

## **STATEMENT OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH A CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT**

**A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO TITLE XLVIII, K20 EDUCATION CODE, CHAPTER 1001.42, FLORIDA STATUTES, ADOPTING A PLAN FOR ENTERING INTO COOPERATIVE OR JOINT PROJECTS WITH SCHOOL BOARDS OF OTHER DISTRICTS AND OTHER PUBLIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN THIS STATE AND ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE AND CONDITIONS FOR SUCH OPERATION OF AN EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM TO PLACE TECHNICAL AND ADULT EDUCATION COURSES AND PROGRAMS IN AN ONLINE ENVIRONMENT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY MODEL FOR ADULT STUDENTS TO GAIN WORKFORCE PREPAREDNESS COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS.**

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida has the power and the duty among other responsibilities to cooperate with other agencies in joint projects, programs and services through participation in an educational consortium when it is in the best interest of the educational system and the students in meeting the school district's needs, and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to adopt plans for cooperating with school boards of other districts in this state, and in order to initiate this cooperation and these plans, it is necessary that the consortium be initiated by resolutions spread upon the minutes of each agency concerned, and

**WHEREAS**, the school boards of applying counties accepted by the boards of Broward, Brevard, Citrus, Hillsborough, Orange, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Pasco, plus the Florida Virtual School and any other who adopts a like resolution, have expressed a desire to enter into a Consortium under which the participating members may jointly perform, bid, contract for, and purchase certain materials, supplies, equipment, and services to be used in respective school systems as authorized and permitted by law and Florida Board of Education rules including, but not limited to, those listed in Section I of this resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN A REGULAR SESSION ON JUNE 15, 2010 AT SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS**

**SECTION 1.** That the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, does hereby determine that it is in the best interest of the taxpayers and students of Sarasota County to cooperate with other districts in the operation of an Educational Consortium which shall include, but not be limited to bidding, contracting, and purchasing arrangements pursuant to a plan to implement the following services:

- (a) Curriculum required for implementation of distance education courses and/or programs of study in Adult Education and Vocational/Technical education centers in public school districts in Florida

- (b) Staff development for training of online instructional personnel
- (c) Grants
- (d) Purchasing
- (e) Printing services
- (f) Any other service deemed necessary by the Board of Directors of the Consortium.

Each member shall have the option of participating in any or all of the above services through individual contracts unless otherwise specified in this Resolution.

**SECTION 2.** That the institution adopts by reference those portions of 1001.42, Florida Statutes, together with the Florida Board of Education Rules, which expand and define said statute. Section 1001.42, Florida Statutes, gives district school boards authorization to establish educational consortia, which are designed to provide joint programs and services to cooperating institutions and to consider all contracts and bids once they have been let or executed.

**SECTION 3.** That the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, does hereby agree that the Educational Consortium shall be managed by a Board of Directors, composed of one representative of each participating agency, and all policies will be set by the Board of Directors with approval of the participating agencies pursuant to the by-laws. The Educational Consortium Board of Directors will elect a governing board known as the Executive Committee pursuant to the bylaws.

**SECTION 4.** The Educational Consortium business office and physical operation will be located in the same physical location. Adult and Community Educators (ACE) of Florida will serve as the fiscal agent of the Educational Consortium for the general operation of the Consortium until further action of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 5.** The Board of Directors shall determine the needed services and products, establish the charge for services rendered by the Educational Consortium to the cooperating agencies availing themselves of the services offered by the Educational Consortium; set policies, and establish a uniform method for participating districts to evaluate services and products provided. The Executive Committee of the Educational Consortium will implement policies and services voted upon by the Board of Directors of the Consortium.

**SECTION 6.** All procedures, contracts, and bidding shall comply with all applicable Florida State Statutes and Florida Board of Education Rules.

**SECTION 7.** This agreement between the cooperating agencies of the Educational Consortium, as set forth in this resolution, will be in operation and effective upon the date of adoption by cooperating institutions joined together in this Consortium.

**SECTION 8:** A participating institution may cancel its membership in the Consortium by a written notice to the Board of Directors of the desire to terminate its association with

the Consortium. The written notice must be delivered thirty (30) days prior to the cancellation date requested on the notice.

**SECTION 9.** The official name of the Educational Consortium is the Florida Adult and Technical Distance Education Consortium.

**SECTION 10:** Each person signing this agreement warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Resolution on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing, and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions in this Resolution.

**SECTION 11:** No act or omission of the Educational Consortium, its Board of Directors or representatives shall be binding upon or construed as an act of an individual consortium member nor shall this agreement be construed as explicit or implied authority for the Educational Consortium to act on behalf of and/or bind a consortium member.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.**

The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirley Brown, Chair

Approved for Legal Content  
May 21, 2010, by Matthews, Eastmoore,  
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ASH\_\_\_\_\_