretto.

Review of the Proposed Policy None

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to National Grid for repairing a pole at our field and landscaping;
NFMMC provided mobile van for student immunizations; there remain only 55 unimmunized students at this time.
Kudos to the Food Service Team, which does great work providing meals to students
Thanks to NFFD for providing fire inspections and fire prevention education.
National Hispanic Heritage Month is being observed from September 15, 2026 to October 15, 2026.
NFPD vs NFFD flag football game takes place September 25, 2026 at 6 p.m. at LPS.
Veteran Appreciation Day takes place Saturday.
The 13th Annual Niagara Falls Firefighter's Christmas Toy Fund 5K & 10K will take place on Sunday, September 27, 2026 at LaSalle Waterfront Park in Niagara Falls, New York.
Saturday Academy will be held October 3 at Abate from 9:30a.m. till 12:30 p.m.
On October 8, 2026 ENL Family Open House will be held at GJ Mann from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
36th Annual Joe Jacob Run will be held at NFHS on October 14, 2026.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT AND COMMENTS

Board members congratulated Mr. Macri on the fine state of facilities as schools opened; congratulated the August graduates; and expressed that Board members Grandinetti and Zona are great additions to the Board.

ADVANCED PLANNING

FUTURE MEETING DATES October 15, 2026 October 29, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board entered Executive Session7:46 p.m. on a motion by Board member Cancemi, seconded by Board member Vilardo at purpose of discussing pending litigation related to two CVA cases. All in favor.
The Board exited Executive Session and adjourned at 8:17 p.m. on a motion by Board member Dunn, seconded by Board member Cancemi. All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED in memory of:

Terry Bones, retired employee
Bruce Goelz, husband of Julieanna Goelz
Joan North, retired employee
Bill Ross, former Legislator
Rose Serge, grandmother of Bill Kennedy & aunt of Jamie Calarco

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser, District Clerk