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## **WATERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN VOLUNTARY RESOLUTION OF REQUEST FOR INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ (the “Parent”) has requested an independent educational evaluation (“IEE”) at public expense from the Waterford Board of Education (the “District”) based on the Parent’s disagreement with an evaluation obtained by the District.

The Parent and the District (collectively, the “Parties”) understand that pursuant to the regulations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (“IDEA”), upon such a request for an IEE at public expense, the District must, without unnecessary delay, either:

- i. File a due process complaint to request a hearing to show its evaluation is appropriate; or
- ii. Ensure the IEE is provided at public expense, unless the District demonstrates in a due process hearing that the evaluation obtained by the parent does not meet the District’s IEE criteria.

The Parties understand that the right to request an IEE at public expense upon the Parent’s disagreement with an evaluation obtained by the District is a procedural safeguard and parental right under the IDEA regulations.

The Parties believe that it is in both parties’ interest to participate in an informal, voluntary resolution period to further discuss the request for an IEE at public expense and related issues and concerns of the parties before the District files a due process complaint or agrees to fund the IEE, in order to avoid the potential costs of litigation and direct resources toward a possible resolution between the Parties.

The Parties agree that the time period necessary to engage in an informal, voluntary resolution period does not constitute an unnecessary delay relative to the federal requirements imposed on the District when an IEE request is made by a parent.

Based on this mutual consideration, the Parties agree to the following:

1. The time period for the informal, voluntary resolution period shall be:

- One week (End date: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Two weeks (End date: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Three weeks (End date: \_\_\_\_\_)
- In order to participate in the CT State Department of Education’s mediation process, or mediation through an independent mediator
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (End date: \_\_\_\_\_)

2. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time in writing provided to the other Party.

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