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Re: Representation of Readington Township Public Schools in Social Media Harm Litigation

This letter contains the Contract of Investigation and Representation ("Contract"), entered into between Readington Township Public Schools ("District"), Law Office of Robert King, PLLC ("KING") and Motley Rice LLC ("MR") in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged. The District, King, and MR are each a "Party" and collectively the "Parties."

1. Engagement & Scope of Representation

KING and MR agrees to investigate and evaluate the District's possible claim(s) against Meta Platforms, Inc., Instagram LLC, Facebook Payments, Inc., Siculus, Inc., Facebook Operations, LLC, Bytedance Ltd., Bytedance Inc., Tiktok Ltd, TikTok LLC, TikTok Inc. Snap, Inc., Google, LLC, and YouTube, LLC (collectively the "Platforms") regarding public nuisance, negligence, or other related causes of actions (the "Claim").

If MR agrees to pursue the Claim after investigation and evaluation, District employs and retains MR to represent District's interests in any and all actions, claims or trial proceedings related the Claim on the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract.

If an appeal is to be taken from any judgment obtained in this matter, this Contract does not cover any such appeal. If District wishes to employ MR to represent it in any such appeal, the Parties will need to enter into a new and separate agreement for fees and services.

This Contract does not cover any matters either for District or any other person or entity except as specifically set forth above.

2. KING and MR's Authority

MR is empowered to take all steps in this matter it deems for the investigation and handling of the Claim, including hiring investigators, expert witnesses and/or other attorneys and filing any legal action necessary. While representing District, MR is authorized and empowered to: (1) vote on District's behalf in any bankruptcy proceeding or class action relevant to the scope of this representation and (2) endorse District's signature and to

deposit checks made payable District into its South Carolina-based trust account in order to disburse any recovery pursuant to the terms of this Contract.

3. Attorneys' Fees

If no recovery is made on the Claim, District will not owe KING and MR any sums whatsoever as attorneys' fees except as specifically provided in this Contract. District's obligations to King and MR regarding litigation expenses are set forth in Paragraph 6 below.

Absent a court order or administrative claim procedure by which attorneys' fees are otherwise governed, District will pay King and MR an attorneys' fee of one-third (1/3) (33.33%) of the gross amount of any settlement, verdict, or recovery, (the "Gross Amount") on the Claim for their legal services performed regarding the Claim, including but not limited to all pretrial and trial proceedings. Advanced expenses will be deducted from the net proceeds payable to District after attorneys' fees are calculated based on the Gross Amount and deducted from it.

Some or all portions of the Claim may be handled through a class action, court-approved settlements, administrative claims processing, or as a result of bankruptcy proceedings. If so, MR's attorneys' fee may be as determined or awarded by court order or under the terms of a court-approved settlement or administrative process. The amount of attorneys' fees permitted under such group recovery varies in each case, and MR will be bound by the amount of attorneys' fees awarded by the court or through the administrative claims procedure. In no event shall attorneys' fees exceed one-third (33.33%).

Furthermore, if the provisions of this Contract regarding payment of attorneys' fees conflict with any court order, settlement agreement, provision of law or rule of professional conduct that dictates the amount of attorneys' fee that may be recovered, such court order, settlement agreement, provision of law or rule of professional conduct shall govern the recovery of attorneys' fees under this Contract, but in no event shall attorneys' fees District pays exceed the agreed-upon one-third (33.33%).

4. Co-Counsel

MR will associate co-counsel at **Robert King, PLLC** to handle the Claim and will divide its attorneys' fees with such co-counsel. This association will not increase the total attorneys' fees District pays.

5. Class Action

MR is authorized to pursue the Claim through a class action instead of an individual lawsuit. If the Claim is filed as a class action, District may be asked to act as a representative plaintiff in a class action and will undertake to fulfill the obligations of a class representative to keep fully informed of the class action and represent the interests of the class.

If the Claim is resolved in a class action context, court approval of any such resolution, including the award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses to MR, is necessary before such resolution becomes final; however, if District is serving as a class representative, it must consider the propriety of any offer to the class and what is in the best interest of the class. The court may grant final approval to a class action settlement if it is fair, reasonable and adequate, even if District does not approve of the settlement. If the Claim is part of a class action, MR understand that in a class action context, MR will represent both District and the class, and may have a duty to pursue settling the class action litigation, even if District disagrees. If District disagrees with a class action settlement, the court may grant it the right to opt out from the settlement and pursue the Claim independently, in which case this Contract shall remain in full force and effect.

6. Expenses

Except as provided in this Contract, during the term of representation MR and associated co-counsel will advance all Claim-related expenses incurred on District's behalf, including, but not limited to, filing, service of process, and medical record fees; court reporter, investigation, photograph, photo-reproduction, and reasonable travel expenses; and third-party lien resolution service and computer-based research costs. Those expenses will be deducted from any recovery on the Claim after all attorneys' fees are calculated and deducted.

If MR recommends District settle the Claim but District decides to proceed to trial, if no money is recovered for District at trial, MR and associated co-counsel will have the right to collect from District the expenses they advanced pursuing the Claim.

If no recovery is made, District will have no obligation to reimburse MR or associated co-counsel for expenses the incurred pursuing the Claim except as specifically set forth above.

If District settles the Claim with some of the defendants individually and the amount of the settlement is for less than the full resolution of the Claim, MR may use some of District's settlement proceeds to finance the remainder of the Claim against other defendants which have additional potential liability. MR may withhold up to one-third of District's portion of any partial settlement proceeds as an advance for expenses incurred for prosecution of the Claim against the remaining defendant(s).

If the court requires MR to use co-counsel because a defendant is bankrupt, these co-counsel attorneys' fees will be treated as expenses and deducted from District's net recovery.

MR may file the Claim in an MDL, file it as a class action, and/or handle it as a part of a larger number of cases for settlement and/or trial preparation. In any of these instances, certain expenses will be incurred in a joint effort to handle all cases. District authorizes MR and associated co-counsel to prorate such joint/shared expenses among all the cases in the larger group.

The resolution of the Claim may be governed by order of the court, and the court may be required to grant final approval to any expense recovery requested by MR and associated co-counsel.

7. Disbursement of Proceeds

When any proceeds recovered on District's behalf under this Contract are disbursed, District will receive a detailed disbursement sheet showing how attorneys' fees were calculated and the amount of litigation expenses, both of which District shall owe District's attorneys from the recovery proceeds.

Under some circumstances, health insurers, worker's compensation carriers, or others who paid benefits or provided services on District's behalf may claim a right to recover a portion of the proceeds from the Claim and may place MR on notice of their claim. Except as may be required by law, MR will not agree to protect any claim of a subrogation carrier or other creditor without District's consent. If MR receives notice of any such claim, they may be required to hold a portion of District's recovery in trust and may do so as required by applicable rules of professional conduct.

8. No Guarantee of Recovery

No guarantee or assurances of any kind have been made regarding the likelihood of success of the Claim.

9. Statute of Limitations

District understands that the Defendants have raised the statute of limitations as an affirmative defense in nearly all the school district cases currently selected as bellwethers and expected to go to trial. District further understands the potential exists that the Court may determine one or both of District's claims are time barred

and subject to dismissal. Dismissal due to claims being time barred would not result in District incurring any litigation costs or expenses.

10. Termination of Representation

District can terminate MR's representation of District at any time by providing written notice to MR at its address below. If District terminates MR's representation prior to the full conclusion of MR's services under this Contract, MR has a claim for litigation expenses and unpaid attorneys' fees which will become due when District or any successor attorney receive any proceeds for the portion of the Claim remaining when MR is terminated. District's obligation for unpaid attorneys' fees will be calculated based on the percentage of work-in-progress completed on the Claim when MR is released as District's attorneys.

After investigating the Claim, MR shall have the right to withdraw and cancel this Contract if it is unable or unwilling to undertake the contemplated representation.

MR may also withdraw from representing District after due and proper notice if MR determines that pursuing the Claim is not feasible, worthwhile, or meritorious; the representation will create an unreasonable financial burden on MR; or for any other reason permitted by the court or the applicable rules of professional conduct.

11. Charging Lien

To the extent allowed by law, District hereby grants MR a charging lien on the proceeds of any settlement, judgment, administrative decision, or other award of any type whatsoever with regard to the Claim. District authorizes MR to give notice of such lien to successor counsel, a court or administrative body before which the Claim is pending, or any other person to the extent necessary to enforce this lien.

12. Indemnification

The Parties shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless each other and their successors, permitted assigns, agents, owners, officers, directors, members, employees, executors, heirs, and representatives from and against any and all actions or causes of action, liabilities, obligations, losses, claims, demands, judgments, damages, costs, charges, and other expenses of every kind and character whatsoever (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs) which at any time arise out of, relate to or result from their own (i) negligent acts, omissions, and errors or (2) willful or intentional misconduct with respect to matters covered by this Contract. The provisions of this Paragraph 12 shall survive the termination of this Contract.

13. File Disposition

District will not have paid MR for any work product, such as memorandum of law, briefs, discovery requests, until MR and associated co-counsel have been paid for their services in the Claim. Accordingly, any such work product remains the property of MR until it has been paid the attorneys' fees and expenses due under this Contract. As to other materials in District's file, District authorizes MR to retain possession of any such materials. MR will cooperate fully in furnishing the originals or copies of relevant materials from the file to any successor attorney District may retain. After the Claim is concluded, MR will maintain its file on this matter for at least six (6) years, but that after six (6) years, MR may dispose of the file in accordance with its document retention policy. If District wants any information or material from MR's file (other than uncompensated work product as set forth above), MR will return such information and materials will be returned to District upon its request, if that request is made within six (6) years of the representation's end.

14. Applicable Rules of Professional Conduct

The South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct will govern this Contract unless a lawsuit is filed, in which case the rules of the jurisdiction in which the court sits will govern any conduct in connection with the matter pending before it.

15. Severability

The illegality, invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Contract shall not affect the legality, validity or enforceability of any other provision hereof, and this Contract shall be construed in all respects as if such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision, if any, were never included in this Contract.

16. Parties to Be Bound

Except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Contract, the terms and provisions of this Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties, their successors, permitted assigns, executors, administrators, representatives, and heirs.

17. Governing Law

This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of South Carolina without regard to its conflicts of laws principles.

18. Headings

The paragraph headings of this Contract are included for purposes of convenience only and must not alter or affect the scope, construction, or interpretation of any of the provisions of this Contract.

19. Counterparts and Electronic Transmission

This Contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument. For purposes of executing this Contract, a signature transmitted by electronic means or facsimile shall have the same binding legal effect as an original signature on an original document.

20. Entire Agreement

This Contract constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Contract and supersedes any and all prior understanding(s) or agreement(s), express or implied, oral or written, between the Parties with respect thereto. No representations, warranties, inducements, promises or agreements, orally or otherwise, have been made by any Party, or anyone acting on behalf of any Party, which are not set forth in this Contract, and no other agreement, statement, or promise not included in this Contract shall be valid or binding on the Parties.

This contract will be effective when both the District and MR have signed below.

Accepted by District:

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SIGNATURE DATE

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NAME

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TITLE

_____ _____

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

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PHONE NUMBER EMAIL

Accepted by Motley Rice LLC:

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ATTORNEY'S SIGNATURE DATE

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