

**AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES  
 BY AND BETWEEN  
 LOS GATOS-SARATOGA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 AND  
 MCKIM DESIGN GROUP  
 FOR  
 900 WING MODERNIZATION AT SARATOGA HIGH SCHOOL**

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**CERTIFICATES**



or other costs which are the responsibility of the District. The Construction Cost Budget does NOT include construction phase construction management services.

- 1.1.8. **Consultant(s):** Any and all consultant(s), sub-consultant(s), subcontractor(s), or agent(s) to the Architect.
- 1.1.9. **District:** The Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District.
- 1.1.10. **DSA:** The Division of the State Architect.
- 1.1.11. **Record Drawings:** A final set of drawings prepared by the Architect based upon marked-up prints, drawings, and other data furnished to Architect by Contractor that incorporates all changes from all As-Builts, sketches, details, and clarifications.
- 1.1.12. **Service(s):** All labor, materials, supervision, services, tasks, and work that the Architect is required to perform and that are required by, or reasonably inferred from, the Agreement, and that are necessary for the design and completion of the Project.
- 1.1.13. **Visually Verify:** To review, analyze, and verify to the fullest extent possible by physical inspection and reasonable investigation and without any destructive action.

**Article 2. Scope, Responsibilities, and Services of Architect**

- 2.1. Architect shall render the Services as described in **Exhibit "A,"** commencing with receipt of a written Notice to Proceed signed by the District representative. Architect's Services will be completed in accordance with the schedule attached as **Exhibit "C."**
- 2.2. Architect recognizes that the District may obtain the services of a construction manager for this Project. The construction manager, if any, would be authorized to give Architect Services authorizations, and issue written approvals and Notices to Proceed on behalf of District. The District reserves the right to designate a different construction manager at any time. Any task, including, but not limited to, reviews or approvals that the District may perform pursuant to this Agreement may be performed by the construction manager, unless that task indicates it shall be performed by the governing board of the District.
- 2.3. Architect shall provide Services that comply with professional architectural standards and applicable requirements of federal, state, and local law including, without limitation:
  - 2.3.1. Uniform Building Code, latest addition, and the California Code of Regulations, title 24, including amendments.
  - 2.3.2. Regulations of the State Fire Marshall (title 19, California Code of Regulations) and Pertinent Local Fire Safety Codes.
  - 2.3.3. Americans with Disabilities Act.
  - 2.3.4. Education Code of the State of California.
  - 2.3.5. Government Code of the State of California.
  - 2.3.6. Labor Code of the State of California, division 2, part 7, Public Works and Public Agencies.
  - 2.3.7. Public Contract Code of the State of California.

2.3.8. U. S. Copyright Act.

- 2.4. **Storm Water.** Architect, through its Consultant(s) or through the General Contractor, shall be the District's Qualified Storm Water Developer (QSD) and shall prepare all documents necessary, and obtain all necessary approvals, for the District to be in compliance with the current Construction General Permit (CGP) of the State Water Resources Control Board.
- 2.5. Architect shall contract for or employ at Architect's expense, each and every Consultant(s) necessary for completion of its Services on the Project including, but not limited to, architects, mechanical, electrical, structural, civil engineers, landscape architects, any specialty consultant necessary for the scope of the project, low voltage, data & network, and telephone Consultants, and interior designers, licensed as required by the State of California. Architect shall employ the staff or companies necessary to complete the review of the existing buildings, infrastructure, systems and components to complete the backgrounds and design for DSA (including other permitting agencies required for the project) approval and closeout. The names of Consultant(s) shall be submitted to the District for approval prior to commencement of Services, as indicated below. The District reserves the right to reject the Architect's use of any particular Consultant. Nothing in the foregoing procedure shall create any contractual relationship between the District and any Consultant(s) employed by the Architect under terms of the Agreement.
- 2.6. Architect shall coordinate with District personnel and/or its designated representatives as may be requested and desirable, including with other professionals employed by the District for the design, coordination or management of other work related to the Project.
- 2.7. Architect shall identify the regulatory agencies that have jurisdiction over essential building and design elements and coordinate with and implement the requirements of the regulatory agencies, including, without limitation, California Department of Education (CDE), the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), the Department of General Services (DGS), DSA Fire/Life Safety, DSA Access Compliance Section, DSA Structural Safety, State, County and City Fire Marshal, County and City Health Departments and Inspectors, County and/or City Fire Marshal, and any regulatory office or agency that has authority for review and supervision of school district construction projects.
- 2.8. Architect shall provide Services required to obtain local agencies' approval for off-site work related to the Project including review by regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over the Project. If required by the scope of the project, Architect shall be compensated beyond the lump sum fee listed within this agreement.
- 2.9. Architect shall coordinate with the District's DSA Project Inspector(s).
- 2.10. Architect shall provide, at each design phase, computer-generated pictures and renderings to assist in illustrating the complete design to the District and for the District use in communications and, that the District may use on its website. If required by the scope of the project, Architect shall be compensated beyond the lump sum fee listed within this agreement.
- 2.11. Architect shall coordinate and integrate its work with any of the following information and/or services as provided by District:
- 2.11.1. Ground contamination or hazardous material analysis.
- 2.11.2. Any asbestos and/or lead testing, design or abatement.
- 2.11.3. Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). Architect agrees to

coordinate its work with that of any CEQA consultants retained by the District, to provide current elevations and schematic drawings for use in CEQA compliance documents, and to incorporate any mitigation measures adopted by the District into the Project design at no additional cost to the District. If the District and/or its CEQA consultant does not provide mitigation measures to the Architect when reasonably required for incorporation into the Project design, the Architect may submit scope and fees for approval to the District for the work required to incorporate those mitigation measures as Extra Services.

- 2.11.4. Historical significance report.
- 2.11.5. Soils investigation.
- 2.11.6. Geotechnical hazard report, except as indicated in **Exhibit "A."**
- 2.11.7. Topographic surveys of existing conditions.
- 2.11.8. State and local agency permit fees.
- 2.11.9. Commissioning Agent and Reports.
- 2.11.10. Testing and Inspection.

**Article 3. Architect Staff**

- 3.1. The Architect has been selected to perform the Services herein because of the skills and expertise of key individuals.
- 3.2. The Architect agrees that the following key people in Architect’s firm shall be associated with the Project in the following capacities:

Principal in Charge:	Kirk McKim_____
Major Consultants:	
Electrical:	Alfa Tech
Mechanical:	Alfa Tech
Structural:	Hohbach-Lewin_____
Civil:	_____
Other:	_____

- 3.3. The Architect shall not change any of the key personnel listed above without prior notice to and written approval by District, unless said personnel cease to be employed by Architect. In either case, District shall be allowed to interview and approve replacement personnel.
- 3.4. If any designated lead or key person fails to perform to the satisfaction of the District, then upon written notice the Architect shall have five (5) days to remove that person from the Project and replace that person with personnel acceptable to the District. All lead or key personnel for any Consultant must also be designated by the Consultant and shall be subject to all conditions previously stated in this paragraph.
- 3.5. Architect represents that the Architect has no existing interest and will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which could conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the Services and that no person having any such interest shall be employed by Architect.
- 3.6. Architect shall comply with Education Code section 17302(a) and agrees that any plans, models,

specifications and/or estimates included in the Services shall be prepared under the supervision of licensed personnel, and that licensed personnel shall be in “responsible charge” of persons who observe the construction.

#### **Article 4. Schedule of Services**

The Architect shall commence Services under this Agreement upon receipt of a Notice to Proceed and shall prosecute the Services diligently as described in **Exhibit “A,”** so as to proceed with and complete the Services in compliance with the schedule in **Exhibit “C.”** Time is of the essence and failure of Architect to perform Services on time as specified in this Agreement is a material breach of this Agreement. It shall not be a material breach if a delay is beyond the Architect’s and/or its Consultant(s)’ reasonable control.

#### **Article 5. Construction Cost Budget**

- 5.1. Architect hereby accepts the District’s established Construction Cost Budget and Project scope. In accordance with the **Exhibit “A,”** the Architect shall have responsibility to further develop, review, and reconcile the Construction Cost Budget for the District at the beginning of the Project and at the completion of programming and each subsequent design phase. The scope of the project will be reviewed and maybe adjusted at each design phase. The District shall work to review, and reconcile the Construction Cost Budget with the Architect.
- 5.2. Architect shall complete all Services as described in **Exhibit “A,”** including all plans, designs, drawings, specifications and other construction documents, so that the cost to construct the work designed by the Architect will not exceed the Construction Cost Budget, as adjusted subsequently with the District’s written approval. The Construction Cost Budget may include scope, products and services listed as “OFCl” or “Provided by District”. The Architect shall maintain cost controls throughout the Project to deliver the Project within the Construction Cost Budget.
- 5.3. If any of the following events occur:
  - The lowest responsive base bid or proposal received is in excess of ten percent (10%) of the Construction Cost Budget; or
  - The combined total of base bid and all additive alternates come in fifteen percent (15%) or more under the Construction Cost Budget; or
  - The Construction Cost Budget increases in phases subsequent to the Schematic Design Phase due to reasonably foreseeable changes in the condition of the construction market in the county in which the District is located, in so far as these have not been caused by Acts of God, earthquakes, strikes, war, or energy shortages due to uncontrollable events in the world economy;

Then the District, in its sole discretion, has one or a combination of the following alternatives:

- 5.3.1. Give the Architect written approval on an agreed adjustment to the Construction Cost Budget.
- 5.3.2. Direct the Architect to prepare the Project for re-bid within three (3) month’s time of receipt of bids (exclusive of District and other agencies’ review time) at no additional cost to the District.
- 5.3.3. Terminate this Agreement if the Project is abandoned, without further obligation by either Party.

- 5.3.4. Within three (3) month's time of receipt of bids, instruct Architect to revise the drawings and specifications (in scope and quality as approved by the District) to bring the Project within the Construction Cost Budget for re-bidding at no additional cost to the District. The modification of Construction Documents shall be the limit of the Architect's responsibility arising out of the establishment of a Construction Cost Budget. All other obligations of the Architect, including construction administration services, remain as stated in the Agreement.

**Article 6. Fee and Method of Payment**

- 6.1. District shall pay Architect for all Services contracted for under this Agreement an amount equal to the following ("Fee"):

Project will be contracted on a lump sum fee, with applicable allowances as noted in **Exhibit "D."**

- 6.2. District shall pay Architect the Fee pursuant to the provisions of **Exhibit "D."**
- 6.3. Architect shall bill its work under this Agreement in accordance with **Exhibit "D."**
- 6.4. No increase in Fee will be due from change orders generated during the construction period.
- 6.5. The Architect's Fee set forth in this Agreement shall be full compensation for all of Architect's Services incurred in the performance hereof as indicated in **Exhibit "D."**
- 6.6. Regardless of the structure of Architect's Fee, the Architect's Fee may be adjusted downward if the Scope of Services of this Agreement is reduced by the District in accordance with this Agreement. District shall pay for Services authorized and performed prior to the notice to Architect of a reduction as indicated here.

**Article 7. Payment for Extra Services or Changes**

District-authorized services outside of the scope in **Exhibit "A"** or District-authorized reimbursables not included in Architect's fee are "Extra Services." Any charges for Extra Services shall be paid by the District as described in **Exhibit "B"** only upon certification that the claimed Extra Services was authorized as indicated herein and that the Extra Services have been satisfactorily completed. If any service is done by Architect without prior written authorization by the program or construction manager or the District's authorized representative, the District will not be obligated to pay for such service. The foregoing provision notwithstanding, the Architect will be paid by the District as described in **Exhibit "B"** for Extra Services that the program or construction manager or the District's authorized representative verbally requests, provided that the Architect confirms such request in writing pursuant to the notice requirements of this Agreement, and proceeds with such Extra Services not earlier than two (2) business days after the District receives confirmation of the request from the Architect.

**Article 8. Ownership of Data**

- 8.1. Pursuant to Education Code section 17316, this Agreement creates a non-exclusive and perpetual license for District to use, at its discretion, all plans, including, but not limited to, record drawings, models, specifications, and estimates that the Architect or its Consultants, prepares or causes to be prepared pursuant to this Agreement.
- 8.2. The Architect retains all rights to all copyrights, designs and other intellectual property embodied in the plans, record drawings, models, specifications, estimates, and other documents that the Architect

or its Consultants prepares or causes to be prepared pursuant to this Agreement.

- 8.3. The Architect shall perform the Services and prepare all documents under this Agreement with the assistance of Computer Aided Design Drafting (CADD) Technology (e.g., AutoCAD software). The Architect shall deliver to the District, on request, a “thumb” drive, and/or compact disc with these documents and that is compatible with the most current version of the CADD Technology used by the Architect. As to any drawings that Architect provides in a CADD file format, the District acknowledges that anomalies and errors may be introduced into data when it is transferred or used in a computer environment, and that the District should rely on hard copies of all documents.
- 8.4. In order to evidence what CADD information was provided to the District, Architect and District shall each sign a “hard” copy of reproducible documents that depict the information at the time Architect produces the CADD information. District agrees to release Architect from all liability, damages, and/or claims that arise due to any changes made to this information by any person other than the Architect or Consultant(s) subsequent to it being provided to the District.
- 8.5. Following the termination of this Agreement, for any reason whatsoever, the Architect shall promptly deliver to the District upon written request and at no cost to the District the following items (hereinafter “Instruments of Service”) in an electronic format requested by District and which the District shall have the right to utilize in any way permitted by statute:
  - 8.5.1. One (1) set of the Contract Documents, including the bidding requirements, specifications, and all existing cost estimates for the Project, in hard copy, reproducible format.
  - 8.5.2. One (1) set of fixed image CADD files in DXF format of the drawings that are part of the Contract Documents.
  - 8.5.3. One (1) set of non-fixed image CADD drawing files in DXF and/or DWG format of the site plan, floor plans (architectural, plumbing, structural mechanical and electrical), roof plan, sections and exterior elevations of the Project.
  - 8.5.4. All finished or unfinished documents, studies, meeting minutes, program documents, reports, calculations, drawings, maps, models, photographs, technology data and reports prepared by the Architect under this Agreement.
- 8.6. In the event the District changes or uses any fully or partially completed documents without the Architect’s knowledge and participation, the District agrees to release Architect of responsibility for such changes, and shall indemnify and hold the Architect, harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities, suits, demands, losses, costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys’ fees, on account of any damages or losses to property or persons, including injuries or death, or economic losses, arising out of any changes or use except to the extent the Architect is found to be liable in a forum of competent jurisdiction. In the event District uses any fully or partially completed documents without the Architect’s full involvement, the District shall remove all title blocks and other information that might identify the Architect and the Architect’s Consultants.

**Article 9. Termination of Agreement**

- 9.1. If Architect fails to perform the Services to the reasonable satisfaction of the District and as required by this Agreement, or if Architect fails to fulfill in a timely and professional manner Architect’s material obligations under this Agreement, or if Architect shall violate any of the material terms or provisions of this Agreement, the District shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, effective immediately upon the District giving written notice thereof to the Architect. In the event of a termination pursuant to this subdivision, Architect may invoice District for all Services



performed until the date of the notice of termination. District shall have the right to withhold payment and deduct from Architect's invoice, any amounts equal to District's costs caused by Architect's negligent errors or omissions, recklessness, or willful misconduct. The District may, at its discretion, provide the Architect time to cure its default or breach.

- 9.2. District shall have the right in its sole discretion to terminate the Agreement for its own convenience. In the event of a termination for convenience, Architect may invoice District and District shall pay all undisputed invoice(s) for Services performed until the date of District's written notice of termination.
- 9.3. Except as indicated in this Article, termination shall have no effect upon any of the rights and obligations of the Parties arising out of any transaction occurring prior to the effective date of such termination.
- 9.4. The Architect has the right to terminate this Agreement if the District does not fulfill its material obligations under this Agreement. Such termination shall be effective on the date District receives written notice of the termination from Architect. Architect may invoice District and District shall pay all undisputed invoice(s) for Services performed until the Architect's notice of termination.
- 9.5. If, at any time in the progress of the Design of the Project, the governing board of the District determines that the Project should be terminated, the Architect, upon written notice from the District of such termination, shall immediately cease performing Services. The District shall pay the Architect only the fee associated with the Services performed, from Architect's last paid invoice up to the date of the notice of termination.
- 9.6. If the District suspends the Project for more than one hundred twenty (120) consecutive days, the Architect shall be compensated for Services performed prior to the notice of suspension. When the Project is resumed, the schedule shall be adjusted and the Architect's compensation shall be equitably adjusted to provide for expenses incurred in the resumption of the Architect's Services. If the District suspends the Project for more than eighteen (18) months, the Architect may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice.

#### **Article 10. Architect Indemnity**

- 10.1. To the fullest extent permitted by California law and in accordance with California Civil Code section 2782.8, Architect shall indemnify, protect, and hold free and harmless the District, its agents, representatives, officers, consultants, employees, trustees and members ("Indemnified Parties") from any and all actions, assessments, counts, citations, claims, costs, damages, demands, judgments, liabilities (legal, administrative or otherwise), losses, notices, expenses, fines, penalties, proceedings, responsibilities, violations, attorney's and consultants' fees and causes of action to property or persons, including personal injury and/or death ("Claim(s)"), to the extent that the Claim(s) arises out of, pertains to, or relates to the negligent errors or omissions (active or passive, ordinary or gross), recklessness (ordinary or gross), , or willful misconduct of Architect, its directors, officials, officers, employees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, subconsultants or agents arising out of, connected with, or resulting from the performance of the Services, the Project, or this Agreement. This indemnity excludes Architect's liability as to the active or sole negligence or willful misconduct of the District.
- 10.2. The following shall be Claims, to the extent they satisfy the definition of Claims herein:
  - 10.2.1. **The cost of Project delays.** Without limiting Architect's liability for indirect cost impacts due to Project delays, the direct costs for which the Architect shall be liable for shall be proportionate to the amount the District is liable to the Project contractor(s), subcontractor(s), suppliers, inspector(s), construction manager(s) for the Project delays,

including the proportionate cost of interim housing necessitated by Project delays, to the extent that the Project delays arise out of, pertain to, relate to or result from the negligent errors or omissions, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Architect in the performance of any Services which falls below the applicable standard of care of Architects engaged in similar public education projects.

- 10.2.2. **The cost of construction change orders for errors and omissions.** Without limiting Architect's liability for indirect cost impacts, the direct costs for which the Architect shall be liable shall equal the difference between the cost of the change order(s) and the reasonable cost of the work had that work been a part of the originally prepared construction documents, the change order(s) result from any error or omission of Architect in the performance of Services which falls below the applicable standard of care of Architects engaged in similar public education projects.

These amounts may be paid by Architect to District or the District may in reasonable good faith withhold those costs from amounts owing to Architect, pending resolution of the dispute.

- 10.3. Architect's duty to indemnify under this Agreement shall apply during the term of this Agreement and shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement until any such Claim(s) are barred by the applicable statute of limitations and is in addition to any other rights or remedies that the District may have under the law or under this Agreement.

#### **Article 11. Mandatory Mediation for Claims**

- 11.1. The Parties hereto agree prior to commencing any legal action relating to any Claim, as defined herein, to submit the Claim to a mandatory good-faith mediation process ("Mediation"). The Parties' expectations are that if the Claim is made by a third party (e.g., a contractor), that the third party will be a participant in that Mediation. The Parties agree that any statute of limitations applicable to any Claim shall be tolled for the period from the date a Party requests Mediation through the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day after termination of the Mediation, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.
- 11.2. Except as set forth below, the Parties agree to refrain from filing, maintaining or prosecuting any action related to the Claim during the pendency of the Mediation provided that the Mediation must commence within thirty (30) days after a Party makes written demand to the other for Mediation.
- 11.3. The Parties shall participate in a minimum of one full-day mediation session before the Mediation may be declared unsuccessful and terminated by either Party. The Mediation shall be conducted in accordance with such rules as the Parties agree upon, or in the absence of agreement, in accordance with the Commercial Mediation Rules of JAMS/Endispute. Evidence of anything said, any admissions made, and any documents prepared in the course of the Mediation shall not be admissible in evidence or subject to discovery in any court action pursuant to Evidence Code Section 1152.5.
- 11.4. The Parties shall mutually agree to the selection of a mediator who is an attorney that is experienced in public works construction claims. If the Parties are unable to agree upon a mediator, then the mediator shall be appointed by JAMS/Endispute.
- 11.5. The Mediation shall take place at a location within twenty (20) miles of the District's administrative office. The mediator's fees and administrative fees, if any, shall be split equally between the Parties, but, unless otherwise agreed to in writing, each Party shall bear its own attorney's fees.
- 11.6. If any Party commences a legal action without first attempting to resolve the Claim as required by this Article 11, that Party shall be in breach of this Agreement and shall not be entitled to recover attorney's fees that might have otherwise been recoverable.

- 11.7. This mandatory mediation process shall only apply to Claims pursuant to the Architect Indemnity provision herein and shall not apply to any disputes to be resolved pursuant to the Alternative Dispute Resolution provision herein.

**Article 12. Fingerprinting**

Pursuant to Education Code section 45125.2, District has determined on the basis of scope of Services, that Architect, Contractors, and their employees will have only limited contact with pupils at most. Architect shall promptly notify District in writing of any facts or circumstances which might reasonably lead District to determine that contact will be more than limited as defined by Education Code section 45125.1(d).

**Article 13. Responsibilities of the District**

- 13.1. The District shall examine the documents submitted by the Architect and shall render any decision(s) required of District, in a timely manner to avoid unreasonable delay in the performance of Architect's Services.
- 13.2. The District shall verbally or in writing advise the Architect if the District becomes aware of any fault or defect in the Project, including any errors, omissions or inconsistencies in the Architect's documents. Failure to provide such notice shall not relieve Architect of its responsibility therefore, if any.
- 13.3. Unless the District and the Architect agree that a hazardous materials consultant shall be a Consultant of the Architect, the District shall furnish the services of a hazardous material consultant and deemed necessary by the District or are requested by the District. These services shall include: asbestos and lead paint survey; abatement documentation; and specifications related to these matters which are to be incorporated into bid documents prepared by Architect. If the hazardous materials consultant is furnished by the District and is not a Consultant of the Architect, the specifications shall indicate that the specifications prepared by District's consultant relating to these matters, are included in the Architect's bid documents for the District's convenience and have not been prepared or reviewed by the Architect. The bid documents shall also direct questions about the specifications to the consultant that prepared the specifications.
- 13.4. District personnel and/or its designated representatives shall coordinate with Architect as may be requested and beneficial for the coordination or management of work related to the Project.
- 13.5. The District shall timely provide to the Architect all relevant information in its possession regarding the Project that is necessary for performance of Architect's Services.
- 13.6. The District shall pay all fees required by agencies having jurisdiction over the Project.

**Article 14. Liability of District**

- 14.1. Other than as provided in this Agreement, District's financial obligations under this Agreement shall be limited to the payment of the compensation provided in this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in no event shall District be liable, regardless of whether any claim is based on contract or tort, for any special, consequential, indirect or incidental damages, including, but not limited to, lost profits or revenue, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement for the Services performed.
- 14.2. District shall not be responsible for any damage to persons or property as a result of the use, misuse

or failure of any equipment used by Architect, or by its employees and Consultants, even though such equipment may be furnished or loaned to Architect by District.

**Article 15. Nondiscrimination**

- 15.1. Architect agrees that no discrimination shall be made in the employment of persons under this Agreement because of the race, national origin, ancestry, religion, age, physical or mental disability, sex, or sexual orientation of such person.
- 15.2. Architect shall comply with any and all applicable regulations and laws governing nondiscrimination in employment.

**Article 16. Insurance**

- 16.1. Architect shall comply with the insurance requirements for this Agreement, set forth in **Exhibit "E."**
- 16.2. Architect shall provide certificates of insurance and endorsements to District prior to commencement of the work of this Agreement as required in **Exhibit "E."**

**Article 17. Covenant Against Contingent Fees**

Architect warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Architect, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Architect, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration contingent on or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the District shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability, or in its discretion, to deduct from the Fee or consideration or to recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage fee, gift, or contingency.

**Article 18. Entire Agreement/Modification**

This Agreement, including the Exhibits incorporated by reference into this Agreement, supersedes all previous contracts and constitutes the entire understanding of the Parties hereto. Architect shall be entitled to no other benefits than those specified herein. No changes, amendments or alterations shall be effective unless in writing and signed by both Parties. Architect specifically acknowledges that in entering this Agreement, Architect relies solely upon the provisions contained in this Agreement.

**Article 19. Non-Assignment of Agreement**

This Agreement is intended to secure the Professional Services of the Architect, therefore, Architect may not assign, transfer, delegate or sublet any interest therein without the prior written consent of District and any such assignment, transfer, delegation or sublease without the District's prior written consent shall be considered null and void. Likewise, District may not assign, transfer, delegate or sublet any interest therein without the prior written consent of Architect and any such assignment, transfer, delegation or sublease without Architect's prior written consent shall be considered null and void.

**Article 20. Law, Venue**

- 20.1. This Agreement has been executed and delivered in the State of California and the validity, enforceability and interpretation of any of the clauses of this Agreement shall be determined and

governed by the laws of the State of California.

- 20.2. The county in which the District administration office is located shall be the venue for any action or proceeding that may be brought or arise out of, in connection with or by reason of this Agreement.

**Article 21. Alternative Dispute Resolution**

**21.1. Architect's Invoices.**

21.1.1. If the District disapproves of any portion or amount(s) of the Architect's invoices, the District shall within thirty (30) days of receipt by the District of any of the Architect's invoices, communicate to the Architect in writing, with reasonable detail, the portion or amount of the Architect's invoices that are disapproved for payment, the portion or amount of the Architect's invoices that are approved for payment, and the basis for the District's disapproval of the disputed portion(s) or amount(s) of the Architect's invoices ("Disputed Architect Invoice Detail").

21.1.2. If the Architect disagrees with the Disputed Architect Invoice Detail, the Architect shall communicate to the District in writing, and request to meet and confer in good faith with respect to the Disputed Architect Invoice Detail, to determine if the disagreement can be resolved. The meet and confer shall be scheduled to occur within thirty (30) days of Architect's request. The meet and confer shall include, but are not limited to, face-to-face meeting(s) with the appropriate District and Architect personnel as appropriate and necessary.

21.1.3. If the Parties cannot resolve the matter during this meet and confer process, the Parties shall handle the matter as a "dispute" as provided herein.

21.2. Disputes between the parties arising out of this Agreement shall be resolved by the following processes:

21.2.1. **Negotiation.** Within fifteen (15) days following the receipt of a request to meet, the Parties shall meet and attempt in good faith to resolve any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement by negotiation. The Parties' meet and confer process for Disputed Architect Invoice Detail as detailed above, shall satisfy this negotiation requirement.

21.2.2. **Mediation.** Within thirty (30) days, but no earlier than fifteen (15) days, following the earlier of receipt of notice by one Party from the other Party of a demand for mediation, the Parties shall submit the dispute to non-binding mediation administered by the AAA (or other agreed upon rules) under its construction industry mediation rules, unless waived by mutual stipulation of both Parties.

21.2.3. **Litigation.** Disputes arising from this Agreement that cannot be settled through negotiation or mediation (after those processes have been exhausted) shall be litigated in the California Superior Court in the county in which the Project that is the subject of this Agreement is located.

21.3. Architect shall neither rescind nor stop the performance of its Services pending the outcome of any dispute that occurs during the Construction Administration Phase.

**Article 22. Severability**

If any term, covenant, condition or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent

jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated thereby.

**Article 23. Employment Status**

- 23.1. Architect shall, during the entire term of Agreement, be construed to be an independent contractor and nothing in this Agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship, a joint venture relationship, or to allow District to exercise discretion or control over the professional manner in which the Architect performs the Services; provided always, however, that the Services to be provided by Architect shall be provided in a manner consistent with all applicable standards and regulations governing such Services.
- 23.2. Architect understands and agrees that the Architect's personnel are not and will not be eligible for membership in or any benefits from any District group plan for hospital, surgical or medical insurance or for membership in any District retirement program or for paid vacation, paid sick leave or other leave, with or without pay or for other benefits which accrue to a District employee.
- 23.3. Should District, in its discretion, or a relevant taxing authority such as the Internal Revenue Service or the State Employment Development Department, or both, determine that Architect is an employee for purposes of collection of any employment taxes, the amounts payable under this Agreement shall be reduced by amounts equal to both the employee and employer portions of the tax due (and offsetting any credits for amounts already paid by Architect which can be applied against this liability). District shall then forward those amounts to the relevant taxing authority.
- 23.4. Should a relevant taxing authority determine a liability for Services performed by Architect for District, upon notification of such fact by District, Architect shall promptly remit such amount due or arrange with District to have the amount due withheld from future payments to Architect under this Agreement (again, offsetting any amounts already paid by Architect which can be applied as a credit against such liability).
- 23.5. A determination of employment status pursuant to the preceding two (2) paragraphs shall be solely for the purposes of the particular tax in question, and for all other purposes of this Agreement, Architect shall not be considered an employee of District. Notwithstanding the foregoing, should any court, arbitrator, or administrative authority determine that Architect is an employee for any other purpose, then Architect agrees to a reduction in District's liability resulting from this Agreement pursuant to principles similar to those stated in the foregoing paragraphs so that the total expenses of District under this Agreement shall not be greater than they would have been had the court, arbitrator, or administrative authority determined that Architect was not an employee.
- 23.6. Nothing in this Agreement shall operate to confer rights or benefits on persons or entities not a party to this Agreement.

**Article 24. Warranty and Certification of Architect**

- 24.1. Architect warrants and certifies that the Architect is properly certified and licensed under the laws and regulations of the State of California to provide the Services that it has agreed to perform.
- 24.2. Architect warrants and certifies that it is aware of the provisions of the California Labor Code that require every employer to be insured against liability for workers compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and it certifies that it will comply with those provisions before commencing the performance of the Services.
- 24.3. Architect warrants and certifies that it is aware of the provisions of California Labor Code that require

the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on certain “public works” and “maintenance” projects (“Prevailing Wage Laws”). Since the Architect is performing Services as part of an applicable “public works” or “maintenance” project, and since the total compensation is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) or more, the Architect agrees to fully comply with and to require its Consultant(s) to fully comply with all applicable Prevailing Wage Laws.

**Article 25. Cost Disclosure - Documents and Written Reports**

Architect shall be responsible for compliance with California Government Code section 7550, if the total cost of the Agreement exceeds Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000).

**Article 26. Notices and Communications**

Notices and communications between the Parties to this Agreement may be sent to the following addresses:

**District:**

Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District  
17421 Farley Road West  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

**Attn: Rosemarie Pottage**

**Architect:**

McKim Design Group  
4595 Cherry Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95118

Any notice personally given shall be effective upon receipt. Any notice sent by facsimile shall be effective the day after receipt. Any notice sent by overnight delivery service shall be effective the day after delivery. Any notice given by mail shall be effective three (3) days after deposit in the United States mail. Any notice by email shall be effective upon acknowledgment of receipt, if so requested.

**Article 27. Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Participation**

Pursuant to section 17076.11 of the Education Code, the District has a participation goal for disabled veteran business enterprises (DVBEs) of at least three (3) percent, per year, of funds expended each year by the District on projects that use funds allocated by the State Allocation Board pursuant to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act (the “Act”). This Project may use funds allocated under the Act. Therefore, to the extent feasible and pertaining to future hirings, the Architect, before it executes the Agreement, shall provide to the District certification of compliance with the procedures for implementation of DVBE contracting goals, appropriate documentation identifying the amount paid to DVBEs in conjunction with the Agreement, and documentation demonstrating the Architect’s good faith efforts to meet these DVBE goals. **DOES NOT APPLY TO THIS AGREEMENT**

**Article 28. District’s Right to Audit**

- 28.1. District retains the right to review and audit, and the reasonable right of access to Architect’s and any Consultant’s premises to review and audit the Architect’s compliance with the provisions of this Agreement (“District’s Audit Right”). The District’s Audit Right includes the right to inspect, photocopy, and to retain copies, outside of the Architect’s premises, of any and all Project-related records, documents and other information with appropriate safeguards, if such retention is deemed necessary by the District in its sole discretion. The District shall keep this information confidential, as allowed by applicable law.
- 28.2. The District’s Audit Right includes the right to examine any and all books, records, documents and any other evidence of procedures and practices that the District determines are necessary to discover and verify that the Architect is in compliance with the requirements of this Agreement.

- 28.3. If there is a claim for additional compensation or for Extra Services, the District's Audit Right includes the right to examine books, records, documents, and any and all other evidence and accounting procedures and practices that the District determines are necessary to discover and verify all direct and indirect costs, of whatever nature, which are claimed to have been incurred, or anticipated to be incurred.
- 28.4. The Architect shall maintain complete and accurate records for a minimum of seven (7) years and in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices in the industry. The Architect shall make available to the District for review and audit, all Project related accounting records and documents, and any other financial data. Upon District's request, the Architect shall submit exact duplicates of originals of all requested records to the District.
- 28.5. The Architect shall include audit provisions in any and all of its subcontracts, and shall ensure that this Article is binding upon all Consultants.
- 28.6. Architect shall comply with these provisions within fifteen (15) days of the District's written request to review and audit any or all of Architect's Project-related documents, records and information.
- 28.7. Pursuant to Government Code section 8546.7, if this Agreement involves the expenditure of more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), the Agreement shall be subject to the examination and audit of the State Auditor, at the request of the District, or as part of any audit of the District, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under the Agreement.

#### **Article 29. Other Provisions**

- 29.1. Neither the District's review, approval of, nor payment for, any of the Services required under this Agreement shall be construed to operate as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement, and Architect shall remain liable to the District in accordance with this Agreement for all damages to the District caused by Architect's failure to perform any of the Services to the standard of care of the Architect for its Services, which shall be, at a minimum, the standard of care of architects performing similar work for California school districts in or around the same geographic area of the District.
- 29.2. Each Party warrants that it has had the opportunity to consult counsel and understands the terms of this Agreement and the consequences of executing it. In addition, each Party acknowledges that the drafting of this Agreement was the product of negotiation, that no Party is the author of this Agreement, and that this Agreement shall not be construed against any Party as the drafter of the Agreement.
- 29.3. The Architect shall issue a credit to the District as an offset to the Architect's Fee equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the tax deduction and/or credit the Architect receives based on the Project per Internal Revenue Code Section 179(D).
- 29.4. The Architect acknowledges that the District is a public agency that is subject to heightened curiosity by the news media and the public and that the Architect may not be apprised of all facts surrounding the Project that Architect is working on. Accordingly, Architect shall promptly refer all inquiries from the news media or public concerning this Agreement or its performance under the Agreement to the District, and Architect shall not make any statements or disclose any documents to the media or the public relating to the performance under this Agreement or the effects caused thereby. If Architect receives a complaint from a citizen or member of the public concerning the performance or effects of this Agreement, it shall promptly inform the District of that complaint. In its sole discretion, the District shall determine the appropriate response to the complaint.
- 29.5. **Confidentiality.** Architect, and its Consultants, and employee(s) shall maintain the confidentiality of



all information received in the course of performing the Services. Architect understands that student records are confidential and agrees to comply with all state and federal laws concerning the maintenance and disclosure of student records. This requirement to maintain confidentiality shall extend beyond the termination of this Agreement.

29.6. **Exhibits A through E** and all Certificates attached hereto are hereby incorporated by this reference and made a part of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date(s) indicated below.

Dated:  
**Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District**

Dated:  
**McKim Design Group**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: Rosemarie Pottage

Print Name:

Print Title: Asst. Superintendent Business Services

Print Title: