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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable School Board Members

FROM: Michael J. Woodall, CPPO, Purchasing Agent *MJW*

RE: University of South Florida College of Education
Partnership for Support and Advocacy for Educators
Thomas E. Weightman Middle School

The University of South Florida College of Education (COEDU) seeks to partner with Thomas E. Weightman Middle School staff and faculty to support and enhance students' education. The two entities will work together to create a Partnership Action Plan. This plan will facilitate enhanced learning opportunities, set mutual goals, and assess the progress of meeting goals.

Additionally, the partnership will assist in the preparation of COEDU teacher education candidates and engage in the professional development of teachers and other school personnel. The partnership will also provide for conducting collaborative research and scholarship COEDU and Pasco County Schools and/or pursue grant opportunities of mutual interest.

The partnership will be for two (2) years and start upon Board approval. Ms. Nancy Alfonso, District School Board Attorney and Ms. Beth Brown, Executive Director for Secondary Schools, have reviewed and approved this partnership on September 20, 2012 and September 24, 2012 respectively (copies of approvals on file in Purchasing). At this time, we respectfully request The Board's approval of this agreement.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Beth Rawls, Director of Prekindergarten Services. If you have any purchasing related questions regarding this agreement, please contact me.

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Attachments

Date/Time: October 10, 2012 09:23:00



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PARTNERSHIP STATEMENT

University of South Florida College of Education and Pasco County Schools

This statement describes the partnership between the University of South Florida Board of Trustees, a public body corporate of the State of Florida for its College of Education (COEDU) and The School Board of Pasco County, Florida, a public corporate body operating and existing under the laws of the State of Florida for its Thomas E. Weightman Middle School (Partnership School). It represents the intent of the COEDU administration and faculty, and Pasco County Schools (PCS) administration, faculty and staff, to support and advocate for the educational endeavors at the Partnership School in ways consistent with the academic mission of the COEDU and the Strategic Plan of PCS.

Under this agreement, the administration and faculty at the COEDU and the Partnership School will work collaboratively to:

- Facilitate enhanced learning opportunities for the school children
- Set mutual goals and objectives,
- Create an annual Action Plan for each Partnership school based on the goals and objectives,
- Conduct an annual assessment of progress toward meeting annual goals as described in the Action Plan, and
- Sustain the partnership over time (minimum of 2 years)

Partnership Action Plan is Required to:

- Hold a commitment to the COEDU Conceptual Framework and PCS Strategic Plan,
- Host and assist in the preparation of COEDU teacher education candidates,
- Engage in the professional development of teachers and other school personnel in the Partnership School and provide opportunities for the same for the faculty in the COEDU,

and at least one of the following:

- Conduct collaborative research and scholarship between COEDU and PCS administrators, faculty, and/or staff on educational topics of mutual interest.
- Pursue grant opportunities of mutual interest that fulfill the needs of both the COEDU and the Partnership School.

The administration of the COEDU and the Partnership School will establish a committee called the Partnership Advisory Committee from their respective units. This committee will develop the action plan based on the needs of the two partners. Through analysis of available data, the committee will develop an annual Action Plan, which is complementary to each school's School Improvement Plan, which describes expected annual outcomes, roles and responsibilities of each partner, strategies and activities to

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be implemented, and data to be collected to determine annual progress. Progress toward meeting Action Plan goals will be analyzed at least quarterly by the Partnership Advisory Committee to inform Partnership progress and make revisions to the Action Plan as needed. The Partnership Advisory Committee will establish communication to identify collaborative opportunities associated with classroom practice, curriculum, and school-based research. The agenda and minutes of each meeting will be recorded and distributed to appropriate bodies. Progress toward meeting annual goals will be mutually assessed and used as a basis for creating the next year's Action Plan.

This statement recognizes that effective communication is essential to this process and that the COEDU administration, PCS administration, and the Partnership School should be in purposeful contact to ensure that both partners are able to facilitate mutually beneficial work. To this end, a schedule of regular meetings and a roster of committee members and committee chair(s) will be set as part of each annual Action Plan. This statement is intended to convey the spirit and intent of the partnership in broad language thereby allowing the COEDU, PCS, and Partnership School administration and faculty leverage to construct a personalized, effective Action Plan within the spirit of a constructive and mutually supportive accord.

This agreement is effective as of the beginning of the Partnership School's 2012 school year and is for a term of two (2) years. The agreement may be renewed for successive two (2) year terms upon the mutual agreement of the parties. Either party may terminate the agreement upon written notice to the other party no less than sixty (60) days prior to the start of the Partnership School's school year. Any commitments or obligations of either party extending beyond the date of termination will be fully performed. This agreement will cease to be in effect in two years from the time of its implementation unless the agreement is renewed.

Implementation Date August 1, 2012

Expiration Date July 31, 2014

 8/17/12

Dean, College of Education Date

University of South Florida

 9/6/12

Principal Date

Brandon Bracciale
Thomas E. Weightman Middle School

Superintendent Date

Pasco County Schools

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Attachment A – USF College of Education

A) This contract is subject to Act of God or government regulation, disaster, strikes, civil disorder, or other emergency making it illegal or impossible to provide facilities or hold the events. Should USF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION cancel this contract for reasons other than Act of God, etc., and another date time cannot be mutually agreed upon USF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION shall refund all monies (including deposits) to the School Board.

In addition, when the Department of Homeland Security issues a "Red Alert Status," the District School Board of Pasco County has the right to cancel this agreement without penalty and USF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION shall refund all monies (including deposits) to the School Board within thirty (30) calendar days, if a date cannot be mutually agreed upon to reschedule.

B) USF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION agrees to indemnify and hold the DSBPC harmless from and against all damages of any nature whatsoever which are caused or materially contributed to by the negligent acts of any officer, employee, and agent or other representative of USF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION and which are not caused or materially contributed to by any officer, employee, agent, or other representative of the DSBPC.

C) Termination of Contract: This contract may be terminated when it is in the best interest of the District within 30 days notice. Contracts cancelled by the vendor because of non-performance may result in exclusion from participating on any other similar contracts offered by any public school in Pasco County, FL. Contracts cancelled because of non-performance will be excluded from future business with the District for the full term of the contract plus one year.

D) Venue for any and all legal action regarding or arising out of the transaction covered herein shall be solely in the appropriate Court in and for Pasco County, State of Florida.



E) This contract is governed by the laws put forth by the State of Florida.

F) USF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION must provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance in the amount of \$500,000 listing the District School Board of Pasco County as an additional insured.

G) In the event of a dispute between the parties of this agreement over the terms and conditions of this agreement, the parties will first attempt to resolve the dispute informally. In the event further resolution is needed, the parties agree to first submit the dispute to mediation using a mutually agreed upon mediator, proceeding with litigation.

USF College of Education Date

Cost Center Administrator Date

Michael J. Woodall, CPPO, Purchasing Agent Date

 Date

Board Chairperson