



AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, O/B/O
EAST COAST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER
AND
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

This Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into between The School Board of Seminole County, Florida, (hereinafter called School Board), O/B/O East Coast Technical Assistance Center located at 400 E. Lake Mary Blvd., Sanford, Florida 32773-7127 and The School Board of Hamilton County, Florida, (hereinafter called Member District), located at 5683 US Highway 129 South, Suite 1, Jasper, Florida 32052.

WHEREAS, the East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC) provides support and technical assistance to Title I and other specified Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) programs in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Member District wishes to enter into an agreement with the School Board, for support and technical assistance regarding its Title I and other ESEA programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Term. This Agreement shall commence on the last date of approval by a party and shall terminate on June 30, 2024. Thereafter, the Agreement may be renewed for additional annual terms upon the mutual written consent of both parties.
2. Payment. The Member District agrees to pay to the School Board, the amount of \$2,420 for services provided under this Agreement. The School Board, shall submit an invoice and the Member District shall remit payment within forty-five (45) days of the invoice date.
3. Scope. In consideration of the payment set forth in paragraph 2 above, ECTAC shall provide support and technical assistance to the Title I and other specified ESEA programs of the Member District. This support and technical assistance shall include specific program activities and deliverables in support of the approved district Title I Project Applications as appropriate, and other services to be provided which are specified and attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference. See also Exhibit "B", Operational Procedures incorporated herein by reference.
4. Termination. Either party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause upon 30 days' written notice to the other party. In the event of termination, the School Board, shall immediately cease providing services as described in paragraph 3 above, and the Member District shall be entitled to a pro rata refund of funds paid in advance for the 2023-2024 school year, pursuant to paragraph 2 above.

APPROVED BY HAMILTON SCHOOL BOARD

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5. Background Screening. The Parties agree to comply with all requirements of Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes, and all of their personnel who (1) are to be permitted access to school grounds when students are present, (2) will have direct contact with students, or (3) have access or control of school funds, will successfully complete the background screening required by the referenced statutes and meet the standards established by the statutes. This background screening will be conducted by each party in advance of its personnel providing any services under the conditions described in the previous sentence. Each party shall bear its own cost of acquiring the background screening required by Section 1012.32, Florida Statutes, and any fee imposed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to maintain the fingerprints provided with respect to its personnel. The Parties acknowledge that Florida Statutes allow for an exception to mandatory background screening requirements where staff, employees, and/or agents which are permitted access on school grounds when students are present, or which have any direct contact with students, remain at all times within line-of-sight supervision by school personnel. The Parties agree that the failure to perform any of the duties described in this section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

6. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Any dispute with respect to this agreement is subject to the laws of Florida. Venue for any action shall be in the Circuit Court, Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, Seminole County, Florida or the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division.

7. Mutual Indemnification. Subject to the limitations of §768.28 Florida, each party to this agreement shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other party against any and all claims, suits, actions, damages, or causes of action arising out of the negligent acts or omissions, or willful misconduct of the indemnifying party's employees, agents, or officers to the extent that such acts are performed within the scope of the indemnifying party's employment or agency. Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by any agency or political subdivision to which sovereign immunity may be applicable.

8. Notice. All notices required under this Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested or hand delivery. Notice given in any manner shall be effective only if and when received by the party to be notified. All notices to be given to the parties shall be sent to or delivered at the addresses set forth below:

If to School Board of Seminole County:

Serita D. Beamon, Superintendent
The School Board of Seminole County, Florida
400 E. Lake Mary Blvd
Sanford, FL 32773-7127

With a copy to:

Dr. Maria J. Longa, Director
East Coast Technical Assistance Center
400 E. Lake Mary Blvd.
Sanford, FL 32773-7127

If to Member District:

Dorothy Lee Wetherington-Zamora,
Superintendent
The School Board of Hamilton County, Florida
5683 US Highway 129 South
Jasper, FL 32052-3743

With a copy to:

Peggy Hasty, Coordinator
Special Programs
5683 US Highway 129 South
Jasper, FL 32052

By giving the other party at least fifteen (15) days written notice, each party shall have the right to change its address and the name of its representative for notice purposes.

9. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to the matters covered by this Agreement. All prior negotiations, representations, and agreements not incorporated in this Agreement are canceled. This Agreement can be modified or amended only by a written document duly executed by the parties or their duly appointed representatives.

10. Authorization. Each party warrants and represents with respect to itself that neither the execution of this Agreement nor the performance of its obligations under this Agreement shall violate any legal requirement or other commitment or restriction to which it is a party or by which it is bound. Each party also warrants and represents, with respect to itself, that the execution of this Agreement and the performance of its obligations under this Agreement shall not require any consent, vote, or approval which has not been obtained, or at the appropriate time shall not have been given or obtained. Each party agrees that it has or will continue to have throughout the term of this Agreement the full right and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations. Upon written request, each party agrees to supply the other party with evidence of its full right and authority.

11. Access and Retention of Documents. Each party will, upon request, provide access to the other party, the Federal Grantor agency, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives, to any books, documents, papers and records which are directly related to this project. Both parties to this Agreement will retain all records related to the services provided pursuant this Agreement, for five (5) years after the Member District has made final payments and all other matters between the parties in connection with this Agreement, are closed. Further, both parties agree to comply with s.119.0701, F.S., as applicable.

12. Copyrights. The parties are hereby notified that the federal awarding agency reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, for federal government purposes: the copyright in any work developed under a grant, subgrant, or agreement under a grant or subgrant; and, any rights of copyright to which a grantee, subgrantee or a contractor purchases ownership with grant support. Furthermore, the parties agree that the School Board has the right to make copies of any materials, whether in tangible or electronic means or media, that are delivered under the provisions of this Agreement for use within the School Board, for purposes related to the School Board, business, operations, the delivery of the educational program or to comply with the requirements of law, rule, policy or regulation.

13. Debarment. By signing this Agreement, the parties certify, to the best of their knowledge and belief, that they and their principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, and declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by a federal department or agency.

(b) Have not, within the preceding five (5) year period, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or agreement under public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property.

(c) Are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the preceding paragraph (b).

(d) Have not within the preceding five (5) year period had one (1) or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.

(e) Are not presently, nor have been within the last three (3) years, listed on the convicted vendor list.

The parties agree to notify each other within thirty (30) days after the occurrence of any of the events, actions, debarments, proposals, declarations, exclusions, convictions, judgments, indictments, information, or terminations as described in paragraphs (a) – (e) above, with respect to the parties or their principals.

14. Public Records Act/Chapter 119 Requirements. The School Board and Member District agree to comply with the Florida Public Records Act (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes) to the fullest extent applicable, and shall, if this engagement is one for which services are provided, by doing the following:

(a) The School Board and Member District shall keep and maintain public records required by the other party to perform the service.

(b) The School Board and Member District shall upon request from the other party's custodian of public records, provide the requesting party with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed that provided in chapter 119, Florida Statutes or as otherwise provided by law;

(c) The School Board and Member District shall ensure that public records that are exempt or that are confidential and exempt from the public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the records are not transferred to the other party; and

(d) Upon completion of the contract and at the request of either party, the School Board and Member District shall transfer to the other party, at no cost, all public records in possession of the other party or keep and maintain the public records as required by law. All records stored electronically must be provided to the requesting party, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the requesting party.

The parties agree that if either party fails to comply with a public records request, then the other party may enforce the Agreement provisions in accordance with the Agreement and as required by Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes.

IF THE MEMBER DISTRICT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE MEMBER DISTRICT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING

TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS, CAROLYN BEDSOLE, MANAGER, IS PROJECT MANAGEMENT AT 407-320-0466, CAROLYN_BEDSOLE@SCPS.K12.FL.US, THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, 400 EAST LAKE MARY BLVD., SANFORD, FLORIDA 32773.

IF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE MEMBER DISTRICT'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS, MICHAEL VINSON, DIRECTOR, BUSINESS SERVICES AT 386-792-7818, MICHAEL.VINSON@HAMILTONFL.COM, THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY, 5683 SOUGH US HIGHWAY 129, SUITE 1, JASPER 32052.

15. Student Records. Although no student education records are anticipated to be disclosed pursuant to this Agreement, should either party come into contact with the other's education records during the course of contracted responsibilities, these records are confidential and protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and state laws and may not be used or re-disclosed. Any use or re-disclosure may violate applicable federal and state laws.

16. Employee Records. Although no confidential medical or employee records are anticipated to be disclosed pursuant to this Agreement, should either party come into contact with the other's employee or medical records during the course of contracted responsibilities, these records may not be disclosed except in compliance with applicable federal and state laws or regulations.

17. Non-Discrimination. The parties shall not discriminate against any employee or participant in the performance of the duties, responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement because of race, age, religion, color, gender, national origin, marital status, disability, sexual orientation or any other basis prohibited by law.

18. Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action. The parties affirm that they are each equal opportunity and affirmative action employers and shall each comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations pertaining thereto.

19. Unauthorized Alien Labor. The parties shall each comply with all federal and state laws, including but not limited to section 448.095, Florida Statutes, prohibiting the hiring and continued employment of aliens not authorized to work in the United States. The parties must not knowingly employ unauthorized aliens and should such violation occur shall be cause for termination of the Agreement. The parties will utilize the E-verify system established by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to verify the employment eligibility of its new employees hired during the contract term, and will further include in all subcontracts for subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to this Agreement the requirement that the subcontractor utilize the E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the

contract term. The parties shall receive and retain an affidavit from the subcontractor stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. A party's knowing failure to comply with this subsection may result in termination of the Agreement.

20. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which together shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. If any signature is delivered by facsimile transmission or by e-mail delivery of a "PDF" format data file, such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the party executing (or on whose behalf such signature is executed) with the same force and effect as if such facsimile or PDF signature page were an original thereof.

21. Assignment. Neither this Agreement nor any interest herein may be assigned, transferred or encumbered by any party without the prior written consent of the other party. There shall be no partial assignments of this Agreement including, without limitation, the partial assignment of any right to receive payments from Member District.

22. Required Instruction. In an effort to assure compliance with Florida Law, The School Board hereby agrees that the services provide under this Agreement will not include the teaching and/or training of content either in writing, verbally, or electronically that violates Florida Statute 1003.42(2) and Florida State Department of Education Rule 6A 1.094124. The teaching of and/or training of said content to teachers and/or students is prohibited, and any violation of the Statute or Rule shall be grounds for immediate termination of the Agreement between the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

~~~ SIGNATURES FOLLOW ~~~



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

By: Kristine I. Kraus  
Kristine Kraus, Chairman

Date Approved: April 4, 2023

ATTEST:

By: Serita D. Beamon  
Serita D. Beamon, Superintendent

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA:

By:

Johnny Bullard

Print Name:

Johnny Bullard

Title: BOE Chair

Date:

08-08-23

ATTEST:

By:

Lee Wetherington Zamora

Print Name:

Lee Wetherington Zamora

Title:

Superintendent



## **EXHIBIT A**

### **ECTAC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES**

The purpose of the East Coast Technical Assistance Center is to:

- assist in closing the academic achievement gap in Florida by providing technical assistance to member school districts regarding selective programs contained in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and
- maintain a network of school districts that collaborate on the implementation of selective ESEA programs.

The selective ESEA programs are:

1. Title I, Part A
2. Title I, Part C
3. Title I, Part D
4. Other grant funded programs as they interact with Title I.

The services include:

1. assisting member school districts in:
  - a. the development and implementation of Title I programs consistent with the requirements of The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the related Florida State Statute.
  - b. the administration of Title I, and building the capacity of Title I district administrators and key staff in the understanding of appropriate laws, rules, regulations, guidance, policies, and best practices through periodic professional development meetings and activities.
  - c. the development and implementation of Title I plans, project applications, and amendments to include schoolwide, targeted assistance, nonpublic, migrant, neglected and delinquent, school improvement, and others as requested.
  - d. effectively utilizing Title I resources, and other resources in the school improvement process.
  - e. the implementation of effective instructional strategies and evidence-based best practices.
  - f. building capacity for the effective engagement of families in the education of their children.
  - g. identifying and recognizing high performing/high poverty schools for the purpose of networking and sharing effective practices across the state.
  - h. accessing other collaborative service providers, such as ESCORT, the Bureau of Federal Educational Programs, the Grants Management Office, other Bureaus and Offices at the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), Florida Association of State and Federal Education Program Administrators (FASFEPA), National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators (NAFEPA), as well as other offices and organizations.
  - i. advocating for the needs of the Local Educational Agencies (LEAs).
  - j. other areas as necessary.
2. providing member meetings including professional development at least three (3) times per year. Services will be provided virtually if face-to-face meetings are not possible.

3. partnering with FASFEPa to provide two (2) forums per year.

## **EXHIBIT B OPERATING PROCEDURES**

The name of the Center is the East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC). The Center may change its name by a simple majority vote of the membership.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of ECTAC is to:

- assist in closing the academic achievement gap in Florida by providing technical assistance to member school districts regarding selective programs contained in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and
- maintain a network of school districts that collaborate on the implementation of selective ESEA programs.

### **Members:**

Membership in ECTAC is open to school districts in Florida.

### **Advisory Board:**

An Advisory Board guides the proper development, approval, and execution of the operation of ECTAC.

### **Advisory Board Members:**

The Advisory Board is composed of five (5) administrators that are representative of small, medium, and large school districts comprising the organization. Board members receive no compensation for their services. The number of Board members may be increased by vote of the general membership but will never be less than five (5).

### **Election and Term of Advisory Board Members:**

Election of Advisory Board members will occur prior to the first meeting of the fiscal year. Board members will be elected by a simple majority vote of the membership. The terms are for two (2) years.

Vacancies will be filled by simple majority vote of the membership for the unexpired term. A Board member elected to fill a vacancy will be elected for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor in office and will serve until his/her successor is elected.

A Board member may be removed by a simple majority vote of the membership, at any regularly scheduled or special meeting of the membership, whenever in its judgment the best interests of the organization would be served thereby.

A Board member may resign from the Board at any time by giving notice in writing to the Board at least thirty (30) days before such resignation. No acceptance of such resignation will be necessary to

make it effective.

**Quorum of the Advisory Board:**

A simple majority of the Advisory Board members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. The act of a simple majority of Advisory Board members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present will be the act of the Board. Each Advisory Board member will have one vote and no proxy will be allowed.

**Meetings of the Board:**

An advisory board meeting will be held once a year at a time and location set by the Advisory Board, with additional meetings scheduled as needed. Minutes of the meetings are available upon request.

Action may be taken by the Advisory Board without a meeting if a simple majority of the Board members consent in writing through fax, mail, or by electronic mail to the action. Such actions will be filed with the Board minutes.

**Absence of Board Members:**

Each Board member is expected to communicate in advance of all Board meetings stating whether or not he/she is able to attend or participate by conference telephone or other agreed-upon means of communication. Any Board member who is absent from three (3) successive Board meetings will be deemed to have resigned due to non-participation, and his/her position will be declared vacant, unless the Board affirmatively votes to retain that member.

**Fiscal Year:**

The fiscal year of the organization will be aligned July 1 to June 30.

**Fiscal Agent:**

The School Board of Seminole County, Florida, (SBSC) is the fiscal agent for ECTAC. All employees of ECTAC are employees of SBSC. The interview committees for vacant ECTAC positions will have representation from an ECTAC Member District.

Travel will be approved by the fiscal agent to ensure ECTAC staff travel to Member Districts as well as attend events, meetings, and/or conferences that will benefit the purpose of ECTAC.

SBSC assures that the operation of ECTAC will be excluded from any freeze on vacant positions or travel restrictions that might be imposed by SBSC due to budget shortfalls.

SBSC will charge the ECTAC budget an administrative fee equal to the SBSC approved indirect cost rate. Any additional administrative charges must be requested through and approved by the ECTAC Advisory Board. Other than the administrative fee described above, the ECTAC budget will be used solely for ECTAC purposes. ECTAC will provide an annual budget report to ECTAC Member Districts.

**Agreement:**

An agreement for ECTAC services will be executed annually with ECTAC Member Districts. The agreement will include attachments of the description of services and operating procedures.

**Website:**

An ECTAC website will be established and maintained to provide school districts with information that will facilitate the implementation of Title I program services.

**Representation in State and National Organizations, Committees, and Meetings:**

The ECTAC staff will represent ECTAC Member Districts in state and national organizations, committees, and meetings as appropriate.