

**AGREEMENT AMONG
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
THE PATTERSON FOUNDATION
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SARASOTA COUNTY
ARTS & CULTURAL ALLIANCE OF SARASOTA COUNTY
THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF SARASOTA COUNTY
SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL OF SOUTHWEST FL
TO PROVIDE EDEXPLORERSRQ**

This Agreement is entered into October 2, 2018, effective August 13, 2018 by and between The Patterson Foundation, The Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Arts & Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, The Education Foundation of Sarasota County, Science & Environment Council of Southwest Florida, and The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida.

Sarasota County Schools (SCS) values hands on, community-based experiences as an effective means to motivate, educate, and prepare students for careers and life.

This commitment is longstanding, especially in the arts, and led to the creation of the Community/Schools Partnership for the Arts (C/SPA) with the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County in 1996 and to Sarasota being named a Kennedy Center Any Given Child community in 2011. Both of these initiatives reflected the strong support held by SCS and community leaders for the importance of high quality arts education both inside and outside the classroom.

To expand student learning opportunities even further and achieve similar results in areas in addition to the arts, SCS entered a community partnership facilitated by The Patterson Foundation in January 2010. The goal was to improve connections between the classroom and community assets across the curriculum that better support the Florida Standards and Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. Members of this new community partnership included: Sarasota County Schools, Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Education Foundation of Sarasota County, Science and Environment Council of Southwest Florida, and The Patterson Foundation.

This partnership led to the development and implementation of EdExploreSRQ in August 2011. EdExploreSRQ is a publicly accessible website designed to give teachers, principals, and parents information and access to “Explorations” that connect classroom learning to community resources in the following areas: arts, science, language arts, social studies, mathematics, and careers and technology. These Explorations include out-of-school, in-school, and online interactive experiences, and all are vetted by SCS district curriculum leaders. Each Exploration is also linked to educational benchmarks established in the Florida Standards and Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

As EdExploreSRQ began to grow, the community partnership team found that lower income students and schools had less access to Explorations because of costs and fewer funding sources. In response, Exploration grants were created and awarded targeting these students and schools. Both the Community Foundation of Sarasota County and Education Foundation of Sarasota County provide Exploration grant opportunities for teachers.

Today, Sarasota County Schools, the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County, The Community Foundation of Sarasota County, The Education Foundation of Sarasota County, Science and

Environment Council of Southwest Florida, and The Patterson Foundation continue to support and enhance EdExploreSRQ, recognizing it as a valuable and unique component of our community's commitment to providing the highest quality education possible for students throughout our school district.

To that end, the parties agree to the following:

A. Sarasota County Schools:

- (1) Host and maintain the EdExploreSRQ website.
- (2) Assign staff responsible for EdExploreSRQ.
- (3) Include EdExploreSRQ in strategic planning and provide links to instructional focus guides as part of the platform.
- (4) Provide leadership through the Director of Middle School Curriculum to convene the district/community partnership team at least quarterly to consider EdExploreSRQ updates, training and professional development, ongoing evaluation, marketing and communication, and fundraising/grant making initiatives.
- (5) Promote and write blogs about Explorations in Sarasota County Schools.

B. Education Foundation of Sarasota County:

- (1) Assign staff responsible for EdExploreSRQ.
- (2) Encourage use of Explorations as part of classroom grant programs.
- (3) Participate in district/community partnership team meetings at least quarterly to consider EdExploreSRQ updates, training and professional development, ongoing evaluation, marketing and communication, and fundraising/grant making initiatives.
- (4) Promote and write blogs about Education Foundation funded Explorations.

C. Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County:

- (1) Assign staff responsible for EdExploreSRQ.
- (2) Coordinate Alliance member participation in EdExploreSRQ, including implementation, marketing and evaluation.
- (3) Include EdExploreSRQ in Alliance program planning.
- (4) Coordinate the participation of teaching artists in EdExploreSRQ.
- (5) Participate in district/community partnership team meetings at least quarterly to consider EdExploreSRQ updates, training and professional development, ongoing evaluation, marketing and communication, and fundraising/grant making initiatives.
- (6) Promote and write blogs about Explorations at Arts and Cultural Alliance sites/organizations.

D. Science and Environment Council of Southwest Florida:

- (1) Assign staff responsible for EdExploreSRQ.
- (2) Encourage and coordinate SEC member participation in EdExploreSRQ, including implementation, marketing, and evaluation.
- (3) Include EdExploreSRQ in SEC program planning.
- (4) Participate in district/community partnership team meetings at least quarterly to consider EdExploreSRQ updates, training and professional development, ongoing evaluation, marketing and communication, and fundraising/grant making initiatives.
- (5) Promote and write blogs about Explorations at SEC sites/organizations.

E. Community Foundation of Sarasota County (CFSC):

- (1) Assign staff responsible for EdExploreSRQ.
- (2) Continue the EdExploreSRQ Endowment Partnership.
- (3) Continue grant funding at a minimum of \$100,000 annually for five years beginning with the 2018-2019 school year targeted to low-income schools and students for posted Explorations.
- (4) Participate in district/community partnership team meetings at least quarterly to consider EdExploreSRQ updates, training and professional development, ongoing evaluation, marketing and communication, and fundraising/grant making initiatives.
- (5) Promote and write blogs about Community Foundation funded Explorations.

F. The Patterson Foundation (TPF) :

- (1) Provide 1:1 Match to CFSC's \$100,000 annually for five years beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, with TPF's funds added to the EdExplore Endowment at CFSC.
- (2) Provide staff to offer support and expertise; encourage sharing and learning; focus on embedding and spreading EdExploreSRQ; and connecting people and organizations.
- (3) Participate in district/community partnership team meetings at least quarterly to consider EdExploreSRQ updates, training and professional development, ongoing evaluation, marketing and communication, and fundraising/grant making initiatives.
- (4) Promote and write blogs about EdExploreSRQ that highlight exemplary experiential learning practices and/or acknowledge outstanding examples for all providers and teaching artists.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals this day and year written above.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Bridget Ziegler, Chair

DATE: _____

Approved for Legal Content,
September 11, 2018, by Matthews Eastmoore,
Signed: ASH

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