



## **THE COTTONWOOD SCHOOL**

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**Special Board Meeting  
The Cottonwood School  
July 24, 2019 – 5:00 pm – 5:20 pm  
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Sacramento, CA 95834**

**Through Teleconference**

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### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of Resolution of the Board of Directors of The Cottonwood School  
Approving Amended Bylaws to Reflect Resignation and Removal of Sole Statutory  
Member and Termination of Any and All Membership Rights, and Other Actions  
Related Thereto
4. Approval of Amendment to the District Office Service Agreement
5. Approval of Vendor Agreements
6. Adjournment

Public comment rules: Members of the public may address the Board on agenda or non-agenda items. Please fill out a yellow card available at the entrance. Speakers may be called in the order that requests are received, or grouped by subject area. We ask that comments are limited to 2 minutes each, with no more than 15 minutes per single topic so that as many people as possible may be heard. By law, the Board is allowed to take action only on items on the agenda. The Board may, at its discretion, refer a matter to district staff or calendar the issue for future discussion.

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-3**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COTTONWOOD SCHOOL APPROVING FIRST AMENDED BYLAWS TO REFLECT RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL OF SOLE STATUTORY MEMBER AND TERMINATION OF ANY AND ALL MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS, AND OTHER ACTIONS RELATED THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, The Cottonwood School (the “School”) is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation whose charitable purposes include the operation of one or more California public charter schools;

**WHEREAS**, Inspire Charter Schools (“ICS”) is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation whose charitable purposes include to manage, operate, guide, direct and promote one or more California public schools;

**WHEREAS**, since the School adopted its Bylaws on or about September 30, 2018, ICS has been the sole statutory member, as the term “member” is defined in Section 5056 of the California Corporations Code, and ICS has held certain member rights pursuant to Section 5056;

**WHEREAS**, Section 5340(a) of the California Corporations Code permits a member of a California nonprofit public benefit corporation to resign from membership at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, now, upon resignation and relinquishment of any and all membership rights by ICS as the sole statutory member, the School desires to accept member resignation, to remove from the Bylaws any and all membership rights in ICS, and to reflect that the School shall have no members.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, this Board of Directors of the School does hereby find, resolve, and order as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. The First Amended Bylaws of the School, attached hereto as Exhibit A, which reflect that the School shall have no members, are adopted, authorized, and approved in all respects upon resignation and relinquishment of any and all membership rights by ICS as the sole statutory member.

Section 3. The President or Secretary of the School or the duly delegated representatives of any of the foregoing (each an “Authorized Officer”), acting alone or together, is(are) hereby authorized and directed to take or a cause to be taken all such other actions as may be required to fulfill the purposes of the foregoing resolutions.

## SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary of the Board of Directors of The Cottonwood School, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, hereby certify as follows:

The attached is a full, true, and correct copy of the resolutions duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of The Cottonwood School which was duly held on July 19, 2019, at which meeting all of the members of the Board of Directors had due notice and at which a quorum thereof was present; and at such meeting such resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

I have carefully compared the same with the original minutes of such meeting on file and of record in my office; the attached resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of the original resolution adopted at such meeting and entered in such minutes; and such resolution has not been amended, modified, or rescinded since the date of its adoption, and the same is now in full force and effect.

WITNESS my hand on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Secretary of the Board of Directors of  
The Cottonwood School

## **Exhibit A**

### **First Amended Bylaws**

**FIRST AMENDED BYLAWS**  
**OF**  
**THE COTTONWOOD SCHOOL**  
**a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation**

**ARTICLE I**  
**OFFICES**

Section 1. PRINCIPAL OFFICE. The board of directors shall fix the location of the principal executive office of the corporation at any place within or outside the State of California. If the principal executive office is located outside the State of California, and the corporation has one or more offices in the State of California, the board of directors shall likewise fix and designate a principal office in the State of California.

Section 2. OTHER OFFICES. The corporation may also establish offices at such other places, both within and outside the State of California, as the board of directors may from time to time determine or the activities of the corporation may require.

**ARTICLE II**  
**OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES**

The specific objectives and purposes of this corporation shall be to operate one or more California public charter schools.

**ARTICLE III**  
**NONPARTISAN ACTIVITIES**

The corporation has been formed under the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law (the "Law") for the public, nonprofit, nonpartisan, and charitable purposes described in its articles of incorporation. Notwithstanding any other provision in these bylaws, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation, and the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("IRC"), or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under IRC Section 170(c)(2).

**ARTICLE IV**  
**DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

The properties and assets of this corporation are irrevocably dedicated to the charitable purposes described in Article III above and in the articles of incorporation of this corporation. No part of the net earnings, properties, or assets of this corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of its directors or officers, or to any individual. On liquidation or dissolution of this corporation, all remaining assets of this corporation, after payment, or provision

for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation, shall be distributed and paid over to an organization dedicated to charitable purposes that is exempt from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3) and that is exempt from California income tax under Section 23701d of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

## **ARTICLE V NO MEMBERS**

Section 1. NO MEMBERS. The corporation shall have no members within the meaning of Section 5056 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

Section 2. AUTHORITY VESTED IN BOARD. Any action that otherwise requires approval by a majority of all members, or approval by the members, requires only approval of the Board. All rights that would otherwise vest under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law in the members shall vest in the Board.

Section 3. ASSOCIATES. The corporation may use the term “members” to refer to persons associated with it, but such persons shall not be corporate members within the meaning of Section 5056 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

## **ARTICLE VI DIRECTORS**

Section 1. POWERS. Subject to the provisions of the Law and any limitations in the articles of incorporation and these bylaws, the activities and affairs of the corporation shall be managed and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the direction of the board of directors. Without prejudice to such general powers, but subject to the same limitations, it is hereby expressly declared that the board of directors shall have the following powers in addition to the other powers enumerated in these bylaws:

(a) To select and remove all of the other officers, agents, and employees of the corporation; prescribe any powers and duties for them that are consistent with law, with the articles of incorporation, and with these bylaws; fix their compensation; and require from them security for faithful service.

(b) To conduct, manage, and control the affairs and activities of the corporation and to make such rules and regulations that are consistent with law, the articles of incorporation, and these bylaws, as they deem to be appropriate and in the best interests of the corporation.

(c) To adopt, make, and use a corporate seal; and to alter the form of such seal.

(d) To borrow money and to incur indebtedness on behalf of the corporation, and to cause to be executed and delivered for the purposes of the corporation, in the corporate name, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, hypothecations, or other evidences of debt and securities.

(e) To change the principal executive office or the principal office in the State of California from one location to another; to cause the corporation to be qualified to conduct its activities in any other state, territory, dependency, or country and conduct its activities within or outside the State of California; and to designate any place within or outside the State of California for the holding of any board of directors meeting or meetings.

(f) To make donations for the public welfare or for community funds, hospital, charitable, educational, scientific, civic, religious, or similar purposes.

(g) To act as a trustee under any trust incidental to the principal objects of the corporation, and to receive, to hold, to administer, to exchange, and to expend funds and property subject to such trust.

(h) To receive endowments, devises, bequests, gifts, and donations of all kinds of property for its own use, or in trust, in order to carry out or to assist in carrying out, the objects and purposes of the corporation and to do all things and acts necessary or proper to carry out each and all of the purposes and provisions of such endowments, devises, bequests, gifts, and donations with full power to mortgage, sell, lease, or otherwise to deal with or dispose of the same in accordance with the terms thereof.

(i) To sell any property, real, personal, or mixed, owned by the corporation at any time, and from time to time upon such terms as the board of directors may deem advisable, at public or private sale, for cash or upon credit.

(j) To retain sums received by the corporation uninvested, if, in the discretion of the board of trustees, such sums cannot be invested advantageously.

(k) To retain all or any part of any securities or property acquired by the corporation in whatever manner, and to invest and reinvest any funds held by the corporation, according to the judgment of the board of directors without being restricted to the class of investments that the board of directors is or may hereafter be permitted by law to make or any similar restriction; provided, however, that no action shall be taken by or on behalf of the corporation if such action is a prohibited transaction or would result in the denial of the tax exemption under IRC Section 501 or Section 23701 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

(l) To invest funds received by the corporation in stocks, bonds, mortgages, loans, whether secured or unsecured, or other investments as the board of directors shall deem advisable.

Section 2. NUMBER AND QUALIFICATION. The authorized number of directors shall be no less than three (3) and no more than eleven (11), unless changed by amendments to these bylaws, with the actual number to be determined from time to time by a resolution or motion of the board. Directors shall be elected by the vote of a majority of directors then in office. The board of directors shall consist of at least three (3) directors unless changed by an amendment to these bylaws.

Section 3. RESTRICTION ON INTERESTED PERSONS AS DIRECTORS. No more than 49 percent of the persons serving on the board of directors may be interested persons (as

defined in this Section 3). An "interested person" is (a) any person compensated by the corporation for services rendered to it within the previous 12 months, whether as a full- or part-time employee, independent contractor, or otherwise, excluding any reasonable compensation, if any, paid to a director as director; or (b) any brother, sister, ancestor, descendant, spouse, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, or father-in-law of any such person.

Section 4. TERM OF OFFICE; EVENTS CAUSING VACANCIES ON BOARD. Each director shall hold office for one (1) year. A director may serve multiple terms of service. A vacancy or vacancies on the board of directors shall occur in the event of (a) the death, resignation, or removal of any director; (b) the declaration by resolution of the board of directors of a vacancy in the office of a director who has been convicted of a felony, declared of unsound mind by a court order, or found by final order or judgment of any court to have breached a duty under the Law, Chapter 2, Article 3; and (c) the increase of the authorized number of directors.

Section 5. RESIGNATION OF DIRECTORS. Except as provided below, any director may resign by giving written notice to the chairman of the board, if any, or to the president, or the secretary, or to the board of directors. The resignation shall be effective when the notice is given unless the notice specifies a later time for the resignation to become effective. If a director's resignation is effective at a later time, the board may designate a successor to take office as of the date when the resignation becomes effective. Except upon notice to the Attorney General of California, no director may resign if the corporation would then be left without a duly elected director or directors in charge of its affairs.

Section 6. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS. Any director may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the directors then in office, with or without cause.

Section 7. VACANCIES. Vacancies on the board shall be filled by the vote of a majority of directors then in office. Each director so elected shall hold office until the expiration of the term of the replaced director and until a successor has been duly qualified and elected.

Section 8. PLACE OF MEETINGS AND MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE. Any meeting of the board of directors may be held at any place within or outside the State of California that has been designated from time to time by resolution of the board or in the notice of the meeting. In the absence of such designation, meetings shall be held at the principal executive office of the corporation. Any meeting, annual, regular or special, may be held by conference telephone or similar communication equipment, so long as all directors participating in the meeting can hear one another. All such directors shall be deemed to be present in person at such telephonic meeting. Prior written notice of any and all such meetings of the board of directors shall be provided to the directors at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time of the holding of the meeting.

Section 9. ANNUAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS. The annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held each year on the date and time as may be fixed by the board of directors. At such annual meeting, officers shall be elected and any other proper business may be transacted. Other regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held at such time as shall from time to time be fixed by the board of directors. Notice of regular meetings shall not be required if the time and place of such meeting is fixed by these bylaws or by the board of directors.

Section 10. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the board of directors for any



purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the chairman of the board, the president, any vice president, the secretary, or any two directors.

Notice of the time and place of special meetings shall be delivered to each director personally or by telephone or sent by first-class mail, postage prepaid, or telegram, charges prepaid, addressed to each director at his or her address as it is shown on the records of the corporation. In case the notice is mailed, it shall be deposited in the United States mail at least four days prior to the time of the holding of the meeting. In case such notice is delivered personally or by telephone or telegraph, it shall be delivered personally or by telephone or to the telegraph company at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of the holding of the meeting. Any oral notice given personally or by telephone may be communicated either to the director or to the person at the office of the director who the person giving the notice has reason to believe will promptly communicate it to the director. The notice need not specify the purpose of the meeting nor the place if the meeting is to be held at the principal executive office of the corporation.

Section 11. QUORUM. A majority of the authorized number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except to adjourn as provided in Section 13 below. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the board of directors, subject to the provisions of Section 5212 of the Code (appointment of committees), Section 5233 of the Code (approval of contracts or transactions in which a director has a direct or indirect material financial interest), Section 5234 of the Code (approval of certain transactions between corporations having common directorships), Section 5235 (compensation of directors or officers), and Section 5238(e) of the Code (indemnification of directors). A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business notwithstanding the withdrawal of directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for such meeting, or such greater number as is required by the articles of incorporation, these bylaws, or the Law.

Section 12. WAIVER OF NOTICE; CONSENT. Notice of a meeting need not be given to any director who, either before or after the meeting, signs a waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes of the meeting. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. All such waivers, consents, and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting. Notice of meeting shall also be deemed given to any director who attends the meeting without protesting, before or at the commencement of the meeting, the lack of notice to that director.

Section 13. ADJOURNMENT. A majority of the directors present, whether or not constituting a quorum, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place. Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given, unless the meeting is adjourned for more than twenty-four (24) hours, in which case notice of such time and place shall be given prior to the time of the adjourned meeting, in the manner specified in Section 10 of this Article VI, to the directors who were not present at the time of the adjournment.

Section 14. ACTION WITHOUT MEETING. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the board of directors may be taken without a meeting, if all directors shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the board of directors. The written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board.

Section 15. FEES AND COMPENSATION. Directors and members of committees shall receive no compensation for their services; provided however, that directors and members of committees may receive reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, as determined by resolution of the board of directors. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to preclude any director from serving the corporation in any other capacity as an officer, agent, employee, or otherwise, and receiving compensation for such services if compensation is awarded by the board of directors.

## **ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES**

Section 1. COMMITTEES OF DIRECTORS. The board of directors may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors then in office, designate one or more committees, each consisting of two or more directors, to serve at the pleasure of the board. Appointments to such committees shall be by a majority vote of the directors then in office. The board may designate one or more directors as alternate members of any committee, who may replace any absent member at any meeting of the committee. Any such committee, to the extent provided in the resolution of the board, may have all the authority of the board, except with respect to:

(a) undertaking any final action on any matter that, under the Law, also requires approval of the board of directors;

(b) the filling of vacancies on the board of directors or in any committee;

(c) the amendment or repeal of bylaws or the adoption of new bylaws;

(d) the amendment or repeal of any resolution of the board of directors that by its express terms is not so amendable or repealable;

(e) the appointment of any other committees of the board of directors or the members thereof;

(f) the expenditure of corporate funds to support a nominee for director after there are more people nominated for director than can be elected; or

(g) the approval of any contract or transaction to which the corporation is a party and in which one or more of its directors has a material financial interest, except as special approval is provided for in Section 5233(d)(3) of the Code.

Section 2. MEETINGS AND ACTION. Meetings and action of committees of the board shall be governed by, and held and taken in accordance with, the provisions of Article VI of these bylaws, Sections 8 (place of meetings and meetings by telephone), 9 (annual and regular meetings), 10 (special meetings), 11 (quorum), 12 (waiver of notice), 13 (adjournment) and 14 (action without meeting), with such changes in the context of those bylaws as are necessary to substitute the committee and its members for the board of directors and its members, except for the following: (a) the time of regular and annual meetings of committees may be determined by resolution of the board of directors as well as the committee; (b) special meetings of committees may also be called by resolution of the board of directors; and (c) and notice of special meetings of committees shall

also be given to all alternate members, who shall have the right to attend all meetings of the committee. Minutes of each meeting of any committee shall be kept and filed with the corporate records. The board of directors may adopt rules for the government of any committee not inconsistent with the provisions of these bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS**

Section 1. OFFICERS. The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a secretary, and a chief financial officer. The corporation may also have, at the discretion of the board of directors, a chairman of the board, one or more vice presidents, one or more assistant secretaries, one or more assistant treasurers, and such other officers as may be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of this Article VIII. Any number of offices may be held by the same person, except that neither the secretary nor the chief financial officer may serve concurrently as the president or the chairman of the board.

Section 2. ELECTION. The officers of the corporation, except such officers as may be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 or Section 5 of this Article VIII, shall be chosen by the board of directors, and each shall serve at the pleasure of the board, subject to the rights, if any, of an officer under any contract of employment.

Section 3. OTHER OFFICERS. The board of directors may appoint, and may empower the president to appoint, such other officers as the activities of the corporation may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as are provided in the bylaws or as the board of directors may from time to time determine.

Section 4. REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION. Subject to the rights, if any, of any officer under any contract of employment, any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, by the board of directors or, except in case of an officer chosen by the board of directors, by any officer upon whom such power of removal may be conferred by the board of directors.

Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the corporation. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein; and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Any such resignation is without prejudice to the rights, if any, of the corporation under any contract to which the officer is a party.

Section 5. VACANCIES. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause shall be filled in the manner prescribed in these bylaws for regular appointments to such office.

Section 6. CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. The chairman of the board, if such an officer be elected, shall, if present, preside at meetings of the board of directors and exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may be from time to time assigned to him or her by the board of directors or prescribed by the bylaws. If there is no president, the chairman of the board will in addition be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall have the powers and duties prescribed in Section 7 of this Article VIII.

Section 7. **PRESIDENT.** Subject to such supervisory powers, if any, as may be given by the board of directors to the chairman of the board, if there be such an officer, the president shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall, subject to the control of the board of directors, have general supervision, direction, and control of the activities and the officers of the corporation. He or she shall preside, in the absence of the chairman of the board, or if there be none, at all meetings of the board of directors. He or she shall have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of president of the corporation and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors or the bylaws.

Section 8. **VICE PRESIDENTS.** In the absence or disability of the president, the vice presidents, if any, in order of their rank as fixed by the board of directors or, if not ranked, a vice president designated by the board of directors, shall perform all the duties of the president, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the president. The vice presidents shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed for them respectively by the board of directors or the bylaws and the president or the chairman of the board.

Section 9. **SECRETARY.** The secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, at the principal executive office or such other place as the board of directors may direct, a book of minutes of all meetings and actions of directors, and committees of directors, with the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, and, if special, how authorized, the notice thereof given, the names of those present at directors and committee meetings, and the proceedings thereof.

The secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the board of directors required by the bylaws or by law to be given, and he or she shall keep the seal of the corporation, if one be adopted, in safe custody, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors or by the bylaws.

Section 10. **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.** The chief financial officer shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct books and records of accounts of the properties and business transactions of the corporation, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, losses, capital, retained earnings, and other matters customarily included in financial statements. The books of account shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any director.

The chief financial officer shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, all monies and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the corporation with such depositories as may be designated by the board of directors. He or she shall distribute, or cause to be disbursed, the funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the board of directors, shall render to the president and directors, whenever they request it, an account of all financial transactions and of the financial condition of the corporation, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors or the bylaws.

If required by the board of directors, the chief financial officer shall give the corporation a bond in the amount and with the surety or sureties specified by the board for faithful performance of the duties of his or her office and for restoration to the corporation of all of its books, papers, vouchers, money, and other property of every kind in his or her possession or under his or her control on the death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office of the chief financial officer.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES**

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this Article IX, the definition of the terms “agent”, “proceeding”, and “expenses” shall be governed by Section 5238 of the Code.

Section 2. INDEMNIFICATION IN ACTIONS BY THIRD PARTIES. The corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor, an action brought under Section 5233 of the Code, or an action brought by the Attorney General of California or a person granted relator status by the Attorney General of California for any breach of duty relating to assets held in charitable trust) by reason of the fact that such person is or was an agent of the corporation, against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the corporation and, in the case of a criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct of such person was unlawful. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the corporation or that the person had reasonable cause to believe that the person's conduct was unlawful.

Section 3. INDEMNIFICATION IN ACTIONS BY OR IN THE RIGHT OF THE CORPORATION. The corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action by or in the right of the corporation, or brought under Section 5233 of the Code, or brought by the Attorney General of California or a person granted relator status by the Attorney General of California for breach of duty relating to assets held in charitable trust, to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person is or was an agent of the corporation, against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action if such person acted in good faith, in a manner such person believed to be in the best interests of the corporation, and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances. No indemnification shall be made under this Section 3 for any of the following:

(a) Any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation in the performance of such person's duty to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action was brought shall determine upon application that, in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for the expenses which such court shall determine;

(b) Amounts paid in settling or otherwise disposing of a threatened or pending action, with or without court approval; or

(c) Expenses incurred in defending a threatened or pending action which is settled or otherwise disposed of without court approval, unless it is settled with the approval of the Attorney General of California.

Section 4. INDEMNIFICATION AGAINST EXPENSES. To the extent that an agent of the corporation has been successful on the merits in defense of any proceeding referred to in Sections 2 or 3 of this Article IX or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, the agent shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the agent in connection therewith.

Section 5. REQUIRED DETERMINATIONS. Except as provided in Section 4 of this Article IX, any indemnification under this Article shall be made by the corporation only if authorized in the specific case, upon a determination that indemnification of the agent is proper in the circumstances because the agent has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Sections 2 or 3 of this Article IX by:

- (a) A majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who are not parties to such proceeding; or
- (b) The court in which such proceeding is or was pending upon application made by the corporation or the agent or the attorney or other person rendering services in connection with the defense, whether or not such application by the agent, attorney, or other person is opposed by the corporation.

Section 6. ADVANCE OF EXPENSES. Expenses incurred in defending any proceeding may be advanced by the corporation prior to the final disposition of such proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the agent to repay such amount unless it shall be determined ultimately that the agent is entitled to be indemnified as authorized in this Article IX.

Section 7. OTHER INDEMNIFICATION. No provision made by the corporation to indemnify its directors or officers for the defense of any proceeding, whether contained in the articles of incorporation, bylaws, a resolution of directors, an agreement, or otherwise, shall be valid unless consistent with this Article IX. Nothing contained in this Article IX shall affect any right to indemnification to which persons other than such directors and officers may be entitled by contract or otherwise.

Section 8. FORMS OF INDEMNIFICATION NOT PERMITTED. No indemnification or advance shall be made under this Article IX, except as provided in Section 4 or Section 5(b), in any circumstance if it appears that:

- (a) It would be inconsistent with a provision of the articles of incorporation, bylaws, or an agreement in effect at the time of the accrual of the alleged cause of action asserted in the proceeding in which the expenses were incurred or other amounts were paid, which prohibits or otherwise limits indemnification; or
- (b) It would be inconsistent with any condition expressly imposed by a court in approving a settlement.

Section 9. INSURANCE. The corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any agent of the corporation against any liability asserted against or incurred by the agent in such capacity or arising out of the agent's status as such, whether or not the

corporation would have the power to indemnify the agent against such liability under the provisions of this Article IX; provided, however, that the corporation shall have no power to purchase and maintain such insurance to indemnify any agent of the corporation for a violation of Section 5233 of the Code.

## **ARTICLE X RECORDS AND REPORTS**

Section 1. MAINTENANCE OF CORPORATE RECORDS. The corporation shall keep (a) adequate and correct books and records of account kept either in written form or in any other form capable of being converted into written form and (b) minutes, in written form, of the proceedings of the board of directors and committees of the board. All such records shall be kept at the corporation's principal executive office, or if its principal executive office is outside the State of California, at its principal office in this state.

Section 2. MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF ARTICLES AND BYLAWS. The corporation shall keep at its principal executive office, or if its principal executive office is not in the State of California, at its principal office in this state, the original or a copy of its articles of incorporation and bylaws, as amended to date, that shall be open to inspection by the directors at all reasonable times during office hours. If the principal executive office of the corporation is outside the State of California and the corporation has no principal office in this state, the Secretary shall, upon the written request of any director, furnish to such director a copy of the articles of incorporation or bylaws, as amended to date.

Section 3. INSPECTION. Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time, and from time to time, to inspect all books, records, and documents of every kind and the physical properties of the corporation. Such inspection by a director may be made in person or by agent or attorney and the right of inspection includes the right to copy and make extracts.

Section 4. ANNUAL REPORTS. The board of directors shall cause an annual report to be sent to the directors within 120 days of the corporation's fiscal year end. That report shall contain the following information, in appropriate detail, for the fiscal year:

- (a) The assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of the corporation as of the end of the fiscal year;
- (b) The principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds;
- (c) The revenue or receipts of the corporation, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes;
- (d) The expenses or disbursements of the corporation for both general and restricted purposes; and
- (e) Any information required by Section 5 of this Article X.

The annual report shall be accompanied by any report thereon of independent accountants or, if there is no such report, by the certificate of an authorized officer of the corporation

that such statements were prepared without audit from the books and records of the corporation.

Section 5. ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS AND INDEMNIFICATIONS. As part of the annual report to all directors, the corporation shall annually prepare and mail or deliver to each director within 120 days after the corporation's fiscal year end, a statement (described below) of any transaction or indemnification (i) in which the corporation was a party and (ii) in which an "interested person" had a direct or indirect material financial interest. For this purpose, an "interested person" is any director or officer of the corporation.

The statement shall include the following information:

(a) A brief description of any transaction during the previous fiscal year that involved more than \$50,000, or was one of a number of transactions in which the same interested person had a direct or indirect material financial interest involving, in the aggregate, more than \$50,000;

(b) The names of interested persons involved in such transactions described in the preceding paragraph (a), their relationship to the corporation, the nature of their interest in the transaction and, if practicable, the amount of that interest; provided, however, that if the transaction was with a partnership in which the interested person is a partner, only the interest of the partnership need be stated; and

(c) A brief description of the amount and circumstances of any indemnifications or advances aggregating more than \$10,000 paid during the fiscal year to any officer or director of the corporation under Article IX of these bylaws, unless that indemnification already has been approved by the directors under Section 5238(e)(2) of the Code.

## **ARTICLE XI GENERAL MATTERS**

Section 1. CHECKS, DRAFTS, EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS. All checks, drafts, or other orders for payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of or payable to the corporation, shall be signed or endorsed by such person or persons and in such manner as, from time to time, shall be determined by resolution of the board of directors.

Section 2. CORPORATE CONTRACTS AND INSTRUMENTS; HOW EXECUTED. Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, the board of directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances; and, unless so authorized or ratified by the board of directors or within the agency power of an officer, no officer, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose or for any amount.

Section 3. REPRESENTATION OF SHARES OF OTHER CORPORATIONS. The chairman of the board, the president, or any vice president, or any other person authorized by resolution of the board of directors or by any of the foregoing designated officers, is authorized to vote on behalf of the corporation any and all shares of any other corporation or corporations, foreign or domestic, standing in the name of the corporation. The authority granted to said officers to vote or



represent on behalf of the corporation any and all shares held by the corporation in any other corporation or corporations may be exercised by any such officer in person or by any person authorized to do so by a proxy duly executed by said officer.

Section 4. CONSTRUCTION AND DEFINITIONS. Unless the context requires otherwise, the general provisions, rules of construction, and definitions in the Law shall govern the construction of these bylaws. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the singular number includes the plural, the plural number includes the singular, the masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter, and the term "person" includes both a corporation and a natural person. All references in these bylaws to the Law, the Law, or to the Code shall be deemed to be those in effect from time to time.

## **ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS**

The board may adopt, amend, or repeal bylaws unless doing so would be a prohibited amendment under the California Corporations Code. Any amendment to these bylaws will require a majority vote of the directors then in office; provided, however, that if the articles of incorporation of the corporation set forth the number of authorized directors of the corporation, the authorized number of directors may be changed only by an amendment of the articles of incorporation.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

The undersigned, being the duly elected and acting Secretary of The Cottonwood School, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, does hereby certify that the foregoing First Amended Bylaws constitute the bylaws of this corporation as duly adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors of The Cottonwood School on July 19, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

**FIRST AMENDED BYLAWS**

**OF**

**THE COTTONWOOD SCHOOL**

**a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation**

**ARTICLE I  
OFFICES**

Section 1. PRINCIPAL OFFICE. The board of directors shall fix the location of the principal executive office of the corporation at any place within or outside the State of California. If the principal executive office is located outside the State of California, and the corporation has one or more offices in the State of California, the board of directors shall likewise fix and designate a principal office in the State of California.

Section 2. OTHER OFFICES. The corporation may also establish offices at such other places, both within and outside the State of California, as the board of directors may from time to time determine or the activities of the corporation may require.

**ARTICLE II  
OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES**

The specific objectives and purposes of this corporation shall be to operate one or more California public charter schools.

**ARTICLE III  
NONPARTISAN ACTIVITIES**

The corporation has been formed under the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law (the "Law") for the public, nonprofit, nonpartisan, and charitable purposes described in its articles of incorporation. Notwithstanding any other provision in these bylaws, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation, and the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("IRC"), or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under IRC Section 170(c)(2).

**ARTICLE IV  
DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

The properties and assets of this corporation are irrevocably dedicated to the charitable purposes described in Article III above and in the articles of incorporation of this corporation. No part of the net earnings, properties, or assets of this corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of its directors or officers, or to any individual. On liquidation or dissolution of this corporation, all remaining assets of this corporation, after payment, or provision

for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation, shall be distributed and paid over to an organization dedicated to charitable purposes that is exempt from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3) and that is exempt from California income tax under Section ~~23701-d~~23701d of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **NO MEMBERS**

Section 1. NO MEMBERS. The corporation shall have no members within the meaning of Section 5056 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

Section 2. AUTHORITY VESTED IN BOARD. Any action that otherwise requires approval by a majority of all members, or approval by the members, requires only approval of the Board. All rights that would otherwise vest under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law in the members shall vest in the Board.

~~Section 1. SOLE MEMBER. Inspire Charter Schools, a~~ Section 3. ASSOCIATES. The corporation may use the term "members" to refer to persons associated with it, but such persons shall not be corporate members within the meaning of Section 5056 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation ~~exempt from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3) (the "Sole Member"), shall be the sole member of this corporation as the term "member" is defined in Section 5056 of the California Corporations Code (the "Code"). The Sole Member shall have all the rights granted to members by Section 5056 of the Code~~Law.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **DIRECTORS**

Section 1. POWERS. Subject to the provisions of the Law and any limitations in the articles of incorporation and these bylaws, the activities and affairs of the corporation shall be managed and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the direction of the board of directors. Without prejudice to such general powers, but subject to the same limitations, it is hereby expressly declared that the board of directors shall have the following powers in addition to the other powers enumerated in these bylaws:

(a) To select and remove all of the other officers, agents, and employees of the corporation; prescribe any powers and duties for them that are consistent with law, with the articles of incorporation, and with these bylaws; fix their compensation; and require from them security for faithful service.

(b) To conduct, manage, and control the affairs and activities of the corporation and to make such rules and regulations that are consistent with law, the articles of incorporation, and these bylaws, as they deem to be appropriate and in the best interests of the corporation.

(c) To adopt, make, and use a corporate seal; and to alter the form of such seal.

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(d) To borrow money and to incur indebtedness on behalf of the corporation, and to cause to be executed and delivered for the purposes of the corporation, in the corporate name, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, hypothecations, or other evidences of debt and securities.

(e) To change the principal executive office or the principal office in the State of California from one location to another; to cause the corporation to be qualified to conduct its activities in any other state, territory, dependency, or country and conduct its activities within or outside the State of California; and to designate any place within or outside the State of California for the holding of any board of directors meeting or meetings.

(f) To make donations for the public welfare or for community funds, hospital, charitable, educational, scientific, civic, religious, or similar purposes.

(g) To act as a trustee under any trust incidental to the principal objects of the corporation, and to receive, to hold, to administer, to exchange, and to expend funds and property subject to such trust.

(h) To receive endowments, devises, bequests, gifts, and donations of all kinds of property for its own use, or in trust, in order to carry out or to assist in carrying out, the objects and purposes of the corporation and to do all things and acts necessary or proper to carry out each and all of the purposes and provisions of such endowments, devises, bequests, gifts, and donations with full power to mortgage, sell, lease, or otherwise to deal with or dispose of the same in accordance with the terms thereof.

(i) To sell any property, real, personal, or mixed, owned by the corporation at any time, and from time to time upon such terms as the board of directors may deem advisable, at public or private sale, for cash or upon credit.

(j) To retain sums received by the corporation uninvested, if, in the discretion of the board of trustees, such sums cannot be invested advantageously.

(k) To retain all or any part of any securities or property acquired by the corporation in whatever manner, and to invest and reinvest any funds held by the corporation, according to the judgment of the board of directors without being restricted to the class of investments that the board of directors is or may hereafter be permitted by law to make or any similar restriction; provided, however, that no action shall be taken by or on behalf of the corporation if such action is a prohibited transaction or would result in the denial of the tax exemption under IRC Section 501 or Section 23701 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

(l) To invest funds received by the corporation in stocks, bonds, mortgages, loans, whether secured or unsecured, or other investments as the board of directors shall deem advisable.

Section 2. NUMBER AND QUALIFICATION. The authorized number of directors shall be no less than three (3) and no more than eleven (11), unless changed by amendments to these bylaws, with the actual number to be determined from time to time by a resolution or motion of the board. ~~All~~ Directors shall be elected by the vote of a majority of directors

~~are to be designated by the Sole Member~~then in office. The board of directors shall consist of at least three (3) directors unless changed by an amendment to these bylaws.

~~Sections~~Section 3. RESTRICTION ON INTERESTED PERSONS AS DIRECTORS. No more than 49 percent of the persons serving on the board of directors may be interested persons (as defined in this Section 3). An "interested person" is (a) any person compensated by the corporation for services rendered to it within the previous 12 months, whether as a full- or part-time employee, independent contractor, or otherwise, excluding any reasonable compensation, if any, paid to a director as director; or (b) any brother, sister, ancestor, descendant, spouse, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, or father-in-law of any such person.

Section 4. TERM OF OFFICE; EVENTS CAUSING VACANCIES ON BOARD. Each director shall hold office for one (1) year. A director may serve multiple terms of service,~~subject to approval by the Sole Member~~. A vacancy or vacancies on the board of directors shall occur in the event of (a) the death, resignation, or removal of any director; (b) the declaration by resolution of the board of directors of a vacancy in the office of a director who has been convicted of a felony, declared of unsound mind by a court order, or found by final order or judgment of any court to have breached a duty under the Law, Chapter 2, Article 3; and (c) the increase of the authorized number of directors; ~~and (d) the failure of the Sole Member, at any meeting of the Sole Member at which any director or directors are to be designated, to designate the number of directors required to be designated at such meeting.~~

Section 5. RESIGNATION OF DIRECTORS. Except as provided below, any director may resign by giving written notice to the chairman of the board, if any, or to the president, or the secretary, or to the board of directors. The resignation shall be effective when the notice is given unless the notice specifies a later time for the resignation to become effective. If a director's resignation is effective at a later time, the ~~Sole Member~~board may designate a successor to take office as of the date when the resignation becomes effective. Except upon notice to the Attorney General of California, no director may resign if the corporation would then be left without a duly elected director or directors in charge of its affairs.

Section 6. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS. ~~A~~Any director may be removed ~~by the Sole Member. The Sole Member, in its sole discretion, may remove a director at any time for any reason~~at any time by a majority vote of the directors then in office, with or without cause~~or advance notice~~.

Section 7. VACANCIES. Vacancies on the board ~~of directors~~ shall be filled ~~solely~~ by the ~~Sole Member~~vote of a majority of directors then in office. Each director so elected shall hold office until the expiration of the term of the replaced director and until a successor has been duly qualified and elected.

~~Sections~~Section 8. PLACE OF MEETINGS AND MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE. Any meeting of the board of directors may be held at any place within or outside the State of California that has been designated from time to time by resolution of the board or in the notice of the meeting. In the absence of such designation, meetings shall be held at the principal executive office of the corporation. Any meeting, annual, regular or special, may be held by conference telephone or similar communication equipment, so long as all directors participating in the meeting can hear one another. All such directors shall be deemed to be present in person at such telephonic meeting. Prior written notice of any and all such meetings of the board of directors shall be provided to the ~~Sole Member~~directors at least ~~forty-eight (48)~~seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time of the holding of the meeting.

~~Sections~~Section 9. ANNUAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS. The annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held each year on the date and time as may be fixed by the board of directors. At such annual meeting, officers shall be elected and any other proper business may be transacted. Other regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held at such time as shall from time to time be fixed by the board of directors. Notice of regular meetings shall not be required if the time and place of such meeting is fixed by these bylaws or by the board of directors.

Section 10. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the board of directors for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the chairman of the board, the president, any vice president, the secretary, or any two directors.

Notice of the time and place of special meetings shall be delivered to each director personally or by telephone or sent by first-class mail, postage prepaid, or telegram, charges prepaid, addressed to each director at his or her address as it is shown on the records of the corporation. In case the notice is mailed, it shall be deposited in the United States mail at least four ~~(4)~~ days prior to the time of the holding of the meeting. In case such notice is delivered personally or by telephone or telegraph, it shall be delivered personally or by telephone or to the telegraph company at least ~~forty-eight (48)~~twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of the holding of the meeting. Any oral notice given personally or by telephone may be communicated either to the director or to the person at the office of the director who the person giving the notice has reason to believe will promptly communicate it to the director. The notice need not specify the purpose of the meeting nor the place if the meeting is to be held at the principal executive office of the corporation.

Section 11. QUORUM. A majority of the authorized number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except to adjourn as provided in Section 13 below. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the board of directors, subject to the provisions of Section 5212 of the Code (appointment of committees), Section 5233 of the Code (approval of contracts or transactions in which a director has a direct or indirect material financial interest), Section 5234 of the Code (approval of certain transactions between corporations having common directorships), Section 5235 (compensation of directors or officers), and Section 5238(e) of the Code (indemnification of directors). A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business notwithstanding the withdrawal of directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for such meeting, or such greater number as is required by the articles of incorporation, these bylaws, or the Law.

Section 12. WAIVER OF NOTICE; CONSENT. Notice of a meeting need not be given to any director who, either before or after the meeting, signs a waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes of the meeting. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. All such waivers, consents, and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting. Notice of meeting shall also be deemed given to any director who attends the meeting without protesting, before or at the commencement of the meeting, the lack of notice to that director.

Section 13. ADJOURNMENT. A majority of the directors present, whether or not constituting a quorum, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place. Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given, unless the meeting is adjourned for more

than twenty-four (24) hours, in which case notice of such time and place shall be given prior to the time of the adjourned meeting, in the manner specified in Section 10 of this Article VI, to the directors who were not present at the time of the adjournment.

Section 14. ACTION WITHOUT MEETING. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the board of directors may be taken without a meeting, if all directors shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the board of directors. The written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board.

Section 15. FEES AND COMPENSATION. Directors and members of committees shall receive no compensation for their services; provided however, that directors and members of committees may receive reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, as determined by resolution of the board of directors. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to preclude any director from serving the corporation in any other capacity as an officer, agent, employee, or otherwise, and receiving compensation for such services if compensation is awarded by the board of directors.

~~Section 16. RESTRICTION ON BOARD AUTHORITY. The board of directors shall not, without the prior written approval of the Sole Member, make material revisions to the charter that created the charter school that operates as, or is operated by, this corporation.~~

## **ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES**

Section 1. COMMITTEES OF DIRECTORS. The board of directors may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors then in office, designate one or more committees, each consisting of two or more directors, to serve at the pleasure of the board. Appointments to such committees shall be by a majority vote of the directors then in office. The board may designate one or more directors as alternate members of any committee, who may replace any absent member at any meeting of the committee. Any such committee, to the extent provided in the resolution of the board, may have all the authority of the board, except with respect to:

- (a) undertaking any final action on any matter that, under the Law, also requires approval of the ~~Sole Member or~~ board of directors;
- (b) the filling of vacancies on the board of directors or in any committee;
- (c) the amendment or repeal of bylaws or the adoption of new bylaws;
- (d) the amendment or repeal of any resolution of the board of directors that by its express terms is not so amendable or repealable;
- (e) the appointment of any other committees of the board of directors or the members thereof;
- (f) the expenditure of corporate funds to support a nominee for director after there are more people nominated for director than can be elected; or



(g) the approval of any contract or transaction to which the corporation is a party and in which one or more of its directors has a material financial interest, except as special approval is provided for in Section 5233(d)(3) of the Code.

Section 2. MEETINGS AND ACTION. Meetings and action of committees of the board shall be governed by, and held and taken in accordance with, the provisions of Article VI of these bylaws, Sections 8 (place of meetings and meetings by telephone), 9 (annual and regular meetings), 10 (special meetings), 11 (quorum), 12 (waiver of notice), 13 (adjournment) and 14 (action without meeting), with such changes in the context of those bylaws as are necessary to substitute the committee and its members for the board of directors and its members, except for the following: (a) the time of regular and annual meetings of committees may be determined by resolution of the board of directors as well as the committee; (b) special meetings of committees may also be called by resolution of the board of directors; and (c) notice of special meetings of committees shall also be given to all alternate members, who shall have the right to attend all meetings of the committee. Minutes of each meeting of any committee shall be kept and filed with the corporate records. The board of directors may adopt rules for the government of any committee not inconsistent with the provisions of these bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS**

Section 1. OFFICERS. The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a secretary, and a chief financial officer. The corporation may also have, at the discretion of the board of directors, a chairman of the board, one or more vice presidents, one or more assistant secretaries, one or more assistant treasurers, and such other officers as may be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of this Article VIII. Any number of offices may be held by the same person, except that neither the secretary nor the chief financial officer may serve concurrently as the president or the chairman of the board.

Section 2. ELECTION. The officers of the corporation, except such officers as may be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 or Section 5 of this Article VIII, shall be chosen by the board of directors, and each shall serve at the pleasure of the board, subject to the rights, if any, of an officer under any contract of employment.

Section 3. OTHER OFFICERS. The board of directors may appoint, and may empower the president to appoint, such other officers as the activities of the corporation may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as are provided in the bylaws or as the board of directors may from time to time determine.

~~Section 4~~Section 4. REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION. Subject to the rights, if any, of any officer under any contract of employment, any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, by the board of directors or, except in case of an officer chosen by the board of directors, by any officer upon whom such power of removal may be conferred by the board of directors.

Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the corporation. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein; and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Any such resignation is without prejudice to the rights, if any, of

the corporation under any contract to which the officer is a party.

Section 5. VACANCIES. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause shall be filled in the manner prescribed in these bylaws for regular appointments to such office.

Section 6. CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. The chairman of the board, if such an officer be elected, shall, if present, preside at meetings of the board of directors and exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may be from time to time assigned to him or her by the board of directors or prescribed by the bylaws. If there is no president, the chairman of the board will in addition be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall have the powers and duties prescribed in Section 7 of this Article VIII.

Section 7. ~~PRESIDENT~~PRESIDENT. Subject to such supervisory powers, if any, as may be given by the board of directors to the chairman of the board, if there be such an officer, the president shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall, subject to the control of the board of directors, have general supervision, direction, and control of the activities and the officers of the corporation. He or she shall preside, in the absence of the chairman of the board, or if there be none, at all meetings of the board of directors. He or she shall have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of president of the corporation and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors or the bylaws.

Section 8. VICE PRESIDENTS. In the absence or disability of the president, the vice presidents, if any, in order of their rank as fixed by the board of directors or, if not ranked, a vice president designated by the board of directors, shall perform all the duties of the president, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the president. The vice presidents shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed for them respectively by the board of directors or the bylaws and the president or the chairman of the board.

Section 9. SECRETARY. The secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, at the principal executive office or such other place as the board of directors may direct, a book of minutes of all meetings and actions of directors, and committees of directors, with the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, and, if special, how authorized, the notice thereof given, the names of those present at directors and committee meetings, and the proceedings thereof.

The secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the board of directors required by the bylaws or by law to be given, and he or she shall keep the seal of the corporation, if one be adopted, in safe custody, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors or by the bylaws.

Section 10. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. The chief financial officer shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct books and records of accounts of the properties and business transactions of the corporation, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, losses, capital, retained earnings, and other matters customarily included in financial statements. The books of account shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any director.

The chief financial officer shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, all monies and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the corporation with such depositories as may be designated by the board of directors. He or she shall distribute, or cause to be disbursed, the funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the board of directors, shall render to the president and directors, whenever they request it, an account of all financial transactions and of the financial condition of the corporation, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors or the bylaws.

If required by the board of directors, the chief financial officer shall give the corporation a bond in the amount and with the surety or sureties specified by the board for faithful performance of the duties of his or her office and for restoration to the corporation of all of its books, papers, vouchers, money, and other property of every kind in his or her possession or under his or her control on the death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office of the chief financial officer.

## **ARTICLE IX INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES**

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this Article IX, the definition of the terms "agent", "proceeding", and "expenses" shall be governed by Section 5238 of the Code.

Section 2. INDEMNIFICATION IN ACTIONS BY THIRD PARTIES. The corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor, an action brought under Section 5233 of the Code, or an action brought by the Attorney General of California or a person granted relator status by the Attorney General of California for any breach of duty relating to assets held in charitable trust) by reason of the fact that such person is or was an agent of the corporation, against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the corporation and, in the case of a criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct of such person was unlawful. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the corporation or that the person had reasonable cause to believe that the person's conduct was unlawful.

Section 3. INDEMNIFICATION IN ACTIONS BY OR IN THE RIGHT OF THE CORPORATION. The corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action by or in the right of the corporation, or brought under Section 5233 of the Code, or brought by the Attorney General of California or a person granted relator status by the Attorney General of California for breach of duty relating to assets held in charitable trust, to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person is or was an agent of the corporation, against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action if such person acted in good faith, in a manner such person believed to be in the best interests of the corporation, and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances. No indemnification shall be made under this Section 3 for any of the following:

(a) Any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation in the performance of such person's duty to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action was brought shall determine upon application that, in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for the expenses which such court shall determine;

(b) Amounts paid in settling or otherwise disposing of a threatened or pending action, with or without court approval; or

(c) Expenses incurred in defending a threatened or pending action which is settled or otherwise disposed of without court approval, unless it is settled with the approval of the Attorney General of California.

Section 4. INDEMNIFICATION AGAINST EXPENSES. To the extent that an agent of the corporation has been successful on the merits in defense of any proceeding referred to in Sections 2 or 3 of this Article IX or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, the agent shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the agent in connection therewith.

Section 5. REQUIRED DETERMINATIONS. Except as provided in Section 4 of this Article IX, any indemnification under this Article shall be made by the corporation only if authorized in the specific case, upon a determination that indemnification of the agent is proper in the circumstances because the agent has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Sections 2 or 3 of this Article IX by:

(a) A majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who are not parties to such proceeding; or

(b) The court in which such proceeding is or was pending upon application made by the corporation or the agent or the attorney or other person rendering services in connection with the defense, whether or not such application by the agent, attorney, or other person is opposed by the corporation.

Section 6. ADVANCE OF EXPENSES. Expenses incurred in defending any proceeding may be advanced by the corporation prior to the final disposition of such proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the agent to repay such amount unless it shall be determined ultimately that the agent is entitled to be indemnified as authorized in this Article IX.

Section 7. OTHER INDEMNIFICATION. No provision made by the corporation to indemnify its directors or officers for the defense of any proceeding, whether contained in the articles of incorporation, bylaws, a resolution of directors, an agreement, or otherwise, shall be valid unless consistent with this Article IX. Nothing contained in this Article IX shall affect any right to indemnification to which persons other than such directors and officers may be entitled by contract or otherwise.

Section 8. FORMS OF INDEMNIFICATION NOT PERMITTED. No indemnification or advance shall be made under this Article IX, except as provided in Section 4 or Section 5(b), in any

circumstance if it appears that:

(a) It would be inconsistent with a provision of the articles of incorporation, bylaws, or an agreement in effect at the time of the accrual of the alleged cause of action asserted in the proceeding in which the expenses were incurred or other amounts were paid, which prohibits or otherwise limits indemnification; or

(b) It would be inconsistent with any condition expressly imposed by a court in approving a settlement.

Section 9. INSURANCE. The corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any agent of the corporation against any liability asserted against or incurred by the agent in such capacity or arising out of the agent's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify the agent against such liability under the provisions of this Article IX; provided, however, that the corporation shall have no power to purchase and maintain such insurance to indemnify any agent of the corporation for a violation of Section 5233 of the Code.

## **ARTICLE X RECORDS AND REPORTS**

Section 1. MAINTENANCE OF CORPORATE RECORDS. The corporation shall keep (a) adequate and correct books and records of account kept either in written form or in any other form capable of being converted into written form and (b) minutes, in written form, of the proceedings of the board of directors and committees of the board, ~~which shall be promptly provided to the Sole Member.~~ All such records shall be kept at the corporation's principal executive office, or if its principal executive office is outside the State of California, at its principal office in this state.

Section 2. MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF ARTICLES AND BYLAWS. The corporation shall keep at its principal executive office, or if its principal executive office is not in the State of California, at its principal office in this state, the original or a copy of its articles of incorporation and bylaws, as amended to date, that shall be open to inspection by the ~~Sole Member or the~~ directors at all reasonable times during office hours. If the principal executive office of the corporation is outside the State of California and the corporation has no principal office in this state, the Secretary shall, upon the written request of ~~the Sole Member or~~ any director, furnish to such director a copy of the articles of incorporation or bylaws, as amended to date.

Section 3. INSPECTION. ~~The Sole Member and every~~ Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time, and from time to time, to inspect all books, records, and documents of every kind and the physical properties of the corporation. Such inspection by ~~the Sole Member or~~ a director may be made in person or by agent or attorney and the right of inspection includes the right to copy and make extracts.

Section 4. ANNUAL REPORTS. The board of directors shall cause an annual report to be sent to the directors ~~and the Sole Member~~ within 120 days of the corporation's fiscal year end. That report shall contain the following information, in appropriate detail, for the fiscal year:

(a) The assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of the corporation as

of the end of the fiscal year;

- (b) The principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds;
- (c) The revenue or receipts of the corporation, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes;
- (d) The expenses or disbursements of the corporation for both general and restricted purposes; and
- (e) Any information required by Section 5 of this Article X.

The annual report shall be accompanied by any report thereon of independent accountants or, if there is no such report, by the certificate of an authorized officer of the corporation that such statements were prepared without audit from the books and records of the corporation.

Section 5. ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS AND INDEMNIFICATIONS. As part of the annual report to ~~the Sole Member and~~ all directors, the corporation shall annually prepare and mail or deliver to ~~the Sole Member and~~ each director within 120 days after the corporation's fiscal year end, a statement (described below) of any transaction or indemnification (i) in which the corporation was a party and (ii) in which an "interested person" had a direct or indirect material financial interest. For this purpose, an "interested person" is any director or officer of the corporation.

The statement shall include the following information:

- (a) ~~(a)~~ A brief description of any transaction during the previous fiscal year that involved more than \$50,000, or was one of a number of transactions in which the same interested person had a direct or indirect material financial interest involving, in the aggregate, more than \$50,000;
- (b) The names of interested persons involved in such transactions described in the preceding paragraph (a), their relationship to the corporation, the nature of their interest in the transaction and, if practicable, the amount of that interest; provided, however, that if the transaction was with a partnership in which the interested person is a partner, only the interest of the partnership need be stated; and
- (c) A brief description of the amount and circumstances of any indemnifications or advances aggregating more than \$10,000 paid during the fiscal year to any officer or director of the corporation under Article IX of these bylaws, unless that indemnification already has been approved by the directors under Section 5238(e)(2) of the Code.

## **ARTICLE XI GENERAL MATTERS**

Section 1. CHECKS, DRAFTS, EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS. All checks, drafts, or other orders for payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of or payable to the corporation, shall be signed or endorsed by such person or persons



and in such manner as, from time to time, shall be determined by resolution of the board of directors.

**Section 2. CORPORATE CONTRACTS AND INSTRUMENTS; HOW EXECUTED.**

Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, the board of directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances; and, unless so authorized or ratified by the board of directors or within the agency power of an officer, no officer, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose or for any amount.

**Section 3. REPRESENTATION OF SHARES OF OTHER CORPORATIONS.**

The chairman of the board, the president, or any vice president, or any other person authorized by resolution of the board of directors or by any of the foregoing designated officers, is authorized to vote on behalf of the corporation any and all shares of any other corporation or corporations, foreign or domestic, standing in the name of the corporation. The authority granted to said officers to vote or represent on behalf of the corporation any and all shares held by the corporation in any other corporation or corporations may be exercised by any such officer in person or by any person authorized to do so by a proxy duly executed by said officer.

**Section 4. CONSTRUCTION AND DEFINITIONS.**

Unless the context requires otherwise, the general provisions, rules of construction, and definitions in the Law shall govern the construction of these bylaws. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the singular number includes the plural, the plural number includes the singular, the masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter, and the term "person" includes both a corporation and a natural person. All references in these bylaws to the Law, the Law, or to the Code shall be deemed to be those in effect from time to time.

**ARTICLE XII  
AMENDMENTS**

~~New bylaws may be adopted or these bylaws may be amended or repealed by solely the written consent of the Sole Member.~~ The board may adopt, amend, or repeal bylaws unless doing so would be a prohibited amendment under the California Corporations Code. Any amendment to these bylaws will require a majority vote of the directors then in office; provided, however, that if the articles of incorporation of the corporation set forth the number of authorized directors of the corporation, the authorized number of directors may be changed only by an amendment of the articles of incorporation.

## CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned, being the duly elected and acting Secretary of The Cottonwood School, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, does hereby certify that the foregoing First Amended Bylaws constitute the ~~B~~ylaws of this corporation as duly adopted at the meeting of the ~~Sole Member on April 18~~Board of Directors of The Cottonwood School on July 19, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate this 18<sup>th</sup>  
           day of April, 2019.

~~Christina Mulford~~ \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary



## **Amendment to District Office Service Agreement dated June 8, 2019**

The Parties to the District Office Service Agreement dated June 8, 2019 agree to amend section 13 to allow School to participate in a joint insurance purchasing program managed by Provenance, if approved by School.

Accordingly, Section 13 is amended to read:

### **13. Insurance.**

a. School shall maintain customary and reasonable insurance coverage, including professional liability for errors or omissions and/or directors and officers coverages, comprehensive general liability coverage, and automobile liability coverage.

b. IDO shall maintain customary and reasonable insurance coverage, including professional liability for errors or omissions and/or directors and officers coverages, comprehensive general liability coverage, and automobile liability coverage.

c. Each Party shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining workers' compensation coverage and unemployment insurance for its employees.

d. The Parties' insurance coverages shall take into consideration that staff at the School are employees of the School, and not employees of IDO.

e. Notwithstanding the foregoing, School may obtain insurance through joint purchases with other Inspire model schools and IDO to secure cost-effective coverages.

The Chief Executive Officer of School is authorized to approve participation in a joint insurance purchasing program if deemed advantageous to School

Approved this July 19, 2019.

Provenance, dba, Inspire District Office, a  
California nonprofit public benefit corporation

The Cottonwood School, a California nonprofit  
public benefit corporation and charter school

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

# VENDOR AGREEMENT

This Vendor Agreement ("Agreement") is made between **The Cottonwood School** ("School"), a California nonprofit public corporation and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Vendor").



## RECITALS

WHEREAS, School fosters successful student achievement through a quality, personalized, and standards-based education program featuring unique and hands-on experiential learning experiences;

WHEREAS, Vendor is engaged in the businesses of providing experienced and qualified educational services as set forth in **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, School desires to retain Vendor for the purpose of providing the services described herein for the benefit of the School, families, and students.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, the promises and the mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good, valuable and sufficient consideration, the parties agree as follows:

## **SECTION 1. TERM and TERMINATION.**

- a. Term: This Agreement shall be effective as of August 1, 2019 until June 30, 2020.
- b. Termination: Vendor may terminate this Agreement for cause after providing sixty (60) days advance written notice to School. School may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause in its sole discretion with same-day written notice. Upon termination, School shall pay Vendor for all necessary and approved Services rendered pursuant to this Agreement and relevant Enrichment Certificate(s) up to the effective date of termination. School has no obligation to pay Vendor for any Services provided after the effective date of termination. The termination of this Agreement constitutes a termination of any active invoices and Enrichment Certificates.

## **SECTION 2. SERVICES.**

- a. Scope of Services: Vendor is hereby engaged by School to perform the student enrichment services specified in **Exhibit A**, incorporated herein by reference ("Services"), subject to the terms and conditions contained herein. Vendor

assumes full responsibility for the performance of the Services provided under the terms of this Agreement. School does not guarantee any minimum amount of work by this Agreement.

- b. No Authority to Bind School: Vendor understands and agrees that Vendor lacks the authority to bind School contractually, conduct business on School's behalf, or incur any obligations on behalf of School. Specifically, Vendor agrees not to represent himself/herself or any Vendor employees, agents, or contractors as an employee of School in any capacity, including, but not limited to, when interacting with School students, parents, vendors, or employees.
- c. Responsibility for Performance: Vendor assumes full responsibility for the performance of Vendor's duties under the terms of this Agreement and warrants that Vendor and its employees, contractors, and other agents are fully qualified in Vendor's specialized skill or expertise to perform such duties. Vendor will not enter into any contract or engagement that conflicts or interferes with Vendor's duties under this Agreement.
- d. Compliance with Charter Petition and Law: Except when otherwise expressly required by applicable law, School shall not be responsible for monitoring Vendor's compliance with the law, charter petition, and Agreement. Vendor acknowledges that School must comply with Education Code § 220's prohibitions against discrimination, obligations to provide a free appropriate education to students with exceptional needs pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and be non-sectarian in its programs. Vendor must be non-sectarian in any Services provided to School students. Vendor shall ensure its performance of its Services complies with these legal and charter petition requirements. If Vendor performs any Services in a manner that is contrary to law, Vendor shall bear all claims, costs, losses and damages (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs) arising therefrom.

### **SECTION 3. PAYMENT.**

- a. Enrichment Certificate: School requests Services from Vendor through an Enrichment Certificate. School is not responsible for the costs of Services without issuance of an Enrichment Certificate. The Enrichment Certificate will detail requested Services, dates of Services, fees for Services, and other relevant information. Vendors must first receive an Enrichment Certificate before providing Services to students. School does not pay for Services in advance. If an Enrichment Certificate expires, Vendor must cease providing Services until it receives another Enrichment Certificate.
- b. Vendor Invoice: School shall pay Vendor for Services performed through invoices. Vendor will remit one (1) itemized invoice after completing the Services pursuant to an Enrichment Certificate. Vendors should submit invoices

to **CWS-invoicing@inspireschools.org**. School will endeavor to pay undisputed invoice amounts within thirty (30) days of receipt.

- c. Termination of Enrichment Certificate: School may terminate an Enrichment Certificate at any time, with or without cause in its sole discretion with same-day written notice. School shall pay Vendor the undisputed amounts for Services already performed under the Enrichment Certificate.
- d. Incurred Costs: Any damages or costs incurred by School, including replacement costs, as a result of Vendor's failure to competently perform under this Agreement may be deducted by School from any amounts owed to Vendor.
- e. Use of School's Name: Vendor shall not use the name, insignia, mark, or any facsimile of the School for any purpose, including but not limited to advertising, client lists, or references, without the advance written authorization of the School.

#### **SECTION 4. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR VENDOR PERFORMANCE.**

- a. Vendor Qualifications: Vendor represents it has the qualifications, skills and, if applicable, the certification and licenses necessary to perform the Services in a competent, and professional manner, without the advice or direction of School. Upon School's request, Vendor shall provide copies of certification or licensure. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, Vendor shall render all Services hereunder in accordance with this Agreement and **Exhibit A**, Vendor's independent and professional judgment and in compliance with all applicable laws and with the generally accepted practices and principles of Vendor's trade. Vendor is customarily engaged in the independently established trade, occupation, or business of the same nature as the Services performed.
- b. Relationship: The School is not an employer of Vendor or its employees, contractors, or agents and shall not supervise individuals as such in carrying out the Services to be performed by Vendor under the terms of this Agreement. It is expressly understood between the parties that Vendor and its employees, contractors, and agents are not employee(s) of School.
- c. Licenses: Vendor warrants that Vendor is engaged in an independent and bona fide business operation, markets him/her/itself as such, is in possession of a valid business license/insurance when required, and is providing or capable of providing similar services as set forth in **Exhibit A** to others.
- d. No Training or Instruction: Although School may at times provide information concerning its business and students to Vendor, School will not provide any training or instruction to Vendor concerning the manner and means of providing the Services that are subject to this Agreement because Vendor warrants that Vendor is highly skilled in its industry.

**SECTION 5. TAXES.** Because Vendor is not an employee of School, all compensation called for under this Agreement shall be paid without deductions or withholdings, and will be accompanied by an IRS Form 1099, as applicable, at year end. Vendor is responsible for the reporting and payment of any state and/or federal income tax or other withholdings on the compensation provided under this Agreement or any related assessments. In addition, Vendor shall fill out and execute a Form W-9. In the event that the Internal Revenue Service or the State of California should determine that Vendor or its employee(s) is/are an employee of School subject to withholding and social security contributions, Vendor acknowledges consistent with this Agreement that all payments due to Vendor under this Agreement are gross payments, and the Vendor is solely responsible for all income taxes, social security payments, or other applicable deductions thereon.

**SECTION 6. BENEFITS.** Vendor and its employees, contractors, and agents are not entitled to the rights or benefits that may be afforded to School employees including, but not limited to, disability, workers' compensation, unemployment benefits, sick leave, vacation leave, medical insurance and retirement benefits. Vendor is solely responsible for providing at Vendor's own expense, disability, unemployment, workers' compensation and other insurance for Vendor and any of its employees, contractors, and agents. Vendor shall further maintain at its own expense any permits, credentials, certifications and/or licenses necessary to provide the Services and shall provide any training necessary for its employees, contractors, and agents to perform all Services under this Agreement.

**SECTION 7. MATERIALS.** Vendor will furnish at its own expense all materials, equipment and supplies used to provide the Services.

**SECTION 8. BACKGROUND CHECK AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.**

- a. Background Check: Vendor shall ensure its employees, agents, and contractors working directly with School students complete a criminal background check through the Department of Justice ("DOJ") in accordance with Education Code section 45125.1. Following DOJ clearance, Vendor will certify to School that no one working on behalf of Vendor (e.g., Vendor employees, agents, or contractors) working with School students have been convicted or have pending charges of a violent or serious felony as defined in Penal Code sections 667.5(c) and 1192.7(c). The cost of the background check is the Vendor's responsibility.
- b. First Aid & CPR Certification: Upon School's request, Vendor shall ensure its employees, agents, or contractors obtain First-Aid and CPR Certification.
- c. Supervision: Vendor is responsible for supervising and ensuring students have a safe environment from the time they are dropped off to receive Services and until the responsible party picks them up. Students may not be left unattended during Vendor's provision of Services. Vendor may not transport students without School's express written permission.

- d. Student Discipline: Vendor acknowledges that School is responsible for managing and overseeing the education program, which incorporates the Vendor's enrichment services. Vendor must notify School when students act inappropriately and may require discipline. School is responsible for issuing discipline to students. If Vendor learns a student may pose a health or safety threat to himself/herself or to other individuals, Vendor must immediately notify the School. If Vendor wishes to remove a participant from their Services, the Vendor shall notify School and the parties will discuss appropriate measures.

## **SECTION 9. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE.**

- a. Indemnification: To the maximum extent allowable by law, Vendor will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless School, its officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers from and against all claims, demands, losses, costs, expenses, obligations, liabilities, damages, recoveries, and deficiencies, including interest, penalties, attorneys' fees, and costs that such entities or persons may incur that arise out of or relate to this Agreement or the alleged negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of Vendor, including of Vendor's officers, directors, employees, subcontractors, agents, representatives, volunteers, successors, assigns or anyone for whom Vendor is legally responsible. Vendor's indemnity, defense and hold harmless obligations shall survive the termination of this Agreement. To the maximum extent allowable by law, Vendor also agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend School from any and all liability, damages, or losses (including reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, penalties, and fines) School suffers as a result of (a) Vendor's failure to meet its obligations under Sections 4-6, or (b) a third party's designation of Vendor or Vendor's employees, agents, or contractors as an employee of School regardless of any actual or alleged negligence by School.
- b. General Liability Insurance Limits: Vendor agrees to maintain general liability insurance coverage, including both bodily injury and property damage, with at least the following coverage limits:
- i. \$1,000,000 per occurrence
  - ii. \$2,000,000 general aggregate
  - iii. \$500,000 personal & adv. injury
- c. Additional Insurance Requirements: Vendor's insurance shall constitute primary coverage for any loss or liability arising from or relating to this Agreement and any insurance held by School shall constitute secondary, excess coverage. School may require additional insurance coverage depending on the Services and shall communicate these insurance requirements to the Vendor in conjunction with the provision of an Enrichment Certificate. Vendor's insurance policies required under this Agreement shall name School as additionally insured.

## **SECTION 10. CONFIDENTIALITY.**

- a. Confidential Information: Vendor acknowledges that during the course of performing Services, Vendor may become privy to confidential, privileged and/or proprietary information important to the School. Vendor further acknowledges its obligations under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") and California Uniform Trade Secrets Act. Vendor shall ensure that all of its employees, agents and contractors agree to the requirements of this section prior to receiving any Confidential Information (defined below). Vendor shall not use or disclose during or after the term of this Agreement, without the prior written consent of School, any information relating to School's employees, directors, agents, students or families, or any information regarding the affairs or operations of School, including School's confidential/proprietary information and trade secrets ("Confidential Information"). Confidential Information, whether prepared by or for the School, includes, without limitation, all of the following: education records, student rosters, medical records, personnel records, information technology systems, financial and accounting information, business or marketing plans or strategies, methods of doing business, curriculum, lists, email addresses and other information concerning actual and potential students or vendors and/or any other information Vendor reasonably should know is treated as confidential by the School. The only allowed disclosures of Confidential Information are (i) with prior written consent of School; (ii) after the information is generally available to the public other than by reason of a breach by Vendor of this agreement to maintain confidentiality; (iii) after the information has been acquired by Vendor through independent means and without a breach of Vendor's duties to School under this Agreement or otherwise; or (iv) pursuant to the order of a court or other tribunal with jurisdiction if Vendor has given School adequate notice so that School may contest any such process. Personally identifiable student information may only be used as necessary to meet Vendor's obligations under this Agreement. Vendor must take all necessary and appropriate steps to protect and safeguard all of School's Confidential Information and proprietary information from unauthorized disclosure.
- b. Disclosure of Records: School will provide Vendor with those records requested by Vendor that are reasonably necessary to allow Vendor to perform the Services. Vendor shall use any such records only for the purpose provided and not for the benefit of any other person or entity. Upon termination of this Agreement or School's request, Vendor will immediately surrender to School or destroy all Confidential Information and other materials provided to Vendor by School, including all physical copies, drafts, digital or computer versions.

**SECTION 11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement and its incorporated exhibits constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein and supersede all agreements, representations and

understandings of the parties with respect to such subject matter made or entered into prior to the date of this Agreement.

## **SECTION 12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.**

- a. Informal Dispute Resolution: If there is any dispute or controversy between the parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the parties shall first meet and confer informally in an attempt to resolve the issue.
- b. Mediation: If reasonable efforts at informal resolution are unsuccessful, the parties shall participate in a mediation with a mutually-agreed upon mediator. Any costs and fees, other than attorneys' fees, associated the mediation shall be shared equally by the parties.
- c. Arbitration: If School has paid more than \$25,000 to Vendor for Services since the start of the previous fiscal year, and efforts to resolve the dispute at mediation are unsuccessful, the parties agree that such dispute will be submitted to private and confidential arbitration by a single neutral arbitrator through Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. ("JAMS") at the nearest JAMS location, or other service agreed upon by both parties, and that such arbitration will be the exclusive final dispute resolution method under this Agreement. The JAMS Streamlined Arbitration Rules & Procedures in effect at the time the claim or dispute is arbitrated will govern the procedure for the arbitration proceedings between the parties. The arbitrator shall not have the power to modify any of the provisions of this Agreement. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the parties hereto, and shall be enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction. The party initiating the arbitration shall advance the arbitrator's initial fee. Otherwise and thereafter, each party shall bear their own costs of the arbitration proceeding or litigation to enforce this Agreement, including attorneys' fees and costs. Except where clearly prevented by the area in dispute, both parties agree to continue performing their respective obligations under this Agreement until the dispute is resolved, subject to the right to terminate this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to prevent either party from obtaining injunctive or equitable relief in court to prevent irreparable harm pending the conclusion of any such arbitration.

**SECTION 13. MODIFYING THE AGREEMENT.** No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless in writing and executed by both parties.

**SECTION 14. NO WAIVER.** No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute, or be deemed to constitute, a waiver of any other provision, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver. No waiver shall be binding unless executed in writing by the party making the waiver.



**SECTION 15. NO ASSIGNMENT.** No party shall assign this Agreement, any interest in this Agreement, or its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the express prior written consent of the other party. This Agreement shall be binding on, and shall inure to the benefit of, the parties and their respective permitted successors and assigns.

**SECTION 16. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Agreement is invalid or contravenes applicable law, such provision shall be deemed not to be a part of this Agreement and shall not affect the validity or enforceability of its remaining provisions, unless such invalidity or unenforceability would defeat an essential business purpose of this Agreement.

**SECTION 17. GOVERNING LAW.** This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the State of California.

**SECTION 18. AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT.** Each party warrants to the other that it has the authority to enter into this Agreement, that it is a binding and enforceable obligation of said party, and that the undersigned has been duly authorized to execute this Agreement.

**SECTION 19. NOTICES.** All notices and other communications in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be considered given as follows:

(a) When delivered personally to the recipient's address as stated on this Agreement; (b) three days after being deposited in the United States mail, with postage prepaid to the recipient's address as stated on this Agreement; (c) via email address as stated on this Agreement.

Notice is effective upon receipt provided that a duplicate copy of the notice is promptly given by first class mail, or the recipient delivers a written confirmation of receipt.

**If to Vendor:**

*(Please fill in with your information)*

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**If to School:**

Brooke Peterson

Vendor Administrator

13915 Danielson St, #200  
Poway, CA 92064

VendorSupport@inspireschools.org  
(619) 749-1792

**SECTION 20. COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one instrument. A faxed or emailed .pdf or other electronic copy of the fully executed original version of this Agreement shall have the same legal effect as an executed original for all purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date above.

**The Cottonwood School**

**VENDOR**

By:\_\_\_\_\_

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A**

**Detailed list of services**


**Pricing for services**


**Cancellation & Refund Policy**

**Students will be permitted to cancel and/or reschedule services with 24-hour notice. Cancellations are subject to a full refund. Refunds must be submitted to The Cottonwood School.**