EDUCATORS RISING
COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND LIABILITY WAIVER

Event Name: 2022 Educators Rising National Conference
Event Location: Washington Hilton (Washington, DC)
Event Dates: June 24–27, 2022

Educators Rising is a division of Phi Delta Kappa International, Inc. ("PDK"), a nonprofit organization with a mission to cultivate highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path to becoming accomplished teachers, beginning in high school, and extending through college and into the profession. Completion of this form is necessary for individuals attending the 2022 Educators Rising National Conference.

Educators Rising has implemented protocols aimed at reducing the likelihood of spread of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") between participants and others attending the 2022 Educators Rising National Conference. These protocols are designed to be consistent with current guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), as well as comply with state and local directives. However, Educators Rising cannot guarantee that event participants will not be exposed to COVID-19 while participating in or attending the event.

Educators Rising requires all attendees and National Staff to comply with safety precautions specified below. Any person disclosing or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or knowingly exposed to the disease, will be refused admittance to the in-person 2022 Educators Rising National Conference. Any person refusing to comply with required safety protocols will be required to leave the 2022 Educators Rising National Conference at their own expense.

Participant’s Name: __________________________________________

In consideration of Educators Rising allowing me to participate in the 2022 Educators Rising National Conference, I specifically affirm and attest to the following,

- I hereby consent to the participation in all activities of the 2022 Educators Rising National Conference (“the Program”), to be held at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C. I understand that the Program is not run by the Washington Hilton.

- I understand, recognize, and acknowledge that this Program involves activities that may include the risk of accident, death, illness, physical or mental injuries, and property damage. It is my responsibility to ask questions about any aspect of Program activities that has not been explained to my satisfaction. I hereby voluntarily assume any and all risks, including injury to person and property, related to participation in the Program.

- I hereby release to Educators Rising, and authorize Educators Rising to produce, reproduce, broadcast, and otherwise use, audio recordings, photos, videos, and other depictions, likenesses, or images of me, in any media form in connection with my attendance at or participation in the 2022 Educators Rising National Conference, without compensation, for an unlimited duration. I understand that images and video captured during the Program may be used in print publications, in online publications, in presentations, on websites, and on social media.

- I will not attend the event if I (i) develop any symptom of COVID-19, (ii) come in close contact with someone with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, (iii) have tested positive for COVID-19, or (iv) am diagnosed with COVID-19.

- I have not tested positive or presented any of the symptoms of COVID-19 listed below. I will not enter the conference area if I am experiencing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. I acknowledge that common symptoms of COVID-19 include:
  - Fever (temperature of 100.4 F or higher)
  - Chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
• I will fully comply with all protocols set forth by Educators Rising and the CDC and state and local authorities regarding COVID-19 and limiting exposure to the COVID-19 virus.
    ▪ Provide either proof of full vaccination status or a negative COVID-19 test to enter the event. Testing must be conducted within 1 day for an antigen test and 2 days for a PCR test prior to the event.
    ▪ All unvaccinated persons are required to wear masks in all indoor public settings. Fully vaccinated individuals are recommended to continue indoor masking.
    ▪ All attendees will be required to complete a COVID-19 Waiver Form; AND
    ▪ Practice social distancing when possible.
• While in attendance at the 2022 Educators Rising National Conference, I will make every effort to always maintain CDC-recommended hygiene procedures, including following the guidelines of frequent hand washing (or use of suitable hand sanitizer); avoiding touching my eyes, nose, and mouth in public places; and covering coughs or sneezes with a tissue or inside of the elbow.
• I confirm I will immediately quarantine and leave the 2022 Educators Rising National Conference area and notify National Educators Rising National Staff at info@educatorsrising.org if I, or someone I have been in close contact with, is exposed to COVID-19, exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, or receives a positive COVID-19 test result.
• I agree to notify National Educators Rising National Staff at info@educatorsrising.org of a positive test that occurs up to 10 days after the 2022 National Conference.
• Assumption of Risk: The COVID-19 virus continues to spread from person-to-person contact and other means, and people reportedly can spread the disease without showing symptoms. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death. Therefore, if I choose to participate in the 2022 Educators Rising National Conference, I may be exposing myself to or increasing my risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19, despite Educators Rising’s safety precautions. In exchange for being allowed to participate in the 2022 Educators Rising National Conference, I voluntarily agree to assume all risks and accept sole responsibility for any COVID-19 infection that may result due to my participation in or attendance at the event.
• Waiver of Lawsuit/Liability: I hereby forever release, discharge, hold harmless, and covenant not to sue PDK, its directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives, of and from any claims associated with, arising from, or related to COVID-19 infection, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of PDK, its employees, directors, officers, volunteers, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after my participation in or attendance at the event.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the risk of COVID-19 transmission while I am participating in or attending the 2022 Educators Rising National Conference and further acknowledge that I am knowingly assuming that risk by participating in or attending an event. I further agree that I will comply with all protocols implemented by Educators Rising, the event’s host hotel, the event’s suppliers and partners, and/or established by the CDC and state or local authorities. I hereby acknowledge that I have read this entire document, that I fully understand its terms, that I have signed it knowingly and voluntarily, and that I intend it to bind me.

Printed Name (Participant) ___________________ Signature ___________________ Date ___________________