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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE**

DAVID FREDERICK BITONTI JR. and
MERRIT LYNN CHASSIE, individually,
and on behalf of others similarly situated,
and on behalf of other aggrieved employees
pursuant to the Private Attorneys General
Act,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

TEEN ROAD TO SAFETY INC., a
California corporation; ANDREW
WUNDERLICH, an individual; and DOES
1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. 30-2023-01333703-CU-OE-CXC

**REVISED [PROPOSED] ORDER
GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT**

Hearing Information:

Date: September 4, 2025
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Dept.: CX104
Judge: Hon. Melissa McCormick

1 **RECITALS**

2 On September 4, 2025, at 2:00 pm, the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action
3 and PAGA Settlement filed by Plaintiffs David Frederick Bitonti, Jr. and Merrit Lynn Chassie
4 (“Plaintiffs”), on behalf of themselves, a Class Members and Aggrieved Employees, and not
5 opposed by Defendants Teen Road to Safety, Inc., and Andrew Wunderlich (“Defendants”), came
6 for hearing in Department CX104 of the Orange County Civil Complex Center, located at 751
7 W. Santa Ana Blvd Santa Ana, CA 92701.

8 It appears to the Court on a preliminary basis that the settlement amount is fair and
9 reasonable to the Class when balanced against the probable outcome of further litigation relating
10 to class certification, liability and damages issues and potential appeals. It further appears that
11 significant investigation, research, and litigation has been conducted such that counsel for the
12 Parties at this time are able to reasonably evaluate their respective positions. It also appears that
13 settlement at this time will avoid substantial costs, delay and risks that would be presented by the
14 further prosecution of the litigation and that the proposed Settlement has been reached as the
15 result of intensive, serious and non-collusive negotiations between the Parties.

16 Accordingly, good cause appearing, the Motion for Preliminary Approval of the Class
17 Action and PAGA Settlement is hereby GRANTED, and as a part of said preliminary approval,
18 the Court hereby orders that the class be conditionally certified for settlement purposes only, and
19 that Domb & Rauchwerger LLP are conditionally and preliminarily appointed as Class Counsel.

20 The Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement is attached to this Order as **Exhibit**
21 **A**. The Amendment to the Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement is attached to this
22 Order as **Exhibit B**, The Class Notice, which includes the Exclusion Form and Objection Form,
23 is attached to this Order as **Exhibit C**. This Order incorporates by reference the definitions in the
24 Settlement Agreement, and all terms defined therein shall have the same meaning in this Order
25 as set forth in the Settlement Agreement. The Court preliminarily finds that the terms of the
26 settlement are fair, just, reasonable, and adequate, pursuant to Section 382 of the California Code
27 of Civil Procedure.

28 The Court finds that the elements of numerosity, commonality, typicality, and adequacy

1 have been established to support conditional certification of the class for settlement purposes only,
2 with Plaintiffs acting as Class Representatives, and that the settlement has no obvious deficiencies
3 and does not improperly grant preferential treatment to the class representatives or segments of
4 the class.

5 The Court further finds that significant investigation, research, litigation, and informal
6 discovery have been conducted such that the Counsel for the Parties are able to reasonably
7 evaluate their respective positions, and that the settlement appears to be the product of serious,
8 informed, and non-collusive negotiations.

9 The Court hereby preliminarily appoints, for settlement purposes, David Bitonti and
10 Merrit Chassie as Class Representatives. The Court provisionally certifies the following class: all
11 current and former non-exempt employees of Teen Road to Safety, Inc., who worked for Teen
12 Road to Safety, Inc. as driving instructors in California from June 27, 2019, to August 1, 2023.

13 The Settlement Agreement also includes “Aggrieved Employees,” which is defined as “all
14 non-exempt, non-union employees who worked for Defendants in California at any time during
15 the PAGA Period.”

16 “PAGA Period” means the period from June 28, 2022 through August 1, 2023.

17 The Court approves and appoints Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions to serve
18 as the Settlement Administrator.

19 The Settlement Agreement includes a Gross Settlement Amount (“GSA”) of \$220,000.
20 The Administrator will make and deduct the following amounts from the GSA, in the amounts
21 specified by the Court in the Final Approval:

22 To Plaintiffs, a Class Representative Service Payment to Class Representative Bitonti of
23 not more than \$7,500 (in addition to any Individual Class Payment), and a Class Representative
24 Service Payment to Class Representative Chassie of not more than \$5,000 (in addition to any
25 Individual Class Payment), and any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representatives are
26 entitled to receive as Participating Class Members.

27 To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees, \$10,000 from the GSA as PAGA Penalties,
28 with 75% (\$7,500) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$2,500) allocated to the

1 Individual PAGA Payments.

2 To Class Counsel, a Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than 35%, which is currently
3 estimated to be \$77,000.00 and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than
4 \$14,000.

5 To the Administrator, an Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$4,000 except
6 for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court.

7 The Court hereby approves, as to form and content, the Class Notice, along with the
8 accompanying Exclusion Form and Objection Form, collectively attached as **Exhibit C** to this
9 Order. The Court finds that the Class Notice constitutes the best notice practicable under the
10 circumstances and is in full compliance with the laws of the state of California and, to the extent
11 applicable, the United States Constitution and the requirements of due process. The Court further
12 finds that the Class Notice fully and accurately informs Settlement Class Members of all material
13 elements of the proposed Class Action Settlement, of each Settlement Class Member's right to be
14 excluded from the class, and each Settlement Class Member's right and opportunity to object to
15 the proposed Settlement. The Class Notice adequately advises the class about:

- 16 A. The class action;
- 17 B. The settlement terms and the benefits available to each Settlement Class
18 Member;
- 19 C. Each Settlement Class Member's right to object and/or "opt out," and the
20 timing and procedures for doing so;
- 21 D. The conditional certification of the Class for settlement purposes only;
- 22 E. Preliminary court approval of the proposed settlement;
- 23 F. Timing and procedures for distributing the settlement funds; and
- 24 G. The date of the final fairness hearing, as well as the rights of members to
25 submit objections and appear in connection with said hearing.

26 Accordingly, the Court hereby approves the proposed Class Notice and finds that mailing
27 to the last known address of members of the class, as specifically described within the Settlement
28 Agreement, constitutes an effective method of notifying Settlement Class Members of their rights

1 with respect to the class action and proposed settlement.

2 **THE COURT FURTHER ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

3 Within 21 days after entry by the Court of its Order of Preliminary Approval, Defendants
4 shall provide the Administrator with an updated list containing names, social security numbers,
5 dates of employment, weeks worked based on Defendants' payroll records, and last-known
6 mailing addresses for each member of the Class.

7 Any Class Member who wishes to object to the Settlement must file with the Court and
8 submit the objection to the Settlement Administrator pursuant to the directions set forth in the
9 Class Notice within 60 days after the date that the Class Notice is sent to the Class Members.

10 Any Class Member who wishes to request exclusion from the Settlement including
11 excluding themselves from any monetary relief and associated releases must submit a Request
12 for Exclusion pursuant to the directions set forth in the Class Notice and return the Request for
13 Exclusion Form to the Settlement Administrator post-marked within 60 days after the date that
14 the Class Notice is sent to Class Members.

15 The Court will hold a hearing on September 10, 2025 (or alternatively on
16 _____) at 2:00 p.m., in Department CX104 of the Superior
17 Court of California, County of Orange located at 751 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, CA 92701,
18 to determine whether the Court should grant final approval of the Settlement as fair, reasonable,
19 and adequate. The Court will hear all evidence and argument necessary to evaluate the Settlement
20 and will consider Plaintiffs' request for the Service Awards and Class Counsel's request for
21 attorneys' fees and costs. The Court expressly reserves the right to adjourn or continue the Final
22 Fairness Hearing from time to time without further notice to the Class. The parties shall file a
23 Motion for Final Approval on or before sixteen (16) court days before the final approval hearing.

24 Any Class Member may be heard in support of, or in opposition to, the Court's
25 determination of the good faith, fairness, reasonableness and adequacy of the proposed settlement,
26 the requested attorney's fees and costs, the requested class representative's service award, and any
27 order granting final approval; provided, however, that no person, except Class Counsel and
28 counsel for Defendants shall be heard regarding such matters unless such person has complied

1 with the conditions set forth in the Class Notice.

2 Pending further order of this court, all proceedings in this matter except those
3 contemplated herein and in the Settlement Agreement are stayed.

4 In the event the settlement does not become final for any reason, this preliminary order
5 shall be of no further force or effect and the fact that the Parties were willing to stipulate to class
6 certification as part of the settlement shall have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in
7 connection with, the issue of whether a class should be certified in a non-settlement context.

8 The court orders the parties and the settlement administrator to carry out their duties and
9 obligations in accordance with terms of the settlement agreement.

10 The Court retains jurisdiction to enforce the Settlement Agreement pursuant to Code of Civil
11 Procedure section 664.6.

12 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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14 Dated: _____

15 HONORABLE MELISSA R. MCCORMICK
16 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
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EXHIBIT A

CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CLASS NOTICE

This Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between plaintiff David Frederick Bitonti Jr. and Merrit Lynn Chassie (“Plaintiffs”) and Defendants Teen Road to Safety, Inc., and Andrew Wunderlich (“Defendants”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiffs and Defendants collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

1. DEFINITIONS.

- 1.1. “Action” means the Plaintiff’s lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Defendants captioned *David Frederick Bitonti Jr. and Merrit Lynn Chassie, individually, and on behalf of others similarly situated, and on behalf of other aggrieved employees pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act v. Teen Road To Safety Inc., a California corporation; Andrew Wunderlich, an individual; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive*, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01333703-CU-OE-CXC, initiated on June 27, 2023, and pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Orange.
- 1.2. “Administrator” means Phoenix Settlement Administrators, the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.
- 1.3. “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.4. “Aggrieved Employee” means “all non-exempt, non-union employees who worked for Defendants in California at any time during the PAGA Period.”
- 1.5. “Class” means “all current and former non-exempt employees of Defendants employed as driving instructors within the State of California during the Class Period.”
- 1.6. “Class Counsel” means Domb & Rauchwerger LLP, including Zack Domb, Devin Rauchwerger and Jeff Jackson.
- 1.7. “Class Counsel Fees Payment” and “Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” mean the amounts allocated to Class Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the Action.
- 1.8. “Class Data” means Class Member identifying information in Defendant’s possession including the Class Member’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, hire date, termination date, any rehire date and any subsequent termination date, and number of Qualifying Shifts worked during the Class Period.

- 1.9. “Class Member” or “Settlement Class Member” means a member of the Class, as either a Participating Class Member or Non-Participating Class Member (including a Non-Participating Class Member who qualifies as an Aggrieved Employee).
- 1.10. “Class Member Address Search” means the Administrator’s investigation and search for current Class Member mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces, and direct contact by the Administrator with Class Members.
- 1.11. “Class Notice” means the COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL, to be mailed to Class Members in English, in the form, without material variation, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.
- 1.12. “Class Period” means the period from June 27, 2019 to August 1, 2023.
- 1.13. “Class Representatives” means the named Plaintiffs David Bitonti Jr. and Merrit Chassie in the operative complaint in the Action seeking Court approval to serve as a Class Representatives.
- 1.14. “Class Representatives Service Payment” means the payments to the Class Representatives for initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action.
- 1.15. “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of Orange.
- 1.16. “TRTS” means the named Defendant Teen Road to Safety, Inc.
- 1.17. “Wunderlich” means the named Defendant Andrew Wunderlich.
- 1.18. “Defense Counsel” means O’Hagan Meyer, including Katherine C. Den Bleyker and Sohin Gautam.
- 1.19. “Effective Date” means the date by when both of the following have occurred:
(a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement; and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the latest of the following occurrences: (a) if no Participating Class Member objects to the Settlement, the day the Court enters Judgment; (b) if one or more Participating Class Members objects to the Settlement, the day after the deadline for filing a notice of appeal from the Judgment; or if a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed, the day after the appellate court affirms the Judgment and issues a remittitur.
- 1.20. “Final Approval” means the Court’s order granting final approval of the Settlement.

- 1.21. “Final Approval Hearing” means the Court’s hearing on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.22. “Final Judgment” means the Judgment Entered by the Court upon Granting Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.23. “Gross Settlement Amount” means \$220,000 which is the total amount Defendants agree to pay under the Settlement, except as provided in Paragraph 8 below, and exclusive of Defendants’ share of payroll taxes. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Expenses, Class Representatives Service Payment and the Administrator’s Expenses.
- 1.24. “Individual Class Payment” means the Participating Class Member’s pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Qualifying Shifts.
- 1.25. “Individual PAGA Payment” means the Aggrieved Employee’s pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of Pay Periods worked during the PAGA Period.
- 1.26. “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.
- 1.27. “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.28. “LWDA PAGA Payment” means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.29. “Net Settlement Amount” means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class Payments.
- 1.30. “Non-Participating Class Member” means any Class Member who opts out of the Settlement by sending the Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.
- 1.31. “PAGA Pay Period” means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendants as an hourly, non-exempt employee in California for at least one day during the PAGA Period. PAGA Pay Periods may be based on either: (1) pay periods during at least one shift was worked; or (2) hire dates and, where applicable, last dates worked or separation dates, re-hire dates, and dates of any periods of leave.
- 1.32. “PAGA Period” means the period from June 28, 2022 through August 1, 2023.

- 1.33. "PAGA" means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698. et seq.).
- 1.34. "PAGA Notice" means Plaintiff's letter to Defendants and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).
- 1.35. "PAGA Penalties" means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees (\$2,500) and the 75% to LWDA (\$7,500) in settlement of PAGA claims.
- 1.36. "Participating Class Member" means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.
- 1.37. "Plaintiffs" means David Frederick Bitonti Jr. and Merritt Lynn Chassie, the named plaintiffs in the Action.
- 1.38. "Preliminary Approval" means the Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement Agreement.
- 1.39. "Preliminary Approval Order" means the proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement.
- 1.40. "Qualifying Shift" is any day during the Class Period when a Class Member taught at least two (2) lessons in the same day.
- 1.41. "Released Class Claims" means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.2 below.
- 1.42. "Released PAGA Claims" means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.3 below.
- 1.43. "Released Parties" means: TRTS and each of its former and present owners, parents and subsidiaries, and all of their current, former and future spouse(s), children, officers, directors, members, managers, employees, consultants, partners, shareholders, joint venturers, agents, predecessors, successors, assigns, accountants, insurers, reinsurers and/or legal representatives; and Andrew Wunderlich.
- 1.44. "Request for Exclusion" means a Class Member's submission of a written request to be excluded from the Class Settlement signed by the Class Member.
- 1.45. "Response Deadline" means 60 days after the Administrator mails Notice to Class Members and Aggrieved Employees, and shall be the last date on which Class Members may: (a) fax, email, or mail Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, or (b) fax, email, or mail his or her Objection to the Settlement. Class Members to whom Notice Packets are resent after having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional 14 calendar days beyond the Response Deadline has expired.

1.46. “Settlement” means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.

1.47. “Workweek” means any week during which a Class Member was employed by Defendants as an hourly, non-exempt employee in California. Workweeks may be based on either: (1) pay periods during at least one shift was worked; or (2) hire dates and, where applicable, last dates worked or separation dates, re-hire dates, and dates of any periods of leave.

2. RECITALS.

2.1. On June 27, 2023, Plaintiffs commenced this Action by filing a Complaint alleging causes of action against Defendants for (1) Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 226.2, 510, 558, 558.1, 1194, and 1198 (Unpaid Overtime); (2) Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512(a), 558, and 558.1 (Unpaid Meal Period Premiums); (3) Violation of Cal. Labor Code § 226.7, 558, and 558.1 (Unpaid Rest Period Premiums); (4) Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 226.2, 558, 558.1, 1194, 1197 and 1197.1 (Unpaid Minimum Wages); (5) Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 558, and 558.1 (Final Wages Not Timely Paid); (6) Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 558, 558.1, 2800 and 2802 (Failure to Reimburse Necessary Business Expenses); (7) Violation of Cal. Labor Code § 226(a), 558, and 558.1 (Failure to Provide Accurate Wage Statements); (8) Violation of Labor Code §§ 226 and 246(i) (Failure to Provide Written Notice of Paid Sick Leave and Supplemental Paid Sick Leave); and (9) Violation of Cal. Business & Professions Code § 17200, et seq. On September 1, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a First Amended Complaint to add a cause of action under the California Private Attorneys General Act (California Labor Code §§ 2699, *et. seq.*), for which penalties are provided in this Settlement Agreement. The First Amended Complaint is the operative complaint in the Action (the “Operative Complaint.”) Defendants deny the allegations in the Operative Complaint, deny any failure to comply with the laws identified in in the Operative Complaint and deny any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.

2.2. On November 21, 2023, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Lisa Klerman which led to this Agreement to settle the Action.

2.3. Prior to mediation, Plaintiffs obtained, through informal discovery, a sampling of the Class Data, as well as various supporting documents, including (1) Plaintiffs’ payroll records and work schedules; (2) various wage and hour policy documents in effect during the Class and PAGA Periods; (3) a representative randomized sampling of corresponding payroll records and work schedules for 1/3 of the putative Class; (4) Class data points, including, for both currently and formerly-employed Class Members between the start of the Class Period (June 27, 2019) and the end of the Class Period (August 1, 2023), total numbers of Class Members, and approximate numbers of workweeks worked, pay periods, and wage statements issued, and the average median hourly rate of the entire class; (5) PAGA (and wage statement penalty) group data points, including, for both current and formerly-employed Aggrieved Employees between the start of the PAGA Period (June 28, 2022) and the end of the PAGA Period (August 1, 2023), total numbers of Aggrieved Employees, and approximate numbers of workweeks worked, pay

periods, and wage statements issued; and (6) sensitive financial documents such as the tax returns, profit and loss statements, and balance sheets for TRTS during the class period and the previous four years of personal tax returns for Wunderlich. Plaintiffs' investigation was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-130 ("*Dunk/Kullar*").

- 2.4. The Court has not granted class certification.
- 2.5. The Parties, Class Counsel, and Defense Counsel represent that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

3. MONETARY TERMS.

- 3.1. Gross Settlement Amount. Except as otherwise provided by Paragraph 8 below, Defendants promise to pay \$220,000, and no more, as the Gross Settlement Amount, and to separately pay any and all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments. Defendants have no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount (or any payroll taxes) prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.3 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Participating Class Members or Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendants.
- 3.2. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:
 - 3.2.1. To Plaintiffs: a Class Representative Service Payment to Class Representative Bitonti of not more than \$7,500 (in addition to any Individual Class Payment), and a Class Representative Service Payment to Class Representative Chassie of not more than \$5,000 (in addition to any Individual Class Payment), and any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representatives are entitled to receive as Participating Class Members. Defendants will not oppose Plaintiffs' requests for Class Representative Service Payments that do not exceed these amounts. As part of the motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment, Plaintiffs will seek Court approval for any Class Representative Service Payments no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves Class Representative Service Payments less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payment using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiffs assume full responsibility and liability for employee taxes owed on the Class Representative Service Payments.

- 3.2.2. To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than 35%, which is currently estimated to be \$77,000.00 and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$14,000. Defendants will not oppose requests for these payments provided that they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiffs and/or Class Counsel will file a motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Released Parties shall have no liability to Class Counsel or any other Plaintiff's Counsel arising from any claim to any portion any Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. Class Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the Class Counsel Fees Payment and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and holds Defendants harmless, and indemnifies Defendants, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.
- 3.2.3. To the Administrator: An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$5,000 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses are less or the Court approves payment less than \$5,000, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.
- 3.2.4. To Each Participating Class Member: An Individual Class Payment calculated by taking the total number of days that a Class Member taught at least 2 lessons in a day during the Class Period and dividing that by the number of times that a particular Class Member taught two or more lessons in a day during the Class period.
- 3.2.4.1. Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. 33 1/3 % of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of wage claims (the "Wage Portion"). The Wage Portions are subject to tax withholding and will be reported on an IRS W-2 Form. 66 2/3 % of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of claims for interest and penalties (the "Non-Wage Portion"). The Non-Wage Portions are not subject to wage withholdings and will be reported on IRS 1099 Forms. Participating Class Members assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on their Individual Class Payment.
- 3.2.4.2. Effect of Non-Participating Class Members on Calculation of Individual Class Payments. Non-Participating Class Members will not receive any Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will retain amounts equal to their Individual Class Payments in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro rata basis.

3.2.5. To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$10,000 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (\$7,500) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$2,500) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.5.1. The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 25% share of PAGA Penalties \$2,500 by the total number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Period Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.5.2. If the Court approves PAGA Penalties of less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

4.1. Class Workweeks and Aggrieved Employee Pay Periods. Based on a review of its records to date, Defendants estimate there are 29 Class Members who collectively worked a total of 2,877 Workweeks, and 19 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total of 425 PAGA Pay Periods.

4.2. Class Data. Not later than 21 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Defendants will simultaneously deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Class Members' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Class Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Class Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendants have a continuing duty to immediately notify Class Counsel if they discover that the Class Data omitted class member identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Class Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendants must send the Class Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Class Data.

4.3. Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Defendants shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount, and also fund the amounts necessary to fully pay Defendants' share of payroll taxes, by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than 30 days after the Effective Date.

4.4. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 days after Defendants fund the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class Payments, all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the

Administration Expenses Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Class Representative Service Payment. Disbursement of the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and the Class Representative Service Payment shall not precede disbursement of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments.

4.4.1. The Administrator will issue one check for each Individual Class Payments and/or Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Class Members via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Settlement Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator will send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees including Non-Participating Class Members who qualify as Aggrieved Employees (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator may send Participating Class Members a single check combining the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

4.4.2. The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class Members whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within 7 days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Class Member Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Class Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Class Member whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Class Member prior to the void date.

4.4.3. For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check or Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Class Member thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b).

4.4.4. The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendants to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to Class Members (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

5. RELEASES OF CLAIMS. Effective on the date when Defendants fully fund the entire Gross Settlement Amount and fund all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payments, Plaintiff, Class Members, and Class Counsel will release

claims against all Released Parties as follows:

- 5.1 Plaintiffs' Release. Plaintiffs and their respective former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, transactions, or occurrences that occurred during the Class Period, including, but not limited to: (a) all claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged, based on the facts contained, in the Operative Complaint and (b) all PAGA claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged based on facts contained in the Operative Complaint and Plaintiff's PAGA Notice. ("Plaintiffs' Release.") Plaintiffs' Release does not extend to any claims or actions to enforce this Agreement, or to any claims for vested benefits, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, social security benefits, workers' compensation benefits that arose at any time, or based on occurrences outside the Class Period. Plaintiffs acknowledge that the Plaintiffs may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that Plaintiffs now know or believe to be true but agree, nonetheless, that Plaintiffs' Release shall be and remain effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or Plaintiffs' discovery of them.

- 5.1.1 Plaintiffs' Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542.
For purposes of Plaintiffs' Release, Plaintiffs expressly waive and relinquish the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, and that if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or Released Party.

- 5.2 Release by Participating Class Members: All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties from all claims that occurred during the Class Period and were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint, including: (1) Unpaid Overtime; (2) Unpaid Meal Period Premiums; (3) Unpaid Rest Period Premiums; (4) Unpaid Minimum Wages; (5) Final Wages Not Timely Paid; (6) Failure to Reimburse Necessary Business Expenses; (7) Failure to Provide Accurate Wage Statements; (8) Failure to Provide Written Notice of Paid Sick Leave and Supplemental Paid Sick Leave; and (9) Violation of Cal. Business & Professions Code § 17200, et seq. with respect to the business practices alleged in the Operative Complaint. Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers' compensation, or claims based on facts occurring outside the Class Period.

- 5.3 PAGA Released Claims: Upon final approval by the Court and upon funding of the Gross Settlement Amount, the claims released by Plaintiffs, as agents and proxies of the LWDA, in exchange for the consideration provided by this Agreement, will

include any and all claims for civil penalties under the California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”), Labor Code section 2698, *et seq.*, against the Released Parties for work performed during the PAGA Period and based on or arising out of the alleged violations of the Labor Code sections alleged in Plaintiffs’ letter to the LWDA, including but not limited to claims for unpaid wages of any type, unpaid overtime, unpaid minimum wages, untimely wage payments both during and at the end of employment, non-compliant meal periods, non-compliant rest periods, non-compliant wage statements, unreimbursed business expenses, failure to maintain payroll records, failure to pay premiums, and claims for interest, penalties, or premiums in connection therewith.

6. MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL.

- 6.1 Plaintiffs’ Responsibilities. Plaintiffs will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval, including: (i) a draft of the notice, and memorandum in support, of the Motion for Preliminary Approval that includes an analysis of the Settlement under *Dunk/Kullar* and a request for approval of the PAGA Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2)); (ii) a draft proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement; (iii) a draft proposed Class Notice; (iv) a signed declaration from the Administrator attaching its “not to exceed” bid for administering the Settlement and attesting to its willingness to serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting the security of Class Data; amounts of insurance coverage for any data breach, defalcation of funds or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff, Class Counsel or Defense Counsel; (v) signed declarations from the Plaintiffs confirming willingness and competency to serve and disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members and/or the Administrator; (vi) a signed declaration from each Class Counsel firm attesting to its competency to represent the Class Members; its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (initial notice of violations (Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a)), Operative Complaint (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(1)), this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(2)); and (vii) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Class Members and/or the Administrator.
- 6.2 Responsibilities of Counsel. Class Counsel is responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval no later than 30 days after the full execution of this Agreement; obtaining a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval; and for appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Class Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court’s Preliminary Approval to the Administrator. Defense Counsel is responsible for appearing at the hearing on Motion for Preliminary Approval.
- 6.3 Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed Motion for Preliminary Approval and/or the supporting declarations and documents, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If

the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval or conditions Preliminary Approval on any material change to this Agreement, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns.

7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

- 7.1 Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected Phoenix Settlement Administrators to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, Phoenix Settlement Administrators agree to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.
- 7.2 Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports state and federal tax authorities.
- 7.3 Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.
- 7.4 Notice to Class Members.
- 7.4.1 No later than five (5) business days after receipt of the Class Data, the Administrator shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received and state the number of Class Members, PAGA Members, Workweeks, Qualifying Shifts, and Pay Periods in the Class Data.
- 7.4.2 Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than 14 days after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members identified in the Class Data, via first-class United States Postal Service ("USPS") mail, the Class Notice, substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit A**. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment payable to the Class Member, and the number of Qualifying Shifts and PAGA Pay Periods (if applicable) used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National Change of Address database.
- 7.4.3 Not later than 3 business days after the Administrator's receipt of any Class Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall re-mail the Class Notice using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not provide a forwarding address, the Administrator shall conduct a

Class Member Address Search, and re-mail the Class Notice to the most current address obtained. The Administrator has no obligation to make further attempts to locate or send Class Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the USPS a second time.

7.4.4 The deadlines for Class Members' written objections, Challenges to Qualifying Shifts and/or Pay Periods, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional 14 days beyond the 60 days otherwise provided in the Class Notice for all Class Members whose notice is re-mailed. The Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the re-mailed Class Notice.

7.4.5 If the Administrator, Defendants or Class Counsel is contacted by or otherwise discovers any persons who believe they should have been included in the Class Data and should have received Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, in an effort to agree on whether to include them as Class Members. If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members entitled to the same rights as other Class Members, and the Administrator will send, via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice requiring them to exercise options under this Agreement not later than 14 days after receipt of Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, whichever ever are later.

7.5 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

7.5.1 Class Members who wish to exclude themselves (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a signed written Request for Exclusion not later than 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). A Request for Exclusion is a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative that reasonably communicates the Class Member's election to be excluded from the Settlement and includes the Class Member's name, address and email address or telephone number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or postmarked by the Response Deadline.

7.5.2 The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. The Administrator's determination shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. If the Administrator has reason to question the authenticity of a Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand additional proof of the Class Member's identity. The Administrator's determination of authenticity shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

7.5.3 Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for

Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Agreement, entitled to all benefits and bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the Participating Class Members' Releases under Paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of this Agreement, regardless whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.

7.5.4 Every Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion is a Non-Participating Class Member and shall not receive an Individual Class Payment or have the right to object to the class action components of the Settlement. Because future PAGA claims are subject to claim preclusion upon entry of the Judgment, Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release the claims identified in Paragraph 5.3 of this Agreement and are eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment.

7.6 Challenges to Calculation of Qualifying Shifts. Each Class Member shall have 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of days they taught at least two lessons in a day during the Class Period, as well as the number of PAGA Pay Periods worked (if any). The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the administrator via fax, email or mail. The Administrator must permit the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Qualifying Shifts contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator's determination of each Class Member's allocation of Qualifying Shifts and/or Pay Periods shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Qualifying Shifts and/or Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination of the challenge.

7.7 Objections to Settlement.

7.7.1 Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement, and/or amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Class Representative Service Payment.

7.7.2 Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. In the alternative, Participating Class Members may appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than 60 days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

7.7.3 Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement.

- 7.8 Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.
- 7.8.1 Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish and maintain and use an internet website to post information of interest to Class Members including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and Class Representative Service Payment, the Final Approval and the Judgment. The Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address and a toll-free telephone number to receive Class Member calls, faxes and emails.
- 7.8.2 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-outs) and Exclusion List. The Administrator will promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity. Not later than 5 days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the Administrator shall email a list to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel containing (a) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion (“Exclusion List”); (b) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; (c) copies of all Requests for Exclusion from Settlement submitted (whether valid or invalid).
- 7.8.3 Weekly Reports. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the number of: Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received, challenges to Qualifying Shifts and/or Pay Periods received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments (“Weekly Report”). The Weekly Reports must include provide the Administrator’s assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.
- 7.8.4 Qualifying Shifts and/or Pay Period Challenges. The Administrator has the authority to address and make final decisions consistent with the terms of this Agreement on all Class Member challenges over the calculation of Qualifying Shifts and/or Pay Periods. The Administrator’s decision shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.
- 7.8.5 Administrator’s Declaration. Not later than 14 days before the date by which Plaintiffs are required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class Notice, the Class Notices returned as undelivered, the re-mailing of Class Notices, attempts to locate Class Members, the total

number of Requests for Exclusion from Settlement it received (both valid or invalid), the number of written objections and attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration(s) in Court.

7.8.6 Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within 10 days after the Administrator disburses all funds in the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will provide Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with a final report detailing its disbursements by employee identification number only of all payments made under this Agreement. At least 15 days before any deadline set by the Court, the Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its disbursement of all payments required under this Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration in Court.

8. **CLASS SIZE ESTIMATES and ESCALATOR CLAUSE.** Based on its records, Defendants estimate that, as of the date of this Settlement Agreement, (1) there are 29 Class Members and 2,877 Total Workweeks during the Class Period. Should the number of workweeks increase by more than 10% (by 288 workweeks) the gross settlement amount will be increased proportionately above the 10% amount (e.g., if the total workweeks have increased by 11%, then the gross settlement amount shall increase by 1%.)
9. **DEFENDANTS' RIGHT TO WITHDRAW.** If the number of valid Requests for Exclusion identified in the Exclusion List exceeds 20% of the total of all Class Members, Defendants may, but are not obligated to, elect to withdraw from the Settlement. The Parties agree that, if Defendants withdraw, the Settlement shall be void *ab initio*, have no force or effect whatsoever, and that the Parties will not have any further obligation to perform under this Agreement; provided, however, Defendants will remain responsible for paying all Settlement Administration Expenses incurred to that point. Defendants must notify Class Counsel and the Court of its election to withdraw not later than seven days after the Administrator sends the final Exclusion List to Defense Counsel; late elections will have no effect.
10. **MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL.** Not later than 16 court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiffs will file in Court, a motion for final approval of the Settlement that includes a request for approval of the PAGA settlement under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (1), a Proposed Final Approval Order and a proposed Judgment (collectively "Motion for Final Approval"). Plaintiffs shall provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel not later than five days prior to filing the Motion for Final Approval. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve any disagreements concerning the Motion for Final Approval.

10.1 Response to Objections. Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents

in Court no later than five court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.

10.2 Duty to Cooperate. If the Court does not grant Final Approval or conditions Final Approval on any material change to the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), the Parties will expeditiously work together in good faith to address the Court's concerns by revising the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval. The Court's decision to award less than the amounts requested for the Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Administrator Expenses Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph.

10.3 Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court. The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action, and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.

10.4 Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment reflected set forth in this Settlement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount of the Net Settlement Amount.

10.5 Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment. If the reviewing Court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court's concerns and to obtain Final Approval and entry of Judgment, sharing, on a 50-50 basis, any additional Administration Expenses reasonably incurred after remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court's award of the Class Representative Service Payment or any payments to Class Counsel shall not constitute a material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this paragraph, as long as the Gross Settlement Amount remains unchanged.

11. AMENDED JUDGMENT. If any amended judgment is required under Code of Civil Procedure section 384, the Parties will work together in good faith to jointly submit and a proposed amended judgment.

12. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

- 12.1 No Admission of Liability, Class Certification or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Defendants that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that A has any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendants' defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that class certification and representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does grant Preliminary Approval, Final Approval or enter Judgment, Defendants reserve the right to contest certification of any class for any reasons, and Defendants reserve all available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiffs reserve the right to move for class certification on any grounds available and to contest Defendants' defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).
- 12.2 No Solicitation. The Parties separately agree that they and their respective counsel and employees will not solicit any Class Member to opt out of or object to the Settlement, or appeal from the Judgment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to restrict Class Counsel's ability to communicate with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.
- 12.3 Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.
- 12.4 Attorney Authorization. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiffs and Defendants, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.
- 12.5 Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.
- 12.6 No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign,

transfer, or encumber to any person or entity and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.

- 12.7 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Defendants nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.
- 12.8 Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.
- 12.9 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- 12.10 Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.
- 12.11 Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.
- 12.12 Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made, and orders entered during Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement.
- 12.13 Use and Return of Class Data. Information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the Class Data provided to Class Counsel by Defendants in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or in connection with the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement, and no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute, or rule of court. Not later than 90 days after the date when the Court discharges the Administrator's obligation to provide a Declaration confirming the final pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiffs shall destroy, all paper and electronic versions of Class Data received from Defendants unless, prior to the Court's discharge of the Administrator's obligation, Defendants make a written request to Class Counsel for the return, rather than the destruction, of Class Data.
- 12.14 Headings. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.
- 12.15 Calendar Days. Unless otherwise noted, all reference to "days" in this Agreement shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.

- 12.16 Notice. All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email or messenger, addressed as follows:

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- 12.17 Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.
- 12.18 Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement that pursuant to CCP section 583.330 to extend the date to bring a case to trial under CCP section 583.310 for the entire period of this settlement process.

PLAINTIFFS AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

DATED: 04 / 03 / 2024 _____



David Frederick Bitonti, Jr.
Personally, and as Class Representative

DATED: 04 / 02 / 2024 _____



Merrit Lynn Chassie
Personally, and as Class Representative

DEFENDANTS

DATED: _____

Teen Road to Safety, Inc.
By: Andrew Wunderlich
Its:

DATED: _____

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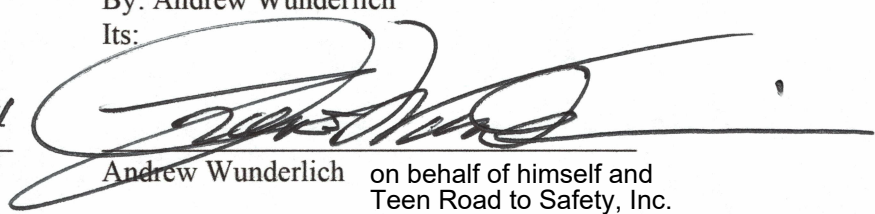
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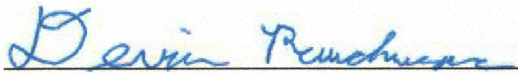
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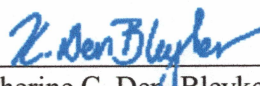
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COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL

David Bitonti, Jr., et. al. v. Teen Road to Safety, Inc., et. al.
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01333703-CU-OE-CXC

***The Superior Court for the State of California authorized this Notice. Read it carefully!
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You may be eligible to receive money from an employee class action lawsuit (“Action”) against Teen Road to Safety, Inc., and its owner Andrew Wunderlich (“TRTS” or, collectively, “Defendants”) for alleged wage and hour violations. The Action was filed by two former TRTS employees, David Bitonti Jr. and Merritt Chassie (“Plaintiffs”) and seeks payment of (1) back wages and other relief for a class of employees (“Class Members”) who worked for TRTS during the Class Period (June 27, 2019, through and including August 1, 2023); and (2) penalties under the California Private Attorney General Act (“PAGA”) for all employees who worked for TRTS during the PAGA Period (June 28, 2022 to August 1, 2023) (“Aggrieved Employees”).

The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring Defendants to fund Individual Class Payments, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring Defendants to fund Individual PAGA Payments and pay penalties to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”).

Based on Defendants’ records, and the Parties’ current assumptions, **your Individual Class Payment is estimated to be \$_ (less withholding) and your Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be \$_____**. The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. If no amount is stated for your Individual PAGA Payment, then according to Defendants’ records you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment under the Settlement because you didn’t work during the PAGA Period.

The above estimates are based on Defendants’ records showing that you worked _____ Qualifying Shifts during the Class Period and you worked _____ Pay periods during the PAGA Period. A Qualifying Shift is any day during the Class Period where you taught at least two lessons in a given day. If you believe that you worked more Qualifying Shifts or pay periods during either period, you can submit a challenge by the deadline date. See Section 4 of this Notice.

The Court has already preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement and approved this Notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or not act. Read this Notice carefully. You will be deemed to have carefully read and understood it. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the Settlement and how much of the Settlement will be paid to Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s attorneys (“Class Counsel”). The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires Defendants to make payments under the Settlement and requires Class Members and Aggrieved Employees to give up their rights to assert certain claims against Defendants.

If you worked for TRTS during the Class Period and/or the PAGA Period, you have two basic options under the Settlement:

(1) **Do Nothing.** You don't have to do anything to participate in the proposed Settlement and be eligible for an Individual Class Payment and/or an Individual PAGA Payment. As a Participating Class Member, though, you will give up your right to assert Class Period wage claims and PAGA Period penalty claims against Defendants.

(2) **Opt-Out of the Class Settlement.** You can exclude yourself from the Class Settlement (opt-out) by submitting the written Request for Exclusion or otherwise notifying the Administrator in writing. If you opt-out of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Class Payment. You will, however, preserve your right to personally pursue Class Period wage claims against Defendants, and, if you are an Aggrieved Employee, remain eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement.

Defendants will not retaliate against you for any actions you take with respect to the proposed Settlement.

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

You Don't Have to Do Anything to Participate in the Settlement	If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible for an Individual Class Payment and an Individual PAGA Payment (if any). In exchange, you will give up your right to assert the wage claims against Defendants that are covered by this Settlement (Released Claims).
You Can Opt-out of the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement The Opt-out Deadline is _____	If you don't want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you can opt-out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a written Request for Exclusion. Once excluded, you will be a Non-Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an Individual Class Payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to any portion of the proposed Settlement. See Section 6 of this Notice. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement. Defendants must pay Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees (defined below).
Participating Class Members Can Object to the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement Written Objections Must be Submitted by _____	All Class Members who do not opt-out ("Participating Class Members") can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. The Court's decision whether to finally approve the Settlement will include a determination of how much will be paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff who pursued the Action on behalf of the Class. You are not personally responsible for any payments to Class Counsel or Plaintiffs, but every dollar paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiffs reduces the overall amount paid to Participating Class Members. You can object to the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiffs if you think they are unreasonable. See Section 7 of this Notice.

You Can Participate in the _____ Final Approval Hearing	The Court’s Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on _____. You don’t have to attend but you do have the right to appear (or hire an attorney to appear on your behalf at your own cost), in person, by telephone or by using the Court’s virtual appearance platform. Participating Class Members can verbally object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing. See Section 8 of this Notice.
You Can Challenge the Calculation of Your Qualifying Shifts/Pay Periods Written Challenges Must be Submitted by _____	The amount of your Individual Class Payment and PAGA Payment (if any) depend on how many days you worked during the Class Period where you worked at least two shifts in the day, and how many Pay Periods there were where you worked at least one day with at least two shifts in the day at least one day during the PAGA Period, respectively. The number of Qualifying Shifts and number of PAGA Period Pay Periods you worked according to Defendants’ records is stated on the first page of this Notice. If you disagree with either of these numbers, you must challenge it by _____. See Section 4 of this Notice.

1. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Plaintiffs are former TRTS employees who worked as driving instructors. The Action accuses Defendants of violating California labor laws by failing to pay wages for off-the-clock work, overtime wages, minimum wages, wages due upon termination and reimbursable expenses, and failing to provide meal periods, rest breaks and accurate itemized wage statements. Based on the same claims, Plaintiff has also asserted a claim for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq.) (“PAGA”). Plaintiff is represented by attorneys in the Action:

Domb & Rauchwerger LLP
1055 East Colorado Blvd., Fifth Floor
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(“Class Counsel.”)

Defendants strongly deny violating any laws or failing to pay any wages and contend they complied with all applicable laws.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?

So far, the Court has made no determination whether Defendants or Plaintiffs are correct on the merits. In the meantime, Plaintiffs and Defendants hired an experienced, neutral mediator in an effort to resolve the Action by negotiating an to end the case by agreement (settle the case) rather than continuing the expensive and time-consuming process of litigation. The negotiations were successful. By signing a lengthy written settlement agreement (“Agreement”) and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Agreement, Plaintiffs and Defendants have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court’s Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims.

By agreeing to settle, Defendants do not admit any violations or concede the merit of any claims. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel strongly believe the Settlement is a good deal for you because they believe that: (1) Defendants have agreed to pay a fair, reasonable and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and (2) Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. The Court preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing to determine Final Approval.

3. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

1. Defendants Will Pay \$220,000 as the Gross Settlement Amount (Gross Settlement). Defendants have agreed to deposit the Gross Settlement into an account controlled by the Administrator of the Settlement. The Administrator will use the Gross Settlement to pay the Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel's attorney's fees and expenses, the Administrator's expenses, and penalties to be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA"). Assuming the Court grants Final Approval, Defendants will fund the Gross Settlement not more than 30 days after the Judgment entered by the Court becomes final. The Judgment will be final on the date the Court enters Judgment, or a later date if Participating Class Members object to the proposed Settlement or the Judgment is appealed.
2. Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement. At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement, the amounts of which will be decided by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing:
 - A. Up to \$ \$77,000.00 (35% of the Gross Settlement) to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and up to \$14,000 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.
 - B. Up to \$7,500 as a Class Representative Award to David Bitonti, Jr. and up to \$5,000 to Merritt Chassie for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel and representing the Class. A Class Representative Award will be the only monies Plaintiffs will receive other than their Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment.
 - C. Up to \$5,000 to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement.
 - D. Up to \$10,000 for PAGA Penalties, allocated 75% (\$7,500) to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$2,500) in Individual PAGA Payments to the Aggrieved Employees based on their PAGA Period Pay Periods.

Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions (other than the PAGA Penalties). The Court will consider all objections.

3. Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross

Settlement (the “Net Settlement”) by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on the number of days during the Class Period that a Class Member taught at least 2 driving lessons in a day.

4. Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. Plaintiffs and Defendants are asking the Court to approve an allocation of 33 1/3% of each Individual Class Payment to taxable wages (“Wage Portion”) and 66 2/3% to penalties and interest. (“Non-Wage Portion.”). The Wage Portion is subject to withholdings and will be reported on IRS W-2 Forms. Defendants will separately pay employer payroll taxes they owe on the Wage Portion. The Individual PAGA Payments are counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments and the Non-Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

Although Plaintiffs and Defendants have agreed to these allocations, neither side is giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes) on any Payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement.

5. Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every check issued for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments will show the date when the check expires (the void date). The void date will be 180 days following the issuance of the check. If you don’t cash it by the void date, your check will be automatically cancelled, and the monies will be deposited with the California Controller’s Unclaimed Property Fund in your name. If the monies represented by your check are sent to the Controller’s Unclaimed Property, you should consult the rules of the Fund for instructions on how to retrieve your money.
6. Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you notify the Administrator in writing, not later than _____, that you wish to opt-out. The easiest way to notify the Administrator is to send a written and signed Request for Exclusion by the _____ Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion should be a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative setting forth a Class Member’s name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. Excluded Class Members (i.e., Non-Participating Class Members) will not receive Individual Class Payments but will preserve their rights to personally pursue wage and hour claims against Defendants.

You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement. Class Members who exclude themselves from the Class Settlement (Non-Participating Class Members) remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments.

7. The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiffs and Defendants have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void: Defendants will not pay any money and Class Members will not release any claims against Defendants.
8. Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company, Phoenix Settlement Administrators (the “Administrator”) to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members’ Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also decide Class Member Challenges over Qualifying Shifts, mail and re- mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. The Administrator’s contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice.
9. Participating Class Members’ Release. After the Judgment is final and Defendants have fully funded the Gross Settlement and separately paid all employer payroll taxes, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. This means that unless you opted out by validly excluding yourself from the Class Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants or related entities for wages based on the Class Period facts and PAGA penalties based on PAGA Period facts, as alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement.

The Participating Class Members will be bound by the following release:

All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties from all claims that occurred during the Class Period and were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint, including: (1) Unpaid Overtime; (2) Unpaid Meal Period Premiums; (3) Unpaid Rest Period Premiums; (4) Unpaid Minimum Wages; (5) Final Wages Not Timely Paid; (6) Failure to Reimburse Necessary Business Expenses; (7) Failure to Provide Accurate Wage Statements; (8) Failure to Provide Written Notice of Paid Sick Leave and Supplemental Paid Sick Leave; and (9) Violation of Cal. Business & Professions Code § 17200, et seq. with respect to the business practices alleged in the Operative Complaint. Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers’ compensation, or claims based on facts occurring outside the Class Period.

10. PAGA Release. Upon final approval by the Court and upon funding of the Gross Settlement Amount, the claims released by Plaintiffs, as agents and proxies of the LWDA, in exchange for the consideration provided by this Agreement, will include any and all claims for civil penalties under the California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”), Labor Code section 2698, et seq., against the Released Parties for work performed during the PAGA Period and based on or arising out of the alleged violations of the Labor Code sections alleged in Plaintiffs’ letter to the LWDA, including but not limited to claims for unpaid wages of any type, unpaid overtime,

unpaid minimum wages, untimely wage payments both during and at the end of employment, non-compliant meal periods, non-compliant rest periods, non-compliant wage statements, unreimbursed business expenses, failure to maintain payroll records, failure to pay premiums, and claims for interest, penalties, or premiums in connection therewith.

4. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY PAYMENT?

1. Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Qualifying Shifts worked by all Participating Class Members, and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Qualifying Shifts worked by each individual Participating Class Member. A Qualifying Shift as any day in which a Class Member taught at least two lessons in a given day.
2. Individual PAGA Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing \$2,500 by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees and (b) multiplying the result by the number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by each individual Aggrieved Employee.
3. Qualifying Shift/Pay Period Challenges. The number of Qualifying Shifts you worked during the Class Period and the number of PAGA Pay Periods you worked during the PAGA Period, as recorded in Defendants' records, are stated in the first page of this Notice. You have until ___ to challenge the number of Qualifying Shifts and/or Pay Periods credited to you. You can submit your challenge by signing and sending a letter to the Administrator via mail, email or fax. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

You need to support your challenge by sending copies of pay stubs or other records. The Administrator will accept Defendants' calculation of Qualifying Shifts and/or Pay Periods based on Defendants' records as accurate unless you send copies of records containing contrary information. You should send copies rather than originals because the documents will not be returned to you. The Administrator will resolve Qualifying Shifts and/or Pay Period challenges based on your submission and on input from Class Counsel (who will advocate on behalf of Participating Class Members) and Defendants' Counsel. The Administrator's decision is final. You can't appeal or otherwise challenge its final decision.

5. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

1. Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check to every Participating Class Member (i.e., every Class Member who doesn't opt-out) including those who also qualify as Aggrieved Employees. The single check will combine the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment.
2. Non-Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every Aggrieved Employee who opts out of the Class Settlement (i.e., every Non-Participating Class Member).

Your check will be sent to the same address as this Notice. If you change your address, be sure to notify the Administrator as soon as possible. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

6. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?

Submit a written and signed letter with your name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement that you do not want to participate in the Settlement. The Administrator will exclude you based on any writing communicating your request be excluded. Be sure to personally sign your request, identify the Action as *Bitonti v. Teen Road to Safety, Inc.*, and include your identifying information (full name, address, telephone number, approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). You must make the request yourself. If someone else makes the request for you, it will not be valid. **The Administrator must be sent your request to be excluded by __, or it will be invalid.** Section 9 of the Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

7. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?

Only Participating Class Members have the right to object to the Settlement. Before deciding whether to object, you may wish to see what Plaintiffs and Defendants are asking the Court to approve. At least 16 days before the ____ Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel and/or Plaintiffs will file in Court (1) a Motion for Final Approval that includes, among other things, the reasons why the proposed Settlement is fair, and (2) a Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Award stating (i) the amount Class Counsel is requesting for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses; and (ii) the amount Plaintiffs are requesting as Class Representative Service Awards. Upon reasonable request, Class Counsel (whose contact information is in Section 9 of this Notice) will send you copies of these documents at no cost to you. You can also view them on the Administrator's Website

_____(url)_____ or the Court's website _____(url)_____.

A Participating Class Member who disagrees with any aspect of the Agreement, the Motion for Final Approval and/or Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Award may wish to object, for example, that the proposed Settlement is unfair, or that the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff are too high or too low. **The deadline for sending written objections to the Administrator is _____.** Be sure to tell the Administrator what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. Make sure you identify the Action as *Bitonti v. Teen Road to Safety, Inc.* and include your name, current address, telephone number, and approximate dates of employment for TRTS and sign the objection. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

Alternatively, a Participating Class Member can object (or personally retain a lawyer to object at your own cost) by attending the Final Approval Hearing. You (or your attorney) should be ready to tell the Court what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. See Section 8 of this Notice (immediately below) for specifics regarding the Final Approval Hearing.

8. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?

You can, but don't have to, attend the Final Approval Hearing on . at (time) in Department CX104 of the Orange County Superior Court, located at the Civil Complex Center at 751 West Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, CA 92701. At the Hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement and how much of the Gross Settlement will be paid to Class Counsel, Plaintiff, and the Administrator. The Court will invite comment from objectors, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel before making a decision. You can attend (or hire a lawyer to attend) either personally or virtually via Zoom (<https://www.occourts.org/general-information/covid-19-response/civil-covid-19-response/civil-remote-hearings>) Check the Court's website for the most current information.

It's possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the Administrator's website _____ beforehand or contact Class Counsel to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing.

9. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The Agreement sets forth everything Defendants and Plaintiffs have promised to do under the proposed Settlement. The easiest way to read the Agreement, the Judgment or any other Settlement documents is to go to Phoenix Settlement Administrators's website at (url). You can also telephone or send an email to Class Counsel or the Administrator using the contact information listed below, or consult the Superior Court website by going to (<http://www.lacourt.org/casesummary/ui/index.aspx>) and entering the Case Number for the Action, Case No. _____. You can also make an appointment to personally review court documents in the Clerk's Office at the Civil Complex Center by calling (657) 622-6878.

DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SUPERIOR COURT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.

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10. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK?

If you lose or misplace your settlement check before cashing it, the Administrator will replace it as long as you request a replacement before the void date on the face of the original check. If your check is already void, you should consult the Unclaimed Property Fund for instructions on how to retrieve the funds.

11. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?

To receive your check, you should immediately notify the Administrator if you move or otherwise change your mailing address.

EXHIBIT B

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8 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
9 **FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE**

10 DAVID FREDERICK BITONTI JR. and
11 MERRIT LYNN CHASSIE, individually, and
on behalf of others similarly situated, and on
12 behalf of other aggrieved employees pursuant
to the California Private Attorneys General
Act;

13 Plaintiffs,

14 vs.

15 TEEN ROAD TO SAFETY INC., a California
16 corporation; ANDREW WUNDERLICH, an
individual; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

17 Defendants.
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Case No. 30-2023-01333703-CU-OE-CXC

Honorable Melissa R. McCormick
Department CX104

**AMENDMENT TO CLASS ACTION
AND PAGA SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT**

Hearing Information:

Date: September 4, 2025
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Dept: CX104

1 Plaintiffs David Frederick Bitonti, Jr. and Merrit Lynn Chassie (“Plaintiffs”) and
2 Defendants Teen Road to Safety Inc. and Andrew Wunderlich (“Defendants.”) (collectively,
3 “the Parties”) pursuant to Paragraph 12.8 of the Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement,
4 which was fully executed by all Parties as of April 10, 2024 (“Original Agreement”), hereby
5 agree to amend the terms of the Original Agreement, as stated herein. Other than as expressly
6 set forth herein, the terms and conditions of the Original Agreement shall remain in full force
7 and effect.

8 **A. Section 1.6 – Definition of “Class Counsel” – in the Original Agreement is hereby**
9 **amended as follows:**

10 “Class Counsel” means Domb & Rauchwerger LLP, including Zack Domb, Devin
11 Rauchwerger and ~~Jeff Jackson~~ Eric Hahn.

12 **B. Section 1.8 – Definition of “Class Data” – in the Original Agreement is hereby**
13 **amended as follows:**

14 “Class Data” means Class Member identifying information in Defendant’s possession
15 including the Class Member’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, hire
16 date, termination date, any rehire date and any subsequent termination date, ~~and number of~~
17 ~~Qualifying Shifts worked during the Class Period.~~

18 **C. Section 1.18 – Definition of “Defense Counsel” – in the Original Agreement is**
19 **hereby amended as follows:**

20 “Defendant Counsel” means O’Hagan Meyer, including Katherine C. Den Bleyker ~~and~~
21 ~~Sohin Gautam.~~

22 **D. Section 1.24 – Definition of “Individual Class Payment” – in the Original**
23 **Agreement is hereby amended as follows:**

24 “Individual Class Payment” means the Participating Class Member’s pro rata share of
25 the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of ~~Workweeks Qualifying~~
26 ~~Shifts.~~

27 **E. Section 1.40 – Definition of “Qualifying Shift” is deleted in its entirety.**

28 **F. Section 1.43 – Definition of “Released Parties” - in the Original Agreement is**

1 **hereby amended as follows:**

2 “Released Parties” means: TRTS and its owner Andrew Wunderlich, along with his
3 spouse and children, and TRTS’s ~~each of its~~ former and present ~~owners, parents, and~~
4 ~~subsidiaries, and all of their current, former and future spouse(s), children,~~ officers, directors,
5 members, managers, and employees, ~~consultants, partners, shareholders, joint venturers, agents,~~
6 ~~predecessors, successors, assigns, accountants,~~ as well as its insurers Traveler’s Bond,
7 ~~reinsurers, and/or legal representatives; and Andrew Wunderlich.~~

8 **G. Section 1.43 – Definition of “Response Deadline” – in the Original Agreement is**
9 **hereby amended as follows:**

10 “Response Deadline” means 60 days after the Administrator mails Notice to Class
11 Members and Aggrieved Employees and shall be the last date on which Class Members may:
12 (a) fax, email, or mail Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, ~~or~~ (b) fax, email, or mail his
13 or her Objection to the Settlement, or (c) fax, email, or mail Challenges to Workweeks/Pay
14 periods. Class Members to whom Notice Packets are resent after having been returned
15 undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional 14 calendar days beyond the
16 Response Deadline has expired.

17 **H. Paragraph 3.2.3 “To the Administrator,” in the Original Agreement is hereby**
18 **amended as follows:**

19 An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$~~5~~ 4,000 except for a showing of
20 good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses are less
21 or the Court approves payment less than \$~~5~~ 4,000, the Administrator will retain the remainder
22 in the Net Settlement Amount.

23 **I. Paragraph 3.2.4 “To Each Participating Class Member,” in the Original**
24 **Agreement is hereby amended as follows:**

25 An Individual Class Payment calculated by (a) ~~dividing the Net Settlement~~
26 ~~Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members during~~
27 ~~the Class Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member’s~~
28 ~~Workweeks. taking the total number of days that a Class Member taught at least 2 lessons in a~~

~~day during the Class Period and dividing that by the number of times that a particular Class Member taught two or more lessons in a day during the Class period.~~

J. Paragraph 5.3 “PAGA Released Claims,” in the Original Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

~~Upon final approval by the Court and upon funding of the Gross Settlement Amount,~~
the claims released by Plaintiffs, as agents and proxies of the LWDA, in exchange for the consideration provided by this Agreement, ~~are will include~~ any and all claims for civil penalties under the California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”), Labor Code section 2698, *et seq.*, against the Released Parties for work performed during the PAGA Period and based on or arising out of the alleged violations of the Labor Code sections alleged in Plaintiffs’ letter to the LWDA, including but not limited to claims for unpaid wages of any type, unpaid overtime, unpaid minimum wages, untimely wage payments both during and at the end of employment, non-compliant meal periods, non-compliant rest periods, non-compliant wage statements, unreimbursed business expenses, failure to maintain payroll records, failure to pay premiums, and claims for interest, penalties, or premiums in connection therewith.

K. Paragraph 7.4.1 in the Original Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

No later than five (5) business days after receipt of the Class Data, the Administrator shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received and state the number of Class Members, PAGA Members, Workweeks, ~~Qualifying Shifts~~, and Pay Periods in the Class Data.

L. Paragraph 7.4.2 in the Original Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than 14 days after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members identified in the Class Data, via first-class United States Postal Service (“USPS”) mail, the Class Notice, substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit A**. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment payable to the Class Member, and the number of ~~Workweeks~~ ~~Qualifying Shifts~~ and PAGA Pay Periods (if applicable) used to calculate these amounts. Before

1 mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National
2 Change of Address database.

3 **M. Paragraph 7.6 “Challenges to Calculation of Qualifying Shifts” of the Original**
4 **Agreement is hereby amended to instead be titled “Challenges to Calculation of**
5 **Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods,” and is further amended as follows:**

6 Each Class Member shall have 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice
7 (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge
8 the number of ~~Workweeks days they taught at least two lessons in a day during the Class~~
9 ~~Period~~, as well as the number of PAGA Pay Periods worked (if any). The Class Member may
10 challenge the allocation by communicating with the administrator via fax, email or mail. The
11 Administrator must permit the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation.
12 In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the
13 ~~Workweeks Qualifying Shifts~~ contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are
14 consistent with the Class Data. The ~~Administrator’s determination of each Class Member’s~~
15 ~~allocation of Qualifying Shifts and/or Pay Periods shall be final and not appealable or~~
16 ~~otherwise susceptible to challenge.~~ The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all
17 challenges to calculation of ~~Workweeks Qualifying Shifts~~ and/or Pay Periods to Defense
18 Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator’s determination of the challenge. ~~The~~
19 ~~Parties shall file with the court all challenges submitted by class members, the evidence~~
20 ~~submitted, and the resolution of the challenges, and although the Administrator may make the~~
21 ~~initial decision regarding the challenges, the court may review any decision made by the~~
22 ~~Administrator.~~

23 **N. Paragraph 7.8.3 “Weekly Reports” of the Original Agreement is hereby**
24 **amended as follows:**

25 The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports to Class Counsel and
26 Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the number of: Class Notices mailed or re-
27 mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid)
28 received, objections received, challenges to ~~Workweeks Qualifying Shifts~~ and/or Pay Periods

1 received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual
2 PAGA Payments ("Weekly Report"). The Weekly Reports must include provide the
3 Administrator's assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all
4 Requests for Exclusion and objections received.

5 **O. Paragraph 7.8.4 "Qualifying Shifts and/or Pay Period Challenges" of the**
6 **Original Agreement is hereby amended to instead be titled "Workweeks and/or**
7 **Pay Period Challenges," and is further amended as follows:**

8 The Administrator has the authority to address and make ~~final~~ decisions consistent with
9 the terms of this Agreement on all Class Member challenges over the calculation of **Workweeks**
10 ~~Qualifying Shifts~~ and/or Pay Periods. ~~The Parties shall file with the court all challenges~~
11 ~~submitted by class members, the evidence submitted, and the resolution of the challenges, and~~
12 ~~although the Administrator may make the initial decision regarding the challenges, the court~~
13 ~~may review any decision made by the Administrator. The Administrator's decision shall be final~~
14 ~~and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.~~

15 **P. Paragraph 12.16 "Notice" of the Original Agreement is hereby amended as**
16 **follows:**

17 All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection
18 with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third
19 business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email or messenger,
20 addressed as follows:

21 To Plaintiffs:

22 Zack I. Domb

23 E-Mail zack@dombrauchwerger.com

24 Devin Rauchwerger

24 E-Mail devin@dombrauchwerger.com

25 ~~Jeffrey P. Jackson~~

25 ~~E-Mail jeff@dombrauchwerger.com~~

26 **DOMB & RAUCHWERGER LLP**

26 1055 East Colorado Blvd., Fifth Floor

27 Pasadena, California 91106

28 Telephone: (213) 537-9225

To Defendants:

1 Katherine C. Den. Bleyker
2 E-Mail: kdenbleyker@ohaganmeyer.com
3 ~~Sohim Gautam~~
4 ~~E-Mail: sgautam@ohaganmeyer.com~~
5 O'Hagan Meyer
6 550 S. Hope Street, Suite 2400
7 Los Angeles, CA 90071
8 Telephone: (213) 647-0005

9 **IT IS SO AGREED ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFFS BY THEIR UNDERSIGNED**
10 **COUNSEL OF RECORD AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVE AND APPROVED AS**
11 **TO FORM BY THE UNDERSIGNED COUNSEL OF RECORD**

12 Dated: August 21, 2025

DOMB & RAUCHWERGER LLP

14 By: 
15 Zack I. Domb, Esq.
16 Devin Rauchwerger, Esq.

17 Attorneys for Plaintiffs David Frederick
18 Bitonti Jr. and Merrit Lynn Chassie, the
19 Proposed Class and the Aggrieved
Employees

20 **IT IS SO AGREED ON BEHALF OF DEFENDANT BY THEIR UNDERSIGNED**
21 **COUNSEL OF RECORD AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVE AND APPROVED AS TO**
22 **FORM BY THE UNDERSIGNED COUNSEL OF RECORD:**

23 Dated: August 21, 2025

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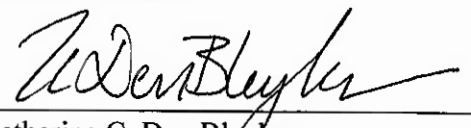
24 By: 
25 Katherine C. Den Bleyker
26 Attorneys for Defendants Teen Road to
27 Safety, Inc. and Andrew Wunderlich
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EXHIBIT C

**COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA
SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL**

David Bitonti, Jr., et. al. v. Teen Road to Safety, Inc., et. al.
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01333703-CU-OE-CXC

***The Superior Court for the State of California authorized this Notice. Read it carefully!
It's not junk mail, spam, an advertisement, or solicitation by a lawyer. You are not being sued.***

You may be eligible to receive money from an employee class action lawsuit (“Action”) against Teen Road to Safety, Inc., and its owner Andrew Wunderlich (“TRTS” or, collectively, “Defendants”) for alleged wage and hour violations. The Action was filed by two former TRTS employees, David Bitonti Jr. and Merritt Chassie (“Plaintiffs”) and seeks payment of (1) back wages and other relief for a class of employees (“Class Members”) who worked for TRTS during the Class Period (June 27, 2019, through and including August 1, 2023); and (2) penalties under the California Private Attorney General Act (“PAGA”) for all employees who worked for TRTS during the PAGA Period (June 28, 2022 to August 1, 2023) (“Aggrieved Employees”).

The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring Defendants to fund Individual Class Payments, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring Defendants to fund Individual PAGA Payments and pay penalties to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”).

Based on Defendants’ records, and the Parties’ current assumptions, **your Individual Class Payment is estimated to be \$_ (less withholding) and your Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be \$_____**. The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. If no amount is stated for your Individual PAGA Payment, then according to Defendants’ records you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment under the Settlement because you didn’t work during the PAGA Period.

The above estimates are based on Defendants’ records showing that you worked _____ Workweeks during the Class Period and you worked _____ Pay periods during the PAGA Period. A Workweek is any day during the Class Period where you taught at least two lessons in a given day. If you believe that you worked more Workweeks or pay periods during either period, you can submit a challenge by the deadline date. See Section 4 of this Notice.

The Court has already preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement and approved this Notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or not act. Read this Notice carefully. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the Settlement and how much of the Settlement will be paid to Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s attorneys (“Class Counsel”). The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires Defendants to make payments under the Settlement and requires Class Members and Aggrieved Employees to give up their rights to assert certain claims against Defendants.

If you worked for TRTS during the Class Period and/or the PAGA Period, you have two basic options under the Settlement:

(1) **Do Nothing.** You don't have to do anything to participate in the proposed Settlement and be eligible for an Individual Class Payment and/or an Individual PAGA Payment. As a Participating Class Member, though, you will give up your right to assert Class Period wage claims and PAGA Period penalty claims against Defendants.

(2) **Opt-Out of the Class Settlement.** You can exclude yourself from the Class Settlement (opt-out) by submitting the written Request for Exclusion or otherwise notifying the Administrator in writing. Class Members may (but are not required to) use the Exclusion Form included with the Class Notice. If you opt-out of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Class Payment. You will, however, preserve your right to personally pursue Class Period wage claims against Defendants, and, if you are an Aggrieved Employee, remain eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement.

Defendants will not retaliate against you for any actions you take with respect to the proposed Settlement.

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

You Don't Have to Do Anything to Participate in the Settlement	If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible for an Individual Class Payment and an Individual PAGA Payment (if any). In exchange, you will give up your right to assert the wage claims against Defendants that are covered by this Settlement (Released Claims).
You Can Opt-out of the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement The Opt-out Deadline is _____	If you don't want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you can opt-out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a written Request for Exclusion. Class Members may (but are not required to) use the Exclusion Form included with the Class Notice. Once excluded, you will be a Non-Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an Individual Class Payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to any portion of the proposed Settlement. See Section 6 of this Notice. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement. Defendants must pay Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees (defined below).

Participating Class Members Can Object to the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement Written Objections Must be Submitted by _____	All Class Members who do not opt-out (“Participating Class Members”) can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. Class Members may (but are not required to) use the Objection Form included with the Class Notice. The Court’s decision whether to finally approve the Settlement will include a determination of how much will be paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff who pursued the Action on behalf of the Class. You are not personally responsible for any payments to Class Counsel or Plaintiffs, but every dollar paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiffs reduces the overall amount paid to Participating Class Members. You can object to the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiffs if you think they are unreasonable. See Section 7 of this Notice.
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You Can Participate in the _____ Final Approval Hearing	The Court’s Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on _____. You don’t have to attend but you do have the right to appear (or hire an attorney to appear on your behalf at your own cost), in person, by telephone or by using the Court’s virtual appearance platform. Participating Class Members can verbally object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing. See Section 8 of this Notice.
You Can Challenge the Calculation of Your Workweeks/Pay Periods Written Challenges Must be Submitted by _____	The amount of your Individual Class Payment and PAGA Payment (if any) depend on how many days you worked during the Class Period where you worked at least two shifts in the day, and how many Pay Periods there were where you worked at least one day with at least two shifts in the day at least one day during the PAGA Period, respectively. The number of Workweeks and number of PAGA Period Pay Periods you worked according to Defendants’ records is stated on the first page of this Notice. If you disagree with either of these numbers, you must challenge it by _____. See Section 4 of this Notice.

1. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Plaintiffs are former TRTS employees who worked as driving instructors. The Action accuses Defendants of violating California labor laws by failing to pay wages for off-the-clock work, overtime wages, minimum wages, wages due upon termination and reimbursable expenses, and failing to provide meal periods, rest breaks and accurate itemized wage statements. Based on the same claims, Plaintiff has also asserted a claim for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq.) (“PAGA”). Plaintiff is represented by attorneys in the Action:

Domb & Rauchwerger LLP
1055 East Colorado Blvd., Fifth Floor
Pasadena, California 91106

(“Class Counsel.”)

Defendants deny violating any laws or failing to pay any wages and contend they complied with all applicable laws.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?

The Court has not made any determination whether Defendants or Plaintiffs are correct on the merits. Plaintiffs and Defendants hired an experienced, neutral mediator in an effort to resolve the Action by negotiating an to end the case by agreement (settle the case) rather than continuing the expensive and time-consuming process of litigation. The negotiations were successful. By signing a written settlement agreement (“Agreement”) and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Agreement, Plaintiffs and Defendants have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court’s Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims. By agreeing to

settle, Defendants do not admit any violations or concede the merit of any claims. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel believe the Settlement is a good deal for you because they believe that: (1) Defendants have agreed to pay a fair, reasonable and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and (2) Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. The Court preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing to determine Final Approval.

3. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

1. Defendants Will Pay \$220,000 as the Gross Settlement Amount (Gross Settlement). Defendants have agreed to deposit the Gross Settlement into an account controlled by the Administrator of the Settlement. The Administrator will use the Gross Settlement to pay the Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel's attorney's fees and expenses, the Administrator's expenses, and penalties to be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA"). Assuming the Court grants Final Approval, Defendants will fund the Gross Settlement not more than 30 days after the Judgment entered by the Court becomes final. The Judgment will be final on the date the Court enters Judgment, or a later date if Participating Class Members object to the proposed Settlement or the Judgment is appealed.
2. Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement. At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement, the amounts of which will be decided by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing:
 - A. Up to \$ \$77,000.00 (35% of the Gross Settlement) to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and up to \$14,000 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.
 - B. Up to \$7,500 as a Class Representative Award to David Bitonti, Jr. and up to \$5,000 to Merritt Chassie for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel and representing the Class. A Class Representative Award will be the only monies Plaintiffs will receive other than their Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment.
 - C. Up to \$4,000 to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement.
 - D. Up to \$10,000 for PAGA Penalties, allocated 75% (\$7,500) to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$2,500) in Individual PAGA Payments to the Aggrieved Employees based on their PAGA Period Pay Periods.

Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions (other than the PAGA Penalties). The Court will consider all objections.

3. Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross

Settlement (the “Net Settlement”) by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on the number of Workweeks worked during the Class Period.. The Parties shall file with the court all challenges submitted by class members, the evidence submitted, and the resolution of the challenges, and although the Administrator may make the initial decision regarding the challenges, the court may review any decision made by the Administrator.

4. Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. Plaintiffs and Defendants are asking the Court to approve an allocation of 33 1/3% of each Individual Class Payment to taxable wages (“Wage Portion”) and 66 2/3% to penalties and interest. (“Non-Wage Portion.”). The Wage Portion is subject to withholdings and will be reported on IRS W-2 Forms. Defendants will separately pay employer payroll taxes they owe on the Wage Portion. The Individual PAGA Payments are counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments and the Non-Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

Although Plaintiffs and Defendants have agreed to these allocations, neither side is giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes) on any Payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement.

5. Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every check issued for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments will show the date when the check expires (the void date). The void date will be 180 days following the issuance of the check. If you don’t cash it by the void date, your check will be automatically cancelled, and the monies will be deposited with the California Controller’s Unclaimed Property Fund in your name. If the monies represented by your check are sent to the Controller’s Unclaimed Property, you should consult the rules of the Fund for instructions on how to retrieve your money.
6. Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you notify the Administrator in writing, not later than _____, that you wish to opt-out. The easiest way to notify the Administrator is to send a written and signed Request for Exclusion by the _____ Response Deadline. Class Members may (but are not required to) use the Exclusion Form included with the Class Notice. The Request for Exclusion should be a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative setting forth a Class Member’s name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. Excluded Class Members (i.e., Non-Participating Class Members) will not receive Individual Class Payments but will preserve their rights to personally pursue wage and hour claims against Defendants.

You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement. Class Members who exclude themselves from the Class Settlement (Non-Participating Class Members) remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments.

7. The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiffs and Defendants have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void: Defendants will not pay any money and Class Members will not release any claims against Defendants.
8. Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company, Phoenix Settlement Administrators (the “Administrator”) to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members’ Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also decide Class Member Challenges over Workweeks, mail and re- mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. The Administrator’s contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice. Although the Administrator may make the initial decision regarding the Class Member Challenges, the court may review any decision made by the Administrator.
9. Participating Class Members’ Release. Effective on the date when Defendants fully fund the entire Gross Settlement Amount and fund all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payments,, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. This means that unless you opted out by validly excluding yourself from the Class Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants or related entities for wages based on the Class Period facts and PAGA penalties based on PAGA Period facts, as alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement.

The Participating Class Members will be bound by the following release:

All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties from all claims that occurred during the Class Period and were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint, including: (1) Unpaid Overtime; (2) Unpaid Meal Period Premiums; (3) Unpaid Rest Period Premiums; (4) Unpaid Minimum Wages; (5) Final Wages Not Timely Paid; (6) Failure to Reimburse Necessary Business Expenses; (7) Failure to Provide Accurate Wage Statements; (8) Failure to Provide Written Notice of Paid Sick Leave and Supplemental Paid Sick Leave; and (9) Violation of Cal. Business & Professions Code § 17200, et seq. with respect to the business practices alleged in the Operative Complaint. Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers’ compensation, or claims based on facts occurring outside the Class Period.

10. PAGA Release. Plaintiffs, as agents and proxies of the LWDA, in exchange for the consideration provided by this Settlement Agreement, will include any and all claims for civil penalties under the California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”), Labor Code section 2698, et seq., against the Released Parties for work performed during the PAGA Period and based on or arising out of the alleged violations

of the Labor Code sections alleged in Plaintiffs' letter to the LWDA, including but not limited to claims for unpaid wages of any type, unpaid overtime, unpaid minimum wages, untimely wage payments both during and at the end of employment, non-compliant meal periods, non-compliant rest periods, non-compliant wage statements, unreimbursed business expenses, failure to maintain payroll records, failure to pay premiums, and claims for interest, penalties, or premiums in connection therewith.

4. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY PAYMENT?

1. Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members, and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member's Workweeks. Workweek means any week during which a Class Member was employed by Defendants as an hourly, non-exempt employee in California. Workweeks may be based on either: (1) pay periods during at least one shift was worked; or (2) hire dates and, where applicable, last dates worked or separation dates, re-hire dates, and dates of any periods of leave.
2. Individual PAGA Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing \$2,500 by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees and (b) multiplying the result by the number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by each individual Aggrieved Employee.
3. Workweek and/or Pay Period Challenges. The number of Workweeks you worked during the Class Period and the number of PAGA Pay Periods you worked during the PAGA Period, as recorded in Defendants' records, are stated in the first page of this Notice. You have until ____ to challenge the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods credited to you. You can submit your challenge by signing and sending a letter to the Administrator via mail, email or fax. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

You need to support your challenge by sending copies of pay stubs or other records. The Administrator will accept Defendants' calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods based on Defendants' records as accurate unless you send copies of records containing contrary information. You should send copies rather than originals because the documents will not be returned to you. The Administrator will resolve Workweeks and/or Pay Period challenges based on your submission and on input from Class Counsel (who will advocate on behalf of Participating Class Members) and Defendants' Counsel. The parties shall file with the court all disputes submitted by class members, the evidence submitted, and the resolution of the disputes, and although the settlement administrator may make the initial decision regarding claim disputes, the court may review any decision made by the settlement administrator regarding a claim dispute

5. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

1. Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check to every Participating Class Member (i.e., every Class Member who doesn't opt-out) including those who also qualify as Aggrieved Employees. The single check will

combine the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment.

2. Non-Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every Aggrieved Employee who opts out of the Class Settlement (i.e., every Non-Participating Class Member).

Your check will be sent to the same address as this Notice. If you change your address, be sure to notify the Administrator as soon as possible. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

6. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?

Submit a written and signed letter with your name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement that you do not want to participate in the Settlement. You may (but are not required to) use the Exclusion Form which is included with this Class Notice. The Administrator will exclude you based on any writing communicating your request be excluded. Be sure to personally sign your request, identify the Action as *Bitonti v. Teen Road to Safety, Inc.*, and include your identifying information (full name, address, telephone number, approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). You must make the request yourself. If someone else makes the request for you, it will not be valid. **The Administrator must be sent your request to be excluded by _____, or it will be invalid.** Section 9 of the Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

7. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?

Only Participating Class Members have the right to object to the Settlement. Before deciding whether to object, you may wish to see what Plaintiffs and Defendants are asking the Court to approve. At least 16 days before the Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel and/or Plaintiffs will file in Court (1) a Motion for Final Approval that includes, among other things, the reasons why the proposed Settlement is fair, and (2) a Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Award stating (i) the amount Class Counsel is requesting for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses; and (ii) the amount Plaintiffs are requesting as Class Representative Service Awards. Upon reasonable request, Class Counsel (whose contact information is in Section 9 of this Notice) will send you copies of these documents at no cost to you. You can also view them on the Administrator's Website <http://Bitonti-v-TeenRoad.phoenixcases.com> or the Court's website <https://civilwebshopping.occourts.org/Login.do>.

A Participating Class Member who disagrees with any aspect of the Agreement, the Motion for Final Approval and/or Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Award may wish to object, for example, that the proposed Settlement is unfair, or that the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff are too high or too low. **The deadline for sending written objections to the Administrator is _____.** You may (but are not required to) use the Objection Form which is included with this Class Notice. Be sure to tell the Administrator what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. Make sure you identify the Action as *Bitonti v. Teen Road to Safety, Inc.* and include your name, current address, telephone number, and approximate dates of employment for TRTS and sign the objection. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

Alternatively, a Participating Class Member can object (or personally retain a lawyer to object at your own cost) by attending the Final Approval Hearing. You (or your attorney) should be ready to tell the Court what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. See Section 8 of this Notice (immediately below) for specifics regarding the Final Approval Hearing.

8. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?

You can, but don't have to, attend the Final Approval Hearing on . at (time) in Department CX104 of the Orange County Superior Court, located at the Civil Complex Center at 751 West Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, CA 92701. At the Hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement and how much of the Gross Settlement will be paid to Class Counsel, Plaintiff, and the Administrator. The Court will invite comment from objectors, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel before making a decision. You can attend (or hire a lawyer to attend) either personally or virtually via Zoom (<https://www.occourts.org/general-information/covid-19-response/civil-covid-19-response/civil-remote-hearings>) Check the Court's website for the most current information.

It's possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the Administrator's website _____ beforehand or contact Class Counsel to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing.

9. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The Agreement sets forth everything Defendants and Plaintiffs have promised to do under the proposed Settlement. The Administrator will post all key documents, including the operative complaint, the PAGA notice letter(s) to the LWDA, the Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement, the Amendment to the Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement, the Class Notice (including the Exclusion Form and Objection Form), the orders granting Preliminary and Final approval, and the Final Judgment, on its website at (url) _____. The Final Judgment will be posted for at least 180 days. You can also telephone or send an email to Class Counsel or the Administrator using the contact information listed below, or consult the Superior Court website by going to (<http://www.lacourt.org/casesummary/ui/index.aspx>) and entering the Case Number for the Action, Case No. _____. You can also make an appointment to personally review court documents in the Clerk's Office at the Civil Complex Center by calling (657) 622-6878.

DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SUPERIOR COURT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.

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Settlement Administrator:

Phoenix Settlement
Administrators

Email Address: Notice@phoenixclassaction.com
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7208, Orange, California 92863
Telephone: 800-523-5773
Fax Number: 949-209-2503

10. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK?

If you lose or misplace your settlement check before cashing it, the Administrator will replace it as long as you request a replacement before the void date on the face of the original check. If your check is already void, you should consult the Unclaimed Property Fund for instructions on how to retrieve the funds.

11. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?

To receive your check, you should immediately notify the Administrator if you move or otherwise change your mailing address.

[illegible]

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: (____ ____ ____) ____ ____ ____ ____ ____

Signature: _____

To ensure that this form is properly processed on your behalf and to avoid confusion in the event that multiple individuals having the same or similar names submit this form, please provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number to the administrator so that your identity may be confirmed:

____ _

EXCLUSION FORM

USE AND RETURN THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU WISH TO EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE CLASS SETTLEMENT.

If you wish to exclude yourself from the Settlement, you must read and sign the following statement and return this form to the Administrator, by mail, postmarked on or before **[RESPONSE DEADLINE]**, at the following mailing address:

**[Phoenix Settlement Administrators]
[INSERT MAILING ADDRESS]**

If you do not wish to exclude yourself from the Settlement (and you wish to receive a payment from the Settlement), you should not return this form – you do not need to take any action.

I request to be excluded from the class action settlement in the matter of *David Bitonti, Jr., et. al. v. Teen Road to Safety, Inc., et. al. Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01333703-CU-OE-CXC*. By excluding myself from the class action settlement, I understand that I will not be bound by the settlement and release of the Released Class Claims, and that I will not receive an Individual Class Payment. I also understand that submission of a request for exclusion from the class settlement will not exclude me from the Private Attorney Generals Act (“PAGA”) portion of the settlement and that if I am entitled to receive one, I will still receive an Individual PAGA Payment even if I request exclusion from the class action settlement.

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____

Signature: _____

To ensure that this form is properly processed on your behalf and to avoid confusion in the event that multiple individuals having the same or similar names submit this form, please provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number to the administrator so that your identity may be confirmed:
