## COPESD CTE MILLAGE CONSORTIUM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

We, the Superintendents of the school districts identified below, affirm our support for the Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle Educational Service District ("COPESD") Area Career and Technical Education ("CTE") Millage Proposal ("Proposal") with an anticipated election date of November 4, 2025 (the "Election").

## We acknowledge that:

- The Proposal is designed to encourage the operation of area CTE/Vocational programs, including for vocational training purposes, for a period of six years, 2026 to 2031.
- The CTE program Proposal will do the following based on a collaborative approach:
  - School districts host programs that are open to students from Cheboygan, Otsego, and Presque Isle counties.
  - Industry partners advise COPESD and local school districts on curriculum and program development to align student learning with the current and emerging needs of the regional workforce.
  - o COPESD has a group of business, agency and school partners focused on eliminating barriers across our region to help foster more of these opportunities to connect the students with skills and careers within our communities.
- By taking a collaborative and regional approach, we can offer a greater variety of CTE
  and vocational programs than any single school district could provide alone, expanding
  opportunities for students while providing much greater stability for the programs
  themselves.
  - With strong partnerships, innovative programs, and a commitment to student success, we can build a skilled workforce that benefits our students, our community, and our regional economy.
- We agree to cooperate to finalize terms of a Consortium Agreement and Millage Disbursement Agreement in conjunction with the Election.
- We agree to cooperate to establish a CTE program Executive Committee composed of two (2) local school district Superintendents; the COPESD Superintendent, or a designee thereof; one (1) Local District Business Manager; one (1) COPESD Finance representative; and the CEPD Administrator.

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We sign this Memorandum of Understanding to affirm our support and desire to implement CTE programming to benefit our students and communities.

Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle Educational Service District				
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Jamie Huber, Superintendent	Date			
Cheboygan Area Schools  Spencer Byrd, Superintendent	06/02/2025 Date			
James Cracraft, Superintendent	06/07/28 Date			
Elizabeth Fairbanks, Superintendent	00/00/05 Date			
Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools				
Katy Makowski, Superintendent	(12/25 Date			
Mackinaw City Public Schools  Jeffrey Gurth, Superintendent	6/2/25 Date			
Onaway Area Community Schools  Jake Huffman, Superintendent	6/2/25 Date			
Posen Consolidated School District #9				
Michelle Wesner, Superintendent	<u>Lo-2-25</u> Date			

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