PROPOSED REVISIONS

MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS
Exhibit **E 5127**

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GRADUATION CEREMONY CONTRACT

The Modesto City Schools District, graduating seniors, and the parents of students who have successfully completed graduation requirements are jointly interested in a dignified and meaningful graduation ceremony. Therefore, these three parties enter into this contract. This contract shall be signed and a copy filed at the high school of the senior student, who is a party to this agreement, before the student will be issued a cap and gown for the purpose of participating in the Commencement Ceremony. Furthermore, a student not having a signed copy of this contract on file with the school will not be permitted to participate in the specified graduation ceremony.

The school district agrees to provide a site and appropriate facilities for the ceremony and to provide the legal and traditional procedures required of such occasions. In addition, the District agrees to take those steps deemed necessary to maintain order and dignity at the proceedings up to, and including, exclusion of any students from participation in the activity before or during the event when the exclusion is necessary to maintain proper decorum. Reasons for denying participation to an eligible student include:

1. Possessing or being under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or other substance which appears to alter a person's behavior and/or inhibit the person's judgment.
2. Possessing beach balls, frisbees, noise makers, fireworks, glow sticks, or other items inappropriate to the occasion.
3. Failing to remain seated at the appropriate times.
4. Shouting or exhibiting rude behavior, making lewd or obscene gestures, or committing offensive acts.

Students agree to refrain from disruptive behavior, including but not limited to those listed above, to dress in a manner which will not be disruptive or divert attention from the ceremony, and shall, if requested by an appropriate school official, open his/her gown for visual inspection to **e**~~i~~nsure appropriate dress and an absence of inappropriate items. ~~Caps and gowns shall be without any personal or group adornment, including corsages, except for District approved cords and tassels.~~

Adornments to cap and gowns are subject to BP 5127 and Education Codes §§ 35183.1, 35183.3 and require permission from the Superintendent/designee at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the graduation ceremony.

In addition to exemplifying behavior appropriate to the activity, parents shall instruct, encourage, and demand that their sons and daughters adhere to the letter and spirit of these requirements listed here and shall pledge to support the District in its enforcement of these and other regulations regarding behavior during the graduation ceremony.

It is understood that any participant breaking this contractual agreement will be denied participation in the graduation ceremony or will be removed from the ceremony. The school principal will suspend the graduation ceremony immediately prior to its beginning or during the ceremony if, in his/her judgment, allowing the ceremony to continue would be dangerous or would not be in the best interest of the graduates, the school, or the District.

_____ _____
Signature of Student Date

_____ _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian of Graduating Senior Date

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Signature of Modesto City Schools' Official Date

Distribution: School File (White Copy) Student/Parent/Guardian (Yellow Copy)