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QUESTION 1: What did you accomplish during this reporting period? How did these accomplishments help you reach the goal of your project? If relevant, what indicators or benchmarks were used to determine your progress?

- Assemblies: We are excited to have officially grown our Mojave Max Team by one member as of September 30th! GON was able to recruit a part-time Education Program presenter, Kalani Krause, to primarily support the Mojave Max Assembly schedule this school year since the frequency has increased. Kalani brings a formal education background, informal education experience, and tons of energy to this role and we are excited for her to shadow the first two weeks of her tenure and then make the position her own! Assemblies for the 2024-25 school year begin on Tuesday, October 1st at Myrtle Tate ES for an anticipated 93 second graders.
- Tortoise Talks: Beginning in September, GON completed Tortoise Talk presentations for 4 classes reaching 100 4th grade students. Participating schools included: John Dooley, Laura Dearing, and Battle Born Academy Elementary Schools.
- Outreach Events: GON has not participated in any community outreach events during this quarter. We are looking forward to the first event next week!
- Emergence Contest: Our goal is to surpass last year's guesses and reach 5,000 guesses this year. That goal would place us nearer to pre-pandemic levels. Although a stretch goal, we believe this is achievable as long as we continue to systematically promote the contest throughout the fall, winter, and early spring. We have the potential to reach a net increase of students as a result of the increased number of assemblies (typically 3-5 classes in attendance) from 20 to 30 for the school year while only decreasing Tortoise Talk programs (limited to one class in attendance) by 20.
- Emergence Contest Winner Classroom Visit and Field Trip: This deliverable will be completed in the second half of the Spring semester.

QUESTION 2: What, if any, problems were encountered? Briefly describe those problems and the manner in which they were dealt.

- During the project mobilization process, the team reflected on the past year's programming and discussed ways to address a couple of patterns that were noticed around the age bands of participants. The discussion landed on two main points: 1. The

Mojave Max Mascot and the format of the assemblies were best received by a 1st-3rd grade audience. Older students often seemed less engaged with the mascot character and also generally knew much of the information being presented to them. On the other hand, the younger students often responded less favorably to the format of a Tortoise Talk presentation, while the older students benefited from a more in depth look into Mojave Max. The solution was an amendment that was submitted in August that outlined the grade restrictions on the two activities as well as an adjustment in the overall deliverable numbers based on the capacity, funding, and time requirements for both Tortoise Talks and Assemblies. The amendment was approved by DCP in August and the Mojave Max Team was able to move forward with planning for the school year.

QUESTION 3: What, if any, proposed activities were not completed? Briefly describe those activities, the reasons they were not completed and your plans for carrying them out.

- No proposed activities have not been completed.

QUESTION 4: What is the calculated percent of work completed?

- 25% We have approximately one quarter of the work completed for this agreement. During this quarter, we have focused on planning and began implementation a little over halfway through the quarter. Our goal is to make large strides towards executing our deliverables beginning the first week of October.

QUESTION 5: Do you foresee any upcoming problems with future project activities? If so, how do you propose to overcome those problems?

- No, we do not foresee any upcoming problems with future activities at this time.

QUESTION 6: Is there anything else you want to tell the DCP about this project?

- We appreciate the opportunity to partner with DCP on this important project.

QUESTION 7: What was produced during the reporting period?

- 4 Tortoise Talks were completed for 100 4th grade students.