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January 4, 2024

Sole Source 23/24-AA

Opened: January 4, 2024

The District will recognize The University of Minnesota, Institute on Community Integration (ICI) as the Sole provider of training, technical assistance, publications and technology to support Check & Connect intervention as stated in their letter as a result of no contests being submitted during this Sole Source. This Sole Source was broadcast nationwide to over 800 organizations.

We will continue to recognize this for 1 year, at which time we will again verify this claim and post another Sole Source for those who may wish to challenge. Effective dates of this Sole Source are from January 4, 2024 – January 3, 2025.

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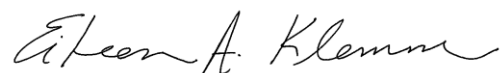
To Whom It May Concern;

The University of Minnesota, Institute on Community Integration (ICI) is the sole source provider of training, technical assistance, publications, and technology to support the Check & Connect[®] intervention. Check & Connect[®] was originally developed at ICI in 1990. Of all of the dropout prevention interventions reviewed by the U.S. Department of Education's What Works Clearinghouse in 2005 and again in 2015, Check & Connect[®] was the only intervention found to show positive effects for staying in school. The ongoing research and development of training, technical assistance, publications, and auxiliary supports for Check & Connect[®] is conducted at ICI.

ICI employs a cadre of Check & Connect[®] national trainers who provide training and technical assistance for schools and organizations across the U.S. and around the world. Education Technology Innovations (ETI) and ICI at the University of Minnesota, College of Education and Human Development are the sole source providers of the Check & Connect[®] App.

The Check & Connect[®] App was developed through a partnership of ICI and ETI at the University of Minnesota and was launched in 2017. The Check & Connect[®] App is a tool that is used in conjunction with implementing the Check & Connect[®] intervention. The Check & Connect[®] App helps mentors and coordinators document, monitor, and report on student progress using their computer or tablet web browser.

Sincerely,



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Check & Connect Program Director