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## Superintendent Term Contract

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This Contract is entered into between the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of WEST SABINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the “District”) and CARNELIUS GILDER (the “Superintendent”).

The Board and the Superintendent, for and in consideration for the terms stated in this Contract, hereby agree as follows:

1. **Term.** The Board agrees to employ the Superintendent on a twelve-month superintendent contract basis per school year, beginning May 14, 2021 and ending May 15, 2024. The Board and the Superintendent (the “Parties”) may extend the term of this Contract by agreement.
2. **Certification.** The Superintendent agrees to maintain the required certification throughout the term of employment with the District. If the Superintendent’s certification expires, is cancelled, or is revoked, this Contract is void.
3. **Representations.** The Superintendent makes the following representations:
  - 3.1 **Beginning of Contract:** At the beginning of this Contract, and at any time during this Contract, the Superintendent specifically agrees to submit to a review of his or her national criminal history record information (NCHRI) if required by the District, TEA, or SBEC. The Superintendent understands that a criminal history record acceptable to the Board, at its sole discretion, is a condition precedent to this Contract.
  - 3.2 **During Contract:** The Superintendent also agrees that, during the term of this Contract, the Superintendent will notify the Board in writing of any arrest or of any indictment, conviction, no contest or guilty plea, or other adjudication of the Superintendent, other than routine traffic citations. The Superintendent agrees to provide such notification in writing within seven calendar days of the event or any shorter period specified in Board policy.
  - 3.3 **False Statements and Misrepresentations:** The Superintendent represents that any records or information provided in connection with his or her employment application are true and correct. Any false statements, misrepresentations, omissions of requested information, or fraud by the Superintendent in or concerning any required records or in the employment application may be grounds for termination or nonrenewal, as applicable.
4. **Duties.** The Superintendent shall be the educational leader and chief executive officer of the District. The Superintendent agrees to perform his or her duties as follows:

- 4.1 **Authority:** The Superintendent shall perform such duties and have such powers as may be prescribed by the law and the Board. The Board shall have the right to assign additional duties to the Superintendent and to make changes in responsibilities or work at any time during the contract term. All duties assigned by the Board shall be lawful and shall be appropriate to and consistent with the professional role and responsibility of the Superintendent.
- 4.2 **Standard:** Except as otherwise permitted by this Contract, the Superintendent agrees to devote his or her full time and energy to the performance of his or her duties. The Superintendent shall perform his or her duties with reasonable care, skill, and diligence. The Superintendent shall comply with all lawful Board directives, state and federal laws and rules, Board policy, and regulations as they exist or may hereafter be amended.

5. **Compensation.** The District shall pay the Superintendent an annual salary as follows:

5.1 **Salary:**

One hundred and five thousand dollars (**\$105,000.00**) per year. The annual salary shall be paid to the Superintendent in equal monthly installments consistent with the Board's policies. The annual salary is intended to include monies for cell phone, intradistrict travel, and technology.

- (a) **Adjustments.** At any time during the term of this Contract, the Board may, in its discretion, review and adjust the salary of the Superintendent, but in no case shall the Superintendent be paid less than the salary put forth in section 5.1 of this Contract except by mutual agreement. Such adjustments, if any, shall be in the form of a written addendum or new contract which the parties agree to provide their best efforts to execute. The requirements of mutual agreement or a written addendum or new contract are not applicable if a reduction in salary is made pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of either section 21.4021 or 21.4032 of the Texas Education Code as addressed in paragraphs 5.1(b) and 5.1(c) below.
- (b) **Widespread Salary Reduction.** If the Board implements a widespread salary reduction under Texas Education Code section 21.4032, the Superintendent's annual salary shall be reduced by the percent or fraction of a percent that is equal to the average percent or fraction of a percent by which teacher salaries have been reduced.
- (c) **Furlough.** If the Board implements a furlough under Texas Education Code section 21.4021, the Superintendent shall be furloughed for the same number of days as other contract personnel and the Superintendent's salary shall be reduced in proportion to the number of furlough days.

- 5.2 **Benefits:** The District shall provide benefits to the Superintendent as provided by state law and Board policies. The Board reserves the right to amend its policies at any time during the term of this Contract to reduce or increase these benefits, at the Board's sole discretion.
  - 5.3 **Vacation, Holiday and Personal Leave.** The Superintendent may take, at the Superintendent's choice, ten (10) days of vacation annually, the days to be in a single period or at different times. The vacation days taken by the Superintendent will be taken at such time or times as will least interfere with the performance of the Superintendent's duties as set forth in this Contract. Unused vacation days do not accumulate or carry forward from year to year.
  - 5.4 **Civic Activities:** The Superintendent is encouraged to participate in community and civic affairs. The expense of these activities, subject to Board approval in advance, may be borne by the District.
  - 5.5 **Professional Organizations and Professional Growth.** The Superintendent shall devote the Superintendent's time, attention, and energy to the direction, administration, and supervision of the District. The Board, however, encourages the continued professional growth of the Superintendent through the Superintendent's active attendance and participation in appropriate professional meetings, seminars, conferences, or courses at the local, regional, state, and national level. In its encouragement of the Superintendent to grow professionally, the Board shall permit a reasonable amount of release time for the Superintendent as the Superintendent and the Board deem appropriate, to attend such meetings, seminars, conferences, or courses. The District does hereby agree to provide in the District's budget per contract year an amount to be used for registration, travel, meals, lodging, and other related expenses. The District shall pay for the Superintendent's membership dues to the Texas Association of School Administrators and one other membership necessary to maintain and improve the Superintendent's professional skills.
  - 5.6 **Residence in District.** As a condition of employment with the West Sabine Independent School District, the Superintendent shall reside within the geographic boundaries of the District at all times while employed by the District.
  - 5.7 **Travel Reimbursement.** Pursuant to Board Policy DEE (Local) Superintendent shall be reimbursed, after Board approval, expenses incurred carrying out District business outside of the District's boundaries. Such expenses include allowable mileage.
6. **Suspension.** In accordance with Texas Education Code chapter 21, the Board may suspend the Superintendent without pay during the term of this Contract for good cause

as determined by the Board under and pursuant to applicable Texas law.

7. **Termination and Nonrenewal of Contract.** Termination or nonrenewal of this contract, or resignation under this contract, will be pursuant to Texas Education Code Chapter 21 and applicable Texas law.

8. **General Provisions.**

8.1 **Amendment:** This Contract may not be amended except by written agreement of the Parties.

8.2 **Severability:** If any provision in this Contract is, for any reason, held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Contract. This Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been a part of the Contract.

8.3 **Entire Agreement:** All existing agreements and contracts, both verbal and written, between the Parties regarding the employment of the Superintendent are superseded by this Contract. This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties.

8.4 **Applicable Law and Venue:** Texas law shall govern construction of this Contract. The Parties agree that venue for any litigation relating to the Superintendent's employment with the District, including this Contract, shall be the county in which the District's administration building is located. If litigation is brought in federal court, the Parties agree that venue shall be the federal district and division in which the district' administration building is located.

8.5 **Paragraph Headings:** The headings used at the beginning of each numbered paragraph in this Contract are not intended to have any legal effect; the headings do not limit or expand the meaning of the paragraphs that follow them.

8.6 **Legal Representation:** Both Parties have been represented by legal counsel of their choice, or have had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel, in the negotiation and execution of this Contract.

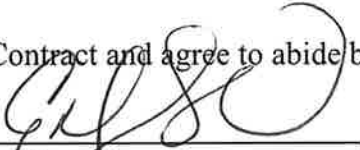
9. **Notices.**

9.1 **To Superintendent:** The Superintendent agrees to keep a current address on file with the District's human resources office and the Board President. The Superintendent agrees that the Board may meet any legal obligation it has to give the Superintendent written notice regarding this Contract or the Superintendent's employment by hand-delivery, or by certified mail, regular mail, and/or express delivery service to the Superintendent's address of record.

9.2 **To Board:** The Board agrees that the Superintendent may meet any legal obligation to give the Board written notice regarding this Contract or the Superintendent's employment by providing one copy of the notice to the President of the Board and one copy to the Vice President of the Board. The Superintendent may provide such notices by hand-delivery, or by certified mail, regular mail, and/or express delivery service, to the Board President and Vice President's addresses of record, as provided to the District.

I have read this Contract and agree to abide by its terms and conditions:

Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_




Carnelius Gilder

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

05.18.2021  
West Sabine ISD

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Kenneth Smith, President  
West Sabine ISD Board of Trustees

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

6-8-2021