ATHLETIC TRAINER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND

COURTNEY BRINKER (“EMPLOYEE”)

THIS AGREEMENT, is made the 22nd day of November, 2021, by and between the Warren County School District (herein "District" or "Board") and Courtney Brinker(herein "Employee").

WHEREAS:

A. District has a current need for a full time employee to fulfill Athletic Trainer duties in the District; and

B. Employee is interested and available to fill the position.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and agreements herein, and intending to be legally bound, the parties mutually agree as follows:

**1. EMPLOYMENT.**

The District hereby employs Employee, and Employee hereby accepts employment, as Athletic Trainer for the District for the term hereinafter set forth.

**2. TERM.**

The term of this Employment Agreement ("Agreement") shall commence on November 30, 2021, and shall expire June 15, 2022.

This Agreement shall expire automatically at the conclusion of the stated term and notwithstanding any other reference to the term of this Agreement may be terminated early at such time as District determines that Employee’s services no longer are necessary or fail to meet the performance standards expected by District. Any such early termination of this Agreement shall be at the sole discretion of the District. Employee also understands that, even notwithstanding the District desire to enter into this successor Agreement, District may choose in its sole discretion to enter or not to enter into any future agreements.

**3. RESPONSIBILITIES.**

**A. General Responsibilities**

Employee shall carry out the duties described on Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Employee will work under the supervision of the Supervisor of Athletics and will perform all duties as assigned by the Supervisor of Athletics to the extent such assignments are not explicitly prohibited by this Agreement.

Employee will not engage in any of the limitations set forth in “Exhibit B, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Employee also will be required to observe all safety and work requirements of the District and will abide by all District policies and applicable laws. Employee will perform all duties in a prompt and efficient manner. Employee also agrees to be NATA BOC certified and possess licensure for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**B. Work Schedule**

Employee will be required to work forty (40) hours per week, with the precise schedule to be determined by the Employee’s supervisor and as dictated by District needs. Employee understands this schedule will require flexible availability, including the possibility that some workweeks will exceed the typical 40 hours, and that the nature of the work performed likely will require Employee to be working on dates and at times not normally worked by most other District employees.

**4. SALARY.**

Because Employee’s work for the District will not commence until November 30, 2021, Employee shall receive a pro-ration of an annual $47,385.00 salary in the amount of $29,511.71, minus the necessary and lawful deductions, to be paid in accordance with the District's normal payroll practices.

**5. BENEFITS.**

**A. Insurance and Leave**

Employee will receive the same insurance and leave time benefits offered to the District teachers, offered on the same terms and conditions as described from time to time in the collective bargaining agreement with the District teachers’ association.

**B. Expenses**.

Employee shall be reimbursed for District-related travel incurred in the performance of his/her duties in accordance with the prevailing IRS reimbursement rate and District procedures.

**C. Training**

Employee will be reimbursed for up to $1200 of documented tuition costs for training courses approved in advance by District.

**6. TERMINATION.**

All of the other provisions hereof notwithstanding, the parties agree that Employee's employment and this Agreement may be terminated by:

a. Mutual agreement of the parties;

b. Death of Employee;

c. Physical or mental impairment of Employee that extends beyond any available sick leave, which makes Employee unable to perform any essential function of the position despite any reasonable accommodation of the condition; and

d. Discharge for cause.

e. Termination by District for convenience.

**7. SEVERABILITY.**

In the event that any provision of this Agreement is found to be unlawful, such provision shall be null and void. If appropriate, the parties shall attempt to reach agreement on a substitute provision. The remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected by such determination and shall remain in full force and effect.

**8. OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT.**

During the term hereof Employee agrees that he/she will devote his/her full time, attention, skill and best efforts to his/her employment for the District. Employee shall be permitted to undertake other work of an appropriate nature so long as such activities do not impede or interfere with the discharge of duties as described herein. In no case will the District be responsible for any expense related to the performance of outside activities. The Board's determination that any such activity is inappropriate or impedes or interferes with Employee's duties or responsibilities is recognized to be a matter of its sole and exclusive discretion and shall be conclusive.

**9. ENTIRE AND FINAL AGREEMENT.**

This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the parties on all matters related to the employment of Employee. The District shall not be bound by claims, representations or agreements not set forth herein.

No amendments to this Agreement shall be effective unless reduced to writing and signed by the parties.

Executed by the parties at Warren, Pennsylvania, this 22nd day of November, 2021, intending to be legally bound hereby.

WITNESS EMPLOYEE

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ATTEST: WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Exhibit “A”

SCOPE OF DUTIES

The Athletic trainer will work closely with the four attendance area Athletic Coordinators and members of each coaching staff in maintaining and delivering a comprehensive health care/injury prevention program for all District athletic teams.

1. Evaluates, advises and treats athletes to assist recovery from injury, avoidance of injury and/or to maintain peak optimal fitness/condition. Priority given to PIAA-sanctioned athletes whose sport is in season.
2. Prepares budget for athletic first aid medical supplies.
3. Oversees injury rehabilitation and evaluation for all student athletes in the WCSD.
4. Schedules appointments at various schools in the WCSD to care and monitor injured athletes.
5. Schedules and monitors impact testing with the assistance of Athletic Coordinators.
6. Assists with strength training programs within the District.
7. Attends practices and games in order to evaluate and treat injuries or potential injuries; includes traveling to away games as schedule/time permits.
8. Coordinates health services with health care providers (i.e. hospitals, physicians, therapists, etc.) and writes injury reports for insurance purposes.
9. Develops and provides athletic-specific home exercise programs.
10. Implements therapeutic modalities and provides education re: risks/benefits.
11. Administers the use of rehabilitation equipment.
12. Responsible for athletic brace/crutch fitting and education.
13. Responsible for assisting Athletic Coordinators with stocking of training rooms.
14. Responsible for all HIPAA regulations and guidelines.
15. Responsible for following all OSHA guidelines while handling blood and bodily fluids.
16. Communicates with athletes, coaches, parents, physicians, etc.
17. Monitors vital signs including, but not limited to, heart rate, blood pressure, respirations, temperature as well as cranial nerve integrity. Responds appropriately to abnormal values.
18. Responsible for wound care and wound dressing.
19. Oversees college student athletic trainer interns and evaluations when applicable.
20. Administers emergency first aid and emergency medical care including lifesaving procedures to student athletes. Make decisions regarding the ability of the injured athlete to participate/return to sport.
21. Cares for athletic teams at home and for visiting injured athletes.
22. Services are for school sponsored sports activities only.
23. Must be capable of performing duties that include heavy lifting, prolonged sitting/ standing/bending.
24. Provides in-service training to coaches/parents/Athletic Coordinators.
25. Maintains knowledge of current trends in the athletic training field.
26. Monitor and approve student physicals and re-certs using the Family ID platform.

Exhibit “B”

LIMITATIONS OF AUTHORITY

The Athletic Trainer will follow all District policies authorized by the Warren County School District Board of Directors. The athletic trainer will be required to follow all current and new procedures implemented by the District Administration team. The athletic trainer will abide by all NATA bylaws and code of ethics as an employee of the Warren County School District.