

**West Adult Basic Education (ABE) Consortium Participating
School Districts Agreement**

WHEREAS, the School Board accepts the responsibility of providing Adult Basic Education (ABE) opportunities to its adult residents 17 years of age and older who are not currently enrolled in public school regular day classes; and

WHEREAS, the School board understands that programs funded through PL230 (Minnesota Legislation as related to Adult Basic Education, 124D.518, 124D.52, 124D.521, 124D.522, 124D.531) Education programs for Adults need to be part of an ABE delivery system established by a written agreement among/between two or more school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Education through state and federal laws, makes funds available for ABE services; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the laws are to enable all adults to acquire basic skills necessary to function in society and also enable adults who so desire to continue their education to at least the level of completion of secondary school; and

WHEREAS, the participating public school districts may include but are not limited to:

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| ▪ Annandale | District 876 |
| ▪ Becker | District 726 |
| ▪ Big Lake | District 727 |
| ▪ Buffalo/Hanover/Montrose | District 877 |
| ▪ Delano | District 879 |
| ▪ Watertown-Mayer | District 111 |
| ▪ Foley | District 51 |
| ▪ Glencoe-Silver Lake | District 2859 |
| ▪ Howard Lake/Waverly/Winsted | District 2687 |
| ▪ Lester Prairie | District 424 |
| ▪ Maple Lake | District 881 |
| ▪ Monticello | District 882 |
| ▪ Orono | District 278 |
| ▪ Rockford | District 883 |
| ▪ St. Michael | District 885 |
| ▪ Watertown-Mayer | District 111 |
| ▪ Wayzata | District 284 |
| ▪ Westonka/Mound | District 277 |

WHEREAS, the participating agencies may include but are not limited to:

- Wright County Jail
- Stearns County Jail
- Benton County Jail
- Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Service, *CareerForce*

WHEREAS, the participating school districts will:

- provide the services of their Community Education Director as a representative of the ABE Management Team
- provide as needed: space, equipment, evening building supervision, CE catalog advertising, child care, transportation
- submit appropriate financial data required by the State to qualify for program approval which makes districts eligible for State and Federal grants
- have the responsibility to employ ABE staff working in their district
- have the responsibility at the direction of the ABE Management Team to employ ABE staff working in multiple school districts, and

WHEREAS, the management team will:

- develop and monitor the program budget
- develop formulas, both revenues and expenditures, for distribution of Consortium dollars
- make organizational structure and staffing recommendations to implement the program
- develop operational guidelines and procedures
- evaluate the overall program; and

WHEREAS, the Monticello School Board, serving as the fiscal agent, will:

- submit application materials for State, Federal, and other grants
- submit all applicable State and Federal reports
- provide assurances to State and Federal authorities
- provide the services of their Community Education Director as the chairperson of the ABE Management Team
- approve and administer the annual budget
- employ consortium-wide ABE staff working on behalf of the consortium; and

WHEREAS, the length of this begins July 1, 2018 and continues until dissolved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Independent School District _____ # _____ agrees to work with the above-named school districts and agencies in continuing an ABE program. The West ABE Consortium is not a legal entity. All authority and liability rests with the local School Boards of the participating school districts.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2018

Superintendent

School Board Chairperson

School Board Clerk