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August 20, 2026

Re: Permission to Conduct Evaluation of the Team Peace Program

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as formal authorization for Team Peace, Inc. and Indiana University Southeast's Applied Research and Education Center (AREC) to conduct an evaluation of the Team Peace program within **Paoli Community School Corporation** during the **[2026–2027]** school year.

The purpose of this evaluation is to better understand the impact of the Team Peace program on participating students, educators, and school communities, and to use the findings to strengthen and improve the program over time.

As part of this evaluation, the school district grants permission for the following activities:

- Team Peace staff and approved Indiana University Southeast research personnel to enter participating schools and classrooms to conduct scheduled observations of Team Peace programming.
- Teachers to administer brief surveys to participating students and/or complete teacher surveys at the beginning and end of the school year, as outlined in the approved research protocol.
- Collection of evaluation data necessary to assess program implementation and outcomes.

Participation in the evaluation will be conducted in accordance with all applicable federal, state, district, and Indiana University research requirements, including Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval. Appropriate parent/guardian consent and student assent procedures will be followed when required. Individual participants will remain confidential, and findings will be reported only in aggregate form. No individual student, teacher, classroom, or school will be identified in published reports or presentations without additional written permission.

We value our partnership with Team Peace and Indiana University Southeast and support this evaluation as an opportunity to better understand the effectiveness of the program and contribute to continuous improvement of services for students and educators.

If you have any questions regarding this evaluation, please contact:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Wagner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ed Wagner

Superintendent

Paoli Community School Corporation

Date: August 20, 2026