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THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this **the 9th day of March, 2020**, by and between the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Groom Independent School District (the "District") and Jay Lamb (the "Superintendent").

WITNESSETH:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board and the Superintendent, for and in consideration of the terms hereinafter established and pursuant to Section 11.201 of the Texas Education Code, have agreed, and do hereby agree, as follows:

I. Term

- 1.1 The Board, by and on behalf of the District, does hereby employ the Superintendent, and the Superintendent does hereby accept employment as Superintendent of Schools for the District for a **term of three (3) years**, commencing on **July 1, 2020**, and ending on **June 30, 2023**. The District may, by action of the Board, and with the consent and approval of the Superintendent, extend the term of this Contract as permitted by state law.
- 1.2 The Board has not adopted any policy, rule, regulation, law, or practice providing for tenure. No right of tenure is created by this Contract. No property interest, express or implied, is created in continued employment beyond the Contract term.

II. Employment

- 2.1 **Duties.** The Superintendent is the chief executive of the District and shall faithfully perform the duties of the Superintendent of Schools for the District as prescribed in the job description and as may be lawfully assigned by the Board, and shall comply with all lawful Board directives, state and federal law, district policy, rules, and regulations as they exist or may hereafter be amended. Specifically, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent to recommend for employment all professional employees of the District subject to the Board's approval. It shall be the further duty of the Superintendent to employ all other personnel consistent with the Board's policies. It shall be the further duty of the Superintendent to direct, assign, reassign, and evaluate all of the employees of the District consistent with Board policies and federal and state law. It shall be the further duty of the Superintendent to organize, reorganize, and arrange the staff of the District, and to develop and establish administrative regulations, rules, and procedures which the Superintendent deems necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the District consistent with the Board's lawful directives, the Board's policies, and state and federal law. It shall be the further duty of the Superintendent to accept all resignations of employees of the District consistent with the Board's policies, except the Superintendent's resignation, which must be accepted by the Board. The Superintendent shall perform the duties of the Superintendent of Schools for the District with reasonable care, diligence, skill, and expertise.
- 2.2 **Professional Certification.** The Superintendent shall at all times during the term of this Contract, and any renewal or extension thereof, hold and maintain a valid certificate

required of a superintendent by the State of Texas and issued by the State Board for Educator Certification and any other certificates required by law.

- 2.3 Reassignment.** The Superintendent cannot be reassigned from the position of Superintendent to another position without the Superintendent's express written consent.
- 2.4 Board Meetings.** The Superintendent shall attend, and shall be permitted to attend, all meetings of the Board, both public and closed, with the exception of those closed meetings devoted to the consideration of any action or lack of action on the Superintendent's Contract, or the Superintendent's evaluation, or for purposes of resolving conflicts between individual Board members, or when the Board is acting in its capacity as a tribunal. In the event of illness or Board-approved absence, the Superintendent's designee shall attend such meetings.
- 2.5 Criticisms, Complaints, and Suggestions.** The Board, individually and collectively, shall refer all substantive criticisms, complaints, and suggestions called to the Board's attention to the Superintendent for study and appropriate action, and the Superintendent shall investigate such matters and inform the Board of the results of such efforts.
- 2.6 Indemnification.** The District shall defend, hold harmless and indemnify the Superintendent regarding any claims, demands, duties, actions or other legal proceedings against the Superintendent for any act or failure to act involving the exercise of judgment and discretion within the normal course and scope of the Superintendent's duties as Superintendent of the District, to the extent and to the limit permitted by law. This paragraph does not apply if the Superintendent is found to have acted with gross negligence or with intent to violate a person's clearly established legal rights, or to have engaged in criminal conduct. The District may, at its sole-discretion, fulfill its obligation under this paragraph by purchasing appropriate insurance coverage for the benefit of the Superintendent. No individual member of the Board shall be personally liable for indemnifying or defending the Superintendent under this paragraph. The District's obligation to indemnify, defend and hold the Superintendent harmless under this paragraph survives the termination of this Contract.

III. Compensation

- 3.1 Salary.** The District shall provide the Superintendent with an annual salary in the sum of **Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$87,500.00)**. This annual salary rate shall be paid to the Superintendent in equal installments consistent with the Board's policies.
- 3.2 Salary 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 event shall the Superintendent be paid less than the salary set forth pursuant to Section 3.1 of this Contract except by mutual agreement of the two parties. Such adjustments, if any, shall be made pursuant to a lawful Board resolution. In such event, the parties agree to provide their best efforts and reasonable cooperation to execute a new contract incorporating the adjusted salary.
- 3.3 Other Benefits.**
- The District shall pay to the Superintendent a travel allowance of **Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) per month**.

- The District shall pay to the Superintendent a cell phone allowance of **Fifty Dollars (\$50) per month.**
- The District shall provide the Superintendent with appropriate housing to be valued at **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) per month.**
- The District shall pay the Superintendent the same amount of money for medical insurance as the District pays the employees of Groom ISD.
- The Board and the Superintendent may mutually agree on the assignment of supplemental duties to the Superintendent. Such duties shall be compensated in addition to the base Superintendent's salary. Compensation for additional duties shall be set in accordance with the District Salary Schedule adopted by the Board in the year of the assignment, and such additional compensation is applicable only for the year(s) of the assigned supplemental duties.

IV. Annual Performance Goals

- 4.1 Development of Goals.** The Superintendent shall submit to the Board each year, for the board's consideration and adoption, a preliminary list of goals for the District. The goals approved by the Board shall at all times be reduced to writing and shall be among the criteria on which the Superintendent's performance is reviewed and evaluated.

V. Review of Performance

- 5.1 Time and Basis of Evaluation.** The Board shall evaluate and assess in writing the performance of the Superintendent in January of each year during the term of this Contract ("Superintendent's Evaluation"). The Superintendent's evaluation instrument and process shall be developed and/or revised with input from the Superintendent and shall be reasonably related to the duties of the Superintendent as outlined in the Superintendent's job description.
- 5.2 Confidentiality.** Unless the Superintendent expressly requests otherwise in writing, the evaluation of the Superintendent shall at all times be conducted in executive session and shall be considered confidential to the extent permitted by law. Nothing herein shall prohibit the Board or the Superintendent from sharing the content of the Superintendent's evaluation with their respective legal counsel.
- 5.3 Evaluation Format and Procedures.** The evaluation format and procedure shall be in accordance with the evaluation instrument selected by the Board in accordance with Article V of this Contract, the Board's policies, and state and federal law. In the event the Board deems that the evaluation instrument, format and/or procedure is to be modified by the Board and such modifications would require new or different performance expectations, the Superintendent shall be provided a reasonable period of time to demonstrate such expected performance before being evaluated.

VI. Renewal or Nonrenewal of Employment Contract

- 6.1 Renewal/Nonrenewal.**

Renewal or nonrenewal shall be in accordance with Board policy and applicable law. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 21.212(a) of the Texas Education Code, the Superintendent shall be entitled to written notice, containing reasonable notice of the

reason for the proposed nonrenewal, not later than 90 days before the last day of the contract term, containing reasonable notice of the reason(s) for the proposed nonrenewal of the Superintendent's Contract with the District.

VII. Termination of Employment Contract

- 7.1 Mutual Agreement.** This Contract shall be terminated by the mutual agreement of the Superintendent and the Board in writing, upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.
- 7.2 Retirement or Death.** This Contract shall be terminated upon the retirement or death of the Superintendent.
- 7.3 Dismissal for Good Cause.** The Board may dismiss the Superintendent during the term of the contract for good cause. The term "good cause" is defined as follows:
- (a) Failure to fulfill duties or responsibilities as set forth under the terms and conditions of this Contract;
 - (b) Incompetence or inefficiency in the performance of required or assigned duties as documented by evaluations, supplemental memoranda, or other written communication from the Board; provided, however, the terms and conditions of this paragraph shall not justify good cause unless the Board has provided the Superintendent a reasonable opportunity to remediate any incompetency or inefficiency;
 - (c) Insubordination or failure to comply with lawful written Board directives;
 - (d) Failure to comply with the Board's policies or the District's administrative regulations;
 - (e) Neglect of duties;
 - (f) Drunkenness or excessive use of alcoholic beverages;
 - (g) Illegal use of drugs, hallucinogens, or other substances regulated by the Texas Controlled Substances Act;
 - (h) Conviction of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude;
 - (i) Failure to meet the District's standards of professional conduct;
 - (j) Failure to comply with reasonable District professional development requirements regarding advanced course work or professional development;
 - (k) Disability, not otherwise protected by law, that impairs performance of the required duties of the Superintendent;
 - (l) Immorality, which is conduct the Board determines is not in conformity with the accepted moral standards of the community encompassed by the District. Immorality is not confined to sexual matters, but includes conduct inconsistent with rectitude or indicative of corruption, indecency, or depravity;
 - (m) Assault on an employee or student;
 - (n) Knowingly falsifying records or documents related to the District's activities;

(o) Conscious misrepresentation of facts to the Board or other District officials in the conduct of the District's business;

(p) Failure to fulfill requirements for superintendent certification;

(q) Failure to fulfill the requirements of a deficiency plan under an Emergency Permit; or

(r) Any other reason constituting "good cause" under Texas law.

7.4 Termination Procedure. In the event that the Board terminates this Contract for "good cause," the Superintendent shall be afforded all the rights as set forth in the Board's policies, and state and federal law.

VIII. Miscellaneous

8.1 Controlling Law. This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and shall be performable in Carson County, Texas, unless otherwise provided by law.

8.2 Complete Agreement. This Contract embodies the entire agreement between the parties hereto and cannot be varied except by written agreement of the undersigned parties, except as expressly provided herein.

8.3 Conflicts. In the event of any conflict between the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Employment Contract and the provisions of the Board's policies, or any permissive state or federal law, then, unless otherwise prohibited by law, the terms of this Contract shall take precedence over the contrary provisions of the Board's policies or any such permissive law during the term of the Contract.


8.4 Savings Clause. In the event anyone or more of the provisions contained in this Contract shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof, and this Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein. All existing agreements and contracts, both verbal and written, between the parties hereto regarding the employment of the Superintendent have been superseded by this Contract, and this Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties unless amended pursuant to the terms of this Contract.

8.5 Acceptance. This offer will expire unless signed and returned to the Board or its authorized representative by **5:00 p.m., the 9th day of April, 2020.**

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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