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CLIU Title III Consortium 2016-2017 Memorandum of Understanding

The CLIU Title III Consortium consists of the following School Districts and Charter Schools: Arts Academy Charter School, Bangor Area School District, Carbon Career & Technical Institute, Catasauqua Area School District, Executive Education Academy Charter School, Jim Thorpe School District, Lehighton Area School District, Northampton Area School District, Northern Lehigh School District, Panther Valley School District, Saucon Valley School District, Southern Lehigh School District and Weatherly School District.

The CLIU acts as the Title III fiscal lead ensuring that all participating LEAs:

1. Fulfill their programmatic responsibilities, including meeting Title III Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs);
2. Complete the annual LEP System data collection;
3. Contact non-public/private schools within their boundaries to assist with Determination of Title III eligibility and participation in Title III activities;
4. Complete the ordering and administration of the *WIDA ACCESS for ELLs* Assessment and return assessment materials during the scheduled testing window;
5. Promote parent and community participation in educational programs for LEP Children; and
6. Notify parents of Title III supplemental services and activities, and AMAOs.

On behalf of its member districts, the CLIU will:

1. Provide high quality professional development that is designed to:
 - a. Increase the English proficiency of LEP children
 - b. Support the knowledge and use of the PA English Proficiency Standards
 - c. Enhance teachers' ability to understand and use curricula, assessment measures and instructional strategies and that are based on scientifically based research and of sufficient intensity and duration
2. Facilitate and manage the annual Title III Consortium Grant including:
 - a. Submission of the grant rider;
 - b. Fiscal expenditures; and
 - c. Reporting of quarterly and annual expenditures, and effectiveness of professional development.

Helping Children Learn

"CLIU is a service agency committed to Helping Children Learn."

Should the consortium fail to meet Title III AMAO targets, the CLIU as the lead fiscal agent will:

1. Assist in developing an improvement plan and ensure the plan is submitted to the SEA.
Included in the plan will be:
 - a. The specific areas that caused the failure to meet AMAOs; and
 - b. The responsibilities of both the fiscal agent and the LEA members regarding the development and implementation of the plan.
2. Assist the individual districts in notifying parents within 30 days in an understandable format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parent can understand.

Title III Resources:

1. Resources will be offered and distributed equally among the consortium LEAs, presuming participation; remaining funds will be redistributed to best meet the needs of the consortium, and the requirements of the Rider.
2. Title III activities have been outlined in Rider Project # 010-11-0721; and are designed to meet the needs of individual LEAs while allowing for equal distribution of resources. Activities offered through 2016-17 Title III funds are designed to meet the needs of students with limited English proficiency and their parents, as well as the school personnel who serve them. These activities include but are not limited to:
 - a. ESL Certification Program
 - b. Customized ESL Professional Development;
 - c. Funding for Tutoring;
 - d. Young Authors Event w/ parent outreach;
 - e. Career and Higher Education Outreach Activities;
 - f. Purchase of technology to enhance instruction;
 - g. Purchase of instructional materials to supplement instruction; and
 - h. Professional Collaboration.

By signing below, you agree to the terms and conditions set forth by the U.S. Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding Title III requirements and membership in the CLIU Title III Consortium.

Southern Lehigh School District

LEA


Signature

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