Terms of Agreement/Commitment for the “Building Effective Autism Teams” Initiative

Your school district has been selected by Project ACCESS to participate in an initiative designed to increase local capacity for serving students with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

An Autism Team Coach will be assigned to your school district to provide 5-6 one-day consultations. These consultations will take place at dates agreed upon by the Autism Team Coach and district throughout the 2012-2013 school year. The consultation fees for the Autism Team Coach for the 2012-2013 school year will be paid for by Project ACCESS (approximate $3,000 value).

The Autism Team Coach will collaborate with your In-district Autism Consultant (IDAC) along with other district staff as appropriate in observing target students, assisting with assessments, modeling consultation strategies, and related coaching activities as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Autism Team Coach. It is important that you understand the purpose of this collaboration is to build skills in the IDAC and other district staff. Child specific consultations are not included nor are they part of the Autism Team Coach’s responsibilities/purpose. If your district is interested in receiving child specific consultations, Missouri Autism Consultant visits can be arranged through Project ACCESS.

If interested in being considered for participation in this fantastic opportunity, the following terms need to be understood and agreed to:

1. The participating district agrees to reimburse the Autism Team Coach mileage for each consultation visit at the rate of .37 per mile (not to exceed $75 per trip), as well as any reasonable and/or necessary expenses for meals or lodging that might be incurred.

2. The participating district or co-op has a trained IDAC on staff or agrees to send a designated certified teacher to appropriate training to become an IDAC.

3. The participating district will allow the IDAC (or designated certified teacher who will be trained as an IDAC) to attend two one-day regional professional development trainings sponsored by Project ACCESS during the 2012-2013 school year. (Fees for the professional development trainings will be waived and the participating school district will only be responsible for mileage and incidental expenses, should they be necessary).

4. During the 2013-2014 school year, the 2012-2013 coached district agrees to allow their district staff member who has been endorsed by the Autism Team Coach to consult with other in-district schools at least, but not limited to, four times, per determined need, to assist in promoting the Building Effective Autism Teams Coaching model within your district.

5. During the 2012-13 school year, the school district agrees to collect and report data information regarding Autism Spectrum Disorder student progress and outcomes, as well as change in educator practice as discussed with the Autism Team Coach. Project ACCESS will provide the school district staff and Autism Team Coach with the necessary information and data collection instruments in order to complete this requirement.

The above terms are understood, agreed to and accepted on this date.

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Superintendent                  Special Education Director       Date