NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION USERS' GUIDE TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS

AGREEMENT TO A NEUTRAL CONFERENCE

- 1. I understand that a Neutral Conference is VOLUNTARY, and that I have chosen a Neutral Conference as an alternative to an Impartial Due Process Hearing.
- 2. I understand that by VOLUNTEERING to have a Neutral Conference, I am doing so because I want to have my case reviewed by a neutral.
- 3. I understand that I may terminate the Neutral Conference or the neutral may terminate the Neutral Conference at any point or for any reason.
- 4. I understand that I am not required to attend a Neutral Conference and that I may have my case heard by a Hearing Officer instead.
- 5. I understand that I may choose at any time and for any reason to, terminate the Neutral Conference without penalty. Furthermore, I understand that if I choose to terminate the Neutral Conference I may still pursue my case at an Impartial Due Process Hearing.
- 6. I agree that I will enter into the Neutral Conference in good faith and that all Neutral Conference proposals will be made in good faith.
- 7. I understand that if I do accept the neutral's recommendation through a Neutral Conference, the agreement is legally binding and can be enforced in court.
- 8. I agree not to use any of the information gained in the Neutral Conference against the other party.
- 9. I understand that the Neutral Conference is strictly confidential, and that no part of the discussion with the neutral, excluding violence or threats, is ever reported outside the program.
- 10. I agree that I will not subpoen at the neutral to testify in any court proceedings connected with the Neutral Conference or other activities related to the New Hampshire State Department of Education Alternative Dispute Resolution Program.

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