

INTERDISTRICT VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of this ____ day of _____, 2019 by and between

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
(hereinafter referred to as "SBBC"),
a body corporate and political subdivision of the State of Florida,
whose principal place of business is
600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

and

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
(hereinafter referred to as "MDCPS"),
whose principal place of business is
1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Suite 912, Miami, Florida 33132

WHEREAS, SBBC and MDCPS operate the public district schools serving students residing respectively in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties; and

WHEREAS, SBBC and MDCPS desire to enter into an interlocal agreement pursuant to Section 1002.45(1)(c)3, Florida Statutes, to allow the participation of its students in an approved virtual instruction program provided by the other school district.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - RECITALS

1.01 **Recitals.** The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and that such recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE 2 – SPECIAL CONDITIONS

2.01 **Term of Agreement.** Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Section 3.05 of this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall commence upon the execution of all parties and conclude on June 30, 2022. This Agreement may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties for an additional two years from the conclusion of the initial term. All students enrolled at the time of full execution of this Agreement shall be eligible for the award of credit in any course and/or grade level promotion upon successful completion of all course requirements.

2.02 **Purpose of Agreement.** The purpose of this Agreement is to make quality virtual instruction available to district school students using online and distance learning technology in the nontraditional classroom for those students in Broward and Miami-Dade counties that are unable due to statutory limitations to register in the virtual education programs offered by their respective district school boards.

2.03 **Choice Option for Miami-Dade Students.** Students who reside in Miami-Dade County will be permitted to apply to, and if qualified, transfer to SBBC's Broward Virtual School as a choice option in order to meet statutory requirements including, without limitation, Section 1002.45, Florida Statutes. The student, if accepted, will be registered as an SBBC student. SBBC will, if applicable, receive all Full-Time Equivalent funding (hereafter referred to as "FTE" for the registered student per Florida Education Finance Plan guidelines.

2.04 **Choice Option for Broward Students.** Students who reside in Broward County will be permitted to apply to, and if qualified, transfer to MDCPS's Miami-Dade Online Academy (MDCPS VIP location 7001) as a choice option in order to meet statutory requirements including, without limitation, Section 1002.45, Florida Statutes. The student if accepted will be registered as an MDCPS student. MDCPS will, if applicable, receive all FTE funding for the registered student.

2.05 **Prior Agreements.** This Agreement shall replace any prior agreements between the Parties concerning their district school students' opportunities to participate in each other's virtual school programs.

2.06 **LIABILITY.** Each party agrees to be fully responsible for its acts of negligence, or its employees' acts of negligence when acting within the scope of their employment and agrees to be liable for any damages resulting from said negligence. This section shall survive the termination of all performance or obligations under this Agreement and shall be fully binding until any proceeding brought on account of this Agreement is barred by any applicable statute of limitations. In no event will SBBC, its Board Members, officers, employees, or agents be responsible for the debts, acts or omissions of MDCPS, its officers, employees, or agents. In no event will MDCPS, its Board Members, officers, employees, or agents be responsible or liable for the debts, acts or omissions of SBBC, its officers, employees, or agents.

2.07 **Notice.** When any of the parties desire to give notice to the other, such notice must be in writing, sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the party for whom it is intended at the place last specified; the place for giving notice shall remain such until it is

changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. For the present, the Parties designate the following as the respective places for giving notice:

To SBBC: Superintendent of Schools
The School Board of Broward County, Florida
600 Southeast Third Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

With a Copy to: Principal
Broward Virtual School
1400 NW 44th Avenue
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

To MDCPS: Superintendent of Schools
The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida
1450 NE Second Avenue, Suite 912
Miami, FL 33132

With a Copy to: Vice Principal
1501 NE Second Avenue, Suite 336R
Miami, FL 33132

2.08 **Equal Opportunity Provision.** The parties agree that no person shall be subjected to discrimination because of age, race, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression marital status, national origin, religion, sex or sexual orientation in the performance of the parties' respective duties and obligations under this Agreement

2.09 **Excess Funds.** Any party receiving funds paid by either party under this Agreement agrees to promptly notify the other party of any funds erroneously received from that party upon discovery of such erroneous payment or overpayment. Any such excess funds shall be refunded to the proper party.

2.11 **Public Records.** Pursuant to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, any party contracting with a district school board is required to (a) keep and maintain available for public inspection any records that pertain to services rendered under this Agreement; (b) provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the district school board would provide such records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes or as otherwise provided by law; (c) ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law; and (d) meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost to the other party, all public records in that party's possession upon termination of its Agreement with that district school board and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All of such parties records stored electronically must be provided to the other party in a format that is compatible with SBBC's information technology systems. Each party shall maintain its

own respective records and documents associated with this Agreement in accordance with the records retention requirements applicable to public records. Each party shall be responsible for compliance with any public documents request served upon it pursuant to Section 119.07, Florida Statutes, and any resultant award of attorney's fees for non-compliance with that law. Each party acknowledges that is Agreement and all attachments thereto are public records and do not constitute trade secrets.

2.12 **Confidentiality of Education Records.**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary within this Agreement, the parties shall:

1) fully comply with the requirements of Sections 1002.22, 1002.221, and 1002.222, Florida Statutes; the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C § 1232g (FERPA) and its implementing regulations (34 C.F.R. Part 99), and any other state or federal law or regulation regarding the confidentiality of student information and records;

2) hold any education records in strict confidence and not use or redisclose same except as required by this Agreement or as required or permitted by law unless the parent of each student or a student age 18 or older whose education records are to be shared provides prior written consent for their release;

3) ensure that, at all times, all of its employees who have access to any education records during the term of their employment shall abide strictly by its obligations under this Agreement, and that access to education records is limited only to its employees that require the information to carry out the responsibilities under this Agreement and shall provide said list of employees to SBBC upon request;

4) safeguard each education record through administrative, physical and technological safety standards to ensure that adequate controls are in place to protect the education records and information in accordance with FERPA's privacy requirements;

5) utilize the education records solely for the purposes of providing products and services as contemplated under this Agreement; and shall not share, publish, sell, distribute, target advertise, or display education records to any third party;

6) notify SBBC immediately upon discovery of a breach of confidentiality of education records by telephone at 754-321-0300 (Manager, Information Security), and 754-321-1900 (Privacy Officer), and email at privacy@browardschools.com, and take all necessary notification steps as may be required by federal and Florida law, including, but not limited to, those required by Section 501.171, Florida Statutes;

7) fully cooperate with appropriate SBBC staff, including Privacy Officer and/or Information Technology staff to resolve any privacy investigations and concerns in a timely manner;

8) prepare and distribute, at its own cost, any and all required breach notifications, under federal and Florida Law, or reimburse SBBC any direct costs incurred by SBBC for doing so, including, but not limited to, those required by Section 501.171, Florida Statutes;

9) be responsible for any fines or penalties for failure to meet breach notice requirements pursuant to federal and/or Florida law;

10) provide SBBC with the name and contact information of its employee who shall serve as SBBC's primary security contact and shall be available to assist SBBC in resolving obligations associated with a security breach of confidentiality of education records; and

11) securely erase education records from any media once any media equipment is no longer in use or is to be disposed; secure erasure will be deemed the deletion of the education records using a single pass overwrite Secure Erase (Windows) or Wipe (Unix).

(b) All education records shall remain the property of SBBC, and any party contracting with SBBC serves solely as custodian of such information pursuant to this Agreement and claims no ownership or property rights thereto and, upon termination of this Agreement shall, at SBBC's request, return to SBBC or dispose of the education records in compliance with the applicable Florida Retention Schedules and provide SBBC with a written acknowledgment of said disposition.

(c) Each party agrees for itself, its officers, employees, agents, representatives, contractors or subcontractors, to fully indemnify and hold harmless SBBC and its officers and employees for any violation of this section, including, without limitation, defending SBBC and its officers and employees against any complaint, administrative or judicial proceeding, payment of any penalty imposed upon SBBC, or payment of any and all costs, damages, judgments or losses incurred by or imposed upon SBBC arising out of a breach of this covenant by the party, or an officer, employee, agent, representative, contractor, or sub-contractor of the party to the extent that the party or an officer, employee, agent, representative, contractor, or sub-contractor of the party shall either intentionally or negligently violate the provisions of this section or of Sections 1002.22 and/or 1002.221, Florida Statutes. This section shall survive the termination of all performance required or conclusion of all obligations existing under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3 – GENERAL CONDITIONS

3.01 **No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.** 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 or of any rights or limits to liability existing under Section 768.28,

Florida Statutes. This section shall survive the termination of all performance or obligations under this Agreement and shall be fully binding until such time as any proceeding brought on account of this Agreement is barred by any applicable statute of limitations.

3.02 **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** The parties expressly acknowledge that it is not their intent to create or confer any rights or obligations in or upon any third person or entity under this Agreement. None of the parties intend to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Agreement. The parties agree that there are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a claim against any of the parties based upon this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by an agency or political subdivision of the State of Florida to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any contract.

3.03 **Independent Contractor.** The parties to this Agreement shall at all times be acting in the capacity of independent contractors and not as an officer, employee or agent of one another. Neither party or its respective agents, employees, subcontractors or assignees shall represent to others that it has the authority to bind the other party unless specifically authorized in writing to do so. No right to SBBC retirement, leave benefits or any other benefits of SBBC employees shall exist as a result of the performance of any duties or responsibilities under this Agreement. SBBC shall not be responsible for social security, withholding taxes, contributions to unemployment compensation funds or insurance for the other party or the other party's officers, employees, agents, subcontractors or assignees.

3.04 **Default.** The parties agree that, in the event that either party is in default of its obligations under this Agreement, the non-defaulting party shall provide to the defaulting party thirty (30) calendar days written notice to cure the default. However, in the event said default cannot be cured within said thirty (30) calendar day period and the defaulting party is diligently attempting in good faith to cure same, the time period shall be reasonably extended to allow the defaulting party additional cure time. Upon the occurrence of a default that is not cured during the applicable cure period, this Agreement may be terminated by the non-defaulting party upon thirty (30) calendar days notice. This remedy is not intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or future exercise thereof. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude termination for convenience pursuant to Section 3.05.

3.05 **Termination.** This Agreement may be canceled with or without cause by either party during the term hereof upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other parties of its desire to terminate this Agreement. 3.06 **Compliance with Laws.** Each party shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, codes, rules and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

3.07 **Place of Performance.** All obligations of SBBC under the terms of this Agreement are reasonably susceptible of being performed in Broward County, Florida and shall be payable and performable in Broward County, Florida. All obligations of MDCPS under the

terms of this Agreement are reasonably susceptible of being performed in Miami-Dade County, Florida and shall be payable and performable in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

3.08 **Governing Law and Venue.** This agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any controversies or legal problems arising out of this Agreement and any action involving the enforcement or interpretation of any rights hereunder shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of the State courts of Florida.

3.09 **Entirety of Agreement.** This document incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements and understandings applicable to the matters contained herein and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements or understandings concerning the subject matter of the Agreement that are not contained in this document. Accordingly, the parties agree that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written.

3.10 **Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

3.11 **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 SBBC.

3.12 **Captions.** The captions, section designations, section numbers, article numbers, titles and headings appearing in this Agreement are inserted only as a matter of convenience, have no substantive meaning, and in no way define, limit, construe or describe the scope or intent of such articles or sections of this Agreement, nor in any way affect this Agreement and shall not be construed to create a conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.

3.13 **Severability.** In the event that any one or more of the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or provisions contained in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void in any respect, such shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement and the same shall remain in full force and effect as if such invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or provisions had never been included herein.

3.14 **Preparation of Agreement.** The parties acknowledge that they have sought and obtained whatever competent advice and counsel as was necessary for them to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein and that the preparation of this Agreement has been their joint effort. The language agreed to herein expresses their mutual intent and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial construction, be construed more severely against one of the parties than the other.

3.15 **Amendments.** No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same or similar formality as this Agreement and executed by each party hereto.

3.16 **Waiver.** The parties agree that each requirement, duty and obligation set forth herein is substantial and important to the formation of this Agreement and, therefore, is a material term hereof. Any party's failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Agreement unless the waiver is in writing and signed by the party waiving such provision. A written waiver shall only be effective as to the specific instance for which it is obtained and shall not be deemed a continuing or future waiver.

3.17 **Force Majeure.** Neither party shall be obligated to perform any duty, requirement or obligation under this Agreement if such performance is prevented by fire, hurricane, earthquake, explosion, wars, sabotage, accident, flood, acts of God, strikes, or other labor disputes, riot or civil commotions, or by reason of any other matter or condition beyond the control of either party, and which cannot be overcome by reasonable diligence and without unusual expense ("Force Majeure"). In no event shall a lack of funds on the part of either party be deemed Force Majeure.

3.18 **Survival.** All representations and warranties made herein, indemnification obligations, obligations to reimburse SBBC, obligations to maintain and allow inspection and audit of records and property, obligations to maintain the confidentiality of records, reporting requirements, and obligations to return public funds shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.19 **Agreement Administration.** SBBC has delegated authority to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee to take any actions necessary to implement and administer this Agreement.

3.20 **Counterparts and Multiple Originals.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple originals, and may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

3.21 **Authority.** Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of either party individually warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing, and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the date first above written.

[THIS SPACE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK; SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

FOR MDCPS:

(Corporate Seal)

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

By Perla Tabares Hantman
Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair


Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to Form and Legal ^{Sufficiency} Content.

Alexander 2/25/19
Office of the General Counsel
School Board Attorneys Office

RISK MANAGEMENT
REVIEWED AND APPROVED
Jorge, 2/13/19

[THIS SPACE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK; SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

FOR SBBC:

(Corporate Seal) `

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD
COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

By _____
Heather P. Brinkworth, Chair

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to Form and Legal Content:

Digitally signed by
Eric Abend
Reason: MDCPS 2019
Date: 2019.06.11
07:54:38 -04'00'

Office of the General Counsel

[THIS SPACE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK; SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]