

2017-2018 Memorandum of Agreement Research Schools Mathematically Connected Communities (MC²) and



Gadsden Independent School District

As a partner of the MC² grant, in conjunction with the New Mexico Public Education Department, the school district agrees to support the goals, objectives, and implementation of our collaborative project.

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Mathematically Connected Communities (MC2) Commitment

Summer Professional Learning:

- a. Summer MathLabTM (five days): Content/pedagogy learning in classroom setting at one of three regional locations, organized into grade band sessions (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, HS Algebra/Geometry). Participants receive guidance for developing a school action plan for improving mathematics learning during the academic year.
- b. Summer Math Institute (five days): Content learning at NMSU in Las Cruces for up to 4 teachers per school who also attended MathLabTM (\$500 teacher stipend paid for by MC²)
- c. Summer Leadership Academy (two days): Held concurrently with MathLabTM

2017-2018 School-Year Professional Learning:

- a. Onsite School Support (Up to four times per semester for schools that have a majority of math teachers participate in MathLab): MC² staff will meet with the school mathematics team for collaborative, classroom-based professional learning to support implementation and reflection/modifications of school action plan.
- b. **Regional Content Workshops** (November and March): Workshops will be facilitated by grade band sessions in K-2, 3-5, 6-8, HS (Algebra/Geometry).
- c. Regional Leadership Workshops (two ½ days): Supports school principals (November & March)

Online Support: Online support for teachers and principals includes webinars, topic-specific virtual PLCs, math resources/videos (Archived webinars, math resources, & videos will also be open to public)

Access to Data: Research-based findings related to the implementation of the MC2 model will be shared

Note: Double-occupancy lodging for all events for participants who travel more than 50 miles one-way

District Agreements

Professional Learning Opportunities:

- a. Recruit teachers and instructional coaches to participate in *MathLab*, *Regional Content Workshops*, and *Online Support*. These teachers will serve as part of the *School Implementation Team* to support teacher learning and implementation of effective mathematics instruction and school action plan.
- b. Select a subset of *MathLabTM* teachers (up to 4) to participate in the *Math Institute* for deeper content learning.
- c. Arrange for substitutes/release time for middle school teachers who participated in *MathLab* to engage in *Onsite Professional Learning*.
- d. Encourage principal participation in *Summer Leadership Academy* and *Regional Leadership Workshops* to develop skills to support teacher learning and implementation of effective mathematics instruction.

Access to Data: The district will provide the MC² researchers with student achievement data, district implementation data, and access to classrooms for instructional observations.

Description of Fees:

Participants	*District Cost Sharing		
	MC ² participant cost \$400 per participant 25 x \$400/participant = \$10,000.00		
Up to 25 teachers and instructional coaches, grades 6-12	Stipends to participants for participation in Summer MathLab 16 x \$500 = \$8,000.00 (Remaining participant stipends will be paid with MC ² grant funds.)		
District Math	Total Cost to GISD for 2017-2018 \$18,000.00		
Coordinator and middle school math coaches	No cost to district		

Note: Major funding for MC² project is provided by U.S. Dept. of Education MSP. Teacher registration fees are used to offset costs of development and delivery of professional learning opportunities.

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