

MARYLAND PARTNERSHIP FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING, PreK-16

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Memorandum of Understanding Maryland PreK-16 Partnership

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into on the 21st day of April, 2008, by the Maryland State Board of Education ("MSDE"), the Maryland Higher Education Commission ("MHEC"), and the University System of Maryland ("USM"), the primary partners of the Maryland Partnership for Teaching and Learning, PreK-16 ("Partnership").

WHEREAS the above Partnership has existed formally since the original Memorandum of Understanding was signed by all three parties on March 5, 2002; and

WHEREAS the intent of that original Memorandum of Understanding was to define the nature of the Partnership; and

WHEREAS the Partnership has made extraordinary gains in fulfilling its primary mission of providing leadership to and building links among schools, school districts, colleges, universities, businesses, parents, students, and communities to promote excellence in teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS the Governor has issued Executive Order 01.01.2007.20 establishing a P-20 Leadership Council of Maryland (attached); and

WHEREAS the Partnership recognizes that its original purpose is now subsumed under the new P-20 Leadership Council; and

WHEREAS the Partnership believes that the new P-20 Leadership Council will be aggressive in its continued pursuit of the Partnership's original mission as well as to incorporate a needed

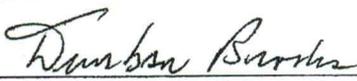
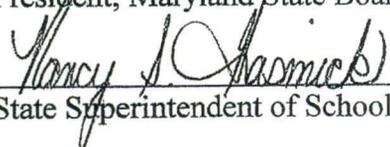
economic competitiveness and workforce component.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises, the parties hereby agree as follows:

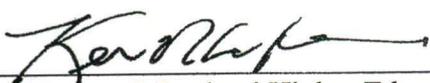
Notwithstanding the restrictive withdrawal clause of the original Memorandum of Understanding of March 5, 2002, this current Memorandum of Understanding serves to dissolve that original Partnership to prevent any overlap of responsibilities between the original Partnership and the new P-20 Leadership Council. By dissolving the original Memorandum of Understanding, the Partners agree that the new Council will make for a stronger relationship with the Executive Branch of State government, and, hence for a stronger Partnership in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into this Memorandum of Understanding on the date first written above.

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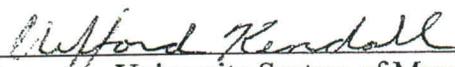
By: 
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State Superintendent of Schools

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