School Participation Agreement

The purpose of democratic learning is to provide <u>all</u> students with strong academic and social skills, problem solving abilities, and civic attitudes that will equip them to work for a better democratic life for all.

Democratic Learning is:
- Students and teachers working together to make students' learning a contribution to their community.
- Students demonstrating their learning in public settings and receiving public feedback.
- Students having escalating degrees of choice, both as individuals and as groups, within the parameters provided by the teacher.
- Students actively working with problems, ideas, materials, and people as they learn skills and content.
- Students being assessed according to high degrees of academic objectives learned and contributions made to a larger community.

PARTICIPATION PLAN

Our faculty has studied the following League school participation plan and at least 80% support the plan.
- The school will identify a team that consists of 3-5 teachers and an administrator. The teachers on this team commit to implement democratic learning in their classrooms (not necessarily all aspects at once) and the administrator commits to facilitating and supporting their work.
- The team will create an in-house, collaborative process to facilitate implementation of democratic learning in each of their individual classrooms.
- The school will create a school-wide process that allows other members of the school community (teachers, parents, administrators, community members) to collaborate with, support, and learn from the work of the school team.
- The team will work with League staff to plan and carry out two on-site visits each year.
- The team will create and follow an annual action plan to guide their implementation and assessment efforts.
- The school and its team will open their efforts to other League teams by accepting visits from other teams, visitors from non-League schools, and sharing successful materials, activities, and best practices.

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School Representative _____ **Date** _____