

## **SPONSOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Mid-Ohio ESC shall identify conflicts of interest in accordance with its general Conflict of Interest Policy which is incorporated herein and considered a part of this policy.

### **Discovering Community School Conflicts of Interest**

This Conflict of Interest Policy shall be used by Mid-Ohio ESC's Board of Governors, sponsoring staff, and contractors to determine whether any potential or existing internal or and/or external ethical conflicts exist amongst the Sponsor's Board, staff, and contractors. This Conflict of Interest Policy also shall be used to determine whether an internal or external conflict of interest exists between the sponsor and its community schools.

Mid-Ohio ESC shall require all sponsoring staff members, contractors with sponsoring responsibilities, and Mid-Ohio ESC Board members to complete an annual conflict of interest statement regarding whether a conflict of interest exists.

The conflict of interest statement shall be completed on an annual basis by September 30 of the review year, or within 14 calendar days of a person starting a new position if hired after September 30, and shall be used to determine whether potential conflicts of interest exist.

The Sponsor shall also require the administrators, fiscal officer, and governing authority members of all sponsored community schools to complete an annual conflict of interest disclosure statement and sign a statement affirming the individual's commitment to abide by relevant restrictions on conflicts of interest and public ethics.

### **Process for Potential Conflicts of Interest**

**The following process shall be followed to evaluate and resolve any potential conflict of interest:**

Each conflict of interest statement shall be reviewed by the Mid-Ohio ESC Superintendent. If a potential or apparent conflict of interest is identified through the conflict of interest statement or through other means, Mid-Ohio ESC shall consult with legal counsel, if necessary. Legal counsel shall provide guidance on how to resolve the conflict of interest. A brief explanation as to the resolution shall be documented in the Mid-Ohio ESC file, excluding any attorney-client confidential information.

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