



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

### Saint Peter Public Schools - Community and Family Education and City of Saint Peter - Recreation and Leisure Services Department

This memorandum identifies key components to maximize opportunities for the community.

- I. **BEST PRACTICES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES** – School District #508, through the Community and Family Education Department (C&FE), and the City of Saint Peter, through the Department of Recreation and Leisure Services (R&LS), recognize a shared commitment to best practices that maximize opportunities for the community.
- A. Prioritize community needs and allocation of funding
  - B. Delineate responsibilities to minimize program duplication
  - C. When appropriate, combine resources, including staff and facilities, to strengthen and/or develop signature community-wide events
  - D. Routinely examine and address community program and service needs
  - E. Collaborate with other area organizations to strengthen the involvement and support of underserved families
  - F. Co-publish seasonal brochures, promote each other's programs and events through print and social media outlets.
  - G. Offer common registration dates

## II. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT/SERVICE FUNDING ASSURANCES

### **STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES:**

Community and Family Education will provide funding to Recreation and Leisure Services to enhance Youth Development opportunities, meeting the intent of State Statutes, which govern Youth Development expenditures. (\$7,500)

*Minnesota Statute (2003) 124D.19, Subd. 9. and 10.)*

*(Age priority: 8 through 14 years)*

*All programs assigned to these funds will not be subject to non-resident fees (City of Saint Peter); non-resident fees may be charged for non-residents of the Saint Peter School District.*

With additional youth development/service funds, the Recreation and Leisure Services Department will offer youth programs that provide youth with:

- *An understanding and appreciation of service in their community through hands-on experiences*
- *Knowledge needed to make safe and healthy lifestyle choices*
- *An understanding of and appreciation and respect for diversity in race, culture, gender, age, social status, ability, etc.*

- *An opportunity to have a voice in decisions that affect them*
- *Positive recreational, social, and learning activities*
- *Opportunities to develop a safe, equitable, accepting, cooperative, friendly, and inclusive school and community environment*

### III. AFTER-SCHOOL FUNDING ASSURANCES

**STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES:** Community and Family Education (C&FE) will provide funding to Recreation and Leisure Services (R&LS) to enhance after-school opportunities, meeting the intent of State statutes, which govern after-school expenditures. (\$2,700)

(Minnesota Statute (2003) 124D.19, Subd. 13.)

*(Age priority: 8 through 14 years)*

*All programs assigned to these funds will not be subject to non-resident fees (City of Saint Peter); non-resident fees may be charged for non-residents of the Saint Peter School District.*

With additional youth funds, the Recreation and Leisure Services Department will offer after-school programs that:

- *Collaborate with and leverage existing community resources that have demonstrated effectiveness*
- *Reach out to youth, including underserved and at-risk youth in the community*
- *Serve children participating in adult-supervised programs during non-school hours*
- *Support academic achievement*
- *Increase skills in sports and other activities*

### IV. GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORING YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### **SCHOOL YEAR 2026-27 YOUTH PROGRAMS**

(July 1, 2026–June 30, 2027)

R&LS will offer the following:

- After school activities (e.g., Chess, Pickleball, eSports, Kids Club, Exploration Recreation, Fencing, Early Rec Out Days, and Open Gym)
- Leadership and/or certification programs for youth ages 14 and under (e.g., Babysitter Training, Be Prepared...NOT Scared, and Home Alone Class)

C&FE will offer the following:

- Theatre & Fine Arts experiences ( e.g., Arts Center, Music Lessons)
- Educational enrichment experiences (e.g., foreign languages, nutrition, STEM, and STEAM)
- American Red Cross Swim Lessons at the high school pool
- Certification programs for young adults 15 yrs+ (e.g., First Aid, CPR, Lifeguard Training, Water Safety Instruction)

#### **SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS**

(July 1–August 31, 2026 and June 2-30, 2027)

R&LS will offer the following:

- E-12 Youth activities, teams, and camps (e.g., Exploration Recreation, eSports, Fencing, youth sports, and camps)
- American Red Cross Swim Lessons at the City outdoor pool

- Leadership and/or certification programs for youth ages 14 and under (e.g., Volunteer In the Park, Babysitter Training, Guard Start, Water Safety Instructor Aide)

C&FE will offer the following:

- Theatre and Fine Arts experiences (e.g., Prairie Fire Theatre, Music Lessons, and Arts Center Classes)
- Educational enrichment experiences (e.g., foreign languages, nutrition, STEM, STEAM reading)
- Parent/Child classes/events
- Certification programs for young adults 15 yrs+ (e.g., First Aid, CPR, lifeguard training, and water safety instruction)

**V. FUNDING**

School District #508 shall provide the following funding to the City of Saint Peter for the provision of services:

Youth Development Funding	\$7,500
After School Funding	\$2,700

The distribution of funds shall be made twice a year, and funds may be requested and distributed in two equal payments (e.g., July 1, 2026, and January 2, 2027).

**VI. AMENDMENTS**

Either party may request changes to this MOU. Any changes, modifications, or revisions to this MOU that are mutually agreed upon by and between the parties to this MOU shall be incorporated by written instrument and effective when signed by both parties to this MOU.

This agreement by and between School District #508 and the City of Saint Peter is hereby approved

**CITY OF SAINT PETER**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT #508**

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Todd Prafke  
City Administrator

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Jon Graff  
Superintendent

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