

AGENDA

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

GADSDEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MAX D. WALKER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
35 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD.
QUINCY, FLORIDA

December 11, 2012

4:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ACCEPTANCE OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN GADSDEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND LEON
COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
3. EDUCATIONAL ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT
4. SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS
5. ADJOURNMENT

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SUMMARY SHEET

RECOMMENDATION TO SUPERINTENDENT FOR SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

DATE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: December 11, 2012

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: Acceptance of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Gadsden County Public School District and Leon County School Board

DIVISION: Deputy Superintendent

 This is a CONTINUATION OF A CURRENT PROJECT, GRANT, ETC.

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF ITEM:

The purpose of this MOU is to establish an Inter-district agreement and the guidelines for collaboration between Gadsden County Public School District and Leon County School Board. GCPS and LCSB intend to submit a joint fundable proposal to the United States Department of Education, Magnet Schools Assistance Program to be announced in 2013. See attachment.

FUND SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education

AMOUNT: Revenue = unknown

PREPARED BY: Beverly Nash *[Signature]*

POSITION: Coordinator of Dropout Prevention

INTERNAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BE COMPLETED BY PREPARER

 Number of ORIGINAL SIGNATURES NEEDED by preparer.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SIGNATURE: page(s) numbered _____

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE: page(s) numbered _____

REVIEWED BY: _____

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Gadsden County Public School District
And
Leon County School Board
For Application to the
United States (US) Department of Education, Magnet Assistance Program**

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes an Inter-district agreement and the guidelines for collaboration between Gadsden County Public School District (GCPS) and Leon County School Board (LCSB).

The purpose of the MOU is to define the roles, relationships, and obligations of both parties.

GCPS and LCSB intend to submit a fundable proposal to the US Department of Education for the Magnet Assistance Program Grant Opportunity to be announced in 2013. The benefits of the partnership are: it will provide for additional points in the proposal review process; will make for a stronger proposal; an opportunity for increased efforts in recruiting and retaining of students; provide additional resources to the districts, and provide peer support in the developmental process.

Each school district of this MOU is responsible for its sections of the joint proposal. There will be shared costs presented in the proposal, i.e., consultants, evaluators.

II. INTRODUCTION

According to the Magnet Assistance Program, two adjacent districts can agree to partner in the submission of a Magnet Assistance Program funding proposal. (Legal framework: Titles IV and VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and case law – i.e., Sheff v. O’Neill.)

Definition – Magnet School: means a public elementary or secondary school. . . that offers a special curriculum capable of attracting substantial numbers of students of different racial backgrounds.

Goals of the Magnet School Assistance Program: to provide funds for the development of magnet schools for the purposes of: reducing, preventing and eliminating minority group isolation; designing innovative educational methods and practices that promote diversity and increase public school choices, and provide equitable access to a high-quality education to all students.

The mission of Gadsden County Public School District is to build a brighter future for all students and to prepare all students for success in life. With this mission in mind, the district wants to better position itself to make sure that all students graduate career and/or college ready; provide for great teachers and school leaders in every school; foster innovation; focus on data-driven results, and provide all students with a 21st century education.

The mission of Leon County School Board is to prepare students to become responsible, respectful, independent learners equipped with the critical thinking skills necessary to compete in our global society.

Together, the Parties enter into the Memorandum of Understanding to mutually promote educational opportunities for all students. Accordingly, Gadsden County Public School District and Leon County School Board operating under this MOU agree as follows:

III. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Each part will appoint a person to serve as the official contact and coordinate the activities of each organization in carrying out this MOU. The initial appointees of each organization are:

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| Gadsden County Public School District | Dr. Beverly A. Nash 35 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Quincy, Florida 32351 850-627-9651, extension 1310 |
| Leon County School Board | Amy Bradbury 2757 W. Pensacola Street Tallahassee, Florida 32304 850-487-7811 |

The organizations agree to the following tasks for the MOU:

Gadsden County Public School agrees to:

- Survey its school community, and
- Develop requirements for the proposal appropriate for its district and in accordance with requirements of the funding agency.

Leon County School Board agrees to:

- Survey its school community, and
- Develop requirements for the proposal appropriate for its district and in accordance with requirements of the funding agency.

GCPS and LCSB hereby mutually agree to work together to:

- Provide open communication and leadership to achieve the mission and goals of this partnership.
- Acknowledge that all or any financial arrangements must be negotiated and will depend on availability of funds.

IV: TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING

The term of this MOU is for a period of the fiscal year 2012-2013 from the effective date of this agreement and may be extended upon written mutual agreement.

Either organization may terminate this MOU upon-written notice.

Authorization

The signing of this MOU is not a formal undertaking. It implies that the signatories will strive to reach, to the best of their ability, the objectives stated in the MOU.

On behalf of the organization, I represent and wish to sign this MOU and contribute to its further development.

Authorized Signatures:

Mr. Isaac Simmons, Jr.
Chair, Gadsden County School Board
(Elected November 20, 2012)

Date

Chair, Leon County School Board

Date

The School Board of Gadsden County



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"Building A Brighter Future"

United States Department of Education
Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP)
Funding Opportunity
Fact Sheet

Magnet Schools Assistance Program:

- Provides \$100 million, nationally, each year to develop magnet schools that reduce, prevent or eliminate minority group isolation.
- Grants are awarded to districts (LEAs) for 3 years and range from \$500,000 to \$3.8 million per year (single LEA).
- A district is eligible to apply for a grant if it will adopt and implement a School Board Approved voluntary desegregation plan approved by the Office for Civil Rights and U.S. Department of Education or is implementing a desegregation court order.

Overall MSAP Goals:

- To eliminate, reduce or prevent minority group isolation (MGI).
- To promote systemic reform and create, support and promote the magnet concept and curriculum.
- To develop and design innovative educational methods and practices that promotes diversity and increase choices in public elementary schools and public secondary schools.
- To provide and improve capacity for the LEA in the promotion of professional development and continuous operation of the magnet school program activities and curriculum.
- To provide equitable access to a high-quality education to all students.

MSAP Definitions (34 CFR §280.4):

- **Magnet School** - means a public elementary or secondary school...that offers a special curriculum capable of attracting substantial numbers of students of different racial backgrounds.
- **Minority Group Isolation (MGI)** - in reference to a school, means a condition in which minority group children constitute more than 50 percent of the enrollment of the school.
- **Feeder Schools** – means those schools which would send students to magnet schools. They usually have percentages of white (non-minority) students substantially above the district average.

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