The Ridgemont Demonstration School of Workforce Development Partnership Agreement

Discovery Education offers a breadth and depth of digital media content that is immersive, engaging and brings the world into the classroom to give every student a chance to experience fascinating people, places, and events. All content is aligned to state standards, can be aligned to custom curriculum, and supports classroom instruction regardless of the technology platform. Discovery Education offers a continuum of solutions that can be used towards meeting Ridgemont’s specific needs. Discovery Education will bring velocity to the innovative solutions that will transform the district to be a replicable model for workforce development.

Discovery Education accelerates student achievement in school districts by capturing the minds and imaginations of students with the fascination of Discovery, tapping into students’ natural curiosity and desire to learn. Discovery Education offers a portfolio of opportunities for districts to meet students where they want to learn in the digital age. With award-winning digital content, interactive lessons, real-time assessment, virtual experiences with some of Discovery’s greatest talent, classroom contest & challenges, professional development and more - Discovery is leading the way in transforming classrooms and inspiring learning.

If awarded the grant, and subject to Discovery Education’s standard purchasing/contract procedures, Discovery Education agrees to partner with Ridgemont Local Schools to cooperate on the following strategies to put forward bold and innovative solutions contributing to the success of and to advance the goals of Ridgemont Local Schools:

- Create teacher training “academies” (day-long and multi-day training sessions) for educator development
- Educate teaching staff on how to transform teaching by shifting instruction to a collaborative, digital media infused, STEM focused model of instruction
- Position Ridgemont Schools and Discovery Education as true partners in innovation
- Serve as an authentic audience for project based and service learning projects.
- Connect for virtual field trips to provide authentic experiences for youth
- Advise Ridgemont Local Schools in creating art installations in the workplace
- Provide guest speaker, virtually with technology or live in person when possible (as part of a mutually agreed upon professional development plan)
- Provide authentic content for real-world learning projects for teachers and students
- Enhance curricular connections through the collaboration with compatible partners that currently exist with Discovery Education

Ridgemont Local Schools agrees to reciprocate the succeeding strategies to provide a mutually beneficial partnership:

- Provide youth authentic opportunities to create skills to be prepared for the workforce
Ridgemont Local School District

Ms. Emmy M. Davis, Superintendent
Mr. Fred M. Reinemeyer, Treasurer

- Engage youth and staff in regular relations with curriculum areas that tie to cross curricular initiatives to workforce development
- Reform curriculum to ensure every youth engages in project based learning with a workforce connection that prepares youth for leadership roles, as well as career and college readiness
- Bring local and global workforce needs to the forefront of Ridgemont’s educational initiatives
- Integrate real world connections into every classroom K-12
- Our school district will build students who have cultivated relationships with business and industry professionals prior to graduation
- Provide regular updates in workforce development strides made by students and staff
- Include partnership information and updates in newsletters, newspapers, school webpages, etc.
- Collaborate with Discovery Education to conduct to demonstrate model programming of true partners in innovation to transform schools for audiences around the globe.

Sincerely,

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