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FOR TEACHING & LEARNING

WILLIAM S. SCHOFIELD
Superintendent

July 24, 2017

Garry McGiboney, Deputy Superintendent
Georgia Department of Education
2053 Twin Towers East
205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5080

Dear Dr. McGiboney:

Please accept this as our letter of intent to request an amendment to the Strategic Waiver School System contract (formerly named the Investing in Educational Excellence School System or IE² Partnership contract) between the Hall County School District and the State Board of Education.

Enclosed please find a resolution from the Hall County Board of Education indicating the desire to add O.C.G.A. § 20-2-216 to our list of waiver requests in Exhibit B of Hall County's SWSS contract. We look forward to working with the Georgia Department of Education and the Governor's Office of Student Achievement as we continue this process for school improvement and increased student performance.

Sincerely,



Will Schofield
Superintendent
Hall County School District

Enclosures

cc: Lou Erste, Associate Superintendent, Georgia Department of Education
Howard Hendley, Director, Policy Division, Georgia Department of Education
Martha Ann Todd, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Student Achievement

A RESOLUTION OF THE HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STRATEGIC WAIVER SCHOOL SYSTEM (SWSS) PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT WITH THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Hall County Board of Education (the "Local Board") has previously entered into contract with the Georgia Board of Education (the "State Board") dated on or about July 1, 2016 for the operation of the Hall County School District as a Strategic Wavier School System (formerly named Investing in Educational Excellence School System or IE² System) for the purpose of increasing student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned parties sought to maximize academic and financial accountability.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto mutually agree that:

Exhibit of the SWSS contract shall be revised to add the following waivers:

- Substitute Teachers (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-216)

Except as amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the SWSS contract, and subsequent amendments to the SWSS contract, if any, shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED by the Hall County Board of Education on

This TWENTY-FOURTH day of JULY, 2017.



Chairperson, Hall County Board of Education



Superintendent, Hall County School District

Exhibit B – Flexibility Component of Contract For the Hall County School District

Under O.C.G.A § 20-2-80 and SBOE 160-5-1-.33, the Hall County School District is seeking flexibility for all of its schools from the following state statutes and associated rules in exchange for greater accountability (as outlined in the SWSS/IE2 Partnership Contract) over the life a five-year contract which allows for six years of flexibility between the Hall County School District Board of Education and the Georgia State Board of Education, except as prohibited in O.C.G.A. § 20-2-82(e).

- Educational Programs (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-151, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-151.2, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-153, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-154, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-154.1, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-155, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-156)
- Education Program for Gifted Students (SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.38)
- Competencies and Core Curriculum, Prescribed Courses as it relates to the sequencing of curriculum, Online Learning (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-140.1, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-142)
- Promotion and Retention (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-283)
- Graduation Requirements for the purpose of substitution of equivalent or higher level requirements which will assist students in acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful as they continue their education at the postsecondary level and/or enter the workforce (SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.48, SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.47)
- School Day and Year for Students and Employees (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-151, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-160(a), O.C.G.A. § 20-2-168(c))
- Instructional Extension (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-184.1)
- Health and Physical Education Program except as prohibited by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-82(e) (SBOE 160-4-2-.12)
- Scheduling for Instruction (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-160(a), O.C.G.A. § 20-2-167, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-168(c))
- Organization of Schools; Middle School Programs; Schedule (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-290)
- Certification requirements (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-200, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-201, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-204, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-216)
- Class-size and Reporting Requirements (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-182)
- Common Minimum Facility Requirements to the extent the square footage requirements are not waived in situations where the health and safety of students is jeopardized and only after consultation with Georgia Department of Education Director of Facilities Services, and to the extent that the waiver does not affect state capital outlay funding determinations (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-260)
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