SECTION 1 - COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION

Region III Education Cooperative

1:10 Cooperative Legal Status

The Illinois Constitution requires the State to provide for an efficient system of high-quality public educational institutions and services in order to achieve the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capabilities.

Legal Authority to Operate

1.1 Under the provisions of Section 5/10-22-31 of the School Code, the parties hereto agree that they shall conduct a special education program for the benefit of the students of all parties, to be known as Region III Special Education Cooperative.

1.2 Such Program is instituted, and shall be conducted, under the provisions of the School Code.

1.3 The Governing Board and Executive Board shall work closely with the Illinois State Board of Education and the Department of Special Education and shall comply with all of the applicable rules and regulations of that office and shall cause such program to be designed to meet all requirements.

Each local school District shall establish and maintain special education instructional programs, resource programs and related services which meet the educational needs of children.

Any program or services to be conducted hereunder shall be coordinated and integrated so far as possible with the standard education program within the operation districts.

LEGAL REF.:

Ill. Constitution, Art. X, Sec. 1.

105 ILCS 5/10-1 et seq.

CROSS REF.: 2:10 (Cooperative Governance), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the Governing Board; Indemnification)

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1:20 Cooperative Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements

The Cooperative is organized and operates as a Cooperative serving the educational needs of children from Pre-K through 22 and others as required by the School Code.

The Cooperative enters into and participates in joint programs and intergovernmental agreements with other Cooperatives and non-member school districts in order to jointly provide services and activities in a manner that will increase flexibility, scope of service opportunities, cost reductions, and/or otherwise benefit the Cooperative and the community. The Director shall manage these activities to the extent the program or agreement requires the Cooperative's participation, and shall provide periodic implementation or operational data and/or reports to the Governing Board concerning these programs and agreements.

LEGAL REF.:

Ill. Constitution, Art. VII, Sec. 10.

5 ILCS 220/, Intergovernmental Cooperation Act.

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1:30 Cooperative Philosophy

Mission

The mission of Region 3 is to foster positive Relationships, Recognize differences, and help students Reach their potential.

CROSS REF: 2:10 (Cooperative Governance), 3:10 (Goals and Objectives), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives)

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