



Environmental Volunteers

Environmental Science Collaboration Program

Memorandum of Understanding
between

Mountain View Whisman School District and Environmental Volunteers, fiscal agent for
Mountain View Whisman Environmental Science Collaboration

THE INTENT of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to implement a science education collaboration between the **Mountain View Whisman School District** ("District") and the **Mountain View Whisman Environmental Science Collaboration** ("MVWESC") for the 2020-21 school year. MVWESC is a collaboration of non-profit organizations that supports science education by delivering environmental science resource classroom and field trip programs.

THE PURPOSE of the MVWESC is to support Mountain View Whisman School District teachers in the delivery of science programs that meet state and district standards and to support equity in science education throughout the District. This project will deliver programs to all District elementary classrooms in grades 4 and 5.

NOTE: Given the complications posed by COVID-19 and the prospect of potential shifts between in-person and remote learning, all parties acknowledge the difficulties in planning an MOU that will be accurate and achievable for this entire year, and agree to grant one another greater flexibility in meeting the provisions detailed below. As such, the sections pertaining to the budget and delivery of programs may be subject to mutually agreed upon revision as new statewide and district-wide measures are established.

THE GOALS of the program are as follows:

1. Provide students with robust science learning opportunities; where possible, and as county and district health mandates permit, those opportunities should be experiential and hands-on. Otherwise, programs and activities will be presented in a virtual mode.
2. Inspire students to become lifelong stewards of the environment;
3. Align with either California State Content Standards or Next Generation Science Standards;
4. Provide quality programs equitably – to the extent that circumstances allow - for every child in the district;
5. Ensure that science education is reinforced from one year to the next;
6. Provide expertise and science experience to students and teachers.

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MVWESC WILL:

1. Facilitate the administration of the collaboration by coordinating the participation of the nonprofit partners.
2. Coordinate an annual program registration system that leads to all participating District teachers registering for science resource programs and ensure successful delivery of those programs.
3. Coordinate with the MVEF to determine the budget for program components not identified as District Obligations.
4. Provide invoices to the District in a timely fashion for any costs covered by this agreement.
5. Coordinate with District personnel to ensure that all eligible classroom teachers are informed about the opportunities available through the program and have the knowledge and resources to access those resources to the extent that circumstances allow.
6. Be responsible at all times for the supervision and support of the nonprofits' staff and volunteers.
7. Be responsible for all injuries, accidents, or claims related to its staff or volunteers.

THE DISTRICT WILL:

1. Provide a liaison who will coordinate access to participating teachers and can serve as a point of contact for the MVWESC.
2. Be responsible for financial arrangements associated with District students' participation in Living Classroom programs.
3. Provide the MVWESC a sum not to exceed \$20,000 in payment of direct science resource programs delivered to District classrooms under this agreement. NOTE: at this time, transportation costs will not be included in this agreement as in-person, bused field trips are unlikely for this school year. If circumstances change, the budgetary line item for transportation may be revisited.

Termination. This Memorandum of Understanding shall terminate on June 30, 2021, unless previously terminated by either party upon 30-day written notice or extended by mutual written consent.

Acknowledged and agreed to:

**ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS,
as fiscal agent for MVWESC**

By:



Name: Elliott Wright

Title: Executive Director

Date: September 10, 2020

Acknowledged and agreed to:

**MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

By:

Name:

Title:

Date: