

# Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

*MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) between*

*Burlington Community School District's PiECES program*

*and*

*Des Moines County Conservation*

This is an agreement between "Program", hereinafter called BCSD PiECES and "Partner", hereinafter called DMCC.

## **I. PURPOSE & SCOPE**

The purpose of this MOU is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to partnership with the BCSD PiECES after school program.

In particular, this MOU is intended to:

- » Expand access to programming for more youth within the BCSD PiECES program
- » Enhance students' learning through enrichment offered by our community partner
- » Expand opportunities for the youth of BCSD PiECES program to participate in activities and events held by the partner

## **II. BACKGROUND**

Des Moines County Conservation (DMCC) is dedicated to the sustainability of natural resources through land stewardship, conservation education, and by providing quality outdoor recreation opportunities. DMCC's Conservation Education division offers many outdoor learning opportunities and services to the public with significant involvement in presenting to BCSD schools both in the classrooms and in our after school settings. In the past year, DMCC Education Division delivered 271 educational programs to 12,325 participants.

DMCC Education division is implementing a "Three-Part Approach" which blends all aspects of outreach and programming into one integrated experience for BCSD students. The approach delivers a consistent message to students within three environments: the classroom, the nature center, and the outdoors. The new approach aligns with BCSD's PiECES program in that students will learn in after school, experience nature, and then reinforce through family involvement.

## **III. PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU**

BCSD PiECES shall undertake the following activities:

- Support the staff from DMCC when they provide enrichment programming to PiECES students;
- Promote DMCC activities and events to the students and families of PiECES;
- Secure program time during the PiECES program hours for DMCC to engage with PiECES students and families;
- Invite DMCC to all YouthNet/PiECES Advisory Council meetings held on a monthly basis.

#### IV. PARTNER RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

DMCC shall undertake the following activities:

- Continue conservation and environmental outreach visits to the after school program;
- Work with school staff to partner on activities offered by DMCC including Big Hollow and Starr's Cave Nature Center;
- Involve PiECES students in school day out activities offered by DMCC including programming during winter breaks, spring break, and teacher in-service days;
- Provide meeting space for PiECES activities or events;

#### V. FUNDING

This MOU is not a commitment of funds.


#### VI. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE

This MOU shall be effective upon the signature of Parties A and B authorized officials. It shall be in force from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027.


The Program and Partner indicate agreement with this MOU by their signatures.

#### Signatures and dates

BCSD PiECES Program

  
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12/16/21 Date

Des Moines County Conservation

  
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11/17/21 Date