STUDENT EXCHANGE AND TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, of 1445 Education Way, Port Charlotte, Florida 33948 and THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, of 1960 Landings Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34231 pursuant to Section 1006.21(5), F.S. and Section 6A-3.0001(1), F.A.C, hereby agree to continue an exchange program for students attending Englewood Elementary School in Sarasota County, and L.A. Ainger Middle School and Lemon Bay Senior High School in Charlotte County. This Agreement will be effective July 1, 2015 and continue in force each subsequent year unless either School Board terminates this Agreement as provided below.

1. <u>BOUNDARIES OF ATTENDANCE</u>

a. Englewood Elementary School (Sarasota County)

The Charlotte County School Board will, from time to time, establish attendance areas for students of elementary school age living in Charlotte County, including an attendance zone for Englewood Elementary School. Charlotte County Students residing in the Englewood Elementary attendance area shall attend that school, which is located in Sarasota County.

b. L.A. Ainger Middle School (Charlotte County)

The Sarasota County School Board will, from time to time, establish attendance areas for students of middle school age living in Sarasota County, including an attendance zone for L.A. Ainger Middle School. Sarasota County Students residing in the L.A. Ainger Middle School attendance area shall attend that school, which is located in Charlotte County.

c. Lemon Bay Senior High School (Charlotte County)

The Sarasota County School Board will, from time to time, establish attendance areas for students of high school age living in Sarasota County, including an attendance zone for Lemon Bay Senior High School. Sarasota County Students residing in the Lemon Bay Senior High School attendance area shall attend that school, which is located in Charlotte County.

To the extent practicable each School Board shall establish attendance areas for the several schools subject to this Student Exchange and Transportation Agreement so as to equalize the number of students transported between the respective counties.

2. <u>FUNDING</u>

Each school district shall rely solely upon the Florida Education Finance Program Base Student allocation to fund the students affected by this Agreement. There will be no exchange of funds between The Charlotte County School Board and The Sarasota County School Board. Each school district will provide the student information required for FEFP reporting to the affected school district no later than 15 January of each school year this agreement is in effect.

3. <u>EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES</u>

Educational facilities and educational programs at the public schools subject to this agreement shall be commensurate with other educational facilities in the respective districts.

4. PROVISION FOR TRANSPORTATION

The district in which each student subject to this agreement resides shall be responsible for providing transportation to the school in which that student is enrolled. The pupil transportation system will be coordinated annually between the two school districts. If necessary, the respective Superintendent for each school board will make any revisions to bus routes for the transportation of the students across district lines as required by Chapter 6A-3, F.A.C. From time to time the respective Superintendents of the school districts may enter into written memoranda authorizing minor variations of the school bus routes established pursuant to this agreement to address particular circumstances where circumstances require that students residing in one district need to be transported by the other district.

5. EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

Students requiring exceptional education or other programs which are not available in the receiving school district shall remain in the school district in which they reside to receive all appropriate education services. Both the services and the transportation shall be the responsibility of the District in which the student resides.

AMENDMENTS AND TERMINATIONS 6.

The initial term of this agreement shall be from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. This agreement shall automatically renew each year for an additional July 1-June 30 term unless one party provides the other with written notice, on or before January 1st, that it does not wish the agreement to renew for another year beginning the following July 1st.

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF CHARLOTTE **COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____ Frank Kovach, Chairman

Date:

ATTEST:

By: _

Lori White, Superintendent

By: ______ Lee Swift, Chairman

Date:

ATTEST:

By:__

Dr. Douglas K. Whittaker, Superintendent

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By:

Michael R. McKinley, Esquire Attorney for The School Board of Charlotte County, Florida

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____

Arthur S. Hardy, Esquire Attorney for The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida

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