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AGREEMENT OF PARTICIPATION

for partnership with the
National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
Reading Initiative Program and Services

_____ (School/District) with its principal office at
_____ would like to contract with NCTE to participate in
the NCTE Reading Initiative program for the _____ school year, to the extent and for the amount indicated:

SELECT ONLY ONE

ONE SITE WITH UP TO 10 STUDY GROUP MEMBERS PLUS A SITE LEADER

_____ \$10,000 per year contract - Services and materials for ONE STUDY GROUP COMPRISED OF ONE SITE LEADER AND UP TO TEN MEMBERS; additional members at \$1,000 each; site leader employed by school or district.

OR

MULTIPLE SITES

_____ \$10,000 per year **X** _____ groups, or \$ _____ contract - Services and materials for one site leader and up to ten members PER GROUP; additional members at \$1,000 each; site leaders employed by school or district.

Contract amount per group will remain constant over a continuous 3-year affiliation with this program.

THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The School/District agrees to participate in the NCTE Reading Initiative Program for professional development in reading.
2. NCTE agrees to provide the following services and materials:
 - A. A systematic program of professional development in the teaching and learning of reading, including at least the following:
 1. Up to two Reading Initiative inquiry studies of choice and accompanying materials for all meetings, including materials for use by the site leader. Note: some inquiry studies (i.e., Adolescent Literacy, Adolescent Writing, Early Literacy) are intended to be used throughout an entire school year and are, therefore, considered two inquiry studies for the purpose of this agreement;
 2. Copies of relevant reading materials for up to ten study group members;

3. Access to NCTE's online community, CoLEARN, with electronic discussion boards, a searchable library of professional reading (includes all NCTE journal articles back to 1995), and select professional development engagements.
4. \$3,000 to be used flexibly to support the preparation of the site leader. Attendance at summer institutes, site visits from experienced RI leaders, and visits to RI schools are all possibilities. Site leaders, together with their school administrators, select the most useful options. These early experiences help the site leader become familiar with the written curriculum materials and make plans for their use based on school needs and interests. *Optional:* School/district may elect to direct part of these support funds toward building their professional library with NCTE publications and/or an off-site Reading Initiative "support consultant." Experienced Reading Initiative site leaders serve in this capacity, providing expertise throughout the year via email, phone, and in person at the annual NCTE convention. Stipends are negotiated with the consultant and typically range from \$1,000-\$1,500 per year.
 - B. A one-year NCTE "super membership" with subscriptions to three pertinent NCTE journals for one site leader.
 - C. A one-year NCTE membership with one journal subscription for up to ten study group members.
 - D. NCTE Annual Convention basic registration fee for three individuals (study group members or site leader).
3. The site leader will effectuate the Program as outlined below:
 - A. A school or district-based kick-off early in the school year for all NCTE Reading Initiative participants;
 - B. A minimum of six two-hour on-site study group meetings or workshops in reading instruction.
Actual time and dates for each workshop/meeting may vary by location.
4. The School/District will provide:
 - A. Total payment of \$10,000 per group by August 1 following the Effective Start Date of this contract (or upon signing this Agreement). Materials and memberships provided to study group members on receipt of payment.
 - B. Facilities for the minimum of six on-site reading workshops; and
 - C. A list of the participants' names and addresses to NCTE to facilitate mailing of NCTE membership materials and subscriptions.
5. The School/District acknowledges and agrees:
 - A. that the NCTE Reading Initiative Program includes materials in which NCTE has or may have proprietary or other rights.
 - B. that it will not use NCTE Reading Initiative Program materials outside the parameters of the NCTE Reading Initiative Program or sell, convey, transmit, or copy such materials to any third party without the express written consent of NCTE;
 - C. not to employ consultants to effectuate the Reading Initiative Program unless such site leaders have submitted the site leader application and participated in one of the options for NCTE Reading Initiative

Site Leader preparation;

- D. that other arrangements relating to in-district operation of the NCTE Reading Initiative Program (e.g. transportation expense, substitute teacher time, arrangements to attend regional meetings) are solely the responsibility of the School/District; and,
- E. the obligations imposed by this Section shall survive the expiration of this Agreement.

6. Duration. This Agreement shall become effective on _____ and shall continue in force until _____.

7. This Agreement shall in all respects be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois.

THIS AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IS EXECUTED BY:

For the School/District:

For NCTE:

Signature: _____
Authorized School/District official

Authorized NCTE official

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____
