

SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

AGREEMENT – 1735

BETWEEN

Point Arena Schools District (PASD)

and

Sonoma State University (SSU)

Purpose: This Agreement between Point Arena Schools District (PASD) and Sonoma State University (SSU) establishes the framework for the relationship between the Parties that will support the offering of Learning by Making STEM courses at Point Arena High School (PAHS) and sets forth agreements regarding issues of ongoing concern to all Parties.

Learning by Making Lead Participant

Sonoma State University (SSU)

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Rohnert Park, CA 94928

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Learning by Making Participant District

Point Arena Schools District (PASD)

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Point Arena CA 95468

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STATEMENT OF VISION

SSU, Local Education Agencies, and community participants have entered a collaboration to undertake the work of addressing need of national significance. This new project, *Scaling an Innovative STEM+C Education Support Model for Improved Science Learning (STEMACES)*, has received support from the U.S. Department of Education Award Number S411B230042 to serve high-need students in rural and/or high-need counties and districts. This new stage of *Learning by Making (LbyM)* aims to improve students' science learning outcomes by (1) improve teacher competencies to deliver Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Computing (STEM+C) curriculum, (2) provide hands-on, standards-based curriculum, and (3) provide teacher and student support. In addition to having daily access to SSU's LbyM staff for curriculum implementation support, LbyM high school teachers will provide expertise and support to LbyM eighth-grade teachers. This support may come in the form of practical tips to teaching technology, engineering, and coding in a science classroom, pacing challenges,

1. Sonoma State University (SSU) Responsibilities

SSU will provide services to selected staff at **Point Arena High School** including but not limited to:

- i. Delivering up to eight (8) days of professional development for up to two selected teachers annually
- ii. Providing training stipends directly to participating teachers
- iii. Designing and implementing an appropriate curriculum and instructional model;
- iv. Providing training on how to implement data-driven instruction, how to run data analysis procedures, and how to administer formative assessments aligned to state standards.
- v. Evaluating programs, modifying services, and designing necessary changes informed by data;
- vi. Providing job-embedded coaching and professional development to staff;

2. Point Arena Schools District Responsibilities

- i. Point Arena HS shall select at least one teacher at PAHS to participate in LbyM training.
- ii. PAHS shall offer year-long courses using LbyM STEM-CS curriculum, and enroll up to TBD# students in 2025-26.
- iii. PAHS will “market” the new courses to students and parents, highlighting the benefits of hands-on learning, computer science foundations, and CTE pathways.
- iv. School counselors will encourage student enrollment in the new courses with a focus on registering eligible, high-need students.
- v. Point Arena SD staff will collaborate with WestEd (independent evaluator of *Learning by Making*), and SSU LbyM Team, as needed, to facilitate the professional evaluation of project implementation and outcomes, providing access to student demographic and state standardized test data as allowed by applicable laws, and collaborate with WestEd researchers to fulfill the study evaluation requirements, including any required permissions activities.
- vi. To fulfill the cash match requirement outlined in the LbyM Proposal, Point Arena SD will issue payment on behalf of PAHS to SSU of \$5,000 for one year, with payment due and payable on September 1, 2025. Payment should be sent to: Cashier’s Office, Sonoma State University, 1801 E. Cotati Avenue, Rohnert Park, CA 94928 and reference 580090- QZ059-1042-Q0330PI.

3. Point Arena Schools District Rights

- i. Point Arena SD shall be entitled to full transparency regarding the curriculum development and teacher training and may be provided with copies of curricular materials upon request. Point Arena SD may not share these materials with non-participating schools without the express consent of SSU.

documents, and materials prepared or generated as a result of this Agreement (“Work Product”) shall be and remain property of SSU. All such items shall be shared with Point Arena SD upon request at any time, and shall be delivered to PASD upon expiration or termination of SSU activities at target schools.

3. Entire Agreement. This Agreement shall constitute the full and complete Agreement between the Parties. All prior representations, understandings, and agreements are merged herein and are superseded by this Agreement.

4. Amendments. This Agreement may be altered, amended, changed or modified only by agreement in writing as executed by properly authorized representatives of SSU and PASD.

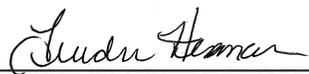
5. Non-Discrimination. Both Parties shall comply with all federal, State of California, and local non-discrimination laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances.

6. Governing Law. To the extent not inconsistent with applicable federal law, this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of California.

7. COVID-19. In the event when it requires SSU employees or agents to enter any PASD campus, property or facility, SSU shall comply, and shall ensure its employees or agents comply with PASD protocol compliance.

Any and all recitals herein are part of this Agreement and the understanding of the Parties.

By: 
Point Arena Schools District
Warren Galletti, Superintendent

By: 
Sonoma State University
Trudee Herman, Manager of Contracts

Dated: 7/30/25

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