



Atkinson County Schools

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Dr. Hendley,

Pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.33 Strategic Waivers and Title 20/No Waivers School Systems(2)(d)(5) it is the intent of the Atkinson County Board of Education to amend our current Strategic Waiver School System contract to include the provisions of O.C.G.A. 20-2-167. Our system needs relief from the expenditure controls established in O.C.G.A. 20-2-167, and we believe that the relief afforded Atkinson County School System by the amendment will allow our system to more strategically improve our schools, and meet our annual and five year school achievement goals.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Cochran".

Tim Cochran, Superintendent
Atkinson County Schools

Atkinson County School System

Resolution of Atkinson County Board of Education authorizing the amendment of the Strategic Waivers School System (SWSS) partnership contract with the State Board of Education.

Whereas the Atkinson School System County has an executed Strategic Waiver School System flexibility contract approved by the Georgia State Board of Education on or about July 1, 2015 and;

Whereas the Atkinson County School system has need of flexibility pertaining to the expenditure controls referenced in O.C.G.A. §20-2-167, and;

Whereas the waiving of O.C.G.A. §20-2-167 will assist Atkinson County School System in meeting its school system and school level achievement goals, and;

Whereas waiving O.C.G.A. §20-2-167 provides expenditure control relief which is allowed by law, and;

Whereas contracts may be amended by mutual agreement when circumstances warrant (O.C.G.A. 20-2-83(d));

Be it resolved that the Atkinson County Board of Education supports an amendment to their Strategic Waiver School System flexibility contract including the provisions of O.C.G.A. §20-2-167.

Adopted this 25 day of February 2016

Atkinson County Board Chairperson Mark McKinon

Atkinson County School Superintendent [Signature]

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

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

- Class-size and Reporting requirements (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-182;SBOE 160-5-1-.08)
- Direct Classroom Expenditures and Expenditure Controls (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-171 and SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.29)
- Scheduling for Instruction/Program Enrollment and Appropriation (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-160, O.C.G.A. § 161.1, O.C.G.A. § 165, O.C.G.A. § 168, SBOE Rule 160-4-2.16)
- QBE Financing (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-161)
- Personnel Required (SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.22)
- 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 and SBOE Rules 160-4-2-.38, 160-4-5-.01, 160-4-2-.17, 160-4-5-.02, 160-4-2-.14, 160-4-2.20)
- Organization of Schools; Middle School Programs; Schedule (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-290)
- Competencies and Core Curriculum, Online Learning (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-140.1, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-141.1, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-142, SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.48)
- Promotion and Retention (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-283, SBOE Rule 160- 4-2.11)
- Flexibility with regards to 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)
- School Day and Year for Students and Employees (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-151, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-160, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-165, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-168, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-168(c), O.C.G.A. § 20-2-240, SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.02)
- Health and Physical Education Program (SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.12)
- Salary Schedule requirements (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-212)
- Certification requirements (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-108, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-200, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-201, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-204)
- Categorical Allotment requirements, Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-167, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-183 to 20-2-186)
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