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**Acknowledge Alliance**

**Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement Between  
Acknowledge Alliance and Monta Loma Elementary School of the  
Mountain View Whisman School District**

The Cleo Eulau Center, DBA Acknowledge Alliance (Acknowledge), located at 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Suite 208, Mountain View, CA 94043 and **Monta Loma Elementary School**, located at 460 Thompson Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043, (650) 903-6915, and in the Mountain View Whisman School District, agree to work cooperatively for the 2017-2018 school year, beginning project work on 08/14/2017 and ending on 06/07/2018.

Students living in many different kinds of communities and the teachers working with these students and families have a greater number of complex challenges that impact a student's ability to focus on learning. By fostering positive classroom and school communities, employing culturally appropriate interventions, students are more able to focus on learning and teachers better able to respond to student needs. Teacher effectiveness can be supported by school-community partnerships that lead to improved academic and social and emotional outcomes for students.

Acknowledge Alliance's Resilience Consultation Program agrees to provide the following services:

**Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms**

The Resilience Consultant will deliver social emotional learning curriculum for three classrooms in each of the third and fourth grades. These are sequenced, active, focused and explicit lessons given by a mental health professional to students while the teacher is present. Essential social and emotional skills include: recognizing and managing emotions, demonstrating caring for others, making responsible decisions and establishing and maintaining positive relationships. Lessons consist of ten 45-55 minutes sessions that will be scheduled with the teachers and Acknowledge staff, including classroom observation and kick-off meeting times with the teachers. Includes a no-cost session for parents about the fundamentals of SEL and parenting practices.

*This service is offered for no cost to Monta Loma for 2017-18; grant funding is covering all costs.*

**Monta Loma Elementary School** agrees to participate in the Resilience Consultation Program of Acknowledge Alliance in the following ways:

1. Support teachers receiving SEL lessons by providing time with consultant to coordinate schedule for delivery of lessons.
2. Offer the opportunity for parents to attend an information session about SEL lessons.
3. Participate in program evaluation and data collection.
4. Principal and/or other leadership will meet with the Resilience Consultation Program Director three times throughout the year (October, February, April) for check-ins, reviewing of services, problem-solving, and planning for the following year.
5. Cite Acknowledge Alliance as the provider of relevant services on the school's website (with material provide by Acknowledge Alliance).
6. Review and agree to Appendix A – Key Criteria for School Site Partnership.

Both Acknowledge Alliance and **Monta Loma Elementary School** agree to the following:  
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**Appendix A:  
Key Criteria for Partnership**

Since 1994, Acknowledge Alliance has worked with schools to provide a wide range of support for students and educators. We have learned that the following key criteria are essential for success. Ours is a collaborative relationship and we want to ensure partners understand our philosophy, how we implement program services, and what is expected from partners and schools.

For successful Resilience Consultation and partnering at a school site:

- We are advisors to the school about how to handle student and/or staff issues and we work collaboratively as a team, taking strategic approaches for both individual and school-wide matters.
- We rely on open communication about how and when social emotional issues arise. We collaborate on intervention approaches. At the same time, Resilience sessions are confidential and will not be disclosed to school personnel except when required by law.
- We view acting out behavior as a sign of distress – we can help staff think about consequences that are restorative, not punitive.
- We focus on increasing pro-social and resilience skills of students and educators.
- We collaboratively work towards promoting positive school climate through regular meetings between the Resilience Consultant and the Principal or a member of the administrative team.
- We approach goals and interventions that are made based on the individual needs of each student, teacher, or staff.
- We work from a compassionate and strengths-based platform and look for our partner schools to do the same.

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1. Modifications to this document will be made by mutual agreement in writing.
2. Either party, upon giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other party, may terminate the agreement without cause.

By signing this agreement the agencies acknowledge they will actively abide by its terms.

**FOR Cleo Eulau Center  
DBA Acknowledge Alliance**  
501(c) 3 Non-profit Tax ID: 77-0393676

**FOR Monta Loma Elementary School**

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Susan Williams Clark,

Date

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Gloria Higgins

Date

Executive Director

Principal, Monta Loma Elementary School

*Clark*      *26 Jan 2018*  
*CEO*

*Classes operate*

*Feb to May 2018*