



# 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

*Last Updated: Jan 5, 2022*

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 2021-22 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 strive to deliver programs to all District elementary classrooms in grades 4 and 5.

*NOTE:* Given the continuing complications posed by COVID-19 and the prospect of potential shifts between permissible in-person and virtual programs, 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 in-person, 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 program 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.
8. Provide a letter from each partner which attests that all staff or volunteers delivering programs to District schools have been appropriately fingerprinted, vaccinated and have completed the necessary TB risk assessments.

## 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. Be responsible for logistics and coordination associated with student transportation to/from the requested field trip sites.
4. Provide the MVWESC a sum not to exceed \$60,000 in payment of direct science resource programs delivered to District classrooms under this agreement. NOTE: At this time, in-person field trips will only be permitted during the Spring quarter. As such, both parties acknowledge that transportation costs may change depending on the timing of permitted activities.

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Termination. This Memorandum of Understanding shall terminate on September 1, 2022, unless previously terminated by either party upon 30-day written notice or extended by mutual written consent.

Acknowledged and agreed to:

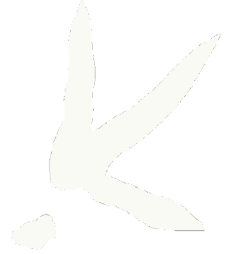
**ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS,  
as fiscal agent for MVWESC**

By:

Acknowledged and agreed to:

**MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

By:



Name: Elliott Wright

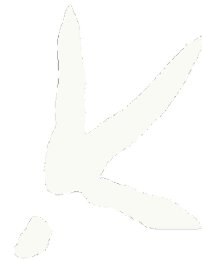
Title: Executive Director

Date:

Name: Cathy Baur

Title: Chief Academic Officer

Date:



Jan 5, 2022

Mountain View Whisman School District  
1400 Montecito Ave.  
Mountain View, CA 94043

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to certify and attest that all personnel (volunteers and staff) from the *“Environmental Education Program Provider Organization”* who might possibly be coming onto District campuses (any of the 11 Elementary or Middle schools):

- Are fully vaccinated and have supplied proof of vaccination to our organization
- Have completed the appropriate TB risk assessment or have received a recent negative TB test
- Have been fingerprinted and have passed their criminal background checks

Programs for the MVWSD 4th and 5th grade classes for the Spring Semester are still in the process of being scheduled and confirmed. These include in-person classroom programs, in-person field trip programs, and virtual programs (as requested by the teachers). The full schedule of programs as they become confirmed can be found on the shared MVWSD EE Program Offerings 21-22 document. ([https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Eq99tETa8rTnnv74bC6JqnCMcBFmQkKmc\\_bM8PxsxjgE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Eq99tETa8rTnnv74bC6JqnCMcBFmQkKmc_bM8PxsxjgE/edit?usp=sharing)).

If required, we will provide a list of personnel coming onto campus to deliver the above programs as soon as possible prior to each program.

If there are any questions about the scheduled *“Organization”* programs for MVWSD students, or the status of our volunteers and staff, please contact our *“Organizational MVWSD EE Collaboration Staff Member”* at *“Staff Email”*.

Sincerely,

*MVWSD EE Collaboration Staff Member Name*  
*MVWSD EE Collaboration Staff Member Title*