

Montana Data Privacy Agreement

For use with vendors providing student record management services and online applications utilized to deliver services to students.

This is a sample agreement to assist Montana public school districts in complying with the Montana Pupil Online Personal Information Protection Act. The sample agreement, if executed, will constitute a legally binding contract between the district and the vendor. As with any legal contract, school districts should consult with legal counsel prior to execution to ensure the provisions of the draft agreement reflect the terms the district has agreed upon with the contract and that the specific sections of the agreement protect the school district's interests. If the vendor or the school district have requested changes to this sample agreement, those amendments should be reviewed by legal counsel. Legal assistance is available from the Montana School Boards Association at 406 442-2180

I. PARTIES:

The parties to this Agreement are the Hamilton School District (hereinafter "District") and Newslea, Inc. (hereinafter "Contractor" or "Contractor").

II. PURPOSE:

District retains Contractor to provide the following services on behalf of the District: Provide technology services, including cloud-based services, for the digital storage, management, and retrieval of pupil records; provide digital educational software that authorizes a third-party provider of digital educational software to access, store, and use pupil records in accordance with the provisions of this contract. Contractor shall be free from control and direction over the performance of the services, both under this Agreement and in fact. Except as limited herein, Contractor shall have and exercise full professional discretion as to the details of performance.

III. TERM OF AGREEMENT, NO GUARANTEE OF WORK, NON-

EXCLUSIVITY: This Agreement shall begin on the date of signature and shall run for 5 years and shall expire on June 30, 2025, unless terminated earlier by mutual agreement of the parties. This Agreement shall not be construed as any guarantee of work or assignments to Contractor. Contractor shall be contacted on an "as-needed" basis by District, with no obligation by District to use Contractor for any specified number of projects. Contractor shall have no expectation of renewal of this Agreement and shall not be entitled to continue to contract with or perform services for the District beyond the expiration of this Agreement. This Agreement is non-exclusive, meaning that both Contractor and District may contract with any other party for the procurement or provision of investigative services without interference.

voice recordings, or geolocation information.

"Confidential Information" means information, not generally known, and proprietary to the Contractor or the School District or to a third party for whom the Contractor or the School District is performing work, including, without limitation, information concerning any patents or trade secrets, confidential or secret designs, processes, formulae, source codes, plans, devices or material, research and development, proprietary software, analysis, techniques, materials or designs (whether or not patented or patentable), directly or indirectly useful in any aspect of the business of the Contractor or the School District. Confidential Information includes all information which Contractor or the School District acquires or becomes acquainted with during the period of this Agreement, whether developed by Contractor, the School District or others, which Contractor or the School District has a reasonable basis to believe to be Confidential, such as data that is personally identifiable to an individual student and information within the definition of "Education Record." The parties agree that the following will be treated as "Confidential Information": (i) all database information ("Data") provided by or on behalf of the School District to Contractor; (ii) all information provided by Contractor to the School District pertaining to the Services; (iii) all information which is labeled as such in writing and prominently marked as "Confidential," "Proprietary" or words of similar meaning by either party; or (iv) business information of a party which a reasonable person would understand under the circumstances to be confidential.

V. WORK PRODUCT – OWNERSHIP:

Unless otherwise noted in this agreement, all work product completed for the specific purposes of this Agreement, including but not limited to records, reports, documents, pleadings, exhibits and other materials related to this Agreement and/or obtained or prepared by, or supplied to Contractor in connection with the performance of the services contracted for herein shall be confidential, shall not be discussed or otherwise disseminated by Contractor without the authorization of District, and shall remain the exclusive property of District. Contractor shall return all such work product to District upon termination or expiration of this Agreement. Contractor further agrees to supply a copy of all documents prepared or maintained in an electronic format to District in such electronic format.

submit to the school principal written request identifying the information they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the requesting party of the time and place the information may be inspected. Contractor will cooperate with the School District to accommodate any inspection request. The rights contained in this section are denied to any person against whom an order of protection has been entered concerning a student.

Parents/guardians or eligible pupils may ask the School District to amend a personal information held by the Contractor they believe is inaccurate, misleading, irrelevant, or improper. They should write the school principal clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed and specify the reason. Contractor will cooperate with the School District to accommodate any amendment request.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible student, the District will notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible pupil of the decision and advise him or her of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

Parents/guardians or eligible pupils may ask the School District to transfer possession of personal information held by the Contractor to the pupil. Parents, guardians, or pupils should submit to the school principal written request identifying the information they wish to transfer. Contractor will cooperate with the School District to accommodate any transfer request including providing options by which a pupil may transfer pupil-generated content to a pupil's personal account.

Contractor designates _____, as the primary employees responsible to ensure the security and confidentiality of pupil records. By signing this agreement, Contractor certifies that designated employees have completed training in pupil information security and confidentiality. Documentation of this training including its scope, duration, and date of completion will be provided to the School District upon request. Compliance with this requirement does not, in itself, absolve the third party of liability in the event of an unauthorized disclosure of pupil records.

necessary for performance of this Agreement. Any such confidential information and copies thereof made by a party, or any representative of a party, shall be completely and promptly destroyed at the conclusion of contract performance subject to this Agreement

Upon termination or completion of the Services hereunder, upon request of the School District, Contractor will delete the School District's Confidential Information as housed in the Contractor production database(s), provided that Contractor may maintain archival copies for audit purposes and dispute resolution purposes and Contractor may retain copies of Confidential Information on back-up media in which such Data is co-resident with other employment and income data. Contractor shall remain under its contractual obligation of confidentiality and security to the School District and such obligations shall survive termination of the Agreement. This Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Contractor may use de-identified Data for product development, research, or other internal purposes. De-identified Data will have all direct and indirect personal identifiers removed. This includes, but is not limited to, name, ID numbers, date of birth, demographic information, location information, and school ID. Furthermore, Contractor agrees not to attempt to re-identify de-identified Data.

Contractor is prohibited from mining the School District's Data for any purposes other than those agreed to by the parties. Data mining or scanning of user content for the purpose of advertising or marketing to students or their parents is prohibited. Any and all forms of advertisement, directed towards children, parents, guardians, or District Employees will be strictly prohibited unless allowed with express written consent of the District. Contractor shall not use information to amass a profile about a pupil, except in furtherance of K-12 school purposes. Operators shall not sell a pupil's information to unauthorized third parties.

Contractor will not change how School District Data are collected, used, or shared under the terms of this Agreement in any way without advance notice to the School District. This Agreement is the entire agreement between the School District (including all District end users) and the Contractor. All other agreements or understandings, whether electronic, click-through, verbal or in writing, with District Employees or other End Users shall be null and void.

and technical safeguards to: 1) ensure the security and confidentiality of PII and Confidential Information; 2) protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of Confidential Information; 3) protect against unauthorized access to or use of Confidential Information that could result in substantial harm or inconvenience to any customer or to any School District employee and/or student; and 4) dispose of PII and Confidential Information in a secure manner.

VIII. DATA BREACHES:

Contractor shall notify the School District in writing as soon as commercially practicable, however no later than five (5) business days, after Contractor has actual knowledge of a breach which affects the School District's Data (an "Incident") unless it is determined by law enforcement that such notification would impede or delay their investigation. Contractor shall have actual or constructive knowledge of an Incident if Contractor actually knows there has been an Incident or if Contractor has reasonable basis in facts or circumstances, whether acts or omissions, for its belief that an Incident has occurred. The notification required by this section shall be made as soon as commercially practicable after the law enforcement agency determines that notification will not impede or compromise the investigation. Contractor shall cooperate with law enforcement in accordance with applicable law provided however, that such cooperation shall not result in or cause an undue delay to remediation of the Incident. Contractor shall promptly take appropriate action to mitigate such risk or potential problem at Contractor's or OPERATOR's expense. In the event of an Incident, Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, restore the Confidential Information, to as close its original state as practical, including, without limitation any and all Data, and institute appropriate measures to prevent any recurrence of the problem as soon as is commercially practicable.

Contractor will conduct periodic risk assessments and remediate any identified security vulnerabilities in a timely manner. Contractor will also have a written incident response plan, to include prompt notification of the District in the event of a security or privacy incident, as well as best practices for responding to a breach of PII.

IX. LEGAL COMPLIANCE AND NON-DISCRIMINATION:

present on District property, behave in a manner appropriate to a school setting. Contractor shall discipline or terminate the employment of any of Contractor's employees performing services under this Agreement for engaging in any conduct inappropriate to a school setting, including, but not limited to, being under the influence or in possession of alcohol or any controlled substance while on District property; use of foul language; bullying or harassment of District students or staff; or such other conduct deemed inappropriate by the District. The District shall have the authority, in the discretion of the District Superintendent, to prohibit Contractor from permitting any employee to perform services under this Agreement based upon one or more instances of employee misconduct as described herein.

XII. TERMINATION PRIOR TO EXPIRATION OF CONTRACT TERM:

This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to expiration of the contract term by mutual agreement of the parties in writing. This Agreement may be terminated unilaterally by either party for cause or noncompliance with the terms, conditions, and requirements set forth herein, provided, however, that the noncompliant party shall first be entitled to a written demand for compliance and a reasonable opportunity to cure any noncompliance therein identified. Failure to cure any identified noncompliance within 20 business days of receipt of written demand shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement, and shall entitle the non-breaching party to immediately terminate this Agreement. All parties subject to a contract voided under this subdivision shall return all pupil records in their possession to the school district

XIII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT, MODIFICATION, AND WAIVER:

This Agreement embodies the complete agreement of the parties hereto, superseding all oral and written previous and contemporary agreements between the parties. No alteration or modification of this Agreement shall be valid unless evidenced by a writing signed by the parties to this Agreement. A waiver of any term or condition of this Agreement or breach of this agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any other term or condition of this Agreement or any part hereof or of any later breach of this Agreement. Any waiver must be in writing each time a waiver occurs.

XIV. SAVINGS CLAUSE:

submit a dispute to arbitration but the default dispute resolution shall be litigation. Contractor stipulates that the School District is a political subdivision of the State of Montana, and, as such, enjoys immunities from suit and liability provided by the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana. By entering into this Agreement, the School District does not waive any of its immunities from suit and/or liability, except as otherwise specifically provided herein and as specifically authorized by law. In any adjudication under this Agreement, reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees may be awarded to the prevailing party. The parties acknowledge that, as a public entity in the State of Montana, the School District and entities contracting with the School District must comply with the open records laws of the State.

I have read this Agreement, understand its terms, and agree to be bound thereby. DATED this 20th day of April, 2020.

DocuSigned by: Chris Mezzatesta Date: 4/20/2020
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Chris Mezzatesta, Contractor
Title/Position: Chief Customer Officer

Company Name: Newsela, Inc.

Company Address: 620 8th Avenue, 21st Floor
New York, NY 10018

Company Phone Number: _____

Company Website: www.newsela.com

Scott McCulloch

Date: 9/2/2022
_____, Board Chair _____ School District

ATTEST: Li U. [Signature]

Date: 9/2/2022
_____, District Clerk _____ School District

The Subscribing LEA and the Provider _____ shall therefore be bound by the same terms of this DPA.

BY: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME: _____

DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF LEA:

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email _____

COUNTY OF LEA:
